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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

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

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

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

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

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

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

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

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

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

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

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 1, 1891.

H. C. B.
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A. The first letter of the English alphabet, used to distinguish the first page of a folio from the second, marked b, or the first page of a book, the first foot-note on a printed page, the first of a series of subdivisions, etc., from the following ones, which are marked b, c, d, e, etc.

A. Lat. The letter marked on the ballots by which, among the Romans, the people voted against a proposed law. It was the initial letter of the word "antiquus," I am for the old law. Also the letter inscribed on the ballots by which jurors voted to acquit an accused party. It was the initial letter of "absoletus," I acquit. Tayi. Civil Law, 191, 192.

"A." The English indefinite article. This particle is not necessarily a singular term; it is often used in the sense of "any," and is then applied to more than one individual object. National Union Bank v. Copeland, 141 Mass. 267, 4 N. E. 794; Snowden v. Gilson, 101 N. Y. 458, 5 N. E. 322; Thompson v. Stewart, 60 Iowa, 225, 14 N. W. 247; Commonwealth v. Watts, 84 Ky. 337, 2 S. W. 123.

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

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


A. AVER ET TENER. L. Fr. (L. Lat. habendum et tenendum.) To have and to hold. Co. Litt. §§ 523, 524. A aver et tener a lay et a ses heircs, a totes jors,—to have and to hold to him and his heirs forever. Id. § 625. See AVER ET TENER.

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

A communi observantia non est recedendum. From common observance there should be no departure; there must be no departure from common usage. 2 Coke, 74; Co. Litt. 1804, 229b, 365a; Wing. Max. 753, max. 293. A maxim applied to the practice of the courts, to the ancient and established forms of pleading and conveyancing, and to professional usage generally. Id. 752-755. Lord Coke applies it to common professional opinion. Co. Litt. 1804, 364b.

A CONSILIUS. (Lat. consilium, advice.) Of counsel; a counsellor. The term is used in the civil law by some writers instead of a responsum. Spelman, "Apocrisiarius."

A CUEILLETTE. In French law. In relation to the contract of affreightment, signifies when the cargo is taken on condition that the master succeeds in completing his cargo from other sources. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 543.

A. DATU. L. Lat. From the date. Haths v. Ash, 2 Salk. 413. A die datas, from the day of the date. Id.; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 248, § 1301; Hatter v. Ash, 1 Ld. Raym. 84. A dato, from the date. Cro. Jac. 133.

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

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

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

A FORTIORI. By a stronger reason. A term used in logic to denote an argument to the effect that because one ascertained fact exists, therefore another, which is included in it, or analogous to it, and which is less improbable, unusual, or surprising, must also exist.
A GRATIA. From grace or favor; as a matter of indulgence, not of right.

A LATERE. Lat. From the side. In connection with the succession to property, the term means "collateral." Bract. fol. 20b. Also, sometimes, "without right." Id. fol. 42b. In ecclesiastical law, a legate a latere is one invested with full apostolic powers; one authorized to represent the pope as if the latter were present. Du Cange.

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

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

A ME. (Lat. ego, L.) A term denoting direct tenure of the superior lord. 2 Bell, H. L. Stc. 133. Unjustly detaining from me. He is said to withhold a me (from me) who has obtained possession of my property unjustly. Calvin.

A MENS A ET THORO. From bed and board. Descriptive of a limited divorce or separation by judicial sentence.

A NATIVITATE. From birth, or from infancy. Denotes that a disability, status, etc., is congenital.

A non posse ad non esse sequitur argumentum necessarie negative. From the impossibility of a thing to its non-existence, the inference follows necessarily in the negative. That which cannot be done is not done. Hob. 336b. Otherwise, in the affir- mative. Id.

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

A pirata aut latronibus capti liberi permanent. Persons taken by pirates or robbers remain free. Dig. 49, 15, 10, 2; Gro. de J. B. lib. 3, c. 3, § 1.

A piratis et latronibus captis dominium non mutant. Things taken or captured by pirates and robbers do not change their ownership. Brink. bk. 1, c. 17; 1 Kent, Comm. 108, 184. No right to the spoil vests in the piratical captors; no right is derivable from them to any receptors in prejuducce of the original owners. 2 Wood. Lect. 428.

A POSTERIORI. A term used in logic to denote an argument founded on experiment or observation, or one which, taking ascertained facts as an effect, proceeds by synthesis and induction to demonstrate their cause.

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

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

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

A QUO; A QUÁ. From which. The judge or court from which a cause has been brought by error or appeal, or has otherwise been removed, is termed the judge or court a quo; a qua. Abbott.

A RENDRE. (Fr. to render, to yield.) That which is to be rendered, yielded, or paid. Profits à rendre comprehend rents and services. Ham. N. P. 102.

A rescriptis valet argumentum. An argument drawn from original writs in the register is good. Co. Litt. 11a.

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

A RETRO. L. Lat. Behind; inarrass. Et reditus provenciae Inde à retro fueri, and the rent issuing therefrom be in arrear. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 55, § 2.

A RUBRO AD NIGRUM. Lat. From the red to the black; from the rubric or title of a statute, (which, anciently, was in red letters,) to its body, which was in the ordinary black. Tray. Lat. Max.; Bell. "Rubi- tric."

A summo remedio ad inferiorem actionem non habetur regrens, neque auxilium. From (after using) the highest remedy, there can be no recourse (going back) to an inferior action, nor assistance, (derived from it.) Fleta, lib. 6, c. 1, § 2.

A maxim in the old law of real actions,
when there were grades in the remedies
given; the rule being that a party who
brought a writ of right, which was the high-
est writ in the law, could not afterwards re-
sort or descend to an inferior remedy.
Bract. 1122; 3 Bl. Comm. 193, 194.

A TEMPORÉ OJUS CONTRARII
MEMORIA NON EXISTIT. From time
of which memory to the contrary does not
exist.

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

A VINCULO MATRIMONII. (Lat. from
the bond of matrimony.) A term descrip-
tive of a kind of divorce, which effects a
complete dissolution of the marriage con-
tract. See Divorc.

Ab abusus ad usum non valet conse-
quenlia. A conclusion as to the use of a
thing from its abuse is invalid. Brook, Max.
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AB ACTIS. Lat. An officer having
charge of acta, public records, registers, jour-
nals, or minutes; an officer who entered on
record the acts or proceedings of a court;
a clerk of court; a notary or actuary. Calvin.
Lex. Jurid. See "Acta." This, and the simi-
larly formed epithets à cancellis, à secre-
tis, à liberis, were also anciently the titles of
a chancellor, (cancellarius,) in the early
history of that office. Spelman, "Cancellari-
us."

AB AGENDO. Disabled from acting; un-
able to act; incapacitated for business or
transactions of any kind.

AB ANTE. In advance. Thus, a legis-
lature cannot agree ab ante to any modifica-
tion or amendment to a law which a third
person may make. Allen v. McKean, 1 Summ.

AB ANTECEDENTE. Beforehand; in
advance.

AB ANTICO. Of old; of an ancient
date.

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

AB EPSITOLIS. Lat. An officer having
charge of the correspondence (epistole) of
his superior or sovereign; a secretary. Cal-
vin; Spigelius.

AB EXTRA. (Lat. extra, beyond, with-
out.) From without. Lunt v. Holland, 14
Mass. 151.

AB INCONVENIENTI. From hardship,
or inconvenience. An argument founded
upon the hardship of the case, and the in-
convenience or disastrous consequences to
which a different course of reasoning would
lead.

AB INITIO. Lat. From the beginning;
from the first act. A party is said to be
a trespasser ab initio, an estate to be good
ab initio, an agreement or deed to be void ab
initio, a marriage to be unlawful ab initio,
and the like. P. Wm. 6a, 163; 1 Bl. Comm.
440.

AB INITIO MUNDI. Lat. From the be-
ginning of the world. Ab initio mundi aegro
ab hodiernum diem, from the beginning of
the world to this day. Y. B. M. 1 Edw. III.
24.

AB INTESTATO. Lat. In the civil law.
From an intestate; from the intestate; in
case of intestacy. Hæreditas ab intestato, an
inheritance derived from an intestate. Inst.
2, 9, 6. Successio ab intestato, succession to
an intestate, or in case of intestacy. Id. 3,
2, 3; Dig. 30, 6, 1. This answers to the
descent or inheritance of real estate at com-
mon law. 2 Bl. Comm. 490, 516; Story,
1 Burr. 420. The phrase "ab intestato" is
generally used as the opposite or alternative
of ex testamento, (from, by, or under a will.)
Vel ex testamento, vel ab intestato [hæredit-
atis] pertinent,—inheritances are derived
either from a will or from an intestate, (one
who dies without a will.) Inst. 2, 9, 6; Dig.
29, 4; Cod. 6, 14, 2.

AB INVITO. Lat. By or from an un-
willing party. A transfer ab invito is a com-
ulsory transfer.

AB IRATO. By one who is angry. A
device or gift made by a man adversely to
the interest of his heirs, on account of anger
or hatred against them, is said to be made ab
irato. A suit to set aside such a will is
called an action ab irato. Merl. Repert. "Ab
irato."

ABACTOR. In Roman law. A cattle
thief. Also called abicus, q. v.

ABADENGO. In Spanish law. Land
owned by an ecclesiastical corporation, and
therefore exempt from taxation. In particu-
lar, lands or towns under the dominion and
jurisdiction of an abbot.

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

ABAMITA. Lat. In the civil law. A great-great-grandfather’s sister, (ahaci soror.) Inst. 3, 6, 6; Dig. 38, 10, 3. Called amita maxima. Id. 38, 10, 10, 17. Called, in Bracton, abamita magna. Bract. fol. 689.

ABANDON. To desert, surrender, relinquish, give up, or cede. See ABANDONMENT.

ABANDONEE. A party to whom a right or property is abandoned or relinquished by another. Applied to the insurers of vessels and cargoes. Lord Ellenborough, C. J., 5 Maule & S. 82; Abbott, J., Id. 87; Holroyd, J., Id. 89.

ABANDONMENT. The surrender, relinquishment, disclaimer, or cession of property or of rights. Stephens v. Mansfield, 11 Cal. 363; Dikes v. Miller, 24 Tex. 417; Middle Creek Ditch Co. v. Henry, 15 Mont. 538, 39 Pac. 1054.

The giving up a thing absolutely, without reference to any particular person or purpose, as throwing a jewel into the highway; leaving a thing to itself, as a vessel at sea; vacating property with the intention of not returning, so that it may be appropriated by the next comer. 2 Bl. Comm. 8, 10; Fidge v. Fidge, 3 Metc. (Mass.) 285; Breedlove v. Stump, 3 Yerg. (Tenn.) 257, 276; Richardson v. McNulty, 24 Cal. 339, 341; J udson v. Malloy, 40 Cal. 290, 310.

To constitute abandonment there must concur an intention to forsake or relinquish the thing in question and some external act by which that intention is manifested or carried into effect. Mere nonuser is not abandonment unless coupled with an intention not to resume or reclaim the use or possession. Sikes v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 22 S.W. 688; Barnett v. Dickinson, 23 Md. 258, 48 Atl. 828; Welsh v. Taylor, 134 N. Y. 450, 31 N. E. 896, 18 L. R. A. 355.

In marine insurance. A relinquishment or cession of property by the owner to the insurer of it, in order to claim as for a total loss, when in fact it is so by construction only. 2 Steph. Comm. 178. The exercise of a right which a party having insured goods or vessels has to call upon the Insurers, in cases where the property insured has, by perils of the sea, become so much damaged as to be of little value, to accept of what is or may be saved, and to pay the full amount of the insurance, as if a total loss had actually happened. Park, Ins. 143; 2 Marsh. Ins. 550; 3 Kent, Comm. 318-335, and notes; The St. Johns (D. C.) 101 Fed. 469; Roux v. Salvador, 3 Bing. N. C. 265, 284; Mellow v. Andrews, 15 East, 13; Cincinnati Ins. Co. v. Duffield, 6 Ohio St. 200, 67 Am. Dec. 359.

Abandonment is the act by which, after a constructive total loss, a person insured by contract of marine insurance declares to the insurer that he relinquishes to him his interest in the thing insured. Civil Code Cal. § 2718.

The term is used only in reference to risks in navigation; but the principle is applicable in fire insurance, where there are remittances, and sometimes, also, under stipulations in life policies in favor of creditors.

In maritime law. The surrender of a vessel and freight by the owner of the same to a person having a claim thereon arising out of a contract made with the master. See Poth. Chart. § 2, art. 3, § 51.

In patent law. As applied to inventions, abandonment is the giving up of his rights by the inventor, as where he surrenders his idea or discovery or relinquishes the intention of perfecting his invention, and so throws it open to the public, or where he negligently postpones the assertion of his claims or fails to apply for a patent, and allows the public to use his invention without objection. Woodbury, etc., Machine Co. v. Keith, 101 U. S. 479, 485, 25 L. Ed. 939; American Hide, etc., Co. v. American Tool, etc., Co., 1 Fed. Cas. 647; Maff v. Denpster Mill Co. (C. C.) 71 Fed. 701; Bartlette v. Grintenden, 2 Fed. Cas. 983; Pitts v. Hall, 19 Fed. Cas. 754. There may also be an abandonment of a patent, where the inventor dedicates it to the public use; and this may be shown by his failure to sue infringers, to sell licenses, or otherwise to make efforts to realize a personal advantage from his patent. Ransom v. New York, 4 Blatchf. 157, 20 Fed. Cas. 280.


Of mining claim. The relinquishment of a claim held by location without patent, where the holder voluntarily leaves his claim to be appropriated by the next com'er, without any intention to retrace or resume it, and regardless of what may become of it in the future. McKay v. McDougall, 25 Mont. 238, 64 Pac. 603, 87 Am. St. Rep. 395; St. John v. Kild, 26 Cal. 263, 272; Oceano v. Uncle Sam Min. Co., 1 Nev. 215; Derry v. Ross, 5 Colo. 293.

Of domicil. Permanent removal from the place of one's domicile with the intention of taking up a residence elsewhere and with no intention to return to the original home, except temporarily. Stanford v. Mills, 57 N. J. Law. 570, 31 Atl. 1023; Mills v. Alexander, 21 Tex. 154; Jarvis v. Moe, 38 Wis. 410.

By husband or wife. The act of a husband or wife who leaves his or her
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"Abandonment, in the sense in which it is used in the statute under which this proceeding was commenced, may be defined to be the act of willfully leaving the wife, with the intention of causing a palpable separation between the parties, and implies an actual desertion of the wife by the husband." Stanbrough v. Stanbrough, 60 Ind. 279.

In French law. The act by which a debtor surrenders his property for the benefit of his creditors. Merl. Repert. "Abandonment."

ABANDONMENT FOR TORTS. In the civil law. The act of a person who was sued in a noxal action, i. e., for a tort or trespass committed by his slave or his animal, in relinquishing and abandoning the slave or animal to the person injured, whereby he saved himself from any further responsibility. See Inst. i. 5. 9; Fitzgerald v. Ferguson, 11 La. Ann. 396.

ABANDUN, or ABANDUM. Anything sequestered, proscribed, or abandoned. Abandon, i. e., in bannum res missa, a thing banned or denounced as forfeited or lost, whence to abandon, desert, or forsake, as lost and gone. Cowell.

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

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

ABATEMENT. In pleading. The effect produced upon an action at law, when the defendant pleads matter of fact showing the writ or declaration to be defective and incorrect. This defeats the action for the time being, but the plaintiff may proceed with it after the defect is removed, or may recommence it in a better way. In England, in equity pleading, declamatory pleas to the jurisdiction and dilatory to the persons were (prior to the judicature act) sometimes, by analogy to common law, termed "pleas in abatement."

In chancery practice. The determination, cessation, or suspension of all proceedings in a suit, from the want of proper parties capable of proceeding therein, as upon the death of one of the parties pending the suit. See 2 Thld. Pr. 922; Story, Eq. Pl. § 354; Witt v. Ellls, 2 Codd. (Tenn.) 38.

In mercantile law. A drawback or rebate allowed in certain cases on the duties due on imported goods, in consideration of their deterioration or damage suffered during importation, or while in store. A diminution or decrease in the amount of tax imposed upon any person.

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

Of legacies and debts. A proportionate diminution or reduction of the pecuniary legacies, when the funds or assets out of which such legacies are payable are not sufficient to pay them in full. Ward, Leg. p. 369. c. 6, § 7; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 555; 2 Bl. Comm. 512, 513; Brown v. Brown, 79 Va. 648; Nelstrath's Estate, 66 Cal. 390, 5 Pac. 507. In equity, when equitable assets are insufficient to satisfy fully all the creditors, their debts must abate in proportion, and they must be content with a dividend; for aequitas est quasi aequalitas.

ABATEMENT OF A NUISANCE. The removal, prostration, or destruction of that which causes a nuisance, whether by breaking or pulling it down, or otherwise removing, disintegrating, or effacing it. Ruff v. Phillips, 50 Ga. 130.

The remedy which the law allows a party injured by a nuisance of destroying or removing it by his own act, so as he commits no riot in doing it, nor occasions (in the case of a private nuisance) any damage beyond what the removal of the inconvenience necessarily requires. 3 Bl. Comm. 5, 168; 3 Steph. Comm. 361; 2 Salk. 458.

ABATEMENT OF FREEHOLD. This takes place where a person dies seised of an inheritance, and, before the heir or devisee enters, a stranger, having no right, makes a wrongful entry, and gets possession of it. Such an entry is technically called an "abatement," and the stranger an "abator." It is, in fact, a figurative expression, denoting that the rightful possession or freehold of the heir or devisee is overthrown by the unlawful intervention of a stranger. Abatement differs from intrusion, in that it is always to the prejudice of the heir or immediate devisee, whereas the latter is to the prejudice of the reversioner or remainder-man; and disseisin differs from them both, for to disseise is to put forcibly or fraudulently a person seised of the freehold out of possession. 1 Co. Inst. 277a; 3 Bl. Comm. 164; Brown v. Burlick, 25 Ohio St. 268. By the ancient laws of Normandy, this term was used to signify the act of one who, having an apparent right of possession to an estate, took possession of it immediately after the death of the actual possessor, before the heir entered. (Howard, Anciennes Lois des Franchis, tome 1, p. 539.) Bouvier.

ABATOR. In real property law, a stranger who, having no right of entry, contrives to get possession of an estate of freehold, to the prejudice of the heir or devisee, before
the latter can enter, after the ancestor's death. Litt. § 387. In the law of torts, one who abates, prostrates, or destroys a nuisance.

ABATUDA. Anything diminished. Montes abatuda is money clipped or diminished in value. Cowell; Dufresne.

ABAVIA. Lat. In the civil law. A great-great-grandmother. Inst. 3, 6, 4; Dig. 38, 10, 1, 6; Bract. fol. 63b.

ABAVITA. A great-great-grandfather's sister. Bract. fol. 688. This is a misprint for abasita, (q. v.) Burrill.

ABAYUNCULUS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-great-grandmother's brother, (abacius frater.) Inst. 3, 6, 6; Dig. 38, 10, 3. Called abacius maximus. Id. 38, 10, 17. Called by Bracton and Fleta abacius maximus. Bract. fol. 688; Fleta, lib. 6, c. 2, § 19.

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

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

ABBEY. A society of religious persons, having an abbot or abbess to preside over them.

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

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


ABBREVIATIONS. Shortened conventional expressions, employed as substitutes for names, phrases, dates, and the like, for the saving of space, of time in transcribing, etc. Abbott.

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Abbrexivium ille numerus et sensus accepitius est, ut concessio non sit insana. In abbreviations, such number and sense is to be taken that the grant be not made void. 9 Coke, 48.

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

ABBROCHMENT, or ABBROACHMENT. The act of forestalling a market, by buying up at wholesale the merchandise intended to be sold there, for the purpose of selling it at retail. See FORESTALLING.

ABDICATION. The act of a sovereign in renouncing and relinquishing his government or throne, so that either the throne is left entirely vacant, or is filled by a successor appointed or elected beforehand.

Also, where a magistrate or person in office voluntarily renounces or gives it up before the time of service has expired.

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

ABDUCTION. In criminal law. The offense of taking away a man's wife, child, or ward, by fraud and persuasion, or open violence. 3 Bl. Comm. 139-141; Humphrey v. Pope, 122 Cal. 253, 54 Pac. 847; State v. George, 93 N. C. 567; State v. Chisenhall, 106 N. C. 476, 11 S. E. 518; People v. Seeley, 37 Hun (N. Y.) 190.

The unlawful taking or detention of any female for the purpose of marriage, concubinage, or prostitution. People v. Crotty, 55 Hun (N. Y.) 611, 9 N. Y. Supp. 857.

By statute in some states, abduction includes the withholding of a husband from his wife, as where another woman alienates his affection and entices him away and causes him to abandon his wife. King v. Hanson, 13 N. D. 85, 99 N. W. 1085.

ABEAREANCE. Behavior; as a recognition to be of good abaneance signifies to be of good behavior. 4 Bl. Comm. 231, 236.

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

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

ABET. In criminal law. To encourage, incite, or set another on to commit a crime. See ABBUTER.

"Aid" and "abet" are nearly synonymous terms as generally used: but, strictly speaking, the former term does not imply guilty
knowledge or felonious intent, whereas the word "abet" includes knowledge of the wrongful purpose and counsel and encouragement in the commission of the crime. People v. Dole, 122 Cal. 486, 55 Pac. 581, 68 Am. St. Rep. 50; People v. Morine, 138 Cal. 623, 72 Pac. 168; State v. Empey, 79 Iowa, 460, 44 N. W. 707; Raiford v. State, 59 Ala. 106; White v. People, 81 Ill. 333.

ABETTOR. L. Lat. In old English law. An abettor. Flet. lib. 2, c. 65, § 7. See ABETOR.

ABETOR. In criminal law. An instigator, or setter on; one who promotes or procures a crime to be committed; one who commands, advises, instigates, or encourages another to commit a crime; a person who being present or in the neighborhood, incites another to commit a crime, and thus becomes a principal.

The distinction between abettors and accessories is the presence or absence at the commission of the crime. Cowell; Flet. lib. 1, c. 34. Presence and participation are necessary to constitute a person an abettor. Green v. State, 13 Mo. 382; State v. Teahan, 50 Conn. 82; Connaughty v. State, 1 Wis. 158, 60 Am. Dec. 370.

ABEYANCE. In the law of estates. Expectation; waiting; suspense; remembrance and contemplation in law. Where there is no person in existence in whom an inheritance can vest, it is said to be in abeyance, that is, in expectation; the law considering it as always potentially existing, and ready to vest whenever a proper owner appears. 2 Bl. Comm. 107. Or, in other words, it is said to be in the remembrance, consideration, and intendment of the law. Co. Litt. §§ 646, 650. The term "abeynce" is also sometimes applied to personal property. Thus, in the case of maritime captures during war, it is said that, until the capture becomes invested with the character of prize by a sentence of condemnation, the right of property is in abeyance, or in a state of legal sequestration. 1 Kent, Comm. 102. It has also been applied to the franchises of a corporation. "When a corporation is to be brought into existence by some of the persons of the corporation; the franchises remain in abeyance, until such acts are done; and, when the corporation is brought into life, the franchises instantaneously attach to it." Story, J., in Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 691, 4 L. Ed. 629.

ABATICUS, or AVATICUS. L. Lat. In feudal law. A grandson; the son of a son. Spelman; Ldb. Feud. Baraterii, tit. 8, cited id.

ABIDE. To "abide the order of the court" means to perform, execute, or conform to such order. Jackson v. State, 30 Kan. 58, 1 Pac. 317; Hodge v. Hodgdon, 8 Cush. (Mass.) 294. See McGarry v. State, 37 Kan. 6, 14 Pac. 402.

A stipulation in an arbitration bond that the parties shall "abide by" the award of the arbitrators means only that they shall await the award of the arbitrators, without revoking the submission, and not that they shall acquiesce in the award when made. Marshall v. Reed, 48 N. H. 36; Shaw v. Hutch, 6 N. H. 162; Weeks v. Trask, 81 Me. 127, 16 Atl. 413, 2 L. R. A. 532.

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

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

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

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

ABIGEUS. Lat. (Pl., abigii, or more rarely abigiiarios.) In the civil law. A stealer of cattle; one who drove or drew away (subtrahit) cattle from their pastures, as horses or oxen from the herds, and made booty of them, and who followed this as a business or trade. The term was applied also to those who drove away the smaller animals, as swine, sheep, and goats. In the latter case, it depended on the number taken, whether the offender was fur (a common thief) or abigius. But the taking of a single horse or ox seems to have constituted the crime of abigetus. And those who frequently did this were clearly abigii, though they took but an animal or two at a time. Dig. 47, 14, 3, 2. See Cod. 9, 37; Nov. 22, c. 15, § 1; 4 Bl. Comm. 239.

ABILITY. When a statute makes it a ground of divorce that the husband has neglected to provide for his wife the common necessaries of life, having the ability to provide the same, the word "ability" has reference to the possession by the husband of the means in property to provide such necessaries, not to his capacity of acquiring such means by labor. Washburn v. Washburn, 9 Cal. 475. But compare State v. Witham, 70 Wis. 473, 35 N. W. 934.

ABISHERING, or ABISHERSING. Quir of amerments. It originally signified a forfeiture or Amercement, and is more properly mishering, mishering, or misheering, according to Spelman. It has since been
ABJUDICATIO

A liberty of freedom, because, wherever this word is used in a grant, the persons to whom the grant is made have the forfeitures and amercements of all others, and are themselves free from the control of any within their fee. Terms de la Ley, 7.

ABJUDICATIO. In old English law. The depriving of a thing by the judgment of a court; a putting out of court; the same as foris judicatio, for judgment, forjudger. Co. Litt. 100a, b; Townsh. Pl. 49.

ABJURATION OF ALLEGANCE. One of the steps in the process of naturalizing an alien. It consists in a formal declaration, made by the party under oath before a competent authority, that he renounces and abjures all the allegiance and fidelity which he owes to the sovereign whose subject he has theretofore been.

ABJURATION OF THE REALM. In ancient English law. A renunciation of one's country, a species of self-imposed banishment, under an oath never to return to the kingdom unless by permission. This was formerly allowed to criminals, as a means of saving their lives, when they had confessed their crimes, and fled to sanctuary. See 4 Bl. Comm. 332; Avery v. Everett, 110 N. Y. 317, 18 N. E. 148, 1 L. R. A. 204, 6 Am. St. Rep. 368.

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

"The decision of this court in Arthur v. Broadnax, 3 Ala. 557, affirms that if the husband has abjured the state, and remains abroad, the wife, meanwhile trading as a feme sole, could recover on a note which was given to her as such. We must consider the term 'abjure,' as there used, as implying a total abandonment of the state; a departure from the state without the intention of returning, and not a renunciation of one's country, upon an oath of perpetual banishment, as the term originally implied." Mead v. Hughes, 15 Ala. 143, 1 Am. Rep. 123.

ABLE-BODIED. As used in a statute relating to service in the militia, this term does not imply an absolute freedom from all physical ailment. It imports an absence of those palpable and visible defects which evidently incapacitate the person from performing the ordinary duties of a soldier. Darling v. Bowen, 10 Vt. 152.

ABLEGATI. Papal ambassadors of the second rank, who are sent to a country where there is not a nuncio, with a less extensive commission than that of a nuncio.

ABLOCATIO. A letting out to hire, or leasing for money. Calvin. Sometimes used in the English form "ableocation."

ABMATERTA. Lat. In the civil law. A great-great-grandmother's sister, (a soror.) Inst. 3, 6, 6; Dig. 38, 10, 8. Called matertera maxima. Id. 38, 10, 17. Called, by Bracton, abmatertea magna. Bract. fol. 68b.

ABNEPOS. Lat. A great-great-grandson. The grandson of a grandson or granddaughter. Calvin.

ABNEPTIS. Lat. A great-great-granddaughter. The granddaughter of a grandson or granddaughter. Calvin.


ABOLITION. The destruction, abrogation, or extinguishment of anything; also the leave given by the sovereign or judges to a criminal accuser to desist from further prosecution. 25 Hen. VIII. c. 21.

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

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

ABORTION. In criminal law. The miscarriage or premature delivery of a woman who is quick with child. When this is brought about with a malicious design, or for an unlawful purpose, it is a crime in law.

The act of bringing forth what is yet imperfect; and particularly the delivery or expulsion of the human fetus prematurely, or before it is yet capable of sustaining life. Also the thing prematurely brought forth, or product of an untimely process. Sometimes loosely used for the offense of procuring a premature delivery; but, strictly, the early delivering is the abortion; causing or procuring abortion is the full name of the offense. Abbott; Smith v. State, 33 Me. 48, 59, 54 Am. Dec. 607; State v. Crook, 16 Utah, 212, 51 Pac. 1091; Belt v. Spaulding, 17 Or. 130, 20 Pac. 827; Mills v. Commonwealth, 13 Pa. 631; Wells v. New England Mut. L. Ins. Co., 191 Pa. 207, 43 Atl. 126, 53 L. R. A. 327, 71 Am. St. Rep. 703.

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

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


ABOVE. In practice. Higher; superior. The court to which a cause is removed by appeal or writ of error is called the court above. Principal; as distinguished from what is auxiliary or instrumental. Bail to
ABOVE CITED

The action, or special bail, is otherwise termed bail above. 3 Bl. Comm. 201. See below.

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

ABPATRUS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-great-grandfather's brother, (abati frater.) Inst. 3, 6, 6; Dig. 38, 10, 3. Called patruus maximus. 1d. 38, 10, 17. Called, by Bracton and Fiat, abapotrus magna. Bract. fol. 660; Fleta, lib. 6, c. 2, § 17.

ABRIDGE. To reduce or contract; usually spoken of written language.
In copyright law, to abridge means to epitomize; to reduce; to contract. It implies preserving the substance, the essence, of a work in language suited to such a purpose. In making extracts there is no condemnation of the author's language, and hence no abridgment. To abridge requires the exercise of the mind; it is not copying. Between a compilation and an abridgment there is a clear distinction. A compilation consists of selected extracts from different authors: an abridgment is a condensation of the views of one author. Story v. Holcombe, 4 McLean, 300, 310, Fed. Cas. No. 13,497.

In practice. To shorten a declaration or count by taking away or severing some of the substance of it. Brooke, Abr. "Abridgment."

ABRIDGMENT. An epitome or compendium of another and larger work, wherein the principal ideas of the larger work are summarily contained.
Abridgments of the law are brief digests of the law, arranged alphabetically. The oldest are those of Fitzherbert, Brooke, and Rolla; the more modern those of Viner, Comyns, and Bacon. (1 Steph. Comm. 51.) The term "digest" has now supplanted that of "abridgment." Sweet.

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

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

ABROGATION. The annulment of a law by constitutional authority. It stands opposed to reformation, and is distinguished from derogation, which implies the taking away only some part of a law; from usurpation, which denotes the adding a clause to it; from dispensation, which only sets it aside in a particular instance; and from antiquation, which is the refusing to pass a law. Encyc. Lond.

Implied abrogation. A statute is said to work an "implied abrogation" of an earlier one, when the latter statute contains provisions which are inconsistent with the further continuance of the earlier law; or a statute is impliedly abrogated when the reason of it, or the object for which it was passed, no longer exists.

ABSCOND. To go in a clandestine manner out of the jurisdiction of the courts; or to lie concealed, in order to avoid their process.
To hide, conceal, or absent oneself clandestinely, with the intent to avoid legal process. Smith v. Johnson, 43 Neb. 754, 62 N. W. 217; Hoggett v. Emerson, 8 Kan. 202; Ware v. Todd, 1 Ala. 200; Kingsland v. Worsham, 15 Mo. 637.

ABSCONDING DEBTOR. One, who absconds from his creditors. An absconding debtor is one who lives without the state, or who has intentionally concealed himself from his creditors, or withdrawn himself from the reach of their suits, with intent to frustrate their just demands. Thus, if a person departs from his usual residence, or remains absent therefrom, or conceals himself in his house, so that he cannot be served with process, with intent unlawfully to delay or defraud his creditors, he is an absconding debtor; but if he departs from the state or from his usual abode, with the intention of again returning, and without any fraudulent design, he has not absconded, for absent himself, within the Intendment, of the law. Stafford v. Mills, 57 N. J. Law, 574, 32 Atl. 7; Fitch v. Walte, 5 Conn. 117.

A party may abscond, and subject himself to the operation of the attachment law against absconding debtors, without leaving the limits of the state. Field v. Adrion, 7 Md. 269.

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

ABSENCE. The state of being absent, removed, or away from one's domicile, or usual place of residence.
Absence is of a fivefold kind: (1) A necessary absence, as in banished or transported persons; this is entirely necessary. (2) Necessary and voluntary, as upon the account of the commonwealth, or in the service of the church. (3) A probable absence, according to the civil law, as that of students on the score of study. (4) Entirely voluntary, on account of trade, merchandise, and the like. (5) Absence cum dolore culpab, as not appearing to a writ, subpoena, citation, etc., or to delay or defeat creditors, or avoiding arrest, either on civil or criminal process. Ayliffe.

Where the statute allows the vacation of a judgment rendered against a defendant. "In his absence," the term "absence" means non-appearance to the action, and not merely that the party was not present in court. Strine v. Kaufman, 12 Neb. 423, 11 N. W. 867.

In Scotch law. Want or default of appearance. A decree is said to be in absence where the defendant (defendant) does not appear. Ersk. Inst. bk. 4, tit. 3, § 6. See Decree.
ABSENT. Lat. (Abl. of absens) Being absent. A common term in the old reports. "The three justices, absent, C. J., were clear of opinion." 2 Mod. 14.

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

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

In Louisiana law and practice. A person who has resided in the state, and has departed without leaving any one to represent him. Also, a person who never was domiciled in the state and resides abroad. Civil Code La. art. 3356; Dreville v. Cucullu, 18 La. Ann. 695; Morris v. Bienvenu, 30 La. Ann. 878.

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

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

Absentia ejus qui republique causâ absent, neque ei neque aliis damnosse esse debet. The absence of him who is away in behalf of the republic (on business of the state) ought neither to be prejudicial to him nor to another. Dig. 50, 17, 140.

ABSOILE—ASSOILE. To pardon or set free; used with respect to deliverance from excommunication. Cowell; Kellam.

Absoluta sententia expositore non indiget. An absolute sentence or proposition (one that is plain without any scruple, or absolute without any saving) needs not an exposito. 2 Inst. 533.

ABSOLUTE. Unconditional; complete and perfect in itself, without relation to, or dependence on, other things or persons,—as an absolute right; without condition, exception, restriction, qualification, or limitation,—as an absolute conveyance, an absolute estate; final, peremptory,—as an absolute rule. People v. Ferry, 64 Cal. 31; 24 Pac. 33; Wilson v. White, 133 Ind. 614; 33 N. E. 261; 19 L. R. A. 581; Johnson v. Johnson, 32 Ala. 637; Germania F. Ins. Co. v. Stewart, 13 Ind. App. 627; 42 N. E. 256.


ABSOLUTELY. Completely; wholly; without qualification; without reference or relation to, or dependence upon, any other person, thing, or event.

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

In common law. A juridical act whereby the clergy declare that the sins of such as are penitent are remitted.

In French law. The dismissal of an accusation. The term "acquittal" is employed when the accused is declared not guilty and "absolution" when he is recognized as guilty but the act is not punishable by law, or he is exonerated from some defect of intention or will. Merl. Repert.; Bouvier.

ABSOLUTISM. Any system of government, be it a monarchy or democracy, in which one or more persons, or a class, govern absolutely, and at pleasure, without check or restraint from any law, constitutional device, or co-ordinate body.

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

ABSQUE. Without. Occurs in phrases taken from the Latin; such as the following:

ABSQUE ALIQUO INDE REDENDO. (Without rendering anything therefrom.) A grant from the crown reserving no reft. 2 Rolle, Abr. 502.

ABSQUE CONSIDERATIONE CURIÆ. In old practice. Without the consideration of the court; without judgment. Fleta, lib. 2. c. 47, § 13.

ABSQUE HOC. Without this. These are technical words of denial, used in pleading at common law by way of special traverse, to introduce the negative part of the plea, following the affirmative part or inducement. Martin v. Hammon, 8 Pa. 270; Zents v. Legnard, 70 Pa. 192; Hite v. Kier, 38 Pa. 72; Reiter v. Morton, 96 Pa. 229; Turnpiké Co. v. McCullough, 25 Pa. 303.

ABSQUE IMPETITIONE VASTI. Without imprisonment of waste; without accountability for waste; without liability to suit for waste. A clause sometimes inserted in leases, (as the equivalent English phrase sometimes is,) signifying that the tenant or lessee shall not be liable to suit, (impetito) or challenged, or called to account, for committing waste. 2 Bl. Comm. 283; 4 Kent, Comm. 78; Co. Litt. 229a; Litt. § 352.

ABSQUE TALI CAUSA. (Lat. without such cause.) Formal words in the now obsolete replication da injuria. Steph. Pl. 191.

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

ABSTRACT, v. To take or withdraw from.

Under the National Bank Act, "abstraction" is the act of one who, being an officer of a national banking association, wrongfully takes or withdraws from it any of its moneys, funds, or credits, with intent to injure or defraud it or some other person or company, and, without its knowledge or consent or that of its board of directors, converts them to the use of himself or of some person or company other than the bank. It is not the same as embezzlement, larceny, or misapplication of funds. United States v. Harper (C. C. 33 Fed. 471; United States v. McKeown, 126 U. S. 327 Sup. Ct. 680, 30 L. Ed. 664; United States v. Young, (C. C.) 91 Fed. 864; United States v. Taintor, 23 Fed. Cas. United States v. Breese (D. C.) 131 Fed. 915.

ABSTRACT OF A FINE. In old conveyancing. One of the parts of a fine, being an abstract of the writ of gauntlet, and the concord, naming the parties, the parcels of land, and the agreement. 2 Bl. Comm. 351; Shep. Touch. 3. More commonly called the "note" of the fine. See FINE; CONCORD.

ABSTRACT OF TITLE. A condensed history of the title to land, consisting of a synopsis or summary of the material or operative portion of all the conveyances, of whatever kind or nature, which in any manner affect said land, or any estate or interest therein, together with a statement of all liens, charges, or liabilities to which the same may be subject, and of which it is in any way material for purchasers to be apprised. Warv. Atst. § 2. Stevenson v. Polk, 71 Iowa, 278, 32 N. W. 340; Union Safe Deposit Co. v. Chisholm, 33 Ill. App. 647; Banker v. Caldwell, 3 Minn. 94 (Gil. 49); Heinsen v. Lamb, 117 Ill. 549, 7 N. E. 75; Smith v. Taylor, 82 Cal. 583, 23 Pac. 217.

An abstract is a condensation, epitome, or synopsis, and therein differs from a copy or a transcript. Dickinson v. Chesapeake & O. R. Co., 7 W. Va. 390, 413.

Abundans cantela non nocet. Extreme caution does no harm. 11 Coke, 6b. This principle is generally applied to the construction of instruments in which superfluous words have been inserted more clearly to express the intention.

ABSURDITY. In statutory construction, an "absurdity" is not only that which is physically impossible, but also that which is morally so, and that is to be regarded as morally impossible which is contrary to reason, so that it could not be imputed to a man in his right senses. State v. Hayes, 81 Mo. 574, 555. Anything which is so irrational, unnatural, or inconvenient that it cannot be supposed to have been within the intention of men of ordinary intelligence and discretion. Black, Intep. Laws, 104.

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

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

ABUSE, n. Everything which is contrary to good order established by usage. Merl. Repert. Departure from use; immoderate or improper use.

Of corporate franchises. The abuse or misuse of its franchises by a corporation signifies any positive act in violation of the charter and in derogation of public right, willfully done or caused to be done; the use of rights or franchises as a pretext for wrongs and injuries to the public. Baltimore v. Pittsburgh, etc., R. Co., 3 Pittsb. R. (Pa.) 20, Fed. Cas. No. 827; Erie & N. E. R. Co. v. Casey, 23 Pa. 257, 318; Railroad Commission v. Houston, etc., R. Co., 90 Tex. 340, 38 S. W. 750; People v. Atlantic Ave. R. Co., 125 N. Y. 513, 26 N. E. 622.

Of judicial discretion. This term, commonly employed to justify an interference by a higher court with the exercise of discretionary power by a lower court, implies not merely error of judgment, but perversity of will, passion, prejudice, partiality, or moral delinquency. The exercise of an honest judgment, however erroneous it may appear to be, is not an abuse of discretion. People v. New York Cent. R. Co., 29 N. Y. 418, 431; Stroup v. Raymond, 183 Pa. 279, 38 Atl. 626, 63 Am. St. Rep. 755; Day v. Donohue, 62 N. J. Law, 380, 41 Atl. 934; Citizens' St. R. Co. v. Heath, 29 Ind. App. 385, 62 N. E. 107. Where a court does not exercise a discretion in the sense of being discreet, circumspect, prudent, and exercising caution, judgment, it is an abuse of discretion. Murray v. Buell, 74 Wis. 14, 41 N. W. 1010; Sharon v. Sharon, 75 Cal. 1, 16 Pac. 345.


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

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

A malicious abuse of legal process is where the party employs it for some unlawful object, not the purpose which it is intended by the law to effect; in other words, a perversion of it. Lauzon v. Charroux, 18 R. I. 467, 28 Atl. 976; Mayer v. Walter, 64 Pa. 283; Bartlett v. Christhif, 69 Md. 219, 14 Atl. 518; King v. Johnston, 51 Wis. 578, 51 N. W. 1013; Kline v. Hibbard, 80 Hunt, 50, 29 N. Y. Supp. 807.

ABUT. To reach, to touch. In old law, the ends were said to abut, the sides to adjoin. Cro. Jac. 184. And see Lawrence v. Killam, 11 Kan. 499, 511; Springfield v. Green, 120 Ill. 260, 11 N. E. 261.

Property is described as "abutting" on a street, road, etc., when it adjoins or is adjacent thereto, either in the sense of actually touching it or being practically contiguous to it, being separated by no more than a small and insignificant distance, but not when another lot, a street, or any other such distance intervenes. Richards v. Cincinnati, 31 Ohio St. 569; Springfield v. Green, 120 Ill. 260, 11 N. E. 261; Cohen v. Cleveland, 43 Ohio St. 150, 11 N. E. 589; Holt v. Somerville, 127 Mass. 408; Cincinnati v. Batsche, 32 Ohio St. 324, 40 N. E. 21, 2 L. R. A. 536; Code Iowa 1897, § 968.


ABUTTALS. (From abut, q. v.) Commonly defined "the buttings and boundings of lands, east, west, north, and south, showing on what other lands, highways, or places they abut, or are limited and bounded." Coowell; Toml.

AC ETIAM. (Lat. And also.) Words used to introduce the statement of the real cause of action, in those cases where it was necessary to allege a fictitious cause of action to give the court jurisdiction, and also the real cause, in compliance with the statute.

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

ACADEMY. In its original meaning, an association formed for mutual improvement, or for the advancement of science or art; in later use, a species of educational institution, of a grade between the common school and the college. Academy of Fine Arts v. Philadelphia County, 22 Pa. 466; Commonwealth v. Banks, 198 Pa. 327, 48 Atl. 277; Blackwell v. State, 38 Ark. 178.

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

ACCEDAS AD CURIAM. An original writ out of chancery, directed to the sheriff, for the removal of a repliin suit from a hundred court or court baron to one of the superior courts. See Fitzh. Nat. Bren. 18; 3 Bl. Comm. 84; 1 Tidd. Pr. 38.

ACCEDAS AD VICE COMITEM. L. Lat. (You go to the sheriff.) A writ formerly directed to the coroners of a county in England, commanding them to go to the sheriff, where the latter had suppressed and neglected to return a writ of pone, and to deliver a writ to him requiring him to return it. Reg. Orig. 83. See Pone.

ACCELERATION. The shortening of the time for the vesting in possession of an expectant interest.

ACCEPT. To receive with approval or satisfaction; to receive with intent to retain. Also, in the capacity of drawee of a bill, to recognize the draft, and engage to pay it when due.

ACCEPTANCE. The taking and receiving of anything in good part, and as it were a tacit agreement to a preceding act, which might have been defeated or avoided if such acceptance had not been made. Brooke, Abr.

The act of a person to whom a thing is offered or tendered by another, whereby he receives the thing with the intention of retaining it, such intention being evidenced by a sufficient act.

The acceptance of goods sold under a contract which would be void by the statute of frauds without delivery and acceptance involves something more than the act of the vendor in the delivery. It requires that the vendee should also act, and that his act should be of such a nature as to indicate that he receives and accepts the goods delivered as his property. He must receive and retain the articles delivered, intending thereby to assume the title to them, to constitute the acceptance mentioned in the statute. Rodgers v. Phillips, 40 N. Y. 524. See also, Snow v. Warner, 10 Metc. (Mass.) 132, 43 Am. Dec. 417.

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

Acceptance of a bill of exchange. In mercantile law. The act by which the per-
son on whom a bill of exchange is drawn (called the "drawee") assents to the request of the drawer to pay it, or, in other words, engages, or makes himself liable, to pay it when due. 2 Bl. Comm. 469; Cox v. National Bank, 100 U. S. 704, 25 L. Ed. 739. It may be by parol or in writing, and either general or special, absolute or conditional; and it may be impliedly, as well as expressly, given.

3 Kent, Comm. 83, 85; Story, Bills, §§ 238, 251. But the usual and regular mode of acceptance is by the drawee’s writing across the face of the bill the word “accepted,” and subscribing his name; after which he is termed the acceptor. Id. § 243.

The following are the principal varieties of acceptances:

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


Express. An absolute acceptance.

Implied. An acceptance inferred by law from the acts or conduct of the drawee.

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

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

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

A general acceptance is an absolute acceptance precisely in conformity with the tenor of the bill itself, and not qualified by any statement, condition, or change. Rowe v. Young, 2 Brod. & B. 150; Todd v. Bank of Kentucky, 3 Bush (Ky.) 628.

A special acceptance is a qualified acceptance of a bill of exchange, as where it is accepted as payable at a particular place "and not elsewhere." Rowe v. Young, 2 Brod. & B. 150.

**Acceptance au besoin.** Fr. In French law. Acceptance in case of need; an acceptance by one on whom a bill is drawn au besoin, that is, in case of refusal or failure of the drawee to accept. Story, Bills, §§ 65, 254, 235.

**Acceptare.** Lat. In old pleading. To accept. Acceptavit, he accepted. 2 Strange, 817. Non acceptavit, he did not accept. 4 Man. & G. 7.

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

**Accepteur par intervention.** In French law. Acceptor of a bill for honor.

**Acceptation.** In the civil and Scotch law. A release made by a creditor to his debtor of his debt, without receiving any consideration. Ayl. Pand. tit. 26, p. 570. It is a species of donation, but not subject to the forms of the latter, and is valid unless in fraud of creditors. Merri. Repert.

The verbal extinction of a verbal contract, with a declaration that the debt has been paid when it has not; or the acceptance of something merely imaginary in satisfaction of a verbal contract. Sanders’ Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 386.

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

**Acceptor supra protest.** One who accepts a bill which has been protested, for the honor of the drawer or any one of the indorsers.

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

In real property law, the term “access” denotes the right vested in the owner of land which adjoins a road or other highway to go and return from his own land to the highway without obstruction. Chicago, etc., R. Co. v. Milwaukee, etc., R. Co., 95 Wis. 581, 70 N. W. 378, 37 L. R. A. 350, 50 Am. St. Rep. 130; Ferguson v. Covington, etc., R. Co., 105 Ky. 662, 57 S. W. 469; Refining v. New York, etc., R. Co. (Super. Buff.) 13 N. Y. Supp. 238.

**Accessory.** In criminal law. Contributing to or aiding in the commission of a crime. One who, without being present at the commission of a felonious offense, becomes guilty of such offense, not as a chief actor, but as a participator, as by command, advice, instigation, or concealment; either before or after the fact or commission; a *particeps criminis.* 4 Bl. Comm. 35; Cowell.

An accessory is one who is not the chief actor in the offense, nor present at its performance, but in some way concerned therein, either before or after the act committed. Code Ga. 1882, § 4306. People v. Schwartz, 32 Cal. 100; Flickner v. People, 173 Ill. 123, 38 N. E. 607; State v. Berger, 121 Iowa. 581, 96 N. W. 1009; People v. Ah Ping, 27 Cal. 489; United States v. Hartwell, 26 Fed. Cas. 198.

Accessory after the fact. An accessory after the fact is a person who, having full knowledge that a crime has been committed, conceals it from the magistrate, and harbors, assists, or protects the person charged with, or convicted of, the crime. Code Ga. 1882, § 4308; Pen. Code Cal. § 32.

All persons who, after the commission of any felony, conceal or aid the offender, with knowledge that he has committed a felony, and with intent that he may avoid or escape...
from arrest, trial, conviction, or punishment, are accessories. Pen. Code Dak. § 28.

An accessory after the fact is a person who, knowing a felony to have been committed by another, receives, relieves, comforts or assists the felon, in order to enable him to escape from punishment, or the like. 1 Russ. Crimes, 171; Steph. 27; United States v. Hartwell, 26 Fed. Cas. 196; Albritton v. State, 32 Fla. 358, 13 South. 955; State v. Davis, 14 R. I. 281; People v. Sanborn, 14 N. Y. St. Rep. 123; Loyd v. State, 42 Ga. 221; Carroll v. State, 45 Ark. 545; Blakely v. State, 24 Tex. App. 616, 7 S. W. 233, 5 Am. St. Rep. 812.

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

An accessory before the fact is one who, being absent at the time of the crime committed, doth yet procure, counsel, or command another to commit a crime. Code Ga. 1882, 4507; Grant v. State v. Hartwell, 29 Fed. Cas. 196; Griffith v. State, 90 Ala. 583, 8 South. 812; Sear v. Hiles, 62 Wis. 361, 30 N. W. 611; Com. v. Hollister, 157 Pa. 13, 27 Atl. 388, 25 L. R. A. 349; People v. Sanborn, 14 N. Y. St. Rep. 123.

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

ACCESSORY TO ADULTERY. A phrase used in the law of divorce, and derived from the criminal law. It implies more than connivance, which is merely knowledge with consent. A conniver abstains from interference; an accessory directly commands, advises, or procures the adultery. A husband or wife who has been accessory to the adultery of the other party to the marriage cannot obtain a divorce on the ground of such adultery. 20 & 21 Vic. c. 85, §§ 29, 31. See Browne, Div.

ACCESSIO. In Roman law. An increase or addition; that which lies next to a thing, and is supplementary and necessary to the principal thing; that which arises or is produced from the principal thing. Calvin. Lex. Jurid.

One of the modes of acquiring property, being the extension of ownership over that which grows from, or is united to, an article which one already possesses. Mather v. Chapman, 40 Conn. 382, 397, 16 Am. Rep. 46.

ACCESSION. The right to all which one's own property produces, whether that property be movable or immovable; and the right to that which is united to it by accession, either naturally or artificially. 2 Kent, 300; 2 Bl. Comm. 404.

A principle derived from the civil law, by which the owner of property becomes entitled to all which it produces, and to all that is added or united to it, either naturally or artificially, (that is, by the labor or skill of another,) even where such addition extends to a change of form or materials; and by which, on the other hand, the possessor of property becomes entitled to it, as against the original owner, where the addition made to it by his skill and labor is of greater value than the property itself, or where the change effected in its form is so great as to render it impossible to restore it to its original shape. Burrell. Betts v. Lee, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 348, 4 Am. Dec. 388; Lampton v. Preston, 1 J. J. Marsh (Ky.) 454, 19 Am. Dec. 104; Eaton v. Munroe, 52 Me. 63; Pulcher v. Page, 32 Me. 404, 54 Am. Dec. 552.

In international law. The absolute or conditional acceptance by one or several states of a treaty already concluded between other sovereignties. Merl. Repert. Also the commencement or inauguration of a sovereign's reign.

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

Accessorium non ductit, sed sequitur summae principalis. Co. Litt. 152. That which is the accessory or incident does not lead, but follows, its principal.

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

ACCESSORY. Anything which is joined to another thing as an ornament, or to render it more perfect, or which accompanies it, or is connected with it as an incident, or as subordinate to it, or which belongs to or with it.

In criminal law. An accessory. The latter spelling is preferred. See that title.

ACCESSORY ACTION. In Scotch practice. An action which is subservient or auxiliary to another. Of this kind are actions of "proving the tenant," by which lost deeds are restored; and actions of "ransumpts," by which copies of principal deeds are certified. Bell, Dict.

ACCESSORY CONTRACT. In the civil law. A contract which is incident or auxiliary to another or principal contract; such as the engagement of a surety. Poth. Obl. pt. 1, § 1, art. 2.

A principal contract is one entered into by
both parties on their own accounts, or in the several qualities they assume. An accessory contract is made for assuring the performance of a prior contract, either by the same parties or by others; such as suretyship, mortgage, and pledge. Civil Code La. art. 1771.

ACCESSORY OBLIGATION. In the civil law. An obligation which is incident to another or principal obligation; the obligation of a surety. Poth. Obl. pt. 2, c. 1, § 6.

In Scotch law. Obligations to antecedent or primary obligations, such as obligations to pay interest, etc. Ersk. Inst. lib. 3, tit. 3, § 60.


In its proper use the term excludes negligence; that is, an accident is an event which occurs without the fault, carelessness, or want of proper circumspection of the person affected, or which could not have been avoided by the use of that kind and degree of care necessary to the exigency and in the circumstances in which he was placed. Brown v. Kendall, 6 Cush. (Mass.) 282; United States v. Pickens, (C. C. 45 Fed. 581; Armijo v. Abeyta, 6 N. M. 333, 23 Pac. 777; St. Louis, etc., R. Co. v. Barnett, 65 Ark. 253, 45 S. W. 590; Aurora Branch R. Co. v. Jones, 13 Ill. 595. But see Schneider v. Provident L. Ins. Co., 24 Wis. 28, 1 Am. Rep. 157.

In equity practice. Such an unforeseen event, misfortune, loss, act, or omission as is not the result of any negligence or misconduct in the party. Fran. Max. 87; Story, Eq. Jur. § 78.

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

An accident relievable in equity is such an occurrence, not the result of negligence or misconduct of the party seeking relief in relation to a contract, as was not anticipated by the parties when the same was entered into, and which gives an undue advantage to one of them over another in a court of law. Code Ga. 1882, § 3112. And see Bostwick v. Stiles, 35 Conn. 195; Kopper v. Dyer, 59 Vt. 477, 9 Atl. 4, 59 Am. Rep. 742; Magann v. Segal, 92 Fed. 252, 34 C. C. A. 323; Buckle, etc., Lumber Co. v. Atlantic Lumber Co., 116 Fed. 1, 53 C. C. A. 513; Zimmerer v. Fremont Nat. Bank, 59 Neb. 661, 81 N. W. 849; Picking v. Casady, 58 Me. 159, 44 Atl. 685.

In maritime law and marine insurance. “Accidents of navigation” or “accidents of the sea” are such as are peculiar to the sea or to usual navigation or the action of the elements, which do not happen by the intervention of man, and are not to be avoided by the exercise of proper prudence, foresight, and skill. The Miletus, 17 Fed. Cas. 288; The G. R. Booth, 171 U. S. 450, 19 Sup. Ct. 9, 43 L. Ed. 234; The Carlotta, 5 Fed. Cas. 70; Bazin v. Steamship Co., 2 Fed. Cas. 1,007. See also PERILS OF THE SEA.

ACCIDERE. Lat. To fall; fall in; come to hand; happen. Judgment is sometimes given against an executor or administrator to be satisfied out of assets quando accidisset; i. e., when they shall come to hand.

ACCIUS. In Spanish law. A right of action; also the method of judicial procedure for the recovery of property or a debt. Escribche, Dic. Leg. 49.

Accipere quid at justitiam facias, non est tam accipere quam extorquere. To accept anything as a reward for doing justice is rather extorting than accepting. Lofft. 72.

ACCIJITARE. To pay relief to lords of manors. Capellai domino accejitate, i. e., to pay a relief, homage, or obedience to the chief lord on becoming his vassal. Fieta, lib. 2, c. 50.

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

In feudal law. A husbandman; an agricultural tenant; a tenant of a manor. Speiman. A name given to a class of villeneus in Italy. Barr. St. 302.

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

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

ACCOMMODATION. An arrangement or engagement made as a favor to another, not upon a consideration received; some-
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ACCOMMODATION INDORSEMENT. See Indorsement.

ACCOUNT MONEYS. Land bought by a builder or speculator, who erects houses thereon, and then leages portions thereof upon an Improved ground-rent.

ACCOUNT PAPER. An accommodation bill or note is one to which the accommodating party, be he acceptor, drawer, or indorser, has put his name, without consideration, for the purpose of benefiting or accommodating some other party who desires to raise money on it, and is to provide for the bill when due. Miller v. Larned, 103 Ill. 592; Jefferson County v. Burlington & M. R. Co., 66 Iowa, 385, 16 N. W. 551, 22 N. W. 899; Billmann v. Henry, 53 Wis. 465, 10 N. W. 692; Peale v. Addicks, 174 Pa. 543, 34 Atl. 201.

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

ACCOUNT BARGAIN. In criminal law. A person who knowingly, voluntarily, and with common intent with the principal offender unites in the commission of a crime. Clapp v. State, 94 Tenn. 180, 30 S. W. 214; People v. Bolanger, 71 Cal. 17, 11 Pac. 709; State v. Umble, 115 Mo. 452, 22 S. W. 378; Carroll v. State, 45 Ark. 559; State v. Light, 17 Or. 359, 21 Pac. 132.

One who is joined or united with another; one of several concerned in a felony; an associate in a crime; one who co-operates, aids, or assists in committing it. State v. Ean, 90 Iowa, 534, 58 N. W. 888. This term includes all the participles criminis, whether considered in strict legal propriety as principals or as accessories. 1 Russ. Crimes, 26.

It is generally applied to those who are admitted to give evidence against their fellow criminals. 4 Bl. Comm. 331; Hawk. P. C. bk. 2, c. 37, § 7; Cross v. People, 47 Ill. 158, 55 Am. Dec. 471.

One who is in some way concerned in the commission of a crime, though not as a principal; and this includes all persons who have been concerned in its commission, whether they are considered, in strict legal propriety, as principals in the first or second degree, or merely as accessories before or after the fact. In re Rowe, 77 Fed. 181, 25 C. C. A. 103; People v. Bolanger, 71 Cal. 17, 11 Pac. 709; Folk v. State, 36 Ark. 117; Armstrong v. State, 53 Tex. Cr. R. 417, 20 S. W. 529.

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

ACCOUNT. n. A satisfaction agreed upon between the party injuring and the party injured which, when performed, is a bar to all actions upon this account. Kramer v. Holm, 75 N. Y. 576, 31 Am. Rep. 491.

An agreement to accept, in extinction of an obligation, something different from or less than that to which the person agreeing to accept is entitled. Clv. Code Cal. § 1521; Clv. Code Dak. § 859.

ACCOUNT AND SATISFACTION. An agreement between two persons, one of whom has a right of action against the other, that the latter should do or give, and the former accept, something in satisfaction of the right of action different from, and usually less than, what might be legally enforced. When the agreement is executed, and satisfaction has been made, it is called "accord and satisfaction." Rogers v. Spokane, 9 Wash. 169, 37 Pac. 300; Davis v. Noaks, 3 J. J. Marsh. (Ky) 494.

Accord and satisfaction is the substitution of another agreement between the parties in satisfaction of the former one, and an execution of the latter agreement. Such is the definition of this sort of defense, usually given. But a broader application of the doctrine has been made in later times, where one promise or agreement is set up in satisfaction of another. The rule is that an agreement or promise of the same grade will not be held to be in satisfaction of a prior one, unless it has been expressly accepted as such; as, where a new promissory note has been given in lieu of a former one, to have the effect of a satisfaction of the former. It must have been accepted on an express agreement to that effect. Pulliam v. Taylor, 50 Miss. 217; Continental Nat. Bank v. McGeach, 92 Wis. 250, 56 N. W. 606; Heath v. Vaughn, 11 Colo. App. 384, 53 Pac. 233; Story v. Maclay, 6 Mont. 492, 13 Pac. 185; Swofford Bros. Dry Goods Co. v. Goss, 63 Mo. App. 55; Rogers v. Spokane, 9 Wash. 108, 37 Pac. 390; Heuvenrich v. Steele, 57 Minn. 221, 38 N. W. 982.


AOCUPHEMENT. The act of a woman in giving birth to a child. The fact of the accouchement, proved by a person who was present, is often important evidence in proving the parentage of a person.

ACCOUNT. A detailed statement of the mutual demands in the nature of debt and credit between parties, arising out of con-

A statement in writing, of debts and credits, or of receipts and payments; a list of items of debts and credits, with their respective dates. Reusselaer Glass Factory v. Reid, 5 Cow. (N. Y.) 533.

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

—Account closed. An account to which no further items can be made on either side but which remains still open for adjustment and settlement, which distinguishes it from an account stated. Gilson v. Balsam v. Balsam v. Balsam v. Balsam v. Mass. 187; Volkengen v. De Graff, 81 N. Y. 268; Mandeville v. Wilson, 5 Cranch, 15, 3 L. Ed. 23. —Account current. An open or running or unsettled account between two parties. —Account duties. Duties payable by the English customs and inland revenue act, 1851. (44 Viet. c. 12, 23) on a donation to a charity, or on any gift, the donor of which dies within three months after making it, or on joint property voluntarily so created, and taken by survivor, or by property taken under a voluntary settlement in which the settlor had a life-interest. —Account rendered. An account made out by the creditor, and presented to the debtor for his examination and acceptance. When accepted, it becomes an account stated. Wiggin v. Burkham, 10 Wall. 129, 10 L. Ed. 884; Stebbins v. Niles, 25 Miss. 257. —Account stated. The settlement of an account between two parties, with a balance struck in favor of one of them; an account rendered by the creditor, and by the debtor assented to as correct, either expressly, or by implication of law from the failure to object. Irv Coal Co. v. Coon, 39 Iowa, 252; 30 Sup. 221; Zacchario v. Paltetti, 49 Conn. 33; McLellan v. Crofton, 6 Mo. 207; James v. Fellows, 20 L. Ed. 589; Lockwood v. Greenaway, 43 V. 283; Holmes v. Page, 19 Or. 226, 24 Pac. 981; Phillips v. Belden, 2 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 1; Ware v. Manning, 36 Ala. 288, 5 South, 652; Morse v. Munson, 101 Iowa, 603, 70 N. W. 691. This was also a common count in a declaration upon a contract under which the plaintiff might prove an absolute acknowledgment by the defendant of a liquidated demand of a fixed amount, which implies a promise to pay on request. It might be joined with any other count for a more general demand. The endorsement of an account must have been made to the plaintiff or his agent. Wharton. —Mutual accounts. Accounts comprising mutual credits between the parties; or an existing credit on one side which constitutes a ground for credit on the other, or where there is an understanding that mutual debts are to be satisfied by a course of bona fide transactions between the parties. McNeil v. Garland, 27 Ark. 345. —Open account. An account which has not been settled or closed, but is still running or open to future adjustment or liquidation. Open account, in legal as well as in ordinary language, means an indebtedness subject to future settlement, and which may be reduced or modified by proof. Nishet v. Law-

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son, 1 Ga. 275; Gayle v. Johnston, 72 Ala. 254, 47 Am. Rep. 405; McCormick v. Batsell, 50 Tex. 328; Purvis v. Krone, 18 Or. 414, 23 Pac. 309. —Accounts kept by officers of the nation, state, or kingdom, of the receipt and expenditure of the revenues of the government.

ACCOUNT, or ACCOUNT RENDER. In practice. “Account,” sometimes called “account render,” was a form of action at common law against a person who by reason of some fiduciary relation (as guardian, bailee, receiver, etc.) was bound to render an account to another, but refused to do so. Pitch. Nat. Brev. 116; Co. Litt. 172; Griffin v. Willing, 3 Binn. (Pa.) 317; Travers v. Dyer, 24 Fed. Cas. 142; Stevens v. Coburn, 71 Vt. 261, 44 Atl. 354; Portsmouth v. Donaldson, 32 Pa. 202, 72 Am. Dec. 782.

In England, this action early fell into disuse; and as it is one of the most dilatory and expensive actions known to the law, and the parties are held to the ancient rules of pleading, and no discovery can be obtained, it never was adopted to any great extent in the United States. But in some states this action was employed, chiefly because there were no chancery courts in which a bill for an accounting would lie. The action is peculiar in the fact that two judgments are rendered, a preliminary judgment that the defendant do account with the plaintiff (quod computet) and a final judgment (quod recuperet) after the accounting for the balance found due. Field v. Brown, 140 Ind. 293, 45 N. E. 464; Travers v. Dyer, 24 Fed. Cas. 142.

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

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

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

ACCOUNTANT. One who keeps accounts; a person skilled in keeping books or accounts; an expert in accounts or bookkeeping. A person who renders an account. When an executor, guardian, etc., renders an account of the property in his hands and his administration of the trust, either to the beneficiary or to a court, he is styled, for the purpose of that proceeding, the “accountant.”

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, or ACCOUNTANT GENERAL. An officer of the court of chancery, appointed by act of
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parliament to receive all money lodged in court, and to place the same in the Bank of England for security. 12 Geo. I. c. 32; 1 Geo. IV. c. 35; 15 & 16 Vict. c. 57, §§ 15-22.
39. See Dalzell, Ch. Pr. (4th Ed.) 1697 et seq. The office, however, has been abolished by 35 & 36 Vict. c. 44, and the duties transferred to her majesty's paymaster general.


ACCOUNT. To unite; to marry. No uniques accouple, never married.

ACCOUNT. In international law. (1) To receive as an envoy in his public character, and give him credit and rank accordingly. Burke. (2) To send with credentials as an envoy. West. Dict.

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

ACCRESCERE. In the civil and old English law. To grow to; to pass to, and become united with, as soil to land per aquisitionem. Dig. 41, l. 30, pr.

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


In the civil law. The right of heirs or legatees to unite or aggregate with their shares or portions of the estate the portion of any co-heir or legatee who refuses to accept it, falls to comply with a condition, becomes incapacitated to inherit, or dies before the testator. In this case, his portion is said to be "vacant," and is added to the corpus of the estate and divided with it, the several shares or portions of the other heirs or legatees being thus increased by "accretion." Emeric v. Alvarado, 64 Cal. 523, 2 Pac. 418; Succession of Hunter, 45 La. Ann. 262, 12 South. 312.

ACROSS. To encroach; to exercise power without due authority.

To attempt to exercise royal power. 4 Bl. Comm. 76. A knight who forcibly assaulted and detained one of the king's subjects till he paid him a sum of money was held to have committed treason, on the ground of accroachment. 1 Hale, P. C. 50.

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

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

The term is also used of independent or original demands, and then means to arise, to happen, to come into force or existence; to vest; as in the phrase, "The right of action did not accrue within six years." Amy v. Dubuque, 96 U. S. 470, 476, 25 L. Ed. 228; Ewing v. Andrews, 66 Conn. 53, 33 Atl. 583, 50 Am. St. Rep. 75; Napa State Hospital v. Yuba County, 138 Cal. 375, 71 Pac. 450.

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

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

Accruing costs. Costs and expenses incurred after judgment.

Accruing interest. Running or accumulating interest, as distinguished from accrued or matured interest: Interest daily accumulating on the principal debt but not yet due and payable. Gross v. Partenheimier, 159 Pa. 550, 28 Atl. 370.

Accruing right. One that is increasing, enlarging, or augmenting. Richards v. Land Co., 54 Fed. 209, 4 C. C. A. 299.

ACCT. An abbreviation for "account," of such universal and immemorial use that the courts will take judicial notice of its meaning. Heaton v. Alnley, 108 Iowa, 112, 78 N. W. 708.

ACCUMULATED SURPLUS. In statutes relative to the taxation of corporations,

**ACCUMULATIONS.** When an executor or other trustee masses the rents, dividends, and other income which he receives, treats it as a capital, invests it, makes a new capital of the income derived therefrom, invests that, and so on, he is said to accumulate the fund, and the capital and accrued income thus procured constitute *accumulations.* Hussey v. Sarcent, 110 Ky. 53, 75 S. W. 211; In re Rogers' Estate, 179 Pa. 409, 36 Atl. 340; Thorn v. De Breteuil, 86 App. Div. 405, 83 N. Y. Supp. 849.

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

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

**Accumulative legacy.** A second, double, or additional legacy; a legacy given in addition to another given by the same instrument, or by another instrument.

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

**ACCUSATION.** A formal charge against a person, to the effect that he is guilty of a punishable offense, laid before a court or magistrate having jurisdiction to inquire into the alleged crime. See Accuse.

**Accusator post rationabile tempus non est audiebund, nisi se bene de omissione excusaverit.** Moore, 817. An accuser ought not to be heard after the expiration of a reasonable time, unless he can account satisfactorily for the delay.

**ACCUSE.** To bring a formal charge against a person, to the effect that he is guilty of a crime or punishable offense, before a court or magistrate having jurisdiction to inquire into the alleged crime. People v. Frey, 112 Mich. 251, 70 N. W. 548; People v. Braman, 30 Mich. 460; Castle v. Houston, 10 Kan. 429, 27 Am. Rep. 127; Gordon v. State, 102 Ga. 673, 29 S. E. 444; Pen. Code Texas, 1905, art. 240.

In its popular sense “accusation” applies to all derogatory charges or imputations, whether or not they relate to a punishable legal offense, and however made, whether orally, by newspaper, or otherwise. State v. South, 5 Rich. Law (8 S. C.) 489; Com. v. Andrews, 132 Mass. 283; People v. Braman, 30 Mich. 460. But in legal phraseology it is limited to such accusations as have taken shape in a prosecution. United States v. Patterson, 150 U. S. 63, 14 Sup. Ct. 20, 37 L. Ed. 990.

**ACCUSED.** The person against whom an accusation is made.

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

**ACCUSER.** The person by whom an accusation is made.

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

**ACEQUIA.** In Mexican law. A ditch, channel, or canal, through which water, diverted from its natural course, is conducted, for use in irrigation or other purposes.

**ACHAT.** Fr. A purchase or bargain. Cowell.

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

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

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.** In conveyancing. The act by which a party who has executed an instrument of conveyance as grantor goes before a competent officer or court, and declares or acknowledges the same as his genuine and voluntary act and deed. The certificate of the officer on such instrument that it has been so acknowledged. Rogers v. Pell, 154 N. Y. 518, 49 N. E. 75; Strong v. United States (D. C.) 34 Fed. 17; Burbank v. Ellis, 7 Neb. 156.

The term is also used of the act of a person who avows or admits the truth of certain facts which, if established, will entail a civil liability upon him. Thus, the debtor's acknowledgment of the creditor's demand or right of action will toll the statute of limitations. P. Scott v. Hickman, 112 U. S. 150, 155, 5 Sup. Ct. 56, 28 L. Ed. 636. Admission is also used in this sense. Roane v. Archer, 4 Leigh (Va.) 550. To denote an avowal of criminal acts, or the concession of the truth of a criminal charge, the word “confession” seems more appropriate.

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

Acknowledgment money. A sum paid in some parts of England by copyhold tenants on the death of their lords, as a recognition of their new lords, in like manner as money is usually paid on the attornment of tenants. Cowl.—Separate acknowledgment. An acknowledgment of a deed or other instrument, made by a married woman, on her examination by the officer separate and apart from her husband.

AColyte. An inferior minister or servant in the ceremonies of the church, whose duties are to follow and wait upon the priests and deacons, etc.

ACQuest. An estate acquired newly, or by purchase. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 98.

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

Profits or gains of property, as between husband and wife. Civil Code La. § 2395; Comp. Laws N. M. § 2030.

ACQUIESCENCE. To give an implied consent to a transaction, to the accrual of a right, or to any act, by one's mere silence, or without express assent or acknowledgment. Matthews v. Murchison (C. C.) 17 Fed. 769; Cass County v. Plotner, 149 Ind. 116, 48 N. E. 635; Scott v. Jackson, 89 Cal. 238, 26 Pac. 386.

ACQUIESCENCE. Acquiescence is where a person who knows that he is entitled to impeach a transaction or enforce a right neglects to do so for such a length of time that, under the circumstances of the case, the other party may fairly infer that he has waived or abandoned his right. Scott v. Jackson, 89 Cal. 258, 26 Pac. 886; Lonndes v. Wicks, 69 Conn. 15, 36 Atl. 1072; Norfolk & W. R. Co. v. Ferdu, 40 W. Va. 442, 21 S. E. 735; Pence v. Langdon, 90 U. S. 575, 25 L. Ed. 420.

Acquiescence and lackes are cognate but not equivalent terms. The former is a submission to, or resting satisfied with, an existing state of things, while lackes implies a neglect to do that which the party ought to do for his own benefit or protection. Hence lackes may be evidence of acquiescence. Laches imports a merely passive asset, while acquiescence implies active asset. Lux v. Hagein, 69 Cal. 255, 10 Pac. 678; Kenyon v. National Life Assn., 35 App. Div. 276, 57 N. Y. Supp. 60; Johnson-Brunken Commission Co. v. Missouri Pac. R. Co., 126 Mo. 345, 28 S. W. 870, 28 L. R. A. 840, 47 Am. St. Rep. 675.

ACQUIETANDIS PLEGIS. A writ of justices, formerly lying for the surety against a creditor, who refuses to acquit him after the debt has been satisfied. Reg. Writs, 158; Cowell; Blount.

ACQUIRE. In the law of contracts and of descents; to become the owner of property; to make property one's own. Wulzen v. San Francisco, 101 Cal. 15, 35 Pac. 333, 40 Am. St. Rep. 17.

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

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

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

Original acquisition is where the title to the thing accrues through occupancy or accession, (q. v.) or by the creative labor of the individual, as in the case of patents and copyrights.

Derivative acquisition is where property in a thing passes from one person to another. It may occur by the act of the law, as in cases of forfeiture, insolvency, intestacy, judgment, marriage, or succession, or by the act of the parties, as in cases of gift, sale, or exchange.

ACQUIT. To release, absolve, or discharge one from an obligation or a liability; or to legally certify the innocence of one charged with crime. Dolloway v. Turlitt, 26 Wend. (N. Y.) 333, 400.

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

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

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

In a narrow sense, it is the absolution of a party accused on a trial before a traverse jury. Thomas v. De Graffenreid, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 143; Teague v. Wilks, 3 Metford (S. C.) 401. Properly speaking, however, one is not
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Acquittals in fact are those which take place when the jury, upon trial, finds a verdict of not guilty.

Acquittals in law are those which take place by mere operation of law; as where a man has been charged merely as an accessory, and the principal has been acquitted.

2 Co. Inst. 394.

In feudal law. The obligation on the part of a mesne lord to protect his tenant from any claims, entrees, or molestations by lords paramount arising out of the services due to them by the mesne lord. See Co. Litt. 1004.

ACQUITTAL. In contracts. A written discharge, whereby one is freed from an obligation to pay money or perform a duty. It differs from a release in not requiring to be under seal.

This word, though perhaps not strictly speaking synonymous with "receipt," includes it. A receipt is one form of an acquittance; a discharge is another. A receipt in full is an acquittance, and a receipt for a part of a demand or obligation is an acquittance pro parte. State v. Shelters, 31 Vt. 104, 21 Am. Rep. 679.

ACQUITTED. Released; absolved; purged of an accusation; judicially discharged from accusation; released from debt, etc. Includes both civil and criminal prosecutions. Dolloway v. Turrrill, 26 Wend. (N. Y.) 393, 399.

ACRE. A quantity of land containing 160 square rods of land, in whatever shape. Serg. Land Laws Pa. 185; Cro. Eliz. 470, 665; 6 Coke, 67; Poph. 55; Co. Litt. 58.

Originally the word "acre" (acer, aker, or sax. aker) was not used as a measure of land, or to signify any determinate quantity of land, but to denote any open ground, (latum quantum agrum), wide champaign, or field; which is still the meaning of the German aker, derived probably from the same source, and is preserved in the names of some places in England, as Castle Acre, South Acre, etc. Burrill.

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

ACROSS. Under a grant of a right of way across the plaintiff's lot of land, the grantee has not a right to enter at one place, go partly across, and then come out at another place on the same side of the lot. Comstock v. Van Denus, 5 Pick. (Mass.) 103. See Brown v. Meady, 10 Me. 391, 25 Am. Dec. 248.

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

ACT, n. In its most general sense, this noun signifies something done voluntarily by a person; the exercise of an individual's power; an effect produced in the external world by an exercise of the power of a person objectively, prompted by intention, and proximately caused by a motion of the will. In a more technical sense, it means something done voluntarily by a person, and of such a nature that certain legal consequences attach to it. Duncan v. Landis, 106 Fed. 529, 45 C. C. A. 696. Thus a grantor acknowledges the conveyance to be his "act and deed," the terms being synonymous.

In the civil law. An act is a writing which states in a legal form that a thing has been said, done, or agreed. Merl. Repert.

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


Acts are either public or private. Public acts (also called general acts, or general statutes, or statutes at large) are those which relate to the community generally, or establish a universal rule for the governance of the whole body politic. Private acts (formerly called special, Co. Litt. 1263) are those which relate either to particular persons (personal acts) or to particular places, (local acts) or which operate only upon specified individuals or their private concerns.

In Scotch practice. An abbreviation of actor, (proctor or advocate, especially for a plaintiff or pursuer,) used in records. "Act. A. At. B." an abbreviation of Actor. A. Alter. B. that is, for the pursuer or plaintiff, A., for the defender, B. 1 Broun, 330, note.

Act book. In Scotch practice. The minute book of a court. 1 Swin. 81. Act in pais. An act done or performed out of court, and not a matter of record. A deed or an assurance transacted between two or more complete persons in the country, that is, according to the old common law, upon the very spot to be
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L. Ed. 287—Act of parliament. A statute, law, or edict made by a British sovereign, with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and the commons, in parliament assembled. Acts of parliament form the legis scriptura, c. e. may be the written laws of the kingdom.


An official report of a sale of property made by a乃是 who writes down the agreement of the parties as stated by them, and which is then signed by the parties and attested by witnesses. Hodge v. Florida, 117 Fed. 394, 54 C. C. A. 570.

Act of settlement. The statute (12 & 13 Wm. III. c. 2) limiting the crown to the Princess Sophia of Hanover, and to the heirs of her body being Protestants.—Act of state. An act done by the sovereign power of a country, or by its delegate, within the limits of the power vested in him. An act of state cannot be questioned or made the subject of legal proceedings in a court of law.—Act of supremacy. The statute 10 Eliz. 1 by which the supremacy of the British crown in ecclesiastical matters within the realm was declared and established.—Act of uniformity. In English law. The Distress for Car. I. c. 4, enacting that the book of common prayer, as then recently revised, should be used in every parish church of England, and that public persons and otherwise ordaining a uniformity in religious services, etc. 3 Step. Comm. 104.—Act of uniformity. In English law. The statute 15 Anne, c. 8, by which articles of union between the two kingdoms of England and Scotland were ratified and confirmed. 1 Bli Comm. 77.—Act of wet sales. A statute of 1797 imposing a tax upon particular persons and private concerns, and of which the courts are not bound to take notice. Brit. & Burges, 103 L. Ed. 405. Fall Brook Coal Co. v. Lynch, 47 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 520; Sasser v. Martin, 101 Ga. 447, 29 S. E. 278.—Public act. A universal rule or law that regards the whole community, and of which the courts of law are bound to take notice judicially and ex officio with particularity. 30 Bli Comm. 58. See People v. Chautauqua County, 43 N. Y. 10; Sasser v. Martin, 101 Ga. 447, 29 S. E. 278; Bank of Newberry v. Greenville & C. R. Co. 118 Mich. Law 58; Gen. at Bar, 10 Fed. 699; Delaware v. Bellett, 90 Mich. 151, 57 N. W. 1094; 22 L. R. A. 696, 41 Am. St. Rep. 598; Hoyt v. Birmingham, 111 Ala. 363, 19 South. 735.

ACT ON PETITION. A form of summary proceeding formerly in use in the high court of admiralty, in England, in which the parties stated their respective cases briefly, and supported their statements by affidavit. 2 Dodd. Adm. 174, 184; R. Ham. Adm. 1, note.

ACTA DIURN A. Lat. In the Roman law. Daily acts; the public registers or journals of the daily proceedings of the senate, assemblies of the people, courts of justice, etc. Supposed to have resembled a modern newspaper. Brande.

Acta externa indicae interiora secretae. 8 Coke. 146b. External acts indicate undisclosed thoughts.

Acta in uno judicio non probant in alio nisi inter easdem personas. Things done in one action cannot be taken as evidence in another, unless it be between the same parties. Truy. Lat. Max. 11.
ACTA PUBLICA. Lat. Things of general knowledge and concern; matters transacted before certain public officers. Calvin.

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

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*Aeacte authentiques.* A deed, executed with certain prescribed formalities, in the presence of a notary, mayor, greffier, avouaire, or other funcionary qualified to act in the place in which it is drawn up. Argles, Fr. Merc. Law, 50. *Acte de fraternisation.* The certificate of registration of a ship, by virtue of which it acquires French nationality is established. *Acte d'admissité.* Act of inheritance. Any action or fact on the part of an heir which manifests his intention to accept the succession; the acceptance may be express or tacit. Duverger. *Acte extra-judiciaire.* A document served by a huissier, at the demand of one party upon another party, without legal proceedings.

ACTING. A term employed to designate a *locum tenens* who is performing the duties of a person to whom he has been intrusted, in his absence; as his claim title; e. g., "*Acting Supervising Architect."* Fraser v. United States, 16 Ct. Cl. 514. An acting executor is one who assumes to act as executor for a decedent, not being the executor legally appointed or the executor in fact. Morse v. Allen, 99 Mich. 303, 58 N. W. 327. An acting trustee is one who takes upon himself to perform some or all of the trusts mentioned in a will. Sharp v. Sharp, 2 Barn. & Ald. 415.

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

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*Actio ad exhastendum.* An action for the purpose of compelling a defendant to exhibit a thing or title in his power. It was preparatory to another action, which was always a real action in the sense of the Roman law: that is, for the recovery of a thing, whether it was movable or immovable. Meri. Quest. tom. 1, 84. *Actio estimatoria; actio quanti minoris.* Two names of an action which lay in behalf of a buyer to reduce the contract price, not to cancel the sale; the *judex* had power, however, to cancel the sale. Hunter, Rom. Law, 332. *Actio arbitraria.* Action depending on the discretion of the judge. In this, unless the defendant would make amends to the plaintiff as dictated by the judge in his discretion, he was liable to be condemned. Id. 825. *Actio bona fide.* A class of actions in which the judge might at the trial, *ex officio*, take into account any equitable circumstances that were presented during the trial to affect either of the parties to the action. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 218. *Actio rei aequae.* An action to restrain the defendant from proceeding with a good faith proceeding or trumped-up charge against the plaintiff. Hunter, Rom. Law, 809. *Actio commodati.* Included several actions appropriate to enforce the obligation of the borrower of the money. Id. 805. *Actio commodati contraria.* An action by the borrower against the lender, to compel the execution of the contract. Pothe. *Prêts & Usures*, n. 75. *Actio commodati directa.* An action by a lender against a borrower, the principal object of which is to obtain a restitution of the thing lent. Pothe. *Prêts & Usures*, nn. 65, 68. *Actio communi dividando.* An action to procure a judicial division of joint property. Hunter, Rom. Law, 194. It was analogous in its object to proceedings for partition in modern law. *Actio conditionis indebitata.* An action by the plaintiff against the amount of a sum of money or other thing he paid by mistake. Pothe. Promutuum, n. 140. *Mer. Repert.* *Actio confessoria.* An affirmative petitory action for the recognition and enforcement of a servitude. So called because based on the plaintiff's affirmative allegation of a right in defendant's land. Distinct from an action *necitoris*, which was brought to repel a claim of the defendant to a servitude in the plaintiff's land. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 324. *Actio declaranda.* A general class of actions for damages, including many species of suits for losses caused by wrongful or illegal acts. They are not equivalent to our "action for damages." *Actio de delicto male.* An action of fraud; an action which lay for a defrauded person against the defrauder and his heirs, who had been enriched by the fraud, to obtain the restitution of the thing of which he had been fraudulently deprived, with all its accessions (cum subscriptis) or, where this was not practicable, for compensation in damages. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 227. *Actio de pecunia.* An action concerning or against money or property of a party. *Actio de pecunia constituta.* An action for money engaged to be paid; an action which lay against a person who had engaged to pay money for himself, or for another, without any formal stipulation. Inst. 4, 6, 9; Dig. 13, 5; Cod. 4, 18. *Actio depositi contra temporarium.* An action by a depositor against the temporary party against the temporary depositary, to compel him to fulfill his engagement towards him. Pothe. *Du Dépôt*, n. 63. *Actio depositi directa.* An action which is brought by the depositary against the depositor, in order to get back the thing deposited. Pothe. *Du Dépôt*, n. 63. *Actio directa.* A direct action; an action founded on strict law, and conducted according to fixed forms; an action founded on certain legal institutions which had been accurately defined and recognized as actionable. *Actio empti.* An action employed, in behalf of a buyer to compel a seller to perform his obligations or pay compensation, or so to enforce any special agreements by him, embodied in a contract of sale. Hunter, Rom. Law, 332. *Actio ex conducta.* An action which the bailor of a thing for hire may bring against the bailee, in order to compel him to deliver the thing hired. *Actio ex conducta.* An action upon a bond, an action which the person who let a thing for hire to another might have against the hiree. Dig. 19, 2; Cod. 4, 13. *Actio ex contractu.* An action to enforce a stipulation. *Actio exercitoria.* An action against the *exercitor* or employer of a vessel. *Actio familiae exercendoris.* An
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action for the partition of an inheritance. Inst. 4, 6, 20; 1d. 4, 17, 4. Cauled, by Bracton and Flets, lib. 2, c. 50, 68, 70, in actions arising ex quasi contractis. Bract. fol. 1005; 1d. fol. 4623, 444; Flets, lib. 2, c. 60, § 3. Actio in Jus. an action for an annu- 

tion founded upon theft. Inst. 4, 1, 13-17; Bract. fol. 444. This could only be brought for the penalty attached to the offense, and not to recover the thing stolen, by which oth- 
er actions were provided. Inst. 4, 1, 9.

Actio honoraria. An honorary, or pratorian action. 2 Inst. 7, 25, 35; 3d. factum. An action adapted to the particular case, hav- 

ing an analogy to some actio in jus, the latter being founded on some underlying acknowledged law. Spece, Eq. Jur. 212. The origin of these actions is similar to that of actions on the case at common law. —Actio judicati. An action instituted, after four months had elapsed after the rendition of judgment, in which the judge issued his warrant to seize, first, the movables, which were sold within eight days afterwards, and then the immovables, which were delivered in pledge to the creditors, or put under the care of a curator, and if, at the end of two months, the debt was not paid, the land was sold. 1d. 12, 1; Code, 8, 34.—Actio leg- 

is Aquilic. An action under the Aquilian law; an action to recover damages for mal- 
cious injury to land, including the destruction of a slave or beast of burden, or incurring in any way a thing belonging to another. Otherwise called damni injusti actio. Actio mandati. Included actions to enforce contracts of man- 
date, or obligations arising out of them. Hun- 

ter, Rom. Law, 316.—Actio mixta. A mixed 
action, an action brought for the recovery of a thing, or compensation for damages, and also for the payment of a penalty; partitioning of the nature both of an actio in rem and in personam, 1d. 12; Bract. fol. 1005. Actio negatoria. An action brought to repel a claim of the defendant to a 

servitude in the plaintiff's land. Mackeld. 

Rom. Law, § 324.—Actio negotiorum gestorum. Included actions between principal and agent and other parties to an engagement, whereby one person undertook the transaction of busi- 

ness for another. —Actio noxalis. A nox- 

al action; an action which lay against a master for a crime committed or injury done by his 

slave; and in which the master had the alter- 
native either to pay for the damage done or to 

deliver up the slave to the complaining party. Inst. 4, 8, 1; Bract. fol. 1005. So called from noxa, the offense or injury com- 

mitted. Inst. 4, 8, 1.—Actio pignoratitia. 

An action of pledge; an action founded on the 
transfer of property or obligations arising on the 
transaction analogous to that of guardian and ward. —Actio praejudicialis. A pre- 
liminary or preparatory action. An action in- 
stituted for the determination of some pre-
liminary matter on which other litigated 
matters depend, or for the determination of some point or question arising in another or principal action; and so called, as its being decerned before, (prius, or prae judiciario.) —Actio prescriptiva verbis. A form of action which derives a name from the response praedicta, and was founded on the unwritten law. 1 Spece. Eq. Jur. 212.—Actio pro 

aestio. A pratorian action; one in- 
teresting a mixed action, and distinguished from the more ancient actio civilis, (q. e.) Inst. 4, 6, 3; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 207.—Actio pro 
socii. An action of partnership. An action brought by the partners to compel them to carry out the terms of the partnership agreement. —Actio publiciana. A plea, a mixed action, distinguished from the more ancient actio civilis, (q. e.) Inst. 4, 6, 4; Iheucec. Elem. lib. 4, tit. 6, § 1131; Halifax, Anal. b. 3, c. 1, n. 6. It was 
an honorary action, and derived its name from the commonalty of the parties, of which the 

first given. Inst. 4, 6, 6.—Actio quod 

iunns. An action given against a master, 

founded on any injury suffered by his min- 
ister acting under his order, (iunus.) Inst. 4, 7, 1; 

Dig. 15, 4; Cod. 4, 26.—Actio quod metus 

causa. An action given to one who had been 

compelled to suffer the injury in question, ( 

metus causa,) which was not groundless, (metus proba- 

bilis or justus,) to deliver, sell, or promise a thing to another. Inst. 4, 7, 1; Bract. fol. 1005. —Actio resi- 

denduo. A real action. The proper term in the civil law was rei vindicatio. Inst. 4, 6, 3.—Actio redhibi-

toria. An action to cancel a sale in conse-

quence of defects in the thing sold. It was 

prosecuted to compel complete restitution to 

the seller of the thing sold, with its produc 

es and appendages, and to give the buyer back 

the price, with interest, as an equivalent for the 

restitutio of the produce. Hunter, Rom. Law, 332. —Actio rerum amatorum. An action for 

things removed; an action which, in cases of 

divorce, lay for a husband against a wife, to 

recover things carried away before the contempt, or during the marriage. Ig. 25, 2; Id. 

25, 2, 25, 30. It also lay for the wife against 

the husband in such cases. Id. 23, 2, 7, 11; 

Cod. 3, 4, 25. It was brought for restoring the plaintiff to a right or title which he has lost by prescription, in a case 

where the equities are such that he should be 

relieved from the operation of the prescription. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 220.—Actio serviana. 

An action which lay for the lessor of a farm, 
or rural estate, for the goods of the lessee or farmer, which were pledged or bound for the 

rent. Inst. 4, 6, 7.—Actio stricti jus- 

tis. An action of strict right. The class of 

civil law actions for person or thing, which was 

enforced only by the strict law, and in which the 

judge was limited to the precise language of 

the formula, and had no discretionary power to 

regard the bona fide of the transaction. See 

Inst. 4, 6, 28; Gaius, iii. 137; Mackeld. Rom. 

Law, § 210.—Actio tute. An action founded on the duties or obligations arising on the 

transaction analogous to that of guardian and ward. —Actio utilis. A beneficial action or equit- 

able action, or a personal action founded on equity in 

stead of strict law, and available for those who had equitable rights or the beneficial own- 

ership of property. Actions are divided into Excel. or direct. or personal, and are permitted in legal obligations for which the 

actiones directae were not originally intended, 

but which resembled the legal obligations which 

formed the basis of the direct action. Mackeld. 

Rom. Law, § 207.—Actio venditti. An action 

employed in behalf of a seller, to compel a 

buyer to pay the price of a thing sold, or perform any special obligations embodied in a contract of sale. Hunter, Rom. Law, 332.—Actio vi honorum 

raptorum or ab hoste ius. A species of mixed action, which lay for a party whose goods or movables (bona) had been taken from him by force, (ei), to recover the things taken, and to recover the value of the force; the triple value. Inst. 4, 2; Id. 4, 6, 10. Bracton describes it as iny de rebus mobilibus 

vi ablustis sine roburtis, (for movable things tak- 
en away by violence, and not under a contract associated to compel them to carry out the terms of the partnership agreement. —Actio publiciana. A plea, a mixed action, and distinguished from the more ancient actio civilis, (q. e.) Inst. 4, 6, 4; Iheucec. Elem. lib. 4, tit.
ACTIO EX CONTRACTU. In the civil and common law. An action of contract; an action arising out of, or founded on, contract. Inst. 4, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 102; 3 Bl. Comm. 117.

ACTIO EX DELICTO. In the civil and common law. An action of tort; an action arising out of fault, misconduct, or malfeasance. Inst. 4, 6, 15; 3 Bl. Comm. 117. Ex vacuo & res is the more common expression of the civil law; which is adopted by Bracton. Inst. 4, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 102, 103.

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

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

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

ACTIO NON. In pleading. The Latin name of that part of a special plea which follows next after the statement of appearance and defense, and declares that the plaintiff "ought not to have or maintain his aforesaid action," etc.

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

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

Actio non facit reum, nisi mens sit rea. An action does not make one guilty, unless the intention be bad. Lofft. 37.

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

ACTIO PERSONALIS. In the civil and common law. A personal action. The ordinary term for this kind of action in the civil law is actio in personam, (q. r.) the word personalis being of only occasional occurrence. Inst. 4, 6, 8, In; Id. 4, 11, pr. 1. Bracton, however, uses it freely, and hence the personal action of the common law. Bract. fol. 102a, 130b. See PERSONAL ACTION.


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

Actio quaelibet it sua vis. Every action proceeds in its own way. Jenk. Cent. 77.

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


An action is an ordinary proceeding in a court of justice by which one party prosecutes another for the enforcement or protection of a right, the redress or prevention of a wrong, or the punishment of a public offense. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 22; Code N. Y. § 2; Code N. C. 1883, § 126; Rev. Code N. D. 1859, § 5156; Code Civ. Proc. S. D. 1908, § 12; Missionary Soc. v. Ely, 56 Ohio St. 403; 47 N. E. 537; In re Welch, 108 Wis. 387, 84 N. W. 550; Smith v. Westfield, 88 Cal. 374, 26 Pac. 207; Losey v. Stanley, 83 Hun, 420, 31 N. Y. Supp. 950; Lawrence v. Thomas, 84 Iowa, 362, 51 N. W. 11.

An action is merely the judicial means of enforcing a right. Code Ga. 1882, § 3151.

Action is the form of a suit given by law for the recovery of that which is one's due; the lawful demand of one's right. Co. Litt. 2846, 285a.

An action is a legal proceeding by a party complainant against a party defendant to obtain the judgment of the court in relation to some right claimed to be secured, or some
remedy claimed to be given by law, to the party complaining. Haley v. Eureka County Bank, 21 Nev. 127, 26 Pac. 64, 12 L. R. A. 835.

Classification of actions. Civil actions are such as lie in behalf of persons to enforce their rights or obtain redress of wrongs in their relation to individuals. Criminal actions are such as are instituted by the sovereign power, for the purpose of punishing or preventing offenses against the public.

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

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

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

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

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

Local action. An action is so termed when all the principal facts on which it is founded are of a local nature; as where possession of land is to be recovered, or damages for an actual trespass, or for waste affecting land, because in such case the cause of action relates to some particular locality, which usually also constitutes the venue of the action. Miller v. Itickey (C. C.) 127 Fed. 577; Crook v. Pitcher, 41 Md. 513; Belrne v. Rossner, 26 Grat. (Va.) 541; McLeod v. Railroad Co., 58 Vt. 727, 6 Atl. 618; Ackerson v. Erie R. Co., 31 N. J. Law, 311; Texas & P. R. Co. v. Gay, 86 Tex. 571, 26 S. W. 599, 25 L. R. A. 52.

Transitory actions are those founded upon a cause of action not necessarily referring to or arising in any particular locality.

Actions are called, in common-law practice, ex contractu when they are founded on a contract; ex delicto when they arise out of a tort. Umlauff v. Umlauff, 103 Ill. 651; Nelson v. Great Northern R. Co., 28 Mont. 297, 72 Pac. 642; Van Osse v. Synon, 85 Wis. 631, 56 N. W. 190.

"Action" and "Suit." The terms "action" and "suit" are now nearly, if not entirely, synonymous. (3 Bl. Comm. 3, 116, et passim.) Or, if there be a distinction, it is that the term "action" is generally confined to proceedings in a court of a civil suit in equity. White v. Washington School Dist. No. 1, Conn. 50; Durward v. Phelan, 85 Iowa, 125, 50 N. W. 204; Hutchings, 118 Fed. 321, 55 C. C. A. 245; Page v. Brewster, 58 N. H. 128; Kennebec Water Dist. v. Waterville, 96 Me. 234, 32 Atl. 774; Miller v. Rapp, 7 Ind. App. 88, 34 N. E. 126; Hall v. Bartlett, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 297; Branyan v. Kay, 33 S. C. 238, 11 S. E. 970; Niantic Mills Co. v. Riverside & O. Mills, 19 R. I. 34, 31 Atl. 432; Usherpe v. Stewart, 71 Pa. 170. Formerly, however, there was a more substantial distinction between them. An action was considered as terminating with the giving of judgment, and the execution formed no part of it. (Litt. § 504; Co. Litt. 289a.) A suit, on the other hand, included the execution. (Id. 291a.) So, an action is termed by Lord Coke, "the right of a suit." (2 Inst. 40.) Burrrill.

-Mixed action. An action partaking of the twofold nature of real and personal actions, having for its object the demand and restitution of real property, and also persons and a debt, with interest, if wrong sustained. 3 Bl. Comm. 118; Hall v. Decker, 48 Me. 257. Mixed actions are those which are brought for the specific recovery of lands, like real actions, but comprise, joined with this claim, one for damages in respect of such property; such as the action of waste, where, in addition to the recovery of the place wasted, the demandant claims damages; the writ of entry, in which, by statute, a demand of mesne profits may be joined; and dower, in which a claim for detention may be included. 48 Me. 255. In the civil law. An action in which some specific thing was demanded, and also some personal obligation claimed to be performed; or, in other words, an action which proceeded both in rem and in personam. Inst. 4, 6, 20.—Personal action. An action in personam. A personal action seeks to enforce an obligation imposed on the defendant by his contract or delict; that is, it is the contention that he is bound to perform some condition or to perform some service or to repair some loss. Galus, bk. 4, § 2. In common law. An action for the recovery of the place wasted, some debt or for damages for some personal injury, in contradistinction to the old actions, which related to real property. In 1 Bl. Comm. 117. Boyd v. Cramo, 71 Me. 298; Doe v. Waterloo Min. Co. (C. C,) 43 Fed. 219; Osborn v. Fall River, 140 Mass. 508, 5 N. E. 453. An action which can be brought only by the person himself who is injured, and not by his representatives.—Real action. At the common law. One brought for the specific recovery of lands, tenements, or hereditaments. Steph. Pl. 3; Crocker v. Black, 18 Mass. 448; Hall v. Decker, 48 Me. 256; Doe v. Waterloo Min. Co., 43 Fed. 220. Among the civilians, real actions, otherwise called "vindications," were those in which a man demanded something that was his by law. They were for the recovery of a dominion, or jus in re. The real actions of the Roman law were not, like the real actions of the common law, confined to real estate, but they included personal, as well as real, property. Wharton.

In French commercial law. Stock in a company, or shares in a corporation.

In Scotch law: A suit or judicial proceeding.

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

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

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

ACTION OF BOOK DEBT. A form of action for the recovery of clausus, such as are usually evidenced by a book-account; this action is principally used in Vermont and Connecticut. Terrill v. Beecher, 9 Conn. 344; Stoking v. Sage, 1 Conn. 73; Green v. Flett, 11 Conn. 208; May v. Brownell, 9 Vt. 483; Easley v. Eakin, Cooke (Tenn.) 438.

ACTION ON THE CASE. A species of personal action of very extensive application, otherwise called "tresspass on the case," or simply "case," from the circumstance of the plaintiff's whole case or cause of complaint being set forth at length in the original writ by which formerly it was always commenced. 3 Bl. Comm. 222. Mobile L. Ins. Co. v. Rand, 9 Ind. 527; Green v. Schumacher, 43 Ind. (C. C.) 60; Fed. 201; Sharp v. Curtiss, 15 Conn. 520; Wallace v. Wilmington & N. R. Co., 8 Hous. (Del.) 529, 18 Atl. 818.

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

—Actionable fraud. Deception practiced in order to induce another to part with property or surrender the legal right; a false representation made with an intention to deceive; may be committed by stating what is known to be false or by professing knowledge of the truth of a matter which is false, but in either case, the essential ingredient is a falsehood uttered with intent to deceive. Marsh v. Falker, 40 N. Y. 572; Farrington v. Bullard, 40 Barb. (N. Y.) 512; Hecht v. Metzler, 14 Utah, 408, 48 Pac. 37, 60 Am. St. Rep. 906; Sawyer v. Pickett, 10 Wall. 146, 22 L. Ed. 105. — *Passim.*

Actionable misrepresentation. A false statement respecting a fact material to the contract and which is influential in procuring it. Wise v. Fuller, 20 N. J. Eq. 257. — *Passim.*


Active negligence, anything injurious to health, or indecent, or offensive to the sense, or an obstruction to the free use of property so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 731; Grandon v. Lovell, 78 Cal. 611, 21 Pac. 368, 12 Am. St. Rep. 121; Cooper v. Overton, 102 Tenn. 211, 52 S. W. 153, 45 L. R. A. 591, 73 Am. St. Rep. 864. - *Passim.*

ACTIONABLE words. In the law of libel and slander. Words which impugn the charge of some punishable crime or some offensive disease, or impute moral turpitude, or tend to injure a party in his trade or business, are said to be actionable per · se. Reeves v. Trundy, 31 Me. 321; Lemons v. Wells, 78 Ky. 117; Mayrant v. Richardson, 1 Nott & McC. 347, 9 Am. Dec. 797; Bady v. Brooklyn Union Pub. Co., 24 Misc. Rep. 406, 51 N. Y. Supp. 1198.

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

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

ACTIONES LEGIS. In the Roman law. Legal or lawful action; actions of or at law, (legitima actiones). Dig. 1, 2, 26.

ACTIONES NOMINATIVAE. In the English chancery. Writs for which there were precedents. The statute of Westminster, 2, c. 24, gave chancery authority to form new writs in consimili caso; hence the action on the case.

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

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

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

ACTON BURNEL, STATUTE OF. In English law. A statute, otherwise called "Statutum de Mercatoribus," made at a parliament held at the castle of Acton Burnell in Shropshire, in the 11th year of the reign of Edward I. 2 Reeves, Eng. Law, 153-162.

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

A plaintiff or complainant. In a civil or private action the plaintiff was often called by the Romans "petitor;" in a public action.
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(causa publica) he was called "accusator." The defendant was called "reus," both in private and public causes; this term, however, according to Cicero, (De Orat. II. 43.) might signify either party, as indeed we might conclude from the word itself. In a private action, the defendant was often called "adversarius," but either party might be called so.

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

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

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

Actor sequitur forum rei. According as rei is intended as the genitive of res, a thing, or resus, a defendant, this phrase means: The plaintiff follows the forum of the property in suit, or the forum of the defendant's residence. Branch. Max. 4.

Agtore non probante reus absolutur. When the plaintiff does not prove his case the defendant is acquitted. Hob. 103.

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

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

ACTRIX. Lat. A female actor; a female plaintiff. Calvin.

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

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

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

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


Actual cash value. The fair or reasonable cash price for which the property could be sold in the market, in the ordinary course of business, and not at forced sale; the price it will bring in a fair market after reasonable efforts to find a purchaser who will give the highest price. Birmingham E. Ins. Co. v. Pulver, 120 Ill. 329, 18 N. E. 804, 9 Am. St. Rep. 508; Mack v. Lancashire Ins. Co. (C. C.) 4 Fed. 59; Morgan's L. & T. R. S. Co. v. Board of Reviewers, 41 La. Ann. 1156, 3 South. 507.—Actual change of possession. In statutes of frauds. An open, visible, and unequivocal change of possession, manifested by the usual outward signs, as distinguished from a merely formal or constructive change. Randell v. Parker, 3 Sandif. (N. Y.) 9; Murch v. Swensen, 40 Minn. 421, 42 N. W. 290; Dodge v. Jones, 7 Mont. 121, 14 Pac. 107; Stevens v. Irwin, 15 Cal. 903, 76 Am. Dec. 504.—Actual cost. The actual price paid for goods by a party, in the case of a real bone fide purchase, and not the market value of the goods. Alfonso v. United States, 2 Story, 421, Fed. Cas. No. 188; United States v. Sixteen Packages, 2 Mason, 48, Fed. Cas. No. 16303; Lexington, etc., R. Co. v. Fitchburg R. Co., 9 Gray (Mass.) 228.—Actual sale. Lands are "actually sold" at a tax sale, so as to entitle the treasurer to the statutory fees, when the sale is completed; when he has collected from the purchaser the amount of the bid. Miles v. Miller, 5 Neb. 272.—Actual violence. An assault with actual violence is an assault with physical force put in action, exerted upon the person assaulted. The term violence is synonymous with physical force, and the two are used interchangeably in relation to assaults. State v. Wells, 31 Conn. 210.

ACTUARIO. In Roman law. A notary or clerk. One who drew the acts or statutes, or who wrote in brief the public acts.

ACTUARY. In English ecclesiastical law. A clerk who registers the acts and constitutions of the lower house of convocation; or a registrar in a court christian.

Also an officer appointed to keep savings banks accounts; the computing officer of an insurance company; a person skilled in calculating the value of life interests, annuities, and insurances.

ACTUM. Lat. A deed; something done.

ACTUS. In the civil law. A species of right of way, consisting in the right of driving cattle, or a carriage, over the land subject to the servitude. Inst. 2, 3, pr. It is sometimes translated a "road," but it is included in the kind of way termed "hor," or path. Lord Coke, who adopts the term "actus" from Bracton, defines it a foot and horse way, vulgarly called "pack and plume way;" but distinguishes it from a cart-way.
Co. Litt. 556; Boyden v. Achenbach, 79 N. C. 539.

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

ACTUS. In the civil law. An act or action. Non tantum verbis, sed etiam actu; not only by words, but also by act. Dig. 46, 8, 5.


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

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

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

Actus judiciarius erat non judicis irritus habetur, de ministeriali a quo quaecumque provenit ratum est. A judicial act by a judge without jurisdiction is void; but a ministerial act, from whomsoever proceeding, may be ratified. Loftt. 438.

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

Actus legis nemini facit injuriam. The act of the law does injury to no one. 5 Coke, 116.

Actus legitimi non recipiunt modum. Acts required to be done by law do not admit of qualification. Hob. 153; Branch, Princ.

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

AD CURIAM. At a court. 1 Salk. 195. To court. Ad curiam vocare, to summon to court.

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

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

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

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

AD DIEM. At a day; at the day. Townsh. Pl. 23. Ad certum diem, at a certain day. 2 Strange, 747. Solvit ad diem; he paid at or on the day. 1 Chit. Pl. 485.

Ad ea quae frequentius accident jure adaptantur. Laws are adapted to those cases which most frequently occur. 2 Inst. 137; Broom, Max. 43.

Laws are adapted to cases which frequently occur. A statute, which construed according to its plain words, is, in all cases of ordinary occurrence, in no degree inconsistent or unreasonable, should not be varied by construction in every case, merely because there is one possible but highly improbable case in which the law would operate with great severity and against our notions of justice. The utmost that can be contended is that the construction of the statute should be varied in that particular case, so as to obviate the injustice. 7 Exch. 549; 8 Exch. 773.

AD EFFECTUM. To the effect, or end. Co. Litt. 204a; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 802, § 2143. Ad effectum sequentium, to the effect following. 2 Salk. 417.

AD EXCAMBIUM. For exchange; for compensation. Bract. fol. 126, 37b.

AD EXHÆREDATIONEM. To the disclaimer, or disinheritance; to the injury of the inheritance. Bract. fol. 15a; 3 Bl. Comm. 288. Formal words in the old writs of waste.

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

AD FACIENDUM. To do. Co. Litt. 204a. Ad faciendum, subjectandum et recipiendum; to do, submit to, and receive. Ad faciendum juratamillam; to make up that jury. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 63, § 12.

AD FACTUM PRESTANDUM. In Scotch law. A name descriptive of a class of obligations marked by unusual severity. A debtor who is under an obligation of this kind cannot claim the benefit of the act of grace, the privilege of sanctuary, or the cessio bonorum. Ersk. Inst. lib. 3, tit. 3, § 62.

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

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

AD FILUM AQUE. To the thread of the water; to the central line, or middle of the stream. Usque ad filum aquae, as far as the thread of the stream. Bract. fol. 208b; 235a. A phrase of frequent occurrence in modern law; of which ad medium filum aquae (q. v.) is another form.

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

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

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

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

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

AD HOC. For this; for this special purpose. An attorney ad hoc, or a guardian or curator ad hoc, is one appointed for a special purpose, generally to represent the client or infant in the particular action in which the appointment is made. Sallier v. Rosteer, 108 La. 378, 32 South. 383; Bienvenu v. Insurance Co., 33 La. Ann. 212.

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

AD HUNC DIEM. At this day. 1 Leom. 90.
AD IDEM. To the same point, or effect. Ad idem facti, it makes to or goes to establish the same point. Bract. fol. 27b.

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

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

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

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

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

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

AD JUNGENDUM AUXILIO. To joining in aid; to join in aid. See AD PRAYER.

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

AD LARGUM. At large; at liberty; free, or unconfined. Ire ad largum, to go at large. Plowd. 37. At large; giving details, or particulars; in extenso. A special verdict was formerly called a verdict at large. Plowd. 92.

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

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

AD MAJOREM CAUTELAM. For greater security. 2 How. State Tr. 1182.

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

AD MEDIUM FILUM AGÆ. To the middle thread of the stream.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AD QUERIMONIAM. On complaint of.

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

Ad quæstiones facti non respondent judices; ad quæstiones legis non respondent juratores. Judges do not answer questions of fact; juries do not answer questions of law. 8 Coke, 308; Co. Litt. 295.

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

AD QUOD DAMNUM. The name of a writ formerly issuing from the English chancery, commanding the sheriff to make inquiry "to what damage" a specified act, if done, will tend. Ad quod damnum is a writ which ought to be sued before the king grants certain liberties, as a fair, market, or such like, which may be prejudicial to others, and thereby it should be inquired
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whether it will be a prejudice to grant them, and to whom it will be prejudicial, and what prejudice will come thereby. There is also another writ of ad quod damnum, if any one will turn a common highway and lay out another way as beneficial. Termes de la Ley.

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

AD RATIONEM PONERE. A technical expression in the old records of the Exchequer, signifying, to put to the bar and interrogate as to a charge made; to arraign on a trial.

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

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

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

AD RESPONDENDUM. For answering; to make answer; words used in certain writs employed for bringing a person before the court to make answer in defense in a proceeding. Thus there is a copias ad respondendum, q. v.; also a habeas corpus ad respondendum.

AD SATISFACTIENDUM. To satisfy. The emphatic words of the writ of copias ad satisfaciendum, which requires the sheriff to take the person of the defendant to satisfy the plaintiff’s claim.

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

AD STUDIENDUM ET ORandum. For studying and praying; for the promotion of learning and religion. A phrase applied to colleges and universities. 1 Bl. Comm. 407; T. Raym. 104.

AD TERMINUM ANNORUM. For a term of years.

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

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

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

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

AD USUM ET COMMODUM. To the use and benefit.

AD VALENTIAM. To the value. See AD VALOREM.

AD VALOREM. According to value. Duties are either ad valorem or specific; the former when the duty is laid in the form of a percentage on the value of the property; the latter where it is imposed as a fixed sum on each article of a class without regard to its value. The term ad valorem tax is as well defined and fixed as any other used in political economy or legislation, and simply means a tax or duty upon the value of the article or thing subject to taxation. Bailev v. Fuqua, 24 Miss. 501; Pliggrey v. Auditor General, 120 Mich. 93, 78 N. W. 1025, 44 L. R. A. 679.

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

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

AD VITAM. For life. Bract. fol. 13A. In fœdore, vel ad vitam; in fee, or for life. Id.

AD VITAM AUT CULPAM. For life or until fault. This phrase describes the tenure of an office which is otherwise said to be held “for life or during good behavior.” It is equivalent to quamdiu bene sciret.
AD VOLUNTATEM. At will. Bract. fol. 27a. Ad voluntatem domini, at the will of the lord.

AD WARACTUM. To follow. Bract. fol. 228b. See WARACTUM.

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

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

ADICERENT. Lat. In the civil law. To adjudge or condemn; to assign, allot, or deliver; to sell. In the Roman law, addito was one of the three words used to express the extent of the civil jurisdiction of the pretors.

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

Additio probat minoritatem. An addition to a name proves or shows minority or inferiority. 4 Inst. 80; Wing. Max. 211, max. 60.

This maxim is applied by Lord Coke to courts, and terms of law; minoritas being understood in the sense of difference, inferiority, or qualification. Thus, the style of the king's bench is coram rege, and the style of the court of chancery is coram domino rege in consistorio; the addition showing the difference. 4 Inst. 50. By the word "fee" is intended fecssimple; fee-tail not being included by it, unless there be added to it the addition of the word "tail." 2 Bl. Comm. 106; Litt. 1.

ADDITION. Whatever is added to a man's name by way of title or description, as additions of mystery, place, or degree. Cowell.

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

In the law of liens. Within the meaning of the mechanic's lien law, an "addition" to a building must be a lateral addition. It must occupy ground without the limits of the building to which it constitutes an addition, so that the lien shall be upon the building formed by the addition and the land upon which it stands. An alteration in a former building, by adding to its height, or to its depth, or to the extent of its interior accommodations, is merely an "alteration," and not an "addition." Putting a new story on an old building is not an addition. Updike v. Skillman, 27 N. J. Law. 132.

Additional. This term embraces the idea of joining or uniting one thing to another, so as thereby to form one aggregate. Thus, "additional security" imports a security, which, united with or joined to the former one, is deemed to make it, as an aggregate, sufficient as a security from the beginning. State v. Hull, 33 Miss. 626.

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

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

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

The word is sometimes used as descriptive of a formal document, embodying a request, presented to the governor of a state by one or both branches of the legislative body, desiring him to perform some executive act.

A place of business or residence.

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

"The word 'adduced' is broader in its significance than the word 'offered,' and, looking to the whole statement in relation to the evidence below, we think it sufficiently appears that all of the evidence is in the record." Beatty v. O'Connor, 106 Ind. 81, 5 N. E. 880; Brown v. Griffin, 40 Ill. App. 538.

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

ADELANTADO. In Spanish law. A governor of a province; a president or president judge; a judge having jurisdiction over a kingdom, or over certain provinces only. So called from having authority over the judges of those places. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 4, l. 1.

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

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

The word "ademption" is the most significant, because it is the term of art, and never used for any other purpose, it does not suggest any idea foreign to that intended to be conveyed. It is used to describe the act by which the testator pays to his legatee, in his life-time, a general legacy which by his will he had proposed to give him at his death. (1 Rop. Leg. p. 366.) It is also used to denote the act by which a specific legacy has become inoperative on account of the testator having parted with the subject.


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

ADEQUATE. Sufficient; proportionate; equally efficient.

—Adequate care. Such care as a man of ordinary prudence would himself take under similar circumstances to avoid accident; care proportional to the risk and perils. Wallace v. Wilmington & N. R. Co., 8 Houst. (Del.) 329, 18 Atl. 818. —Adequate cause. In criminal law. Adequate cause for the passion which reduces a homicide committed under its influence from the grade of murder to manslaughter, means such cause as would commonly produce a degree of anger, rage, resentment, or terror, in a person of ordinary temper, sufficient to render the mind incapable of cool reflection. Insulting words or gestures, or an assault and battery so slight as to show no intention to inflict pain or injury, or an injury to property unaccompanied by violence are not adequate causes. Gardner v. State, 40 Tex. Cr. R. 19, 48 S. W. 170; Williams v. State, 7 Tex. App. 306; Boyett v. State, 2 Tex. App. 100. —Adequate compensation (to be awarded to one whose property is taken for public use under the power of eminent domain) means the full and just value of the property, payable in money. Buffalo, etc., R. Co. v. Ferris, 26 Tex. 588. —Adequate consideration. One which is equal, or reasonably proportioned, to the value of that for which it is given. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. §§ 244-247. An adequate consideration is one which is not so disproportionate as to shock our sense of that morality and fair dealing which should always characterize transactions between man and man. Patton v. Patterson, 26 Ala. (Ala.) 19. —Adequate remedy. One vested in the complainant, to which he may at all times resort at his own option, fully and freely, without let or hindrance. Wheeler v. Bedford, 54 Conn. 47, 7 Atl. 22.

A remedy which is plain and complete and as practical and efficient to the ends of justice and the administration of the remedy in equity. Keplinger v. Woolsey, 4 Neb. (Unof.) 282, 93 N. W. 1008.

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

ADFERUMINATIO. In the civil law. The welding together of iron; a species of

adjunctio, (q. v.) Called also foruminatio. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 276; Dig. 6, 1, 23, 5.

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

ADHERING. Joining, leagued with, cleaving to; as, "adhering to the enemies of the United States."

Rebels, being citizens, are not "enemies," within the meaning of the constitution; hence a conviction for treason, in promoting a rebellion, cannot be sustained under that branch of the constitutional definition which speaks of "adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort." United States v. Greathouse, 2 Abb. (U. S.) 364; Fed. Cas. No. 19,254.

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

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

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

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

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

ADIT. In mining law. A lateral or passage into a mine; the opening by which a mine is entered, or by which water and ores are carried away; a horizontal excavation in and along a lode. Electro-Magnetic M. & D. Co. v. Van Auken, 9 Colo. 294, 11 Pac. 80; Gray v. Truby, 6 Colo. 278.

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

ADJACENT. Lying near or close to; contiguous. The difference between adjacent and adjoining seems to be that the former implies that the two objects are not widely separated, though they may not actually touch, while adjoining imports that they are so joined or united to each other that no third object intervenes. People v. Keechler, 194 Ill. 235, 62 N. E. 325; Hanifen v. Armitage (C. C.) 117 Fed. 845; McDonald v. Wilson, 59 Ind. 54; Wornley v. Wright
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ADJOURN. To put off; defer; postpone. To postpone action of a convened court or body until another time specified, or indefinitely, the latter being usually called to adjourn sine die. Bispham v. Tucker, 2 N. J. Law, 253.

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ADJOINING. The word "adjoining," in its etymological sense, means touching or contiguous, as distinguished from lying near to or adjacent. And the same meaning has been given to it when used in statutes. See ADJACENT.

ADJUDICATION. In practice. A continuance, by adjournment, of a regular term. Harris v. gest, 4 Ohio St. 473; Kingsley v. Bagby, 2 Kan. Apr. 23, 41 Pac. 931. Distinguished from an "additional term," which is a distinct term. 1d. An adjourned term is a continuation of a previous or regular term; it is the same term prolonged, and the power of the court over the business which has been done, and the entries made at the regular term, continues. Van Dyke v. State, 22 Ala. 57.

ADJOURNMENT. A putting off or postponing of business or of a session until another time or place; the act of a court, legislative body, public meeting, or officer, by which the session or assembly is dissolved, either temporarily or finally, and the business in hand dismissed from consideration, either definitely or for an interval. If the adjournment is final, it is said to be sine die.

In the civil law. A calling into court; a summoning at an appointed time. Du Cange.

—Adjournment day. A further day appointed by the judges at the regular sittings at nisi prius to try issue of fact not then ready for trial.—Adjournment day in error. In English practice. A day appointed some days before the end of the term at which matters left undone on the affittance day are finished. 2 Tidd. Pr. 1176.—Adjournment in eyre. The appointment of a day when the justices in eyre mean to sit again. Cowell; Spelman.


ADJUDICATIO. In the civil law. An adjudication. The judgment of the court that the subject-matter is the property of one of the litigants; confirmation of title by judgment. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 204.

ADJUDICATION. The giving or pronouncing a judgment or decree in a cause; also the judgment given. The term is pri-
ADJUDICATION

In French law. A sale made at public auction and upon competition. Adjudica-
tions are voluntary, judicial, or administrative. Duverger.

In Scotch law. A species of diligence, or process for transferring the estate of a debt-
or to a creditor, carried on as an ordinary action before the court of session. A species
of judicial sale, redeemable by the debtor. A decree of the lords of session, adjudging and
appropriating a person's lands, heredita-
ments, or any heritable right belong to his creditor, who is called the "adjudger," for
payment or performance. Bell; Ersk. Inst.
c. 2, tit. 12, §§ 39–55; Forb. Inst. pt. 3, b. 1,
c. 2, tit. 6.

—Adjudication contra hereditatem jacent-
em. When a debtor's heir apparent re-
nounces the succession, any creditor may obtain a decree cognitio
issu, the purpose of which
is that the amount of the debt may be ascertained
so that the real estate may be adjudged—

Adjudication in bankruptcy. See Bank-
ruptcy—Adjudication in implement. An
action by a grantee against his grantor to com-
pel him to complete the title.

ADJUNCTIO. In the civil law. Adjunc-
tion; a species of accessio, whereby two
things belonging to different proprietors are
brought into firm connection with each other;
such as interweaving, (intertextura;) welding
together, (adferruminatio;) soldering to-
gerther, (applumbatura;) painting, (pictura;)
writing, (scriptura;) building, (inaeditatio;)
sowing, (satio;) and planting, (plantatio;)
Inst. 2, 1, 26–34; Dig. 6, 1, 23; Mackeld.
Rom. Law, § 276. See Accessio.

ADJUNCTS. Additional judges some-
times appointed in the English high court of

ADJUNCTUM ACCESSORIUM. An ac-
cessory or appurtenance.

ADJURATION. A swearing or binding
upon oath.

ADJUST. To bring to proper relations;
to settle; to determine and apportion an
amount due. Flaherty v. Insurance Co., 20
App. Div. 275, 46 N. Y. Supp. 894; Miller
v. Insurance Co., 113 Iowa, 211, 54 N. W.
1049; Washington County v. St. Louis, etc.,
R. Co., 68 Mo. 376.

ADJUSTMENT. In the law of insur-
ance, the adjustment of a loss is the ascer-
tainment of its amount and the ratable dis-
tribution of it among those liable to pay it;
the settling and ascertaining the amount of
the indemnity which the assured, after all
allowances and deductions made, is entitled
to receive under the policy, and fixing the
proportion which each underwriter is liable to pay. Marsh. Ins. (4th Ed.) 490; 2 Phil.
Ins. §§ 1814, 1815; New York v. Insurance
Co., 30 N. Y. 45, 100 Aus. Dec. 400; Whipple
v. Insurance Co., 11 R. 139.

Adjuvanti quippe nos, non decipi, bene-
deo oportet. We ought to be favored, not
injured, by that which is intended for our
benefit. (The species of battlement called
"loam" must be to the advantage of the bor-
rower, not to his detriment.) Story, Bailm.
§ 275. See 8 El. & Bl. 1051.

ADLAMWR. In Welsh law. A pro-
prieto who, for some cause, entered the ser-
vice of another proprietor, and left him after
the expiration of a year and a day. He was
liable to the payment of 30 pence to his pa-
tron. Wharton.

ADLEGIARE. To purge one's self of a
crime by oath.

ADMINUENSI. A person who swore
by laying his hands on the book.

ADMEASUREMENT. Ascertainment by
measure; measuring out; assignment or ap-
portionment by measure, that is, by fixed
quantity or value, by certain limits, or in
definite and fixed proportions.

—Admeasurement of dower. In practice.
A remedy which lay for the heir on reaching
his majority to rectify an assignment of dower
made during his minority, by which the dower-
ness had received more than she was legally
In some of the states the statutory proceeding
enabling a widow to compel the assignment of
dower is called "admeasurement of dower."—

Admeasurement of pasture. In English
law. A writ which lies between those that have
common of pasture appurtenant, or by vicinage,
in cases where any one or more of them sur-
charges the common with more cattle than they
ought. Bract. fol. 229a; 1 Crabb. Real Prop.
p. 318, § 238.—Admeasurement, writ of.
It lay against persons who usurped more than
their share, in the two following cases: Ad-
measurement of dower, and admeasurement of
pasture. Termes de la Ley.

ADMINUSARIO. In old English law.
Admeasurement. Reg. Orig. 158, 357.

ADMEZATORES. In old Italian law.
Persons chosen by the consent of contending
parties, to decide questions between them.
Literally, mediators. Spelman.

ADMINICLE. In Scotch law. An aid
or support to something else. A collateral
deed or writing, referring to another which
has been lost, and which it is in general nec-
essary to produce before the tenor of the
lost deed can be proved by parol evidence.
Ersk. Inst. b. 4, tit. 1, § 55.

Used as an English word in the statute of
1 Edw. IV. c. 1, in the sense of aid or sup-
port.

In the civil law. Imperfect proof. Merl.
Repert. See ADMINICULUM.

ADMINICULAR. Auxiliary to. "The
mixture would be administrar to the rob-
bbery," (i.e., committed to accomplish it.) The Marianna Flora, 3 Mason, 121, Fed. Cas. No. 9060.

-ADMINICULAR evidence. In ecclesiastical law. Auxiliary or supplementary evidence; such as is presented for the purpose of explaining and completing other evidence.

ADMINICULATE. To give adminicularevidence.

ADMINICULATOR. An officer in the Romish church, who administered to the wants of widows, orphans, and afflicted persons. Spelman.

ADMINICULUM. Lat. An adminicle; a prop or support; an accessory thing. An aid or support to something else, whether a right or the evidence of one. It is principally used to designate evidence adduced in aid or support of other evidence, which without it is imperfect. Brown.

ADMINISTER. To discharge the duties of an office; to take charge of business; to manage affairs; to serve in the conduct of affairs, in the application of things to their uses; to settle and distribute the estate of a decedent.

In physiology, and in criminal law, to administer means to cause or procure a person to take some drug or other substance into his or her system; to direct and cause a medicine, poison, or drug to be taken into the system. State v. Jones, 4 Pennwell (Del.) 100. 53 Atl. 581; McTaughey v. State, 176 Ind. 41, 59 N. E. 109; La Beau v. People, 34 N. Y. 223; Sumpter v. State, 11 Fla. 247; Robbins v. State, 8 Ohio St. 131.

Neither fraud nor deception is a necessary ingredient in the act of administering poison. To force poison into the stomach of another; to compel another by threats of violence to swallow poison; to furnish poison to another for the purpose and with the intention that the person to whom it is delivered shall commit suicide therewith, and which poison is accordingly taken by the suicide for that purpose; or to be present at the taking of poison by a suicide, participating in the taking thereof, by assistance, persuasion, or otherwise,—each and all of these are forms and modes of "administering" poison. Blackburn v. State, 23 Ohio St. 146.

ADMINISTRATION. In public law. The administration of government means the practical management and direction of the executive department, or of the public machinery or functions, or of the operations of the various organs of the sovereign. The term "administration" is also conventionally applied to the whole class of public functionaries, or those in charge of the management of the executive department. People v. Salisbury, 134 Mich. 537, 96 N. W. 896.

ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES. The management and settlement of the estate of an intestate, or of a testator who has no executor, performed under the supervision of a court, by a person duly qualified and legally appointed, and usually involving (1) the collection of the decedent's assets; (2) payment of debts and claims against him and expenses; (3) distributing the remainder of the estate among those entitled thereto.

The term is applied broadly to denote the management of an estate by an executor, and also the management of estates of minors, lunatics, etc., in those cases where trustees have been appointed by authority of law to take charge of such estates in place of the legal owners. Bouvier; Crow v. Hubard, 02 Md. 565.

Administration is principally of the following kinds, viz.:

Ad colligendum bona definiti. To collect the goods of the deceased. Special letters of administration granted to one or more persons, authorizing them to collect and preserve the goods of the deceased, are so called. 2 Bl. Comm. 505; 2 Steph. Comm. 241. These are otherwise termed "letters ad colligendum," and the party to whom they are granted, a "collector."

An administrator ad colligendum is the mere agent or officer of the court to collect and preserve the goods of the decedent until some one is clothed with authority to administer them, and cannot complain that another is appointed administrator in chief. Flora v. Menzice, 12 Ala. 836.

Auxiliary administration is auxiliary and subordinate to the administration at the place of the decedent's domicile; it may be taken out in any foreign state or country where assets are locally situated, and is merely for the purpose of collecting such assets and paying debts there.

Cum testamento annexo. Administration with the will annexed. Administration granted in cases where a testator makes a will, without naming any executors; or where the executors who are named in the will are incompetent to act, or refuse to act; or in case of the death of the executors, or the survivor of them. 2 Bl. Comm. 505, 504.

De bonis non. Administration of the goods not administered. Administration granted for the purpose of administering such of the goods of a deceased person as were not administered by the former executor or administrator. 2 Bl. Comm. 506; Sim v. Waters, 65 Ala. 442; Clemens v. Walker, 40 Ala. 193; Tucker v. Horner, 10 Pha. (Pa.) 122.

De bonis non cum testamento annexo. That which is granted when an executor dies leaving a part of the estate unadministered. Conklin v. Exerton, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 430; Clemens v. Walker, 40 Ala. 193.

Durante vacatio. That which is granted during the absence of the executor and until he has proved the will.

Durante minori aetate. Where an infant is made executor; in which case administration with will annexed is granted to another,
during the minority of such executor, and until he shall attain his lawful age to act. See Godo. 102.

*Foreign administration.* That which is exercised by virtue of authority properly conferred by a foreign power.

**Pendentive Hie.** Administration during the pendency of a suit touching the validity of a will. 2 Bl. Comm. 503; Cole v. Wooden, 18 N. J. Law, 15, 20.

*Public* administration is such as is conducted (in some jurisdictions) by an officer called the public administrator, who is appointed to administer in cases where the intestate has left no person entitled to apply for letters.

**General** administration. The grant of authority to administer upon the entire estate of a decedent, without restriction or limitation, whether under the intestate laws or with the will annexed. Clemens v. Walker, 40 Ala. 198.

**Special** administration. Authority to administer upon some few particular effects of a decedent, as opposed to authority to administer his whole estate. In re Senate Bill, 12 Colo. 198, 21 Pac. 462; Clemens v. Walker, 40 Ala. 198.

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**Letters of administration.** The instrument by which an administrator or administratrix is authorized by the probate court, surrogate, or other proper officer, to have the charge and administration of the goods and chattels of an intestate. See Mutual Ben. L. Ins. Co. v. Thiede, 91 U. S. 243, 23 L. Ed. 314.

**ADMINISTRATION SUIT.** In English practice. A suit brought in chancery, by any one interested, for administration of a decedent’s estate, when there is doubt as to its solvency. Stimson.

**ADMINISTRATIVE.** Pertaining to administration. Particularly, having the character of executive or ministerial action. In this sense, administrative functions or acts are distinguished from such as are judicial. People v. Austin, 20 App. Div. 1, 46 N. Y. Supp. 528.

**Administrative law.** That branch of public law which deals with the various organs of the sovereign power considered as in motion, and prescribes in detail the manner of their activity, being concerned with such topics as the collection of the revenue, the regulation of the military and naval forces, citizenship and naturalization, sanitary measures, poor laws, coinage, police, the public safety and morals, etc. See Holl. Jur. 305–307.—**Administrative officer.** Politically and as used in constitutional law, an officer of the executive department of government, and generally one of inferior rank; legally, a ministerial or executive officer, as distinguished from a judicial officer. People v. Salsbury, 134 Mich. 537, 96 N. W. 930.

**ADMINISTRATOR.** In the most usual sense of the word, is a person to whom letters of administration, that is, an authority to administer the estate of a deceased per-

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**ADMIRAL**

son, have been granted by the proper court. He resembles an executor, but, being appointed by the court, and not by the deceased, he has to give security for the due administration of the estate, by entering into a bond with sureties, called the administration bond. Smith v. Gentry, 16 Ga. 31; Collamore v. Wilder, 19 Kan. 78.

By the law of Scotland the father is what is called the “administrator-in-law” for his children. As such, he is ipso jure their tutor while they are pupils, and their curator during their minority. The father’s power extends over whatever estate may descend to his children, unless where that estate has been placed by the donor or grantor under the charge of special trustees or managers. This power in the father ceases by the child’s discontinuing to reside with him, unless he continues to live at the father’s expense; and with regard to daughters, it ceases on their marriage, the husband being the legal curator of his wife’s estate. Bell.

A public administrator is an officer authorized by the statute law of several of the states to superintend the settlement of estates of persons dying without relatives entitled to administer.

**In the civil law.** A manager or conductor of affairs, especially the affairs of another, in his name or behalf. A manager of public affairs in behalf of others. Calvini. A public officer, ruler, or governor. Nov. 95, gl; Cod. 12, 8.

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**Domestic administrator.** One appointed by the place of the domicile of the decedent; distinguished from a foreign or an ancillary administrator. —**Foreign administrator.** One appointed or qualified under the laws of a foreign state or country, where the decedent was domiciled.

**ADMINISTRATRIX.** A female who administers, or to whom letters of administration have been granted.

**ADMINISTRATIVIT.** Lat. He has administered. Used in the phrase *plena administravit*, which is the name of a plea by an executor or administrator to the effect that he has "fully administered" (lawfully disposed of) all the assets of the estate that have come to his hands.

**ADMIRAL.** In European law. An officer who presides over the admiralties, or collegium ammiralitatis. Locc. de Jur. Mar. lib. 2, c. 2, § 1.

**In old English law.** A high officer or magistrature that had the government of the king’s navy, and the hearing of all causes belonging to the sea. Cowell.

**In the navy.** Admiral is also the title of high naval officers; they are of various grades.—rear admiral, vice-admiral, admiral of the fleet, the latter being the highest.
ADMIRALITAS

ADMIRALITAS. L. Lat. Admiralty; the admiralty, or court of admiralty.

In European law. An association of private armed vessels for mutual protection and defense against pirates and enemies.

ADMIRALTY. A court exercising jurisdiction over maritime causes, both civil and criminal, and marine affairs, commerce and navigation, controversies arising out of acts done upon or relating to the sea, and over questions of prize.

Also, the system of jurisprudence relating to and growing out of the jurisdiction and practice of the admiralty courts.

In English law. The executive department of state which presides over the naval forces of the kingdom. The normal head is the lord high admiral, but in practice the functions of the great office are discharged by several commissioners, of whom one is the chief, and is called the "First Lord." He is assisted by other lords and by various secretaries. Also the court of the admiralty.

The building where the lords of the admiralty transact business.


ADMISSIBLE. Proper to be received. As applied to evidence, the term means that it is of such a character that the court or judge is bound to receive it; that is, allow it to be introduced.


In pleading. The concession or acknowledgment by one party of the truth of some matter alleged by the opposite party, made in a pleading, the effect of which is to narrow the area of facts or allegations requiring to be proved by evidence. Connecticut Hospital v. Brookfield, 69 Conn. 1, 36 Atl. 1017.

In practice. The formal act of a court, by which attorneys or counsellors are recognized as officers of the court and are licensed to practice before it.

In corporations. The act of a corporation or company by which an individual acquires the rights of a member of such corporation or company.

In English ecclesiastical law. The act of the bishop, who, on approval of the clerk presented by the patron, after examination, declares him fit to serve the cure of the church to which he is presented, by the words "admitto to habilis," I admit thee able. Co. Litt. 344a; 4 Coke, 79; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 138, § 123.

Synonyms. The term "admission" is usually applied to civil transactions and to these matters of fact in criminal cases which do not involve criminal intent, while the term "confession" is generally restricted to acknowledgments of guilt. People v. Velarde, 50 Cal. 457; Colburn v. Groton, 68 N. H. 151, 28 Atl. 98, 29 L. R. A. 763; State v. Porter, 32 Or. 155, 40 Pac. 904.

ADMISSION TO BAIL. The order of a competent court or magistrate that a person accused of crime be discharged from actual custody upon the taking of bail. Comp. Laws Nev. 1900, § 4490; Ann. Codes & St. Or. 1901, § 1402; People v. Solomon, 5 Utah, 277, 15 Pac. 4; Shelby County v. Simmonds, 33 Iowa, 345.

ADMISSIONALIS. In European law. An usher. Spelman.

ADMIT. To allow, receive, or take; to suffer one to enter; to give possession; to license. Gregory v. United States, 17 Blatchf. 325, 10 Fed. Cas. 1196. See ADMISSION.

ADMITANCE. In English law. The act of giving possession of a copyhold estate. It is of three kinds: (1) Upon a voluntary grant by the lord, where the land has escheated or reverted to him. (2) Upon surrender by the former tenant. (3) Upon descent, where the heir is tenant on his ancestor's death.

ADMITTENDO CLERICO. A writ of execution upon a right of presentation to a benefice being recovered in quare impossiti, addressed to the bishop or his metropolitan, requiring him to admit and institute the clerk or presentee of the plaintiff. Reg. Orig. 33a.

ADMITTENDO IN SOCIUM. A writ for associating certain persons, as knights and other gentlemen of the county, to justices of assize on the circuit. Reg. Orig. 206.

ADMONITIO TRINA. A triple or threefold warning, given, in old times, to a prisoner standing mute, before he was subjected to the peine forte et dure. 4 Bl. Comm. 325; 4 Steph. Comm. 391.

ADMONITION. In ecclesiastical law, this is the lightest form of punishment, consisting in a reprimand and warning administered by the judge to the defendant. If the latter does not obey the admonition, he may be more severely punished, as by suspension, etc.
ADMORTIZATION. The reduction of property of lands or tenements to mortmain, in the feudal customs.

ADM'N. This abbreviation will be judicially presumed to mean "administrator." Moseley v. Mastin, 37 Ala. 216, 221.

ADNEPOS. The son of a great-great-grandson. Calvin.

ADNEPTIS. The daughter of a great-great-granddaughter. Calvin.

ADNICHELED. Annullled, cancelled, made void. 28 Hen. VIII.

ADNILHARE. In old English law. To annul; to make void; to reduce to nothing; to treat as nothing; to hold as or for nought.

ADNOTATIO. In the civil law. The subscription of a name or signature to an instrument. Cod. 4, 19, 5, 7.

A rescript of the prince or emperor, signed with his own hand, or sign-manual. Cod. 1, 19, 1. "In the imperial law, casual homicide was excused by the indulgence of the emperor, signed with his own sign-manual, annotatione principis." 4 Bl. Comm. 187.

ADOLESCENCE. That age which follows puberty and precedes the age of majority. It commences for males at 14, and for females at 12 years completed, and continues till 21 years complete.

ADOPT. To accept, appropriate, choose, or select; to make that one's own (property or act) which was not so originally.

To adopt a route for the transportation of the mail means to take the steps necessary to cause the mail to be transported over that route. Rhodes v. U. S., Dev. Ct. Cl. 47. To adopt a contract in the sense of binding, notwithstanding some defect which entitles the party to repudiate it. Thus, when a person affirms a voidable contract, or ratifies a contract made by his agent beyond his authority, he is said to adopt it. Sweet.

To accept, consent to, and put into effective operation; as in the case of a constitution, constitutional amendment, ordinance, or by-law. Real v. People, 42 N. Y. 282; People v. Norton, 59 Barb. (N. Y.) 191.


Adoption of children was a thing unknown to the common law, but was a familiar practice under the Roman law and in those countries where the civil law prevails, as France and Spain. Modern statutes authorizing adoption are taken from the civil law, and to that extent modify the rules of the common law as to the succession of property. Butterfield v. Sawyer, 187 Ill. 308, 59 N. E. 692, 52 L. R. A. 75, 79 Am. St. Rep. 246; Vidal v. Commissary, 13 La. Ann. 516; Eckford v. Knox, 67 Tex. 200, 2 S. W. 372.

—Adoption and legitimation. Adoption, properly speaking, refers only to persons who are strangers in blood, and is not synonymous with "legitimation," which refers to persons of the same blood. Where one acknowledges his illegitimate child and takes it into his family and treats it as if it were legitimate, it is not properly an "adoption" but a "legitimation." Blithe v. Ayres, 96 Cal. 532, 31 Pac. 915, 19 L. R. A. 40.

To accept an alien as a citizen or member of a community or state and invest him with corresponding rights and privileges, either (in general and untechnical parlance) by naturalization, or by an act equivalent to naturalization, as where a white man is "adopted" by an Indian tribe. Hampton v. Mays, 4 Ind. T. 503, 69 S. W. 1115.

ADOPTION. The act of one who takes another's child into his own family, treating him as his own, and giving him all the rights and duties of his own child. A judicial act creating between two persons certain relations, purely civil, of paternity and filiation. 6 Demol. § 1.

ADOPTIVE ACT. An act of legislation which comes into operation within a limited area upon being adopted, in manner prescribed therein, by the inhabitants of that area.

ADOPTIVUS. Lat. Adoptive. Applied both to the parent adopting, and the child adopted. Inst. 2, 13, 4; Id. 3, 1, 10-14.

ADPROMISSOR. In the civil and Scotch law. A guarantor, surety, or cautioner; a peculiar species of fidejusor; one who adds his own promise to the promise given by the principal debtor, whence the name.

ADQUIETO. Payment. Blount.

ADRECTARE. To set right, satisfy, or make amends.

ADRHAMIRE. In old European law. To undertake, declare, or promise solemnly; to pledge; to pledge one's self to make oath. Spelman.

ADRIFT. Sen-weed, between high and low water-mark, which has not been deposited on the shore, and which during flood-tide is moved by each rising and receding wave, is adrift, although the bottom of the mass may touch the beach. Anthony v. Gifford, 2 Allen (Mass.) 540.

ADROGATION. In the civil law. The adoption of one who was impubes; that is, if a male, under fourteen years of age; if a female, under twelve. Dig. 1, 7, 17, 1.

ADS. An abbreviation for ad sectam, which means "at the suit of." Bowen v. Sewing Mach. Co., 80 Ill. 11.
ADSCRIPTI GLEBÆ. Slaves who served the master of the soil, who were annexed to the land, and passed with it when it was conveyed. Calvin.

In Scotland, as late as the reign of George III, laborers in collieries and salt works were bound to the coal-pit or salt work in which they were engaged, in a manner similar to that of the adscripti of the Romans. Bell.

ADSCRIPTUS. In the civil law. Added, annexed, or bound by or in writing; enrolled, registered; united, joined, annexed, bound to, generally. Servus colonae adscriptus, a slave annexed to an estate as a cultivator. Dig. 19, 2, 54, 2. Fundus adscriptus, an estate bound to, or burdened with a duty. Cod. 11, 2, 3.

ADSCRIPTORES. Side judges. Assistants or advisers of the regular magistrates, or appointed as their substitutes in certain cases. Calvin.

ADSTIPULATOR. In Roman law. An accessory party to a promise, who received the same promise as his principal did, and could equally receive and exact payment; or he only stipulated for a part of that for which the principal stipulated, and then his rights were coextensive with the amount of his own stipulation. Sandara, Just. Inst. 6th Ed. 348.

ADULT. In the civil law. A male infant who has attained the age of fourteen; a female infant who has attained the age of twelve. Dom. Liv. Prol. tit. 2, § 2, n. 8.

In the common law. One who has attained the legal age of majority, generally 21 years, though in some states women are legally "adults" at 18. Schenault v. State, 10 Tex. App. 410; George v. State, 11 Tex. App. 95; Wilson v. Lawrence, 70 Ark. 545, 69 S. W. 570.

ADULTER. Lat. One who corrupts; one who seduces another man's wife. Adulta soldorius. A corruptor of metals; a counterfeiter. Calvin.

ADULTERA. In the civil law. An adulteress; a woman guilty of adultery. Dig. 48, 5, 4, pr.; Id. 48, 5, 15, 8.

ADULTERATION. The act of corrupting or debasing. The term is generally applied to the act of mixing up with food or drink intended to be sold other matters of an inferior quality, and usually of a more or less deleterious quality. Grosvenor v. Duffy, 121 Mich. 220, 80 N. W. 19; Com. v. Hufnall, 185 Pa. 376, 39 Atl. 1052; People v. West, 44 Hun (N. Y.) 162.

ADULTERATE. In the civil law. A forger; a counterfeiter. Adulterates monetae, counterfeeters of money. Dig. 48, 19, 16, 9.

ADULTERINE. Begotten in an adulterous intercourse. In the Roman and canon law, adulterine bastards were distinguished from such as were the issue of two unmarried persons, and the former were treated with more severity, not being allowed the status of natural children, and being ineligible to holy orders.

ADULTERINE GUILDS. Traders acting as a corporation without a charter, and paying a fine annually for permission to exercise their usurped privileges. Smith, Wealth Nat. b. 1, c. 10.

ADULTERIUM. A fine anciently imposed as a punishment for the commission of adultery.

ADULTEROUS BASTARDY. Adulterous bastards are those produced by an unlawful connection between two persons, who, at the time when the child was conceived, were, either of them or both, connected by marriage with some other person. Civil Code La. art. 182.

ADULTERY. Adultery is the voluntary sexual intercourse of a married person with a person other than the offender's husband or wife. Civil Code Cal. § 39; 1 Bishop Mar. & Div. § 708; Cook v. State, 11 Ga. 53, 54 Am. Dec. 410; State v. Mahan, 81 Iowa, 121, 46 N. W. 853; Banks v. State, 96 Ala. 78, 11 South. 404.

Adultery is the unlawful voluntary sexual intercourse of a married person with one of the opposite sex, and when the crime is committed between parties, only one of whom is married, both are guilty of adultery. Pen. Code Cal. § 333.

It is to be observed, however, that in some of the states it is held that this crime is committed only when the woman is married to a third person, and the unlawful commerce of a married man with an unmarried woman is not of the grade of adultery. In some jurisdictions, also, a distinction is made between double and single adultery, the former being committed where both parties are married to other persons, the latter where one only is so married. State v. Fellows, 50 Wis. 65, 6 N. W. 229; State v. Searle, 56 N. F. 510; State v. Lasah, 16 N. J. Law 330, 32 Am. Dec. 337; Hood v. State, 56 Ind. 243, 32 Am. Rep. 21; State v. Connaway, 22 App. (Ohio) 90; State v. Weatherby, 43 Me. 258, 60 Am. Dec. 59; Hunter v. U. S., 1 Pn. (Wis.) 91, 39 Am. Dec. 277.

ADVANCE. v. To pay money or render other value before it is due; or to furnish capital in aid of a projected enterprise, in expectation of return from it.

ADVANCEMENT. Money or property given by a father to his child or presumptive heir, or expended by the former for the

Advancement, in its legal acception, does not involve the idea of obligation or future liability to answer. It is a pure and irrevocable gift made by a parent to a child in anticipation of such child's future share of the parent's estate. Appeal of Tundt, 13 Pa. 590, 53 Am. Dec. 74. An advancement is a provision made by a parent made to and accepted by a child out of his estate, either in money or property, during his lifetime, or to relieve the obligation of the parent for maintenance and education. Code Ga. 1852, § 2579. An "advancement by portion," within the meaning of the statute, is a sum given by a parent to establish a child in life, (as by starting him in business,) or to make a provision for the child, (as on the marriage of a daughter.) L. R. 20 Eq. 165.

ADVANCES. Moneys paid before or in advance of the proper time of payment; money or commodities furnished on credit; a loan or gift, or money advanced to be repaid conditionally. Vail v. Vail, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 69.

This word, when taken in its strict legal sense, does not mean gifts, (advancements,) and does mean a sort of loan; and, when taken in its ordinary and usual sense, it includes both loans and gifts,—loans more readily, perhaps, than gifts. Nolan v. Bolton, 25 Ga. 356.

Payments advanced to the owner of property by a factor or broker on the price of goods which the latter has in his hands, or is to receive, for sale. Lafflin, etc., Powder Co. v. Burkhardt, 97 U. S. 110, 24 L. Ed. 973.

ADVANTAGIUM. In old pleading. An advantage. Co. Ent. 494; Townsh. Pl. 50.

ADVENA. In Roman law. One of foreign birth, who has left his own country and settled elsewhere, and who has not acquired citizenship in his new locality; often called alienus. Du Cange.

ADVENT. A period of time recognized by the English common and ecclesiastical law, beginning on the Sunday that falls either upon St. Andrew's day, being the 30th of November, or the next to it, and continuing to Christmas day. Wharton.

ADVENTITIOUS. That which comes incidentally, fortuitously, or out of the regular course. "Adventitious value" of lands, see Central R. Co. v. State Board of Assessors, 49 N. J. Law, 1, 7 Atl. 306.

ADVENTITIOUS. Lat. Fortuitous; incidental; that which comes from an unusual source. Adventitius bona are goods which fall to a man otherwise than by inheritance. Adventitius dos is a doubtful or portion given by some friend other than the parent.

ADVENTURA. An adventure. 2 Mon. Angl. 615; Townsh. Pl. 50. Flotson, Jetson, and lagon are styled adventura maris, (adventures of the sea.) Hale, De Jure Mar. pt. 1, c. 7.

ADVENTURE. In mercantile law. Sending goods abroad under charge of a supercargo or other agent, at the risk of the sender, to be disposed of to the best advantage for the benefit of the owners. The goods themselves so sent.

In marine insurance. A very usual word in policies of marine insurance, and everywhere used as synonymous, or nearly so, with "perils." It is often used by the writers to describe the enterprise or voyage as a "marine adventure" insured against. Moores v. Louisville Underwriters (C. C.) 14 Fed. 233.

—Adventures, bill of. In mercantile law. A writing signed by a merchant, stating that the property in goods shipped in his name belongs to another, to the adventure or chance or of which the person so named is to stand, with a covenant from the merchant to account to him for the produce.—Gross adventure. In maritime law. A loan on bottomry. So named because the lender, in case of a loss, or expense incurred for the common safety, must contribute to the gross or general average.—Joint adventure. A commercial or maritime enterprise undertaken by several persons jointly; a limited partnership, limited by statute to the liability of the partners, but as to its scope and duration. Ross v. Willett, 76 Hun, 211, 27 N. Y. Supp. 783.

ADVERSARIA. (From Lat. adversus, things remarked or ready at hand.) Rough memoranda, common-place books.

ADVERSARY. A litigant-opponent, the opposite party in a writ or action.

ADVERSARY PROCEEDING. One having opposing parties; contested, as distinguished from an ex parte application; one of which the party seeking relief has given legal warning to the other party, and afforded the latter an opportunity to contest it.

ADVERSE. Opposed; contrary; in resistance or opposition to a claim, application, or proceeding.

ADVERSE PARTY. An "adverse party" entitled to notice of appeal is every party whose interest in relation to the judgment or decree appealed from is in conflict with the modification or reversal sought by the appeal; every party interested in sustaining the judgment or decree. Harrigan v. Gilchrist, 121 Wis. 127, 99 N. W. 900; Moody v. Miller, 24 Or. 179, 51 Pac. 402; Maiz v. Byrne, 332 Cal. 250, 64 Pac. 227; Fitzgerald v. Cross, 30 Ohio St. 444; In re Clarke, 74 Minn. 8, 76 N. W. 790; Herriman v. Menzies, 115 Cal. 16, 44 Pac. 600, 33 L. R. A. 318, 56 Am. St. Rep. 81.

ADVERSUS. In the civil law. Against. (contra.) Adversus bonos mores, against good morals. Dig. 47, 10, 15.

ADVERTISEMENT. Notice given in a manner designed to attract public attention; information communicated to the public, or to an individual concerned, by means of handbills or the newspaper. Montford v. Allen, 111 Ga. 18, 36 S. E. 303; Haflner v. Barnard, 123 Ind. 429, 24 N. E. 152; Com. v. Johnson, 3 Pa. Dist. R. 222.

A sign-board, erected at a person's place of business, giving notice that lottery tickets are for sale there, is an "advertisement" within the meaning of a statute prohibiting the advertising of lotteries. In such connection the meaning of the word is not confined to notices printed in newspapers. Com. v. Hooper, 5 Pick. (Mass.) 42.

ADVERTISEMENTS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH. Certain articles or ordinances drawn up by Archbishop Parker and some of the bishops in 1564, at the request of Queen Elizabeth, the object of which was to enforce decency and uniformity in the ritual of the church. The queen subsequently refused to give her official sanction to these advertisements, and left them to be enforced by the bishops under their general powers. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 910; 2 Prob. Div. 276; 1d. 354.

ADVICE. View; opinion; the counsel given by lawyers to their clients; an opinion expressed as to wisdom of future conduct.

The instruction usually given by one merchant or banker to another by letter, informing him of shipments made to him, or of bills or drafts drawn on him, with particulars of date, or sight, the sum, and the payee. Bills presented for acceptance or payment are frequently dishonored for want of advice.

―Letter of advice. A communication from one person to another, advising or warning the latter of something which he ought to know, and commonly apprising him beforehand of some act done by the writer which will ultimately affect the recipient. It is usual and perfectly proper for the drawer of a bill of exchange to write a letter of advice to the drawee, as well to prevent fraud or alteration of the bill, as to let the drawee know what provision has been made for the payment of the bill. Chit. Bills, 162.

ADVISARE, ADVISARI. Lat. To consult, deliberate, consider, advise; to be advised. Occurring in the phrase curia advisari vult, (usually abbreviated cur. adv. vult, or C. A. V.), the court wishes to be advised, or to consider of the matter.

ADVISE. To give an opinion or counsel, or recommend a plan or course of action; also to give notice. Long v. State, 23 Neb. 33, 38 N. W. 310.

This term is not synonymous with "direct" or "instruct." Where a statute authorizes the trial court to advise the jury to acquit, the court has no power to instruct the jury to acquit. The court can only counsel, and the jury are not bound by the advice. People v. Horn, 70 Cal. 17, 11 Pac. 470.

ADvised. Prepared to give judgment, after examination and deliberation. "The court took time to be advised." 1 Leon. 187.

ADVISEMENT. Deliberation, consideration, consultation; the consultation of a court, after the argument of a cause by counsel, and before delivering their opinion. Clark v. Read, 5 N. J. Law, 486.


ADVOCARE. Lat. To defend; to call to one's aid; to vouch; to warrant.


ADVOCATA. In old English law. A patroness; a woman who had the right of presenting to a church. Spelman.

ADVOCATE. One who assists, defends, or pleads for another; one who renders legal advice and aids and pleads the cause of another before a court.

A person learned in the law, and duly admitted to practice, who assists his client with advice, and pleads for him in open court. Holthouse.

The College or Faculty of Advocates is a corporate body in Scotland, consisting of the members of the bar in Edinburgh. A large portion of its members are not active practitioners, however. 2 Bankt. Inst. 456.

In the civil and ecclesiastical law. An officer of the court, learned in the law, who is engaged by a sutor to maintain or defend his cause.

―Advocate general. The adviser of the crown in England on questions of naval and military law—Advocate, lord. The principal crown lawyer in Scotland, and one of the great officers of state of Scotland. It is his duty to act as public prosecutor; but private individuals injured may prosecute upon obtaining his concurrence. He is assisted by a solicitor general and four junior counsel, termed "advocates-depute." He has the power of appearing.
as public prosecutor in any court in Scotland, where any person can be tried for an offense, or in any action where the crown is interested. Wharton.—Advo
cate, Queen's. A member of the College of Advocates, appointed by letters
patent, whose office is to advise and act as counsel for the crown in questions of civil, canon, and international law. His rank is next after the
solicitor general.

**ADVOCATI ECCLESIAL**. A term used in the ecclesiastical law to denote the pa
trons of churches who presented to the living on an avoidance. This term was also applied to those who were retained to argue the cases of the church.

**ADVOCATA.** In the civil law. The quality, function, privilege, or territorial jurisdiction of an advocate.

**ADVOCACTION.** In Scotch law. A process by which an action may be carried from an inferior to a superior court before final judgment in the former.

**ADVOCATIONE DECIMARUM.** A writ which lay for tithes, demanding the fourth part or upwards, that belonged to any church.

**ADVOCATOR.** In old practice. One who called on or voced another to warrant a title; a voucher. *Advocatus*; the person called on, or voced; a voucher. Spelman; Townsh. Pl. 45.

In Scotch practice. An appellant. 1 Broun, R. 67.

**ADVOCATUS.** In the civil law. An advocate: one who managed or assisted in managing another's cause before a judicial tribunal. Called also "patronus." Cod. 2, 7, 14. But distinguished from *causidicus*. Id. 2, 6, 6.

—*Advocatus diaboli.* In ecclesiastical law. The devil's advocate; the advocate who argues against the canonization of a saint.—*Advocati fiscus.* In the civil law. Advocates of the fisc, or revenue; fiscal advocates, *(qui causam faci
gent).* Cod. 2, 9, 1; Id. 2, 7, 13. Answering, in some measure, to the king's counsel in English law. 3 Bl. Comm. 27.

*Advocatus est, ad quem pertinat jus advocacyis allicijus ecclesiae, ut ad ec
clesiam, nomine propri, non alieno, possit presentare.* A patron is he to whom appertains the right of presentation to a church. In such a manner that he may present to such a church in his own name, and not in the name of another. Co. Litt. 119.


**ADVOUTRY.** In old English law. Adultery between parties both of whom were married. Hunter v. U. S., 1 Pt. (Wls.) 91, 39 Am. Dec. 277. Or the offense by an adulteress of continuing to live with the man with whom she committed the adultery. Cowell; Termes de la Ley. Sometimes spelled "advoutry."

**ADVOWEE, or ADVOWEE.** The person or patron who has a right to present to a benefice. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 14.

—Advowee paramount. The sovereign, or highest patron.

**ADVOWSON.** In English ecclesiastical law. The right of presentation to a church or ecclesiastical benefice; the right of presenting a fit person to the bishop, to be by him admitted and instituted to a certain benefice within the diocese, which has become vacant. 2 Bl. Comm. 21; Co. Litt. 119b, 120a. The person enjoying this right is called the "patron" (*patronus*) of the church, and was formerly termed "advoca
tus," the advocate or defender, or in English, "advowee." Id.; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 129, § 117.

Advowsons are of the following several kinds, viz.:—

—Advowson appendant. An advowson annexed to a manor, and passing with it, as incident or appellant to it, to a grant of the manor only, without adding any other words. 2 Bl. Comm. 22; Co. Litt. 120, 121; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 120, § 118.—Advowson collective. Where the bishop has advowson, where to be the patron, in which case (presentation being impossible, or unnecessary) he does by one act, which is termed "collation," or conferring the benefice, all that is usually done by the separate acts of presentation and institution. 2 Bl. Comm. 22, 23; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 131, § 119.—Advowson donative. Where the patron has the right to put his clerk in possession by his mere gift, or deed of donation, without any presentation to the bishop, or institution by him. 2 Bl. Comm. 23; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 131, § 119.—Advowson in gross. An advowson separated from the manor, and annexed to the person. 2 Bl. Comm. 22; Co. Litt. 120; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 130, § 118; 3 Step. Comm. 116.—Advowson presenta
tive. The usual kind of advowson, where the patron has the right of presentation to the bishop, or ordinary, and moreover to demand of him to institute his clerk, if he fails him canonically qualified. 3 Bl. Comm. 22; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 131, § 119.

**ADVOWTRY.** See Advoutry.

**ÆDES.** Lat. In the civil law. A house, dwelling, place of habitation, whether in the city or country. Dig. 30, 41, 5. In the country everything upon the surface of the soil passed under the term "ædes." Du Cange; Calv.

**ÆDIFICARE.** Lat. In civil and old English law. To make or build a house; to erect a building. Dig. 45, 1, 75, 7.

Ædificare in tuo proprio solo non liest quod alteri nocet. 3 Inst. 201. To build upon your own land what may injure another is not lawful. A proprietor of land has no right to erect an edifice on his own ground, interfering with the due enjoyment of adjoining premises, as by overhanging
them, or by throwing water from the roof and eaves upon them, or by obstructing ancient lights and windows. Broom, Max. 369.

Edificatum solo solo edit. What is built upon land belongs to or goes with land. Broom, Max. 172; Co. Litt. 4a.


ÆDILE. In Roman law. An officer who attended to the repairs of the temples and other public buildings; the repairs and cleanliness of the streets; the care of the weights and measures; the providing for funerals and games; and regulating the prices of provisions. Answ. Lex.; Smith, Lex.; Du Cange.

ÆDILITUM EDICTUM. In the Roman law. The Ædillitan Edict; an edict providing remedies for frauds in sales, the execution of which belonged to the curule ædiles. Dig. 21. 1. See Cod. 4, 58.

ÆFESN. In old English law. The remuneration to the proprietor of a domain for the privilege of feeding swine under the oaks and beeches of his woods.

ÆGROTO. Lat. Being sick or indisposed. A term used in some of the older reports. “Halt ægroto.” 11 Mod. 179.

ÆGYLDE. Uncompensated, unpaid for, unavenged. From the participle of exclusion, a, ex, or ce, (Goth.) and gid, payment, requital. Anc. Inst. Eng.

ÆL. A Norman French term signifying “grandfather.” It is also spelled “sieuil” and “apic.” Kelham.

Æquor est dispositio legis quam hominis. The disposition of the law is more equitable than that of man. 8 Coke, 152.

ÆQUITAS. In the civil law. Equity, as opposed to strictum or sumnum jus, (q. c.) Otherwise called æquum, æquum bonum, æquum et bonus, æquum et justum. Calvin.

Æquitas agit in personam. Equity acts upon the person. 4 Bouv. Inst. n. 3733.

Æquitas est correctio legis generaliter late, qua parte deficit. Equity is the correction of that wherein the law, by reason of its generality, is deficient. Plowd. 375.

Æquitas est correctio quasdam legii adhibita, quia ab eis absque aliquod propter generali ipso excepcionem. Equity is a certain correction applied to law, because on account of its general comprehensiveness, without an exception, something is absent from it, Plowd. 467.

ÆQUAS est perfecta quasdam ratione quae jus scriptum interpretatur et emendatur; nulla scriptura comprehensa, sed solum in vera ratione consistens. Equity is a certain perfect reason, which interprets and amends the written law, comprehended in no-writing, but consisting in right reason alone. Co. Litt. 240.

Æquitias est quasi equalitas. Equity is as it were equality; equity is a species of equality or equalization. Co. Litt. 24.

Æquitas ignorantium opitulatur, oscitantur non item. Equity assists ignorance, but not carelessness.

Æquitas non facit jus, sed jure auxiliatur. Equity does not make law, but assists law. Loft, 379.

Æquitas nunquam contraventur leges. Equity never counteracts the laws.

Æquitas sequitur legem. Equity follows the law. Glib. 186.

Æquitas supervacua edit. Equity abhors superfluous things. Loft, 252.

Æquitas usoribus, liberiis, creditoribus maxime favet. Equity favors wives and children, creditors most of all.

Æquum et bonum est lex legum. What is equitable and good is the law of laws. Hob. 224.

ÆQUUS. Lat. Equal; even. A provision in a will for the division of the residuary estate ex æquus among the legatees means equally or evenly. Archer v. Morris, 61 N. J. Eq. 152, 47 Atl. 273.

ÆRA, or ERA. A fixed point of chronological time, whence any number of years is counted; thus, the Christian era began at the birth of Christ, and the Mohammedan era at the flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina. The derivation of the word has been much contested. Wharton.

ÆRARIIUM. Lat. In the Roman law. The treasury, (fiscus.) Calvin.

ÆS. Lat. In the Roman law. Money, (literally, brass;) metallic money in general, including gold. Dig. 9, 2, 2, pr.; Id. 9, 2, 27, 5; Id. 50, 10, 159.

ÆS. alenum. A civil law term signifying a debt; the property of another; borrowed money, as distinguished from ex sumum, one’s own money.—ÆS. sumum. One’s own money. In the Roman law. Debt: a debt; that which others owe to us, (quod aliæ nobis debent.) Dig. 50, 10, 213.

ÆSNECIA. In old English law. Esney; the right or privilege of the eldest.
born. Spelman; Glanv. lib. 7, c. 3; Flaeta, lib. 2, c. 66, §§ 5, 6.

ÆSTIMATIO CAPITIS. In Saxon law. The estimation or valuation of the head; the price or value of a man. By the laws of Athelstan, the life of every man not excepting that of the king himself, was estimated at a certain price, which was called the seere, or æstimatio capitis. Crabb, Eng. Law, c. 4.

Æstimatio præteriti delicti ex postremo facto nemquam crescit. The weight of a past offense is never increased by a subsequent fact. Bacon.

ÆTAS. Lat. In the civil law. Age.

—Ætas infantum proxima. The age next to infancy: the first half of the period of childhood. (pueritia,) extending from seven years to ten and a half. Inst. 3, 20, 9; 4 Bl. Comm. 22.

—Ætas legitima. Lawful age; the age of twenty-five. Dig. 3, 5, 27, pr.; id. 26, 2, 32, 2; Id. 27, 7, 1, pr.—Ætas perfecta. Complete age: full age: the age of twenty-five. Dig. 4, 4, 32; Id. 22, 3, 25. 1.—Ætas prima. The first age: infancy. (infantia.) Cod. 6, 61, 8, 3.

—Ætas pubertatis proxima. The age next to puberty: the last half of the period of childhood. (pueritia,) extending from ten years and a half to fourteen. Inst. 3, 20, 9; 4 Bl. Comm. 22.

ÆTATE PROBANDA. A writ which inquired whether the king's tenant holding in chief by chivalry was of full age to receive his lands. It was directed to the escheator of the county. Now disused.

ÆTHELING. In Saxon law. A noble; generally a prince of the blood.


AFFECT. To act upon; influence; change; enlarge or abridge. This word is often used in the sense of acting injuriously upon persons and things. Ryan v. Carter, 93 U. S. 84, 23 L. Ed. 807; Tyler v. Wells, 2 Mo. App. 538; Holland v. Dickerson, 41 Iowa, 373; United States v. Ortega, 11 Wheat. 467; 6 L. Ed. 521.

Affectio tua nomen imponit operi tue. Your disposition (or intention) gives name (or character) to your work or act. Bract. fol. 2b, 101b.

AFFECTION. The making over, pawning, or mortgaging a thing to assure the payment of a sum of money, or the discharge of some other duty or service. Crabb, Technol. Dict.

AFFECTUS. Disposition; intention, impulse or affection of the mind. One of the causes for a challenge of a juror is propter affectum, on account of a suspicion of bias or favor. 3 Bl. Comm. 363; Co. Litt. 156.

Affectus punitur licet non sequatur effectus. The intention is punished although the intended result does not follow. 9 Coke, 55.

AFFEEER. To assess, liquidate, appraise, fix in amount. To affer an amercement. To establish the amount which one amerced in a court-leet should pay. To affer an account. To confirm it on oath in the exchequer. Cowell; Blount; Spelman.

AFFEERORS. Persons who, in court-leets, upon oath, settle and moderate the fines and amercements imposed on those who have committed offenses arbitrarily punishable, or that have no express penalty appointed by statute. They are also appointed to moderate fines, etc., in courts-baron. Cowell.

AFFERMER. L. Fr. To let to farm. Also to make sure, to establish or confirm. Kelham.

AFFIANCE. A plighting of troth between man and woman. Litt. § 30. An agreement by which a man or woman promise each other that they will marry together. Poth. Tratté du Mar. n. 24.

AFFIANT. The person who makes and subscribes an affidavit. The word is used, in this sense, interchangeably with “deponent.” But the latter term should be reserved as the designation of one who makes a deposition.

AFFIDARE. To swear faith to; to pledge one’s faith or do fealty by making oath. Cowell.

AFFIDARI. To be mustered and enrolled for soldiers upon an oath of fidelity.

AFFIDATIO. A swearing of the oath of fidelity or of fealty to one’s lord, under whose protection the quasi-vassal has voluntarily come. Brown.

AFFIDATIUM DOMINORUM. An oath taken by the lords in parliament.

AFFIDATUS. One who is not a vassal, but who for the sake of protection has connected himself with one more powerful. Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 46.

AFFIDAVIT. A written or printed declaration or statement of facts, made voluntarily, and confirmed by the oath or affirmation of the party making it, taken before an officer having authority to administer such oath. Cox v. Stern, 170 Ill. 442, 48 N. E.


An affidavit is an oath in writing, sworn before and attested by him who hath authority to administer the same. Knapp v. Ducu, 1 Mich. N. P. 180.

An affidavit is always taken ex parte, and in this respect it is distinguished from a deposition, the matter of which is elicited by questions, and which affords an opportunity for cross-examination. In re Liter's Estate, 10 Mont. 474, 48 Pac. 753.

Affidavit of defense. An affidavit stating that the defendant has a good defense to the plaintiff's action on the merits of the case. — Affidavit of merits. One setting forth that the defendant has a meritorious defense (substantial and not technical) and stating the facts constituting the same. Palmer v. Rogers, 70 Iowa, 381, 30 N. W. 940. — Affidavit of service. An affidavit intended to certify the service of a writ, notice, or other document. — Affidavit to hold to bail. An affidavit made to procure the arrest of the defendant in a civil action.

Affilare. L. Lat. To file or affile. Affilatur, let it be filed. 8 Coke, 160. De recondo affilatun, affiled of record. 2 Ld. Raym. 1476.


Affiliation. The fixing any one with the paternity of a bastard child, and the obligation to maintain it.

In French law. A species of adoption which exists by custom in some parts of France. The person affiliated succeeded equally with other heirs to the property acquired by the deceased to whom he had been affiliated, but not to that which he inherited. Bouvier.

In ecclesiastical law. A condition which prevented the superior from removing the person affiliated to another convent. Guyot, Repert.


Affines. In the civil law. Connections by marriage, whether of the persons or their relatives. Calvin.

Neighbors, who own or occupy adjoining lands. Dig. 10, 1, 12.

Affinis mee affinis non est mihi affinis. One who is related by marriage to a person related to me by marriage has no affinity to me. Shelf. Mar. & Div. 174.


Affirmance. At common law. Relationship by marriage between the husband and the blood relations of the wife, and between the wife and the blood relations of the husband. 1 Bl. Comm. 434; Solinger v. Earle, 45 N. Y. Super. Ct. 80; Tegarden v. Phillips (Ind. App.) 39 N. E. 212.

Affinity is distinguished into three kinds: (1) Direct, or that subsisting between the husband and his wife's relations by blood, or between the wife and the husband's relations by blood; (2) second, or that which subsists between the husband and his wife's relations by marriage; (3) collateral, or that which subsists between the husband and the relations of his wife's relations. Wharton.

In the civil law. The connection which arises by marriage between each person of the married pair and the kindred of the other. MacKeld. Rom. Law, § 147; Poydras v. Livingston, 5 Mart. O. S. (La.) 283. A husband is related by affinity to all the consanguine of his wife, and vice versa, the wife to the husband's consanguine; for the husband and wife being considered one flesh, those who are related to the one by blood are related to the other by affinity. Gibbs, Cod. 412; 1 Bl. Comm. 435.

In a larger sense, consanguinity or kindred. Co. Litt. 157a.

—Quasi affinity. In the civil law. The affinity which exists between two persons, one of whom has been betrothed to a kin of the other, but who have never been married.

Affirm. To ratify, make firm, confirm, establish, reassert.

To ratify or confirm a former law or judgment. Cowell.

In the practice of appellate courts, to affirm a judgment, decree, or order, is to declare that it is valid and right, and must stand as rendered below; to ratify and reassert it; to concur in its correctness and confirm its efficacy.

In pleading. To allege or aver a matter of fact; to state it affirmatively; the opposite of deny or traverse.

In practice. To make affirmation; to make a solemn and formal declaration or assurance that an affidavit is true, that the witness will tell the truth, etc., this being substituted for an oath in certain cases. Also, to give testimony on affirmation.

In the law of contracts. A party is said to affirm a contract, the same being voidable at his election, when he ratifies and accepts it, waives his right to annul it, and proceeds under it as if it had been valid originally.

Affirmance. In practice. The confirming, or ratifying a former law, or judgment. Cowell; Blount.

The confirmation and ratification by an ap-
PELLATE court of a judgment, order, or decree of a lower court brought before it for review. See AFFIRM.
A dismissal of an appeal for want of prosecution is not an "affirmance" of the judgment. Drummond v. Husson, 14 N. Y. 60.
The ratification or confirmation of a voidable contract or act by the party who is to be bound thereby.
The term is in accuracy to be distinguished from ratification, which is a recognition of the validity or binding force as against the party ratifying, of some act performed by another person; and from confirmation, which would seem to apply more properly to cases where a doubtful authority has been exercised by another in behalf of the person ratifying; but these distinctions are not generally observed with much care. Bouvier.

AFFIRMANCE DAY GENERAL. In the English court of exchequer, is a day appointed by the judges of the common pleas, and barons of the exchequer, to be held a few days after the beginning of every term for the general affirmance or reversal of judgments. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1001.

AFFIRMANT. A person who testifies on affirmation, or who affirms instead of taking an oath. See AFFIRMATION. Used in affidavits and depositions which are affirmed, instead of sworn to in the place of the word "deponent."


Affirmati, non neganti incumbit probatio. The [burden of] proof lies upon him who affirms, not upon one who denies. Steph. 11. 84.

AFFIRMATION. In practice. A solemn and formal declaration or asseveration that an affidavit is true, that the witness will tell the truth, etc., this being substituted for an oath in certain cases.
A solemn religious asseveration in the nature of an oath. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 371.

AFFIRMATIVE. That which declares positively; that which avers a fact to be true; that which establishes; the opposite of negative.
The party who, upon the allegations of pleadings joining issue, is under the obligation of making proof, in the first instance, of matters alleged, is said to hold the affirmative, or, in other words, to sustain the burden of proof. Abbott.
As to affirmative "Damages," "Pleas," "Warranties," see those titles.

AFFIRMATIVE defense. In code pleading. New matter constituting a defense; new matter which, assuming the complaint to be true, constitutes a defense to it. Carter v. Eighth Ward Bank, 33 Misc. Rep. 123, 67 N. Y. Supp. 200.—Affirmative pregnant. In pleading. An affirmative allegation implying some negative in favor of the adverse party. Fields v. State, 134 Ind. 46, 32 N. E. 780.—Affirmative relief. Relief, benefit, or compensation which may be granted to the defendant in a judgment or decree in accordance with the facts established in his favor; such as may properly be given within the issues made by the pleadings or according to the legal or equitable rights of the parties as established by the evidence. Garner v. Hannah, 8 Duer (N. Y.) 262.—Affirmative statute. In legislation. A statute couched in affirmative or mandatory terms; one which directs the doing of an act, or declares what shall be done; as a negative statute is one which prohibits a thing from being done, or declares what shall not be done. Blackstone describes affirmative acts of parliament as those "wherein justice is directed to be done according to the law of the land." 1 Bl. Comm. 142.

AFFIX. To fix or fasten upon, to attach, to inscribe, or impress upon, as a signature, a seal, a trade-mark. Pen. Code N. Y. § 367. To attach, add to, or fasten upon, permanently, as in the case of fixtures annexed to real estate.
A thing is deemed to be affixed to land when it is attached to it by the act of man in the case of trees, vines, or shrubs; or imbedded in it, as in the case of walls; or permanently resting upon it, as in the case of buildings; or permanently attached to what is thus permanent, as by means of cement, plaster, nails, bolts, or screws. Civ. Code Cal. § 880; Civ. Code Mont. 1885, § 1071; McNally v. Connolly, 70 Cal. 3, 11 Pac. 320; Miller v. Waddingham (Cal.) 25 Pac. 688, 11 L. R. A. 510.

AFFIXUS. In the civil law. Affixed, fixed, or fastened to.

AFFORARE. To set a price or value on a thing. Blount.

AFFORATUS. Appraised or valued, as things vendible in a market. Blount.

AFFORCE. To add to; to increase; to strengthen; to add force to.
—Afforce the assise. In old English practice. A method of securing a verdict, where the jury disagreed, by adding other jurors to the panel, so that it would be found who were unanimous in their opinion. Bract. fol. 1858, 232a; Flets, lib. 4, c. 9, § 2; 2 Reeve. Hist. Eng. Law, 207.

AFFORCIAMENTUM. In old English law. A fortress or stronghold, or other fortification. Cowell.
The calling of a court upon a solemn or extraordinary occasion. Id.

AFFOREST. To convert land into a forest in the legal sense of the word.

AFFOUAGE. In French law. The right of the inhabitants of a commune or section of a commune to take from the forest the fire-wood which is necessary for their use. Duverger.

AFFRANCHIR. L. Fr. To set free. Kelham.

AFFRANCHISE. To liberate; to make free.
AFFRAY 

AFFRAY. In criminal law. The fighting of two or more persons in some public place to the terror of the people. Burton v. Com., 60 S. W. 539, 22 Ky. Law Rep. 1315; Thompson v. State, 70 Ala. 26; State v. Allen, 11 N. C. 356.

It differs from a riot in not being premeditated; for if any persons meet together upon any lawful or innocent occasion, and happen on a sudden to engage in fighting, they are not guilty of a riot, but an affray only; and in that case none are guilty except those actually engaged in it. Hawk P. C. bk. 1, c. 63, § 3; 4 Bl. Comm. 146; 1 Russ. Crimes, 271; Supreme Council v. Garrigus, 104 Ind. 335, 3 N. E. 518, 54 Am. Rep. 298.

If two or more persons voluntarily by agreement engage in any fight, or use any blows or violence towards each other in any angry or quarrelsome manner, in any public place to the disturbance of others, they are guilty of an affray, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days, or a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars. Rev. Code Iowa 1859, § 4065.

AFFREIGHTMENT. Affreightment; a contract for the hire of a vessel. From the Fr. fret, which, according to Cowell, meant tons or tonnage.

AFFREIGHTMENT. A contract of affreightment is a contract with a ship-owner to hire his ship, or part of it, for the carriage of goods. Such a contract generally takes the form either of a charter-party or of a bill of lading. Maude & P. Mer. Shipp. 227; Smith, Merc. Law, 295; Bramble v. Culmer, 78 Fed. 501, 24 C. C. A. 182; Auten v. Bennett, 88 App. Div. 15, 84 N. Y. Supp. 688.

In French law, freighting and affreighting are distinguished. The owner of a ship freights it, (le fretue;) he is called the freighter, (freteur;) he is the lessee or lessor, (locateur, locataire; the merchant affreights (affreter) the ship, and is called the affreighter, (affreteur;) he is the hirer, (locataire, conducteur.) Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 11, § 3.

AFFRETEREMENT. Fr. In French law. The hiring of a vessel; affreighting. Called also noisemement. Ord. Mar. liv. 1, tit. 2, art. 2; Id. liv. 3, tit. 1, art. 1.

AFFRI. In old English law. Plow cattle, bullocks or plow horses. Aferi, or aferi curauce; beasts of the plow. Speelman.

AFFORESaid. Before, or already said, mentioned, or recited; premised. Plowd. 67. Foreaid is used in Scotch law.

Although the words "proceeding" and "foreaid" generally mean next before, and "following" means next after, yet a different signification will be given to them if required by the context and the facts of the case. Simpson v. Roberts, 35 Ga., 180.

AFFORETHOUGHT. In criminal law. Deliberate; planned; premeditated; pre- pense. State v. Foe, 9 Houst. (Del.) 498, 33 Bl.Law Dict. (2d Ed.)—4

AGARDER

AGARDER. L. Fr. To award, adjudge, or determine; to sentence, or condemn.
AGE. Signifies those periods in the lives of persons of both sexes which enable them to do certain acts which, before they had arrived at those periods, they were prohibited from doing.

The length of time during which a person has lived or a thing has existed.

In the old books, "age" is commonly used to signify "full age," that is, the age of twenty-one years. Litt. § 294.

—Legal age. The age at which the person acquires full capacity to make his own contracts and deeds and transact business generally (age of majority) or to enter into some particular contract or relation, as, the "legal age of consent" to marriage. See Capwell v. Capwell, 21 R. I. 101, 41 Atl. 1005; Montoya de Antonio v. Miller, 7 N. M. 280, 54 Pac. 40, 21 L. R. A. 689.


AGE PRAYER. A suggestion of non-age, made by an infant party to a real action, with the purpose that the proceedings may be deferred until his full age. It is now abolished. St. 11 Geo. IV.; 1 Wm. IV. c. 37, § 10; 1 Lili. Reg. 54; 3 Bl. Comm. 300.

AGENCY. A relation, created either by express or implied contract or by law, where by one party (called the principal or constituent) delegates the transaction of some lawful business or the authority to do certain acts for him or in relation to his rights or property, with more or less discretionary power, to another person (called the agent, attorney, proxy, or delegate) who undertakes to manage the affair and render him an account thereof. State v. Hubbard, 58 Kan. 797, 59 Pac. 290, 39 L. R. A. 890; Sternman v. Insurance Co., 170 N. Y. 13, 62 N. E. 763, 57 L. R. A. 318, 88 Am. St. Rep. 625; Wynegar v. State, 157 Ind. 577, 62 N. E. 38.

The contract of agency may be defined to be a contract by which one of the contracting parties transfers to the other the management of a certain affair, to be transacted on his account, to the other party, who undertakes to do the business and render an account of it. 1 Liverm. Prin. & Ag. 2.

A contract by which one person, with greater or less discretionary power, undertakes to represent another in certain business relations. Whart. Ag. 1.

A relation between two or more persons, by which one party, usually called the agent or attorney, is authorized to do certain acts for, or in relation to the rights or property of the other, who is denominated the principal, constituent or employer. Bouvier.


Agency of necessity. A term sometimes applied to the kind of implied agency which enables a wife to procure what is reasonably necessary for her maintenance and support on her husband’s credit and at his expense, when he has no mature provision for her necessities. Boysick v. Brower, 22 Misc. Rep. 700, 49 N. Y. Supp. 1046.

AGNESIA. In medical jurisprudence. Impotencia generandi; sexual impotence; incapacity for reproduction, existing in either sex, and whether arising from structural or other causes.

AGENFRIDA. Sex. The true master or owner of a thing. Spelman.

AGECHINA. In Saxon law. A guest at an inn, who, having stayed there for three nights, was then accounted one of the family. Cowell.

AGENS. Lat. An agent, a conductor, or manager of affairs. Distinguished from factor, a workman. A plaintiff. Fleita, lib. 4, c. 15, § 8.

AGENT. One who represents and acts for another under the contract or relation of agency, q. v.

Classification. Agents are either general or special. A general agent is one employed in his capacity as a professional man or master of an art or trade, or one to whom the principal confides his whole business or all transactions or functions of a designated class; or he is a person who is authorized by his principal to execute all deeds, sign all contracts, or purchase all goods, required in a particular trade, business, or employment. See Story, Ag. § 17; Butler v. Murphy, 3 Wall. 766, 19 L. R. A. 522; Jaques v. Todd, 3 Wend. (N. Y.) 39; Springfield Engine Co. v. Kennedy, 7 Ind. App. 502, 34 N. E. 356; Cruzan v. Smith, 41 Ind. 297; Godlewski v. S. & A. Ry. Co., 100 Ky. 295, 55 S. W. 781, 51 L. R. A. 608. A special agent is one employed to conduct a particular transaction or piece of business for his principal or authorized to perform a specified act. Bryant v. Moore, 26 Me. 87, 45 Am. Dec. 96; Gibson v. Snow Hardware Co., 94 Ala. 346, 10 South. 304; Cooley v. Perrine, 41 N. J. Law, 325, 32 Am. Rep. 210.

Agents employed for the sale of goods or merchandise are called "mercantile agents," and are of two principal classes—brokers and factors, (q. v.) a factor is sometimes called a "commission agent," or "commission merchant." Russ. Merc. Prin. 11.

Synonyms. The term "agent" is to be distinguished from its synonyms "servant," "representative," and "trustee." A servant acts in behalf of his master and under the latter's direction and authority; but, as is regarded as a mere instrument, and not as the substitute or proxy of the master. Turner v. Cross, 83 Tex. 218, 18 S. W. 578, 15 L. R. A. 202; People v. Treadwell, 69 Cal. 226, 10 Pac. 502. A representative (such as an executor or an assignee in bankruptcy) owes his power and authority to the law which puts him in the place of the person represented, although the latter may have designated or chosen the representative. A trustee acts in the interest and for the benefit of one person, but by an authority derived from another person.

In international law. A diplomatic agent is a person employed by a sovereign to manage his private affairs, or those of his subjects in his name, at the court of a foreign government. Wolf, Inst. Nat. § 1237.

In the practice of the house of lords and privy council. In appeals, solicitors and other persons admitted to practise in those courts in a similar capacity to that of
AGGREGATE. Composed of several; consisting of many persons united together. 1 Bl. Comm. 469.

AGGREGATO MENTIUM. The meeting of minds. The moment when a contract is complete. A supposed derivation of the word "agreement."

AGGRESSOR. The party who first offers violence or offense. He who begins a quarrel or dispute, either by threatening or striking another.

AGGRIEVED. Having suffered loss or injury; damned; injured.

AGGRIEVED PARTY. Under statutes granting the right of appeal to the party aggrieved by an order or judgment, the party aggrieved is one whose pecuniary interest is directly affected by the adjudication; one whose right of property may be established or divested thereby. Ruff v. Montgomery, 83 Miss. 185, 36 South. 67; McFarland v. Pierce, 151 Ind. 646, 45 N. E. 760; Lamar v. Lamar, 118 Ga. 654, 45 S. E. 498; Smith v. Bradsheet, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 294; Bryant v. Allen, 6 N. H. 118; Wigg v. Swett, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 194, 59 Am. Dec. 716; Tillinghast v. Brown University, 24 R. I. 179, 52 Atl. 891; Lowery v. Lowery, 64 N. C. 110; Raleigh v. Rogers, 23 N. J. Eq. 506. Or one against whom error has been committed. Kinea v. Macklin, 67 Mo. 95.

AGILID. In Saxon law. Free from penalty, not subject to the payment of geld, or scearpeld; that is, the customary fine or pecuniary compensation for an offense. Spelman; Cowell.

AGILER. In Saxon law. An observer or informer.

AGILLARIUS. L. Lat. In old English law. A hayward, herdsman, or keeper of the herd of cattle in a common field. Cowell.
AGIO. In commercial law. A term used to express the difference in point of value between metallic and paper money, or between one sort of metallic money and another. McCul. Dict.

AGIOTAGE. A speculation on the rise and fall of the public debt of states, or the public funds. The speculator is called "agioter."

AGIST. In ancient law. To take in and feed the cattle of strangers in the king's forest, and to collect the money due for the same to the king's use. Spelman; Cowell.

In modern law. To take in cattle to feed, or pasture, at a certain rate of compensation. See AGIMENT.

AGISTATIO ANIMALIUM IN FORESTA. The drift or numbering of cattle in the forest.

AGISTERS, or GIST TAKERS. Officers appointed to look after cattle, etc. See Williams, Common, 232.

AGIMENT. The taking in of another person's cattle to be fed, or to pasture, upon one's own land, in consideration of an agreed price to be paid by the owner. Also the profit or recompense for such pasturing of cattle. Bass v. Pierce, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 595; Williams v. Miller, 68 Cal. 290, 9 Pac. 196; Auld v. Travis, 5 Colo. App. 535, 30 Pac. 357.

There is also agistment of sea-banks, where lands are charged with a tribute to keep out the sea; and terrae agistatae are lands whose owners must keep up the sea-banks. Holt-house.

AGISTOR. One who takes in horses or other animals to pasture at certain rates. Story, Ball. § 445.

AGNATES. In the law of descent. Relations by the father. This word is used in the Scotch law, and by some writers as an English word, corresponding with the Latin agnati, (q. v.) Ersk. Inst. b. 1, tit. 7, § 4.

AGNATI. In Roman law. The term included "all the cognates who trace their connection exclusively through males. A table of cognates is formed by taking each lineal ancestor in turn and including all his descendants of both sexes in the tabular view. If, then, in tracing the various branches of such a genealogical table or tree, we stop whenever we come to the name of a female, and pursue that particular branch or ramifications no further, all who remain after the descendants of women have been excluded are agnates, and their connection together is agnatic relationship." Maine, Anc. Law, 142.

All persons are agnatically connected together who are under the same patria potestas, or who have been under it, or who might have been under it if their lineal ancestor had lived long enough to exercise his empire. Maine, Anc. Law, 144.

The agnate family consisted of all persons living at the same time, who would have been subject to the patria potestas of a common ancestor, if his life had been continued to their time. Hadl. Rom. Law, 53.

Between agnati and cognati there is this difference: that, under the name of agnati, cognati are included, but not e contrario; for instance, a father's brother, that is, a paternal uncle, is both agnatus and cognatus, but a mother's brother, that is, a maternal uncle, is a cognatus but not agnatus. (Dig. 38, 7, 5, pr.) Buller.

AGNATIC. [From agnati, q. v.] Derived from or through males. 2 Bl. Comm. 256.

AGNATIO. In the civil law. Relationship on the father's side; agnation. Agnatio a patre est. Inst. 3, 5, 4; Id. 3, 6, 6.

AGNATION. Kluship by the father's side. See AGNATES; AGNATI.

AGNOMEN. Lat. An additional name or title; a nickname. A name or title which a man gets by some action or peculiarity; the last of the four names sometimes given a Roman. Thus, Scipio Africanus, (the African,) from his African victories. Alnsworth; Calvin.

AGNOMINATION. A surname; an additional name or title; agnomen.

AGNUS DEI. Lat. Lamb of God. A piece of white wax, in a flat, oval form, like a small cake, stamped with the figure of a lamb, and consecrated by the pope. Cowell.

AGRARIAN. Relating to land, or to a division or distribution of land; as an agrarian law.

AGRARIAN LAWS. In Roman law. Laws for the distribution among the people, by public authority, of the lands constituting the public domain, usually territory conquered from an enemy. In common parlance the term is frequently applied to laws which have for their object the more equal division or distribution of landed property; laws for subdividing large properties and increasing the number of landholders.

AGRARIUM. A tax upon or tribute payable out of land.

AGREAMENTUM. In old English law. Agreement; an agreement. Spelman.

AGREE. To concur; to come into harmony; to give mutual assent; to unite in mental action; to exchange promises; to make an agreement.

To concur or acquiesce in; to approve or
AGREE

adopt. Agreed, agreed to, are frequently used in the books, (like accord.) to show the concurrence or harmony of cases. Agreed per curiam is a common expression.

To harmonize or reconcile. "You will agree your books." 8 Coke, 67.

AGREEÉ. In French law. A solicitor practising solely in the tribunals of commerce.

AGREEMENT. In Scotch law. Agreement; an agreement or contract.

AGREED. Settled or established by agreement. This word in a deed creates a covenant.

This word is a technical term, and it is synonymous with "contracted," McKisic v. McKisic, Meigs (Tenn.) 433. It means, ex vi termini, that it is the agreement of both parties, whether both sign it or not, each and both consenting to it. Aitkin v. Albanby, V. & C. R. Co., 26 Barb. (N. Y.) 298.

—Agreed order. The only difference between an agreed order and one which is made in the due course of the proceedings in an action is that in the one case it is agreed to, and in the other it is made as authorized by law. Claffin v. Gibson (Ky.) 51 S. W. 439, 21 Ky. Law Rep. 237.—Agreed statement of facts. A statement of facts, agreed on by the parties as true and correct, to be submitted to a court for a ruling on the law of the case. United States Trust Co. v. New Mexico, 183 U. S. 535, 22 Sup. Ct. 172, 46 L. Ed. 315; Reddick v. Pulaski County, 14 Ind. App. 638, 41 N. E. 834.

AGREEMENT. A concord of understanding and intention, between two or more parties, with respect to the effect upon their relative rights and duties, of certain past or future facts or performances. The act of two or more persons, who unite in expressing a mutual and common purpose, with the view of altering their rights and obligations.

A coming together of parties in opinion or determination; the union of two or more minds in a thing done or to be done; a mutual assent to do a thing. Com. Dig. "Agreement." A 1.

The consent of two or more persons concurring, the one in parting with, the other in receiving, some property, right, or benefit. Bac. Abr.

A promise, or undertaking. This is a loose and incorrect sense of the word. Wals. v. Wariters, 5 East, 11.

The writing or instrument which is evidence of an agreement.

Classification. Agreements are of the following several descriptions, viz.:

"Conditional agreements," the operation and effect of which depend upon the existence of a supposed state of facts, or the performance of a condition, or the happening of a contingency.

Executed agreements, which have reference to past events, or which are at once closed and where nothing further remains to be done by the parties.

Executory agreements are such as are to be performed in the future. They are commonly preliminary to other more formal or important contracts or deeds, and are usually evidenced by memoranda, parol promises, etc.

Express agreements are those in which the terms and stipulations are specifically declared and avowed by the parties at the time of making the agreement.

Implied agreement. One inferred from the acts or conduct of the parties, instead of being expressed by them in written or spoken words; one inferred by the law where the conduct of the parties with reference to the subject-matter is such as to induce the belief that they intended to do that which their acts indicate they have done. Bixby v. Moor, 51 N. II. 403; Cuneo v. De Cuneo, 24 Tex. Civ. App. 436, 59 S. W. 284.

Parol agreements. Such as are either by word of mouth or are committed to writing, but are not under seal. The common law draws only one great line, between things under seal and not under seal. Wharton.

Synonyms distinguished. The term "agreement" is often used as synonymous with "contract." Properly speaking, however, it is a wider term than "contract" (Anson, Cont. 4.) An agreement might not be a contract because not fulfilling some requirement of the law of the place in which it is made. So, where a contract embodies a series of mutual stipulations or constituent clauses, each of these clauses might be denominated an "agreement."

"Agreement" is seldom applied to specialties; "contract" is generally confined to simple contracts; and "promise" refers to the engagement of a party without reference to the reasons or considerations for it, or the duties of other parties. Pars. Cont. 6.

"Agreement" is more comprehensive than "promise," signifies a mutual contract, on consideration, between two or more parties. A statute (of frauds) which requires the agreement to be in writing includes the consideration. Wals. v. Wariters, 5 East, 10.

"Agreement" is not synonymous with "promise" or "undertaking," but, in its more proper and correct sense, signifies a mutual contract, on consideration, between two or more parties, and implies a consideration. Andrews v. Pontue, 24 Wend. (N. Y.) 285.

AGREEER. Fr. In French marine law. To rig or equip a vessel. Ord. Mar. liv. 1, tit. 2, art. 1.

AGREZ. Fr. In French marine law. The rigging or tackle of a vessel. Ord. Mar. liv. 1, tit. 2, art. 1; Id. tit. 11, art. 2; Id. liv. 3, tit. 1, art. 11.
AGRI. Arable lands in common fields.

AGRI LIMITATI. In Roman law. Lands belonging to the state by right of conquest, and granted or sold in plots. Sandars, Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 98.


AGRICULTURAL LIEN. A statutory lien in some states to secure money or supplies advanced to an agriculturist, to be expended or employed in the making of a crop and attaching to that crop only. Clark v. Farrar, 74 N. C. 686, 690.

AGRICULTURE. The science or art of cultivating the ground, especially in fields or large areas, including the tillage of the soil, the planting of seeds, the raising and harvesting of crops, and the rearing of live stock. Dillard v. Webb, 53 Ala. 474. And see Binzel v. Grogan, 67 Wls. 147, 29 N. W. 806; Simons v. Lovell, 7 Helsk. (Tenn.) 510; Springer v. Lewis, 22 Pa. 191.

A person actually engaged in the "science of agriculture" (within the meaning of a statute giving him special exemptions) is one who derives the support of himself and his family, in whole or in part, from the tillage and cultivation of fields. He must cultivate something more than a garden, although it may be much less than a farm. If the area cultivated can be called a field, it is agriculture, as well in contemplation of law as in the etymology of the word. And if this condition be fulfilled, the uniting of any other business, not inconsistent with the pursuit of agriculture, does not take away the protection of the statute. Springer v. Lewis, 22 Pa. 193.

AGUSADURA. In ancient customs, a fee, due from the vassals to their lord for sharpening their plowing tackle.

AHTEI'D. In old European law. A kind of oath among the Bavarians. Spelman. In Saxon law. One bound by oath, q. d. "oathed." From oath, oath, and tied. 1d.

AID, v. To support, help, or assist. This word must be distinguished from its synonym "encourage," the difference being that the former connotes active support and assistance, while the latter does not; and also from "abet," which last word imports necessary criminality in the act furthered, while "aid," standing alone, does not. See Aner.

AID AND ABET. In criminal law. That kind of connection with the commission of a crime which, at common law, rendered the person guilty as a principal in the second degree. It consisted in being present at the time and place, and doing some act to render aid to the actual perpetrator of the crime, though without taking a direct share in its commission. See 4 Bl. Comm. 34; People v. Doe, 122 Cal. 498, 55 Pac. 551, 68 Am. St. Rep. 50; State v. Tally, 102 Ala. 25, 15 South. 722; State v. Jones, 115 Iowa, 113, 88 N. W. 196; State v. Cox, 65 Mo. 29, 33.

AID AND COMFORT. Help; support; assistance; counsel; encouragement.

As an element in the crime of treason, the giving of "aid and comfort" to the enemy may consist in a mere attempt. It is not essential to constitute the giving of aid and comfort that the enterprise commenced should be successful and actually render assistance. Young v. United States, 97 U. S. 62, 24 L. Ed. 902; U. S. v. Greathouse, 4 Sawy. 472, Fed. Cas. No. 15,254.

AID OF THE KING. The king's tenant prays this, when rent is demanded of him by others.

AID PRAYER. In English practice. A proceeding formerly made use of, by way of petition in court, praying in aid of the tenant for life, etc., from the reversioner or remainder-man, when the title to the inheritance was in question. It was a plea in suspension of the action. 3 Bl. Comm. 300.

AIDER BY VERDIC'T. The healing or remission, by a verdict rendered, of a defect or error in pleading which might have been objected to before verdict.

The presumption of the proof of all facts necessary to the verdict as it stands, coming to the aid of a record in which such facts are not distinctly alleged.

AIDS. In feudal law, originally mere benevolences granted by a tenant to his lord, in times of distress; but at length the lords claimed them as of right. They were principally three: (1) To ransom the lord's person, if taken prisoner; (2) to make the lord's eldest son and heir apparent a knight; (3) to give a suitable portion to the lord's eldest daughter on her marriage. Abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24.

Also, extraordinary grants to the crown by the house of commons, and which were the origin of the modern system of taxation. 2 Bl. Comm. 63, 64.

—Reasonable aid. A duty claimed by the lord of the fee of his tenants, holding by knight service, to marry his daughter, etc. Cowell.


A writ which lieth where the grandfather was seised in his demesne as of fee of any lands or tenements in fee-simel the day that he died, and a stranger abateth or entereth the same day and disposesseth the heir. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 222; Spelman; Terms de la Ley; 3 Bl. Comm. 180.

AIELESSE. A Norman French term signifying "grandmother." Kelham.
AINESSE. In French feudal law. The right or privilege of the eldest born; primogeniture; escecy. Guyot, Inst. Feud. c. 17.


AIRE. In old Scotch law. The court of the justices itinerant, corresponding with the English eyre, (q. v.) Skene de Verb. Sign. voc. Iter.

AIR AND PAIRT. In old Scotch criminal law. Accessory; contriver and partner. 1 Pitt. Crim. Tr. pt. 1, p. 133; 3 How. State Tr. 601. Now written air and part, (q. v.)

AIR-WAY. In English law. A passage for the admission of air into a mine. To maliciously fill up, obstruct, or damage, with intent to destroy, obstruct, or render useless the air-way to any mine, is a felony punishable by penal servitude or imprisonment at the discretion of the court. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 97, § 28.

AISIAMENTUM. In old English law. An easement. Spelman.

AISNE or EIGNE. In old English law, the eldest or first born.

AJOURNMENT. In French law. The document pursuant to which an action or suit is commenced, equivalent to the writ of summons in England. Actions, however, are in some cases commenced by requête or petition. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 545.

AJUAR. In Spanish law. Paraphernalia. The jewels and furniture which a wife brings in marriage.

AJUTAGE. A tube, conical in form, intended to be applied to an aperture through which water passes, whereby the flow of the water is greatly increased. See Schuykill Nav. Co. v. Moore, 2 Whart. (Pa.) 477.

AKIN. In old English law. Of kin. "Next-a-kin." 7 Mod. 140.

AL. L. Fr. At the; to the. Al barre; at the bar. Al huis d'eglise; at the church-door.

ALE ECCLESIE. The wings or side aisles of a church. Blount.

ALANERARIUS. A manager and keeper of dogs for the sport of hawking; from alanus, a dog known to the ancients. A falconer. Blount.

ALARM LIST. The list of persons liable to military watches, who were at the same time exempt from trainings and musters. See Prov. Laws 1775-76, c. 10, § 18; Const. Mass. c. 11, § 1, art. 10; Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1287.

ALBA FIRMA. In old English law. White rent; rent payable in silver or white money, as distinguished from that which was anciently paid in corn or provisions, called black mail, or black rent. Spelman; Reg. Orig. 319b.

ALBACEA. In Spanish law. An executor or administrator; one who is charged with fulfilling and executing that which is directed by the testator in his testament or other last disposition. Emeric v. Alvarado, 64 Cal. 529, 2 Pac. 418, 433.

ALBANAGIUM. In old French law. The state of alienage; of being a foreigner or alien.

ALBANUS. In old French law. A stranger, alien, or foreigner.

ALBINATUS. In old French law. The state or condition of an alien or foreigner.

ALBINATUS JUS. In old French law. The droit d'auhaine in France, whereby the king, at an alien's death, was entitled to all his property, unless he had peculiar exemption. Repealed by the French laws in June, 1791.

ALBUM BREVE. A blank writ; a writ with a blank or omission in it.

ALBUS LIBER. The white book; an ancient book containing a compilation of the law and customs of the city of London. It has lately been reprinted by order of the master of the rolls.

ALCABALA. In Spanish law. A duty of a certain per cent. paid to the treasury on the sale or exchange of property.

ALCALDE. The name of a judicial officer in Spain, and in those countries which have received their laws and institutions from Spain. His functions somewhat resembled those of mayor in small municipalities on the continent, or justice of the peace in England and most of the United States. Castillerio v. U. S., 2 Black, 17, 194, 17 L. Ed. 360.

ALCOHOLISM. In medical jurisprudence. The pathological effect (as distinguished from physiological effect) of excessive indulgence in intoxicating liquors. It is acute when induced by excessive potations at one time or in the course of a single debauch. An attack of delirium tremens and alcoholic homicidal mania are examples of this form. It is chronic when resulting from the long-
continued use of spirits in less quantities, as
in the case of dipsomania.

ALDERMAN. A judicial or administra
tive magistrate. Originally the word was
synonymous with "elder," but was also used
to designate an earl, and even a king.

In English law. An associate to the
chief civil magistrate of a corporate town or
city.

In American cities. The aldermen are
generally a legislative body, having limited
judicial powers as a body, as in matters of
internal police regulation, laying out and re-
pairing streets, constructing sewers, and the
like; though in many cities they hold sepa-
rate courts, and have magisterial powers to
a considerable extent. Bouvier.

ALDERMANNUS. L. Lat. An alder-
man, q. v.
—Aldermanus citatissimus vel burgi. Alder-
man of a city or borough, from which the mod-
erne office of alderman has been derived. T.
Raym. 435, 445.—Aldermanus comitatus. The
alderman of the county. According to Spelman, he
held an office intermediate between that of an earl and a sheriff. According to oth-
er authorities, he was the same as the earl. 1 Bl.
Comm. 116.—Aldermanus hundreedi
sen wapentachi. Alderman of a hundred or
wapentake. Spelman.—Aldermanus regis.
Alderman of the king. So called, either be-
cause he received his appointment from the king
or because he gave the judgment of the king in
the premises allotted to him.—Alderman-
us totius Anglie. Alderman of all Eng-
lend. An officer among the Anglo-Saxons, sup-
posed by Spelman to be the same with the chief
justiciary of England in later times. Spelman.

ALE-CONNER. In old English law. An
officer appointed by the court-leet, sworn to
look to the assise and goodness of ale and beer
within the precincts of the leet. Kitch.
Courts, 46; Whishaw.
An officer appointed in every court-leet,
and sworn to look to the assise of bread, ale,
or beer within the precincts of that lordship.
Cowell.

ALE-HOUSE. A place where ale is sold
to be drunk on the premises where sold.

ALE SILVER. A rent or tribute paid
annually to the lord mayor of London, by
those who sell ale within the liberty of the
city.

ALE-STAKE. A maypole or long stake
driven into the ground, with a sign on it for
the sale of ale. Cowell.

ALEA. Lat. In the civil law. A game
of chance or hazard. Dig. 11, 5, 1. See Cod.
3, 43. The chance of gain or loss in a con-
tact.

ALEATOR. Lat. (From alera, q. v.) In
the civil law. A gambler; one who plays
at games of hazard. Dig. 11, 5; Cod. 3, 43.

ALEATORY CONTRACT. A mutual
agreement, of which the effects, with respect
both to the advantages and losses, whether
to all the parties or to some of them, depend
on an uncertain event. Civil Code La. art.
2982; Moore v. Johnston, 8 La. Ann. 488;
985.

A contract is aleatory or hazardous when
the performance of that which is one of its
objects depends on an uncertain event. It is
certain when the thing to be done is supposed
to depend on the will of the party, or when in
the usual course of events it must happen in
the manner stipulated. Civil Code
La. art. 1776.

ALET'A DIEU. L. Fr. In old prac-
tice. To be dismissed from court; to go
quit. Literally, "to go to God."

ALER SANS JOUR. In old practice, a
phrase used to indicate the final dismissal of a
case from court without continuance. "To
go without day."

ALEU. Fr. In French feudal law. An
alodial estate, as distinguished from a feudal
estate or benefice.

ALFET. A cauldron into which boiling
water was poured, in which a criminal
plunged his arm up to the elbow, and there
held it for some time, as an ordeal. Du Cange.

ALGARUM MARIS. Probably a cor-
ruption of Lagarnum maris, lagam being a
right, in the middle ages, like jetsam and
flotsam, by which goods thrown from a vessel
in distress became the property of the king,
or the lord on whose shores they were strand-
ed. Spelman; Jacob; Du Cange.

ALGO. Span. In Spanish law. Prop-
erty. White, Nov. Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 3.
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ALIA ENORMIA. Other wrongs. The
name given to a general allegation of inju-
ries caused by the defendant with which the
plaintiff in an action of trespass under the
common-law practice concluded his declar-

ALIMENTA. A liberty of passage,
open way, water-course, etc., for the tenant's
accommodation. Kitchen.

ALIAS. Lat. Otherwise; at another
time; in another manner; formerly.
—Alias dictus. "Otherwise called." This
phrase (or its shorter and more usual form,
alias) when placed between two names in a
pleading or other paper indicates that the same person is known by both those names. A fictitious name assumed by a person is colloquially termed an "alias." Ferguson v. State, 134 Ala. 93, 32 South. 760, 32 Am. St. Rep. 17; Turnus v. Com., 6 Mete. (Mass.) 234; Kennedy v. People, 1 Cow. Cr. Rep. (N. Y.) 119.—**AliaX** **writ.** An alias writ is a second writ issued in the same case, where a former writ of the same kind had been issued without effect. In such case, the language of the second writ is, "We command you, as we have before [sic] alias [commanded you]," etc. Roberts v. Church, 17 Conn. 142; Farris v. Walter, 2 Colo. App. 450, 31 Pac. 251.

**ALIBI.** Lat. In criminal law. Elsewhere; in another place. A term used to express that mode of defense to a criminal prosecution, where the party accused, in order to prove that he could not have committed the crime with which he is charged, offers evidence to show that he was in another place at the time; which is termed setting up an alibi. State v. McGarry, 111 Iows. 709, 83 N. W. 718; State v. Child, 40 Kan. 482, 20 Pac. 275; State v. Powers, 72 Vt. 168, 47 Atl. 830; Peyton v. State, 54 Neb. 188, 74 N. W. 587.

**ALIEN.** n. A foreigner; one born abroad; a person resident in one country, but owing allegiance to another. In England, one born out of the allegiance of the king. In the United States, one born out of the jurisdiction of the United States, and who has not been naturalized under their constitution and laws. 2 Kent, Coll. 50; Ex parte Dawson, 3 Bradd. Sur. (N. Y.) 156; Lynch v. Clarke, 1 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 606; Lyons v. State, 67 Cal. 380, 7 Pac. 763.

—**Alien amy.** In international law. Alien friend. An alien who is the subject or citizen of a foreign government at peace with our own.


—**Alien enemy.** In international law. An alien who is the subject or citizen of some hostile state or power. See Dyer, 2b; Co. Litt. 1296. A person who, by reason of owing a permanent or temporary allegiance to a hostile power, becomes, in time of war, impressed with the character of an enemy, and, as such, is disabled from suing in the courts of the adverse belligerent. See 1 Kent, Comm. 74; 2 Id. 63; Bell v. Chapman, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 583; Dorsey v. Brizham, 171 Ill. 250; 52 N. E. 303; 42 I. R. A. 809; 60 Am. St. Rep. 298.

—**Alien friend.** The subject of a nation with which we are at peace; an alien amy.—**Alien mee.** A man born an alien.

**ALIEN or ALIERE.** v. To transfer or make over to another; to convey or transfer the property of a thing from one person to another; to alienate. Usually applied to the transfer of lands and tenements. Co. Litt. 118: Cowell.

**Aliena negotia exacto officio geruntur.** The business of another is to be conducted with particular attention. Jones, Bailm. 83; First Nat. Bank of Carlisle v. Graham, 70 Pa. 118, 21 Am. Rep. 49.

**ALIENABLE.** Proper to be the subject of alienation or transfer.

**ALIENAGE.** The condition or state of an alien.

**ALIENATE.** To convey; to transfer the title to property. Co. Litt. 118b. Alica is very commonly used in the same sense. 1 Washb. Paul Prem. 116; 39 U. S. 414.

"Sell, alienate, and dispose" are the formal words of transfer in Scotch conveyances of heritable property. Bell.

"The term alienate has a technical legal meaning, and any transfer of real estate, short of a conveyance of the title, is not an alienation of the estate. No matter in what form the sale may be made, unless the title is conveyed to the purchaser, the estate is not alienated." Masters v. Insurance Co., 11 Barb. (N. Y.) 670.

**Alienatio licet prohibeatur, consensu tamen omnium, in quorum favorem prohibita est, potest fieri, et quilibet potest remunicare juri pro se introducto.** Although alienation be prohibited, yet, by the consent of all in whose favor it is prohibited, it may take place; for it is in the power of any man to renounce a law made in his own favor. Co. Litt. 98.

**Alienatio rei prefectur iuri acce- sendi.** Alienation is favored by the law rather than accumulation. Co. Litt. 185.

**ALIENATION.** In real property law. The transfer of the property and possession of lands, tenements, or other things, from one person to another. Terms de la Ley. It is particularly applied to absolute conveyances of real property. Convoyer v. Mutual Ins. Co., 1 N. Y. 290, 294.

The act by which the title to real estate is voluntarily resigned by one person to another and accepted by the latter, in the forms prescribed by law.

The voluntary and complete transfer from one person to another, involving the complete and absolute exclusion, out of him who alienates, of any remaining interest or particle of interest, in the thing transmitted; the complete transfer of the property and possession of lands, tenements, or other things to another. Orrell v. Bay Mfg. Co., 83 Miss. 800, 36 South. 561, 70 L. R. A. 881; Burbank v. Insurance Co., 24 N. H. 558, 57 Am. Dec. 300; United States v. Schurr, 102 U. S. 378, 26 L. Ed. 167; Vining v. Willis, 40 Kan. 909, 20 Pac. 232.

**In medical jurisprudence.** A generic term denoting the different kinds or forms of mental aberration or derangement.

—**Alienation office.** In English practice. An office for the recovery of fines levied upon writs of covenant and entries.

**Alienation pending a suit is void.** 2 P. Wms. 482; 2 Atk. 174; 3 Atk. 392; 11 Ves. 194; Murray v. Ballow, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 506, 550.
ALIENEE. One to whom an alienation, conveyance, or transfer of property is made.

ALIENI GENERIS. Lat. Of another kind. 3 P. Wms. 247.

ALIENI JURIS. Lat. Under the control, or subject to the authority, of another person; e., an infant who is under the authority of his father or guardian; a wife under the power of her husband. The term is contrasted with sui ius, (q. e.)

ALIENIGENA. One of foreign birth; an alien. 7 Coke, 31.

ALIENISM. The state, condition, or character of an alien. 2 Kent, Comm. 58, 64, 69.

ALIENOR. He who makes a grant, transfer of title, conveyance, or alienation.

ALIENUS. Lat. Another's; belonging to another; the property of another. Alenus hom, another's man, or slave. Inst. 4, 3, pr. Alenus re, another's property. Bract. fol. 13b.

ALIMENT. In Scotch law. To maintain, support, provide for; to provide with necessaries. As a noun, maintenance, support; an allowance from the husband's estate for the support of the wife. Patera. Comp. §§ 845, 850, 883.

ALIMENTA. Lat. In the civil law. Alimenta; means of support, including food, (cibaria,) clothing, (ecstitas,) and habitation, (habitation.) Dig. 54, 1, 6.

ALIMONY. The allowance made to a wife out of her husband's estate for her support, either during a matrimonial suit, or at its termination, when she proves herself entitled to a separate maintenance, and the fact of a marriage is established. Alimony is an allowance out of the husband's estate, made for the support of the wife when living separate from him. It is either temporary or permanent. Code Ga. 1882, § 1730.


By alimony we understand what is necessary for the nourishment, lodging, and support of the person who claims it. It includes education, when the person to whom the alimony is due is a minor. Civil Code La. art. 230.

The term is commonly used as equally applicable to all allowances, whether annual or in gross, made to a wife upon a decree in divorce. Burrows v. Purple, 107 Mass. 432.

Alimony pendente lite is that ordered during the pendency of a suit.

Permanent alimony. A provision for the support and maintenance of a wife out of her husband's estate, during her life time, ordered by a court on decreeing a divorce. Odom v. Odom, 36 Ga. 320; In re Spencer, 83 Cal. 460, 23 Pac. 385, 17 Am. St. Rep. 266.


ALIO INTITU. Lat. In a different view; under a different aspect. 4 Rob. Adm. & Pr. 151.

With another view or object. 7 East, 558; 6 Maule & S. 234.

Aliquid conceditur nec injuria remanet impunita, quod alias non concedetur. Something is (will be) conceded, to prevent a wrong remaining unrepressed, which otherwise would not be conceded. Co. Litt. 1979.

ALIQUID POSSSESSIONIS ET NIHIL JURIS. Somewhat of possession, and nothing of right, (but no right.) A phrase used by Bracton to describe that kind of possession which a person might have of a thing as a guardian, creditor, or the like; and also that kind of possession which was granted for a term of years, where nothing could be demanded but the usufruct. Bract. fols. 39a. 160a.

Aliquis non debet esse judex in propriis causis, quis non potest esse judex et pars. A person ought not to be judge in his own cause, because he cannot act as judge and part. Co. Litt. 141; 3 Bl. Comm. 55.

ALITER. Lat. Otherwise. A term often used in the reports.

Aliud est celare, aliud tacere. To conceal is one thing; to be silent is another thing. Lord Mansfield, 3 Burr. 1810.
Allius est distinctio, allius separatio. Distinction is one thing; separation is another. It is one thing to make things distinct, another thing to make them separable.

Allius est possidere, allius esse in possessione. It is one thing to possess; it is another to be in possession. Hob. 168.

Allius est vendere, allius vendendii consentire. To sell is one thing; to consent to a sale (seller) is another thing. Dig. 50, 17, 160.

ALLIUD EXAMEN. A different or foreign mode of trial. 1 Hale, Com. Law, 38.

ALLIUNDE. Lat. From another source; from elsewhere; from outside. Evidence alliunde (i.e., from without the will) may be received to explain an ambiguity in a will. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 291.

ALL. Collectively, this term designates the whole number of particulars, individuals, or separate items; distributively, it may be equivalent to "each" or "every." State v. Maine Cent. R. Co., 66 Me. 510; Sherburne v. Slacho, 143 Mass. 442, 9 N. E. 797.

—All and singular. A comprehensive term often employed in conveyances, wills, and the like, which includes the aggregate or whole and also each of the separate items or components. McCluskey v. Harr (C. C.) 54 Fed. 798.—All faults. A sale of goods with "all faults" covers, in the absence of fraud on the part of the vendor, all such faults and defects as are not inconsistent with the identity of the goods as the goods described. Whitney v. Boardman, 118 Mass. 242.—All fours. Two cases or decisions which are alike in all material respects, and precisely similar in all the circumstances affecting their determination, are said to be or to run on "all fours."—All the estate. The name given in England to the short clause in a conveyance or other assurance which purports to convey "all the estate, right, title, interest, claim, and demand" of the grantor, lessor, etc., in the property dealt with. Dev. Conv. 53.

Allegans contraria non est audiendus. One alleging contrary or contradictory things (whose statements contradict each other) is not to be heard. 4 Inst. 279. Applied to the statements of a witness.

Allegans suum turpitudinem non est audiendus. One who alleges his own infamy is not to be heard. 4 Inst. 279.

Allegari non debuit quod probatum non relevat. That ought not to be alleged which, if proved, is not relevant. 1 Ch. Cas. 45.

ALEGATA. In Roman law. A word which the emperors formerly signed at the bottom of their rescripts and constitutions; under other instruments they usually wrote signata or testata. Enc. Lond.

ALLEGATA ET PROBATA. Lat. Things alleged and proved. The allegations made by a party to a suit, and the proof adduced in their support.

Allegatio contra factum, non est admittenda. An allegation contrary to the deed (or fact) is not admissible.

ALLEGATION. The assertion, declaration, or statement of a party to an action, made in a pleading, setting out what he expects to prove.

A material allegation in a pleading is one essential to the claim or defense, and which could not be stricken from the pleading without leaving it insufficient. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 403.

In ecclesiastical law. The statement of the facts intended to be relied on in support of the contested suit.

In English ecclesiastical practice the word seems to designate the pleading as a whole; the three pleadings are known as the allegations; and the defendant's plea is distinguished as the defensive, or sometimes the responsive, allegation, and the complainant's reply as the rejoining allegation.

—Allegation of faculties. A statement made by the wife of the property of her husband, in order to her obtaining alimony. See Faculties.

ALLEGE. To state, recite, assert, or charge; to make an allegation.

ALLEGED. Stated; recited; claimed; asserted; charged.

ALLEGANCE. By allegiance is meant the obligation of fidelity and obedience which the individual owes to the government under which he lives, or to his sovereign in return for the protection he receives. It may be an absolute and permanent obligation, or it may be a qualified and temporary one. The citizen or subject owes an absolute and permanent allegiance to his government or sovereign, or at least until, by some open and distinct act, he renounces it and becomes a citizen or subject of another government or another sovereign. The alien, while domiciled in the country, owes a local and temporary allegiance, which continues during the period of his residence. Carlisle v. U. S., 16 Wall. 154, 21 L. Ed. 428; Jackson v. Goodell, 20 Johns. (N. Y.) 191; U. S. v. Wong Kim Ark, 169 U. S. 649, 18 Sup. Ct. 436, 42 L. Ed. 800; Wallace v. Harnstad, 44 Pa. 501.

"The tie or ligamen which binds the subject [or citizen] to the king [or government] in return for that protection which the king [or government] affords the subject, [or citizen]." 1 Bl. Comm. 366. It consists in "a true and faithful obedience of the subject due to his sovereign." 7 Coke, 40.
ALLEGIANCE

Allegiance is the obligation of fidelity and obedience which every citizen owes to the state. Pol. Code Cal. § 55.

* In Norman French. Alleviation; relief; redress. Kelham.

—Local allegiance. That measure of obedience which is due from a subject of one government to another government, within whose territory he is temporarily resident.—Natural allegiance. In English law. That kind of allegiance which is due from all men born within the king's dominions, immediately upon their birth, which is intrinsic and perpetual, and cannot be divested by any act of their own. 1 Bl. Comm. 363; 2 Kent, Comm. 42. In American law. The allegiance due from citizens of the United States to their native country, and also from naturalized citizens, and which cannot be renounced without the permission of government, to be declared by law. 2 Kent, Comm. 43-49. It differs from local allegiance, which is temporary only, being due from an alien or stranger born for so long a time as he continues within the sovereign's dominions and protection. Post. Cr. Law, 184.

ALLEGIARE. To defend and clear one's self; to wage one's own law.

ALLEGING DIMINUTION. The allegation in an appellate court, of some error in a subordinate part of the nisi prius record.

ALLEVIARE. L. Lat. In old records. To levy or pay an accustomed fine or composition; to redeem by such payment. Cowell.

ALLIANCE. The relation or union between persons or families contracted by intermarriage.

In international law. A union or association of two or more states or nations, formed by league or treaty, for the joint prosecution of a war, or for their mutual assistance and protection in repelling hostile attacks. The league or treaty by which the association is formed. The act of confederating, by league or treaty, for the purposes mentioned.

If the alliance is formed for the purpose of mutual aid in the prosecution of a war against a common enemy, it is called an "offensive" alliance. If it contemplates only the rendition of aid and protection in resisting the assault of a hostile power, it is called a "defensive" alliance. If it combines both these features, it is denominated an alliance "offensive and defensive."

ALLISION. The running of one vessel into or against another, as distinguished from a collision, i.e., the running of two vessels against each other.

ALLOCATION. An allowance made upon an account in the English exchequer. Cowell.

ALLOCAIONE FACIENDA. In old English practice. A writ for allowing to an accountant such sums of money as he hath lawfully expended in his office; directed to the lord treasurer and barons of the exchequer upon application made. Jacob.

ALLOCATO COMITATU. In old English practice. In proceedings in outlawry, when there were but two county courts holden between the delivery of the writ of curi facias to the sheriff and its return, a special curi facias, with an allocatio comitatu issued to the sheriff in order to complete the proceedings. See EXIGENT.

ALLOCATUR. Lat. It is allowed. A word formerly used to denote that a writ or order was allowed.

A word denoting the allowance by a master or prothonotary of a bill referred for his consideration, whether touching costs, damages, or matter of account. Lee.

—Special allocatun. The special allowance of a writ (particularly a writ of error) which is required in some particular cases.

ALLOCATUR EXIGENT. A species of writ anciently issued in outlawry proceedings, on the return of the original writ of exigent. 1 Tidd, Pr. 128.

ALLOCUTION. See ALLOCUTUS.

ALLOCUTUS. In criminal procedure, when a prisoner is convicted on a trial for treason or felony, the court is bound to demand of him what he has to say as to why the court should not proceed to judgment against him; this demand is called the "allocutus," or "allocution," and is entered on the record. Archbr. Crim. Pl. 173; State v. Ball, 27 Mo. 324.

ALLODARI. Owners of alloidal lands. Owners of estates as large as a subject may have. Co. Litt. 1; Bac. Abr. "Tenure," A.

ALLODIAL. Free; not holden of any lord or superior; owned without obligation of vassalage or fealty; the opposite of feudal. Barker v. Dayton. 28 Wls. 384; Wallace v. Harnstad, 44 Pa. 499.

ALLODIUM. Land held absolutely in one's own right, and not of any lord or superior; land not subject to feudal duties or burdens.

An estate held by absolute ownership, without recognizing any superior to whom any duty is due on account thereof. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 16; McCartee v. Orphan Asylum, 9 Cow. (N. Y.) 511, 18 Am. Dec. 516.

ALLOGRAPH. A document not written by any of the parties thereto; opposed to autograph.

ALONGE. When the indorsements on a bill or note have filled all the blank space, it is customary to annex a strip of paper, called an "alounge," to receive the further...
ALLOT. To apportion, distribute; to divide property previously held in common among those entitled, assigning to each his ratable portion, to be held in severalty; to set apart specific property, a share of a fund, etc., to a distinct party. Glenn v. Glenn, 41 Ala. 582; Fort v. Allen, 110 N. C. 183, 14 S. E. 685.

In the law of corporations, to allot shares, debentures, etc., to appropriate them to the applicants or persons who have applied for them; this is generally done by sending to each applicant a letter of allotment, informing him that a certain number of shares have been allotted to him. Sweet.

ALLOTMENT. Partition, apportionment, division; the distribution of land under an inclosure act, or shares in a public undertaking or corporation.

—Allotment note. In English law. A writing by a seaman, whereby he makes an assignment of part of his wages in favor of his wife, father or mother, grandfather or grandmother, brother or sister. Every allotment note must be in a form sanctioned by the board of trade. The allottee, that is, the person in whose favor it is made, may recover the allotment from the county court. Mosley & Whitley. —Allotment system. Designates the practice of dividing land in small portions for cultivation by agricultural laborers and other cottagers at their leisure, and after they have performed their ordinary day's work. Wharton. —Allotment warden. By the English general inclosure act, 1845, § 108, when an allotment for the laboring poor of a district has been made on an inclosure under the act, the land so allotted is to be under the management of the incumbent and church warden of the parish, and two other persons elected by the parish, and they are to be styled "the allotment warden" of the parish. Sweet.

ALLOTTEE. One to whom an allotment is made, who receives a ratable share under an allotment; a person to whom land under an inclosure act or shares in a public undertaking are allotted.

ALLOW. To grant, approve, or permit; to allow an appeal or a marriage; to allow an account. Also to give a fit portion out of a larger property or fund. Thurman v. Adams, 82 Miss. 204, 33 South. 944; Chamberlain v. Putnam, 10 S. D. 360, 73 N. W. 201; People v. Gilroy, 82 Hun. 500, 31 N. Y. Supp. 776; Hinds v. Marmolejo, 60 Cal. 231; Straus v. Wannamaker, 175 Pa. 213, 34 Atl. 632.

ALLOWANCE. A deduction, an average payment, a portion assigned or allowed; the act of allowing.

—Allowance pendente lite. In the English chancery division, where property forms the subject of proceedings is more than suf-
the common days by proper marks, pointing out also the several changes of the moon, tides, eclipses, etc.

**ALMESFEOH.** In Saxon law. Almes-fee; almes-money. Otherwise called “Peterence.” Cowell.

**ALMOIN.** Alms; a tenure of lands by divine service. See Frankalmoigne.

**ALMOXARIFAZGO.** In Spanish law. A general term, signifying both export and import duties, as well as excise.

**ALMS.** Charitable donations. Any species of relief bestowed upon the poor. That which is given by public authority for the relief of the poor.

**ALNAGER, or ULNAGER.** A sworn officer of the king whose duty it was to look to the assise of woolen cloth made throughout the land, and to the putting on the seals for that purpose ordained, for which he collected a duty called “alnage.” Cowell; Terms de la Ley.

**ALNETUM.** In old records, a place where elders grow, or a grove of elder trees. Doomsday Book; Co. Litt. 46.

**ALODE, Alodes, Alodis.** L. Lat. In feudal law. Old forms of alodium, or alodium, (q. v.)

**ALONG.** This term means “by,” “on,” or “over,” according to the subject-matter and the context. Pratt v. Railroad Co. 42 Me. 585; Walton v. Railway Co. 67 Mo. 58; Church v. Meeker, 34 Conn. 421.

**ALT.** In Scotch practice. An abbreviation of Alter, the other; the opposite party; the defendant. 1 Broun, 336, note.


**ALTA VIA.** L. Lat. In old English law. A highway, the highway. 1 Sail. 222. Alta via recta; the king's highway; “the king's high street.” Finch, Law, b. 2, c. 9.

**ALTARAGE.** In ecclesiastical law. Offerings made on the altar; all profits which accrue to the priest by means of the altar. Ayliffe, Parerg. 61.

**ALTER.** To make a change in; to modify: to vary in some degree: to change some of the elements or ingredients or details without substituting an entirely new thing or destroying the identity of the thing affected. Hannibal v. Wincheil. 54 Mo. 177; Hyndea v. State, 15 Ohio St. 456; Davis v. Campbell, 98 Iowa, 524, 61 N. W. 1053; Sessions v. State, 115 Ga. 18, 41 S. E. 259. See Alteration.

**Synonyms.** This term is to be distinguished from its synonyms “change” and “amend.” To change may import the substitution of an entirely different thing, while to alter is to operate upon a subject-matter which continues objectively the same while modified in some particular. If a check is raised, in increasing the identity of its amount, it is altered; if a new check is put in its place, it is changed. To “amend” implies that the modification made in the subject matter is proves it. It is not necessarily the case with an alteration. An amendment always involves an alteration, but an alteration does not always amend.

**ALTERATION.** Variation; changing; making different. See Alter.

An alteration is an act done upon the instrument by which its meaning or language is changed. If what is written upon or erased from the instrument has no tendency to produce this result, or to mislead any person, it is not an alteration. Oliver v. Hawley, 6 Neb. 444.

An alteration is said to be material when it affects, or may possibly affect, the rights of the persons interested in the document.

**Synonyms.** An act done upon a written instrument, without destroying the substance, and which by the mutual agreement of the parties concerned, or by a person interested under the writing without the consent, or without the knowledge, of the others. In either case it is properly designated an alteration; but if performed by a mere stranger, it is more technically described as a spoliation or mutilation. Cochran v. Nebeker, 48 Ind. 462. The term is not properly applied to any change which involves the substitution of a practically new document. And if it should in strictness be reserved for the designation of changes in form or language, and not used with reference to modifications in matters of substance. The term is also to be distinguished from “defacement,” which conveys the idea of an obliteration or destruction of marks, signs, or characters already existing. An addition which does not change or interfere with the existing marks or signs, but gives a different tenor or significance to the thing, may be an alteration, but is not a defacement. Linney v. State, 6 Tex. 1, 66 Am. Dec. 756. Again, in the law of wills, there is a difference between revocation and alteration. If what is done simply takes away what was given before, or a part of it, it is a revocation; but if it gives something in addition or in substitution, then it is an alteration. Appeal of Miles, 68 Conn. 237, 30 Atl. 39, 58 L. R. A. 170.

**Alterius circumventio ali non proabet actionem.** The deceiving of one person does not afford an action to another. Dig. 50, 17, 49.

**ALTARANIAT.** A usage among diplomats by which the rank and places of different powers, who have the same right and pretensions to precedence, are determined from time to time, either in a certain regular order or one determined by lot. In drawing up treaties and conventions, for example, it is
the usage of certain powers to alternate, both
in the preamble and the signatures, so that
each power occupies, in the copy intended to
be delivered to it, the first place. Wheat.
Int. Law, § 157.

ALTERNATIM. L. Lat. Interchange-
ably. Litt. § 371; Townsh. Pl. 37.

Alternativa petitio non est audienda.
An alternative petition or demand is not to
be heard. 5 Coke, 40.

ALTERNATIVE. One or the other of
two things; giving an option or choice; al-
lowing a choice between two or more things
or acts to be done.

—Alternative contract. A contract whose
terms allow of performance by the doing of ei-
ther one of several acts at the election of the
party from whom performance is due. Crane
v. Peer, 43 N. J. Eq. 520, 4 Atl. 72.—Altema-
tive obligation. An obligation allowing the
obligor to choose which of two things he will
do, the performance of either of which will sat-
isfy the instrument. Where the things which
form the object of the contract are separated
by a disjunctive, then the obligation is alterna-
tive. A promise to deliver a certain thing or
to pay a specified sum of money, is an example
of this kind of obligation. Civil Code L. art.
2066.—Alternative remedy. Where a new
remedy is created in addition to an existing
one, they are called "alternative" if only one
can be enforced; but if both, "cumulative."—

ALTERNIS VICIBUS. L. Lat. By al-
ternate turns; at alternate times; alternate-

ALTERUM NON LEDERE. Not to in-
jure another. This maxim, and two others, hos-
ente vieere, and suum cuique tribuere,
(q. v.), are considered by Justinian as funda-
mental principles upon which all the rules
of law are based. Inst. 1, 1, 3.

ALTUS NON TOLLENDI. In the civil
law. A servitude due by the owner of a
house, by which he is restrained from build-
ing beyond a certain height. Dig. 8, 2, 4;
Sandars, Just. Inst. 119.

ALTUS TOLLENDI. In the civil law.
A servitude which consists in the right, to
him who is entitled to it, to build his house
as high as he may think proper. In general,
however, every one enjoys this privilege, un-
less he is restrained by some contrary title.
Sandars, Just. Inst. 119.

ALTO ET BASSO. High and low. This
phrase is applied to an agreement made be-
tween two contending parties to submit all
matters in dispute, alto et basso, to arbitra-
tion. Cowell.

ALBAMARE. L. Lat. In old English
law. The high sea, or seas. Co. Litt. 260b.
The deep sea. Super altum mare, on the
high seas. Hob. 212b.

ALUMNUS. A child which one has nurs-
ed; a foster-child. Dig. 40, 2, 14. One edu-
cated at a college or seminary is called an
"alumnus" thereof.

ALVEUS. The bed or channel through
which the stream flows when it runs within
its ordinary channel. Calvin.
Alveus derelictus, a deserted channel.
Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 274.

AMALGAMATION. A term applied in
England to the merger or consolidation of
two incorporated companies or societies.

In the case of the Empire Assurance Corpo-
ration, (1867), L. R. 4 Eq. 347, the vice-chancel-
lor said: "It is difficult to say what the word
"amalgamate" means. I confess at this moment
I have not the least conception of what the full
legal effect of the word is. We do not find it in
any law dictionary, or expounded by any
competent authority. But I am quite sure of
this; that the word "amalgamate" cannot mean
that the execution of a deed shall make a man
a partner in a firm in which he was not a part-
ner before, under conditions of which he is in no
way cognizant, and which are not the same as
those contained in the former deed." But in
Adams v. Yazoo & M. V. R. Co., 77 Miss. 194,
24 South. 200, 211, 60 L. R. A. 33, it is said
that the term "amalgamation" of corporations
is used in the English cases in the sense of what
is usually known in the United States as "mer-
gess," meaning the absorption of one corpora-
tion by another, so that it is the absorbing
company which continues in existence; and it
differs from "consolidation," the meaning of
which is limited to such a union of two or more
corporations as necessarily results in the cre-
atior of a third new corporation.

AMALPHITAN CODE. A collection of
sea-laws, compiled about the end of the
eleventh century, by the people of Amalphi.
It consists of the laws on maritime subjects,
which were or had been in force in countries
bordering on the Mediterranean; and was for
a long time received as authority in those
countries. Azuni; Wharton.

AMANUENSIS. One who writes on be-
half of another that which he dictates.

AMBACTUS. A messenger; a servant
sent about; one whose services his master
hired out. Spelman.

AMBASIATOR. A person sent about
in the service of another; a person sent on a
service. A word of frequent occurrence in
the writers of the middle ages. Spelman.

AMBASSADOR. In international law.
A public officer, clothed with high diplomatic
powers, commissioned by a sovereign prince
or state to transact the international busi-
ness of his government at the court of the
country to which he is sent.
Ambassador is the commissioner who represents one country in the seat of government of another. He is a public minister, which, usually, a consul is not. Brown.

Ambassador is a person sent by one sovereign to another, with authority, by letters of credence, to treat on affairs of state. Jacob.

**AMBER, or AMBRA.** In old English law. A measure of four bushels.

**AMBIDEXTER.** Skillful with both hands; one who plays on both sides. Applied ancienly to an attorney who took pay from both sides, and subsequently to a juror guilty of the same offense. Cowell.

**Ambigua responsio contra proferentem est accipienda.** An ambiguous answer is to be taken against (is not to be construed in favor of) him who offers it. Coke, 59.

**Ambigus causus semper presumitur pro rege.** In doubtful cases, the presumption always is in behalf of the crown. Loft, Append. 248.

**AMBIGUITAS.** Lat. From ambiguus, doubtful, uncertain, obscure. Ambiguity; uncertainty of meaning.

**Ambiguitas latens, a latent ambiguity; ambiguitas patens, a patent ambiguity.** See AMBIGUITY.

**Ambiguitas verborum latens verificationes suppletur; nam quod ex facto erit ambiguum verificationes facti collitut.** A latent ambiguity in the language may be removed by evidence; for whatever ambiguity arises from an extrinsic fact may be explained by extrinsic evidence. Bac. Max. Reg. 23.

**Ambiguitas verborum patens nulla verificationes excludit.** A patent ambiguity cannot be cleared up by extrinsic evidence. Loft, 249.

**AMBIGUITY.** Doubtfulness; doubleness of meaning; indistinctness or uncertainty of meaning of an expression used in a written instrument. Nindle v. State Bank, 13 Neb. 245, 13 N. W. 275; Eimmaker v. Eimmaker, 4 Watts (Pa.) 89; Kramer v. Halsey, 82 Cal. 209, 22 Pac. 1137; Ward v. Eyer, 6 Humph. (Tenn.) 447.

An ambiguity may be either latent or patent. It is the former, where the language employed is clear and intelligible and suggests but a single meaning, but some extrinsic fact or extraneous evidence creates a necessity for interpretation or a choice among two or more possible meanings. But a patent ambiguity is that which appears on the face of the instrument, and arises from


**Synonyma.** Ambiguity of language is to be distinguished from unintelligibility and inaccuracy, for words cannot be said to be ambiguous unless their signification seems doubtful and uncertain to persons of competent skill and knowledge to understand them. Story, Contr. 272.

The term “ambiguity” does not include mere inaccuracy, or such uncertainty as arises from the use of peculiar words, or of common words in a peculiar sense. Wig. Wills, 174.

**—Ambiguity upon the factum.** An ambiguity in relation to the very foundation of the instrument itself, as distinguished from an ambiguity in regard to the construction of its terms. The term is applied, for instance, to a doubt as to whether a testator meant a particular clause to be a part of the will, or whether it was introduced with his knowledge, or whether a codicil was meant to republish a former will, or whether the residuary clause was accidentally omitted. Easterly v. Easterly, 3 Cold. (Tenn.) 461, 493, 78 Am. Dec. 490.

**Ambiguum pactum contra venditorem interpretandum est.** An ambiguous contract is to be interpreted against the seller.

**Ambiguum plactum interpretari debet contra proferentem.** An ambiguous plea ought to be interpreted against the party pleading it. Co. Litt. 303b.

**AMBIT.** A boundary line, as going around a place; an exterior or inclosing line or limit.

The limits or circumference of a power or jurisdiction; the line circumscribing any subject-matter.

**AMBITUS.** In the Roman law. A going around; a path worn by going around. A space of at least two and a half feet in width, between neighboring houses, left for the convenience of going around them. Calvin.

The procuring of a public office by money or gifts; the unlawful buying and selling of a public office. Inst. 4, 18, 11; Dig. 48, 14.

**Ambulatoria est voluntas defuncti usque ad vitam supremum extum.** The will of a deceased person is ambulatory until the latest moment of life. Dig. 34, 4, 4.

**AMBULATORY.** Movable; revocable; subject to change. **Ambulatoria voluntas** (a changeable will) denotes the power which a testator possesses of altering his will during his life-time. Hattersley v. Bissett, 50 N. J. Eq. 577, 25 Atl. 332.

The court of king’s bench in England was formerly called an “ambulatory court,” because it followed the king’s person, and was
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held sometimes in one place and sometimes in another. So, in France, the supreme court or parliament was originally ambulatory. 3 Bl. Comm. 39, 39, 41.

The return of a sheriff has been said to be ambulatory until it is filed. Wilmot, J., 3 Burr. 1644.

AMBUSH. The noun "ambush" means
(l) the act of attacking an enemy unexpectedly from a concealed station; (2) a concealed station, where troops or enemies lie in wait to attack by surprise, an ambush; (3) troops posted in a concealed place for attacking by surprise. The verb "ambush" means to lie in wait, to surprise, to place in ambush. Dale County v. Gunter, 40 Ala. 142.

AMELIORATIONS. Betterments; improvements. 6 Low. Can. 294; 9 Id. 503.

AMENABLE. Subject to answer to the law; accountable; responsible; liable to punishment. Miller v. Comm., 1 Duv. (Ky.) 17.

Also means tractable, that may be easily led or governed: formerly applied to a wife who is governable by her husband. Cowell.

AMEND. To improve; to make better by change or modification. See ALTER.

AMENDE HONORABLE. In old English law. A penalty imposed upon a person by way of disgrace or infamy, as a punishment for any offense, or for the purpose of making reparation for any injury done to another, as the walking into church in a white sheet, with a rope about the neck and a torch in the hand, and begging the pardon of God, or the king, or any private individual, for some delinquency. Bouvier.

In French law. A species of punishment to which offenders against public decency or morality were ancienly condemned.

AMENDMENT. In practice. The correction of an error committed in any process, pleading, or proceeding at law; or in equity, and which is done either of course, or by the consent of parties, or upon motion to the court in which the proceeding is pending. 3 Bl. Comm. 407, 448; 1 Tllld. Pr., 696. Hardin v. Boyd, 113 U. S. 756, 5 Sup. Ct. 771, 28 L. Ed. 1141.

Any writing made or proposed as an improvement of some principal writing.

In legislation. A modification or alteration proposed to be made in a bill on its passage, or an enacted law; also such modification or change when made. Brake v. Callison (C. C.) 122 Fed. 722.

AMENDS. A satisfaction given by a wrong-doer to the party injured, for a wrong committed. 1 Lil. Reg. 81.

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AMENITY. In real property law. Such circumstances, in regard to situation, outlook, access to a water-course, or the like, as enhance the pleasantness or desirability of an estate for purposes of residence, or contribute to the pleasure and enjoyment of the occupants, rather than to their indispensable needs. In England, upon the building of a railway or the construction of other public works, "amenity damages" may be given for the defacement of pleasure grounds, the impairment of riparian rights, or other destruction of or injury to the amenities of the estate.

In the law of easements, an "amenity" consists in restraining the owner from doing that with and on his property which, but for the grant or covenant, he might lawfully have done; sometimes called a "negative easement" as distinguished from that class of easements which compel the owner to suffer something to be done on his property by another. Equitable Life Assur. Soc. v. Brennon (Sup.) 24 N. Y. Supp. 788.

AMENTIA. In medical jurisprudence. Insanity; idiocy. See INSANITY.

AMERALIUS. L. Lat. A naval commander, under the eastern Roman empire, but not of the highest rank; the origin, according to Spelman, of the modern title and office of admiral. Spelman.

AMERCING. To impose an amercement or fine; to punish by a fine or penalty.

AMERCEMENT. A pecuniary penalty, in the nature of a fine, imposed upon a person for some fault or misconduct, he being "in mercy" for his offense. It was assessed by the peers of the delinquent, or the afferors, or imposed arbitrarily at the discretion of the court or the lord. Goodyear v. Sawyer (C. C.) 17 Fed. 9.

The difference between amercements and fines is as follows: The latter are certain, and are created by some statute; they can only be imposed and assessed by courts of record; the former are arbitrarily imposed by courts not of record, as courts-leet. Termes de la Ley, 40.

The word "amercement" has long been especially used of a mulct or penalty, imposed by a court upon its own officers for neglect of duty, or failure to pay over moneys collected. In particular, the remedy against a sheriff for failing to levy an execution or make return of proceeds of sale is, in several of the states, known as "amercement." In others, the same result is reached by process of attachment. Abbott, Stansbury v. Mfg. Co., 3 N. J. Law, 441.

AMERICAN CLAUSE. In marine insurance. A proviso in a policy to the effect that, in case of any subsequent insurance,
the insurer shall nevertheless be answerable for the full extent of the sum subscribed by him, without right to claim contribution from subsequent underwriters. American Ins. Co. v. Griswold, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 399.

AMEUBLISSEMENT. In French law. A species of agreement which by a fiction gives to immovable goods the quality of movable. Merl. Repert.; 1 Low. Can. 25, 58.

AMI; AMY. A friend; as alien ami, an alien belonging to a nation at peace with us; prochein ami, a next friend suing or defending for an infant, married woman, etc.

AMICABLE. Friendly; mutually forbearing; agreed or assented to by parties having conflicting interests or a dispute; as opposed to hostile or adversary.

—Amicable action. In practice. An action between friendly parties. An action brought and carried on by the mutual consent and arrangement of the parties, in order to obtain the judgment of the court on a doubtful question of law, the facts being usually settled by agreement. Lord v. Vegas, 8 How. 231, 12 L. Ed. 1067. —Amicable compounders. In Louisiana law and practice. "There are two sorts of arbitrators—the arbitrators properly so called, and the amicable compounders. The arbitrators ought to determine as judges, agreeably to the strictness of the law. Amicable compounders are authorized to abate something of the strictness of the law in favor of natural equity. Amicable compounders are in other respects subject to the same rules which are provided for the arbitrators by the present title." Civ. Code La. arts. 3108, 3110. —Amicable suit. The words "arbitration" and "amicable lawsuit," used in an obligation or agreement between parties, are not convertible terms. The former carries with it the idea of settlement by disinterested third parties, and the latter by a friendly submission of the points in dispute to a judicial tribunal to be determined in accordance with the forms of law. Thompson v. Moulton, 20 La. Ann. 655.

AMICUS CURIE. Lat. A friend of the court. A by-stander (usually a counselor) who interposes and volunteers information upon some matter of law in regard to which the judge is doubtful or mistaken, or upon a matter of which the court may take judicial cognizance. Counsel in court frequently act in this capacity when they happen to be in possession of a case which the judge has not seen, or does not at the moment remember. Taft v. Northern Transp. Co., 56 N. H. 416; Birmingham Loan, etc. Co. v. Bank, 100 Ala. 249, 13 South. 945, 46 Am. St. Rep. 45; In re Columbia Real Estate Co. (D. C.) 101 Fed. 970.

It is also applied to persons who have no right to appear in a suit, but are allowed to introduce evidence to protect their own interests. Bass v. Fontleroy, 11 Tex. 609, 701, 702.


AMITinus. The child of a brother or sister; a cousin; one who has the same grandfather, but different father and mother. Calvin.

AMITTERE. Lat. In the civil and old English law. To lose. Hence the old Scotch "amilit."—Amittere curiam. To lose the court; to be deprived of the privilege of attending the court. Amittere legem terræ. To lose the protection afforded by the law of the land. Amittere liberaam legem. A term having the same meaning as amittere legem terrae, (q. v.) He who lost his law lost that condition extended from a freeman, and became subject to the same law as thralls or serfs attached to the land.

AMNESTY. A sovereign act of pardon and obliteration of past acts, granted by a government to all persons (or to certain persons) who have been guilty of crime or defect, generally political offenses—treason, sedition, rebellion—and often conditioned upon their return to obedience and duty within a prescribed time.

A declaration of the person or persons who have newly acquired or recovered the sovereign power in a state, by which they pardon all persons who composed, supported, or obeyed the government which has been overthrown.

The word "amnesty" properly belongs to international law, and is applied to treaties of peace following a state of war, and signifies there the burial in oblivion of the particular cause of strife, so that it shall not be again a cause for war between the parties; and this signification of "amnesty" is fully and poetically expressed in the Indian custom of burying the hatchet. And so amnesty is applied to rebellions which by their magnitude are brought within the rules of international law, and in which multitudes of men are the subjects of the clemency of the government. But in these cases, and in all cases, it means only "obliteration," and never expresses or implies a grant. Knute v. United States, 10 Ct. Cl. 407. "Amnesty" and "pardon" are very different.

The former is an act of the sovereign power, the object of which is to enfranchise and to caeeze for forgotten a crime or misdemeanor; the latter is an act of the same authority, which exempts the individual on whom it is bestowed, from the punishment the law inflicts for the crime he has committed. Bouvier: United States v. Bassett, 5 Utah 21, 13 Pac. 237; Davies v. McKeeb, 5 Nev. 377; State v. Blalock, 61 N. C. 247; Knute v. United States, 95 U. S. 149, 152, 24 L. Ed. 442.

AMONG. Intermixed with. "A thing which is among others is intermixed with them. Commerce among the states cannot stop at the external boundary line of each state, but may be introduced into the interior." Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 194, 6 L. Ed. 23.

Where property is directed by will to be
AMORTIZATION distributed among several persons, it cannot be all given to one, nor can any of the persons be wholly excluded from the distribution. Hudson v. Hudson, 6 Munf. (Va.) 352.

AMORTIZATION. An alienation of lands or tenements in mortmain. The re-duction of the property of lands or tenen-ments to mortmain. In its modern sense, amortization is the operation of paying off bonds, stock, or other indebtedness of a state or corporation. Sweet.

AMORTIZE. To alien lands in mort-main.

AMOTIO. In the civil law. A moving or taking away. "The slightest amotio is sufficient to constitute theft, if the animus furandi be clearly established." 1 Swint. 256.

AMOTION. A putting or turning out; dispossession of lands. Ouster is an amotion of possession. 3 Bl. Comm. 199, 208.

A moving or carrying away; the wrongful taking of personal chattels. Archb. Civil Pl. Intro. c. 2, § 3.

In corporation law. The act of removing an officer, or official representative, of a corporation from his office or official station, before the end of the term for which he was elected or appointed, but without de-priving him of membership in the body corpor-ate. In this last respect the term differs from "disfranchisement," (or expulsion,) which imports the removal of the party from the corporation itself, and his deprivation of all rights of membership. White v. Brownell, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 356; Richards v. Clarksburg, 30 W. Va. 491, 4 S. E. 774.


—Amount covered. In insurance. The amount that is insured, and for which under-writers are liable for loss under a policy of in-surance.—Amount in controversy. The damages claimed or relief demanded; the amount claimed or sued for. Smith v. Giles, 85 Tex. 341; Barber v. Kennedy, 18 Minn. 216, (Gill. 196;) Railroad Co. v. Cunisigan, 95 Tex. 439, 67 S. W. 888.—Amount of loss. In insurance. The diminution, destruction, or defeat of the value of, or of the chare upon, the insured subject to the assured, by the direct consequence of the operation of the risk insured against, according to its value in the policy, or in contribution for loss, so far as its value is covered by the insurance.

AMOVEAS MANUS. Lat. That you remove your hands. After office found, the king was entitled to the thines forfeited, either lands or personal property; the remedy for a person aggrieved was by "peti-

AMPARO. In Spanish-American law. A document issued to a claimant of land as a protection to him, until a survey can be ordered, and the title of possession issued by an authorized commissioner. Trimble v. Smither's Adm'r, 1 Tex. 790.

AMPLIATION. In the civil law. A deferring of judgment until a cause be fur-ther examined. Calvin.; Cowell. An order for the rehearing of a cause on a day ap-pointed, for the sake of more ample infor-mation. Halifax, Anal. b. 3, c. 13, n. 32.

In French law. A duplicate of an acquittance or other instrument. A notary's copy of acts passed before him, delivered to the parties.

AMPLIUS. In the Roman law. More; further; more time. A word which the pra-toir pronounced in cases where there was any obscurity in a cause, and the judices were uncertain whether to condemn or acquit; by which the cause was deferred to a day named. Adam, Rom. Ant. 287.

AMPUTATION OF RIGHT HAND. An ancient punishment for a blow given in a superior court; or for assaulting a judge sitting in the court.

AMY. See AMI; PROCHEIN AMT.

AN. The English indefinite article. In statutes and other legal documents, it is equivalent to "one" or "any;" is seldom used to denote plurality. Kaufman v. Superior Court, 115 Cal. 132, 46 Pac. 904; People v. Ogden, 8 App. Div. 494, 40 N. Y. Supp. 827.

AN ET JOUR. Fr. Year and day; a year and a day.

AN, JOUR, ET WASTE. In feudal law. Year, day, and waste. A forfeit of the lands to the crown incurred by the felony of the tenant, after which time the land escheats to the lord. Termes de la Ley, 40.

ANACRISIS. In the civil law. An investigation of truth, interrogation of wit-nesses, and inquiry made into any fact, especially by torture.

ANÆSTHESIA. In medical jurispru-dence. (1) Loss of sensation, or insensibility to pain, general or local, induced by the administra-tion or application of certain drugs such as ether, nitrous oxide gas, or cocaine. (2) Defect of sensation, or more or less com-plete insensibility to pain, existing in vari-ous parts of the body as a result of certain diseases of the nervous system.
ANAGRAPEDI. A register, inventory, or commentary.

ANALOGY. In logic. Identity or similarity of proportion. Where there is no precedent in point, in cases on the same subject, lawyers have recourse to cases on a different subject-matter, but governed by the same general principle. This is reasoning by analogy. Wharton.

ANAPHERODISIA. In medical jurisprudence. Impotency conceund; frigidity; incapacity for sexual intercourse existing in either man or woman, and in the latter case sometimes called "dyserupenia."


ANATEMA. An ecclesiastical punishment by which a person is separated from the body of the church, and forbidden all intercourse with the members of the same.

ANATHEMATIZE. To pronounce anathema upon; to pronounce accursed by ecclesiastical authority; to excommunicate.

ANATOCRIT. In the civil law. Repeated or doubled interest; compound interest; usury. Cod. 4, 32, 1, 30.

ANCESTOR. One who has preceded another in a direct line of descent; a lineal ascendant.

A former possessor; the person last seized. Terms de la Ley: 2 Bl. Comm. 201.

A deceased person from whom another has inherited land. A former possessor. Bailey v. Bailey, 25 Mich. 185; McCarthy v. Marsh, 5 N. Y. 275; Springer v. Fortune, 2 Hand. (Ohio) 52. In this sense a child may be the "ancestor" of his deceased parent, or one brother the "ancestor" of another. Laver v. Egan, 143 Mass. 389, 9 N. E. 747; Murphy v. Henry, 35 Ind. 456. In these cases, the term differs from "predecessor," in that it is applied to a natural person and his progenitors, while the latter is applied also to a corporation and those who have held office before those who now fill them. Co. Litt. 788.

ANCESTRAL. Relating to ancestors, or to what has been done by them; as homage ancestral.

Derived from ancestors. Ancestral estates are such as are transmitted by descent, and not by purchase. 4 Kent, Comm. 404. Brown v. Willey, 58 Ohio St. 634, 40 N. E. 479, 65 Am. St. Rep. 706.

ANCHOR. A measure containing ten gallons.

ANCHOR WATCH. A watch, consisting of a small number of men, (from one to four), kept constantly on deck while the vessel is riding at single anchor, to see that the stoppers, painters, cables, and buoy-ropes are ready for immediate use. The Lady Franklin, 2 Lowell, 220, Fed. Cas. No. 7,084.

ANCHORAGE. In English law. A prescription or toll for every anchor cast from a ship in a port; and sometimes, though there be no anchor. Hale, de Jure Mar. pt. 2, c. 6. See 1 W. Bl. 413 et seq.; 4 Term. 262.

ANCEINT. Old; that which has existed from an indefinitely early period, or which by age alone has acquired certain rights or privileges accorded in view of long continuance.

Ancient deed. A deed 30 years old and shown to come from a proper custodian and having nothing suspicious about it is an "ancient deed" and may be admitted in evidence without proof of its execution. Havens v. Seashore Land Co., 47 N. J. Eq. 365, 20 Atl. 407; Davis v. Wood, 101 Mo. 17, 61 S. W. 685. Ancient demesne. Manors which in the time of Richard the Conqueror were in the hands of the crown, and are so recorded in the Domesday Book. Fitzh. Nat. Brv. 14, 50; Baker v. Wich. 1 Salk. 59. Tenure in ancient demesne may be pleaded in abatement to an action of ejectment. Rust v. Roe, 2 Burr. 1040. Also a species of copyhold, which differs, however, from common copyholds in certain privileges, but yet must be conveyed by surrender, according to the custom of the manor. There are three sorts: (1) Where the lands are held freely by the king's grant; (2) customary freeholds, which are held of a manor in ancient demesne, but not at the lord's will, although they are conveyed by surrender, or deed and admittance; (3) lands held by copy of court-roll at the lord's will, deminated copyholds of base tenure. — Ancient house. One which has stood long enough to acquire an easement of support against the adjoining land or building. 3 Kent, Comm. 437; 2 Washb. Real Prop. 74, 76. In England this term is applied to houses or buildings erected before the time of legal memory. (Cook, Incl. Acts, 35.) The term is from that is, before the time of Richard I., although practically any house is an ancient messuage if it was erected before the time of living memory, and its origin cannot be proved to be modern. — Ancient lights. Lights or windows in a house, which have been used in their present state, without molestation or interruption, for twenty years. To these the owner of the house has a right by prescription or occupancy, so that they cannot be obstructed or closed by the owner of the adjoining land which they may overlook. Wright v. Freeman, 5 Har. & J. (Md.) 477; Story v. Olin, 12 Mass. 190, 7 Am. Dec. 81. Ancient readings. Readings in the lectures upon the ancient English statutes, for-
ANDROCHIA. In old English law. A dairy-woman. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 87.

ANDROGYNUS. An Hermaphrodite.

ANDROPSY. The taking by one nation of the citizens or subjects of another, in order to compel the latter to do justice to the former. Wolfius, § 1164; Mol. de Jure Mar. 26.

ANECLUS. L. Lat. Spelled also aeneclus, enitus, ancus, encus. The eldest-born; the first-born; senior, as contrasted with the pus-ne, (younger.) Spelman.

ANGARIA. A term used in the Roman law to denote a forced or compulsory service exacted by the government for public purposes; as a forced rendition of labor or goods for the public service. See Dig. 50, 4, 18, 4.

In maritime law. A forced service, (onsua,) imposed on a vessel for public purposes; an impressment of a vessel. Locc. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 5; §§ 1-4.

In feudal law. Any troublesome or vexatious personal service paid by the tenant to his lord. Spelman.

ANGEL. An ancient English coin, of the value of ten shillings sterling. Jacob.

ANGER. A strong passion of the mind excited by real or supposed injuries; not synonymous with "heat of passion," "malice," or "rages or resentment," because these are all terms of wider import and may include anger as an element or as an incipient stage. Chandler v. State, 141 Ind. 105, 59 N. E. 444; Hoffman v. State, 97 Wks. 974, 73 N. W. 51; Ennes v. State, 10 Tex. App. 421, 446.

ANGILD. In Saxon law. The single value of a man or other thing; a single were-gild; the compensation of a thing according to its single value or estimation. Spelman. The double gild or compensation was called "twigild," the triple, "tripild," etc. Id.

ANGESCHERIA. In old English law. Englishery; the fact of being an Englishman.

Anglia jura in omni caso libertatis dant favorem. The laws of England in every case of liberty are favorable, (favor liberty in all cases.) Fortes. c. 42.

ANGLICE. In English. A term formerly used in pleading when a thing is described both in Latin and English, inserted immediately after the Latin and as an introduction of the English translation.

ANGLO-INDIAN. An Englishman domiciled in the Indian territory of the British crown.

ANGUISH. Great or extreme pain, agony, or distress, either of body or mind; but,
ANGYLDE. In Saxon law. The rate fixed by law at which certain injuries to person or property were to be paid for; in injuries to the person, it seems to be equivalent to the "were," i.e., the price at which every man was valued. It seems also to have been the fixed price at which cattle and other goods were received as currency, and to have been much higher than the market price, or ceaspigil. Wharton.

ANILOTE. In old English law. A single tribute or tax, paid according to the custom of the country as scot and lot.

ANIES, or ANIENT. Null, void, of no force or effect. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 214.

ANIMAL. Any animate being which is endowed with the power of voluntary motion. In the language of the law the term includes all living creatures not human.

Domite are those which have been tamed by man; domestic.

Fera nature are those which still retain their wild nature.

Manueta nature are those gentle or tame by nature, such as sheep and cows.

-Animals of a base nature. Animals in which a right of property may be acquired by claiming them from wildness, but which, at common law, by reason of their base nature, are not regarded as possible subjects of a larceny. 3 Inst. 197; 1 Hale, F. C. 311, 512.

Animalia fera, si facta sint manueta et ex consuetudine sunt et redecunt, vo-lant et revolant, ut cervi, cygni, etc., eosque nostra sunt, et ita intelliguntur quamdiu habuerant animum revertendi. Wild animals, if they be made tame, and are accustomed to go out and return, fly away and fly back, as stags, swans, etc., are considered to belong to us so long as they have the intention of returning to us. 7 Coke, 18.

ANIMO. Lat. With intention, disposition, design, will. Quo animo, with what intention. Animo cancellandi, with intention to cancel. 1 Pow. Dev. 603. Furandi, with intention to steal. 4 Bl. Comm. 230; 1 Kent. Comm. 183. Luarandi, with intention to gain or profit. 3 Kent, Comm. 577. Manendi, with intention to remain. 1 Kent, Comm. 76. Moreandi, with intention to stay, or delay. Republicandi, with intention to republish. 1 Pow. Dev. 609. Revertendi, with intention to return. 2 Bl. Comm. 392. Revocandi, with intention to revoke. 1 Pow. Dev. 595. Testandi, with intention to make a will. See ANIMUS and the titles which follow it.

ANIMO ET CORPORE. By the mind, and by the body; by the intention and by the physical act. Dig. 50, 17, 155; Id. 41, 2, 3, 1; Fleta, lib. 5, c. 5, §§ 9, 10.

ANIMO FELONICO. With felonious intent. Hob. 134.

ANIMUS. Lat. Mind; intention; disposition; design; will. Animo, (q. v.,) with the intention or design. These terms are derived from the civil law.

-Animus cancellandi. The intention of destroying or canceling, (applied to wills).-Animus capiendi. The intention to take or capture. 4 C. Rob. Adm. 120, 155.-Animus dedicandi. The intention of dedicating. -Animus defamandi. The intention of defaming. The phrase expresses the malicious intent which is essential in every case of verbal injury to render it the subject of an action for libel or slander. -Animus dereliquendi. The intention of abandoning. 4 C. Rob. Adm. 216. Rhodes v. Whitehead. 27 Tex. 904, 84 Am. Dec. 631. -Animus differendi. The intention of obtaining delay.-Animus donandi. The intention of gifting. Expressive of the intent to give which is necessary to constitute a gift. -Animus et factus. Intention and act; will and deed. Expressive of the acts which become effective only when accompanied by a particular intention. -Animus furandi. The intention to steal. Gardner v. State, 55 N. J. Law, 17, 28 Atl. 39; State v. Slingerland, 18 Nev. 135, 7 Pac. 280. -Animus lucrandi. The intention to make a gain or profit. -Animus manendi. The intention of remaining; intention to establish a permanent residence. 1 Kent. Comm. 76. This is the point to be settled in determining the domicile or residence of a party. Id. 77.


Animus ad se omne jus duci. It is to the intention that all law applies. Law always regards the intention.

Animus hominis est anima scripti. The intention of the party is the soul of the instrument. 3 Bullst. 67; Pittm. Prin. & Sur. 26. In order to give life or effect to an instrument, it is essential to look to the intention of the individual who executed it.

ANKER. A measure containing ten gallons.

ANN. In Scotch law. Half a year's stipend, over and above what is owing for the incumbency, due to a minister's relief, or child, or next of kin, after his decease. Whishaw.
ANNA

ANNA. In East Indian coinage, a piece of money, the sixteenth part of a rupee.

ANNALES. Lat. Annuals; a title formerly given to the Year Books.
In old records. Yearlings; cattle of the first year. Cowell.

ANNALY. In Scotch law. To alienate; to convey.

ANNATES. In ecclesiastical law. First-fruits paid out of spiritual benefits to the pope, so called because the value of one year’s profit was taken as their rate.

ANNEX. To add to; to unite; to attach one thing permanently to another. The word expresses the idea of joining a smaller or subordinate thing with another, larger, or of higher importance.
In the law relating to fixtures, the expression “annexed to the freehold” means fastened to or connected with it; mere juxtaposition, or the laying of an object, however heavy, on the freehold, does not amount to annexation. Merritt v. Judd, 14 Cal. 64.

ANNEXATION. The act of attaching, adding, joining, or uniting one thing to another; generally spoken of the connection of a smaller or subordinate thing with a larger or principal thing. The attaching an illustrative or auxiliary document to a deposition, pleading, deed, etc., is called “annexing” it. So the incorporation of newly-acquired territory into the national domain, as an integral part thereof, is called “annexation,” as in the case of the addition of Texas to the United States.
In the law relating to fixtures: Actual annexation includes every movement by which a chattel can be joined or united to the freehold. Constructive annexation is the union of such things as have been helden parcel of the reality, but which are not actually annexed, fixed, or fastened to the freehold. Shep. Touch. 460; Amos & F. Flx. 2.

In Scotch law. The union of lands to the crown, and declaring them inalienable. Also the appropriation of the church-lands by the crown, and the union of lands lying at a distance from the parish church to which they belong, to the church of another parish to which they are contiguous.

ANNI ET TEMPORA. Lat. Years and terms. An old title of the Year Books.

ANNI NUBILES. A woman’s marriageable years. The age at which a girl becomes by law fit for marriage; the age of twelve.

ANNICULUS. A child a year old. Calvin.

Annulculus trecentesimo sexagesimo-quinato die dictatur, incipiente plano non exacto die, quia annum civiliter non ad momenta temporum sed ad dies numeramur. We call a child a year old on the three hundred and sixty-fifth day, when the day is fairly begun but not ended, because we calculate the civil year not by moments, but by days. Dig. 50. 16, 134; Id. 132; Calvin.

ANNIENTED. Made null, abrogated, frustrated, or brought to nothing. Litt. c. 3, § 741.

ANNIVERSARY. An annual day, in old ecclesiastical law, set apart in memory of a deceased person. Also called “year day” or “mind day.” Spelman.

ANNO DOMINI. In the year of the Lord. Commonly abbreviated A. D. The computation of time, according to the Christian era, dates from the birth of Christ.
This phrase has become Anglicized by adoption, so that an indictment or declaration containing the words “Anno Domini” is not demeritable as not being in the English language. State v. Gilbert, 13 Vt. 647; Hale v. Vesper, Smith (N. J.) 260.

ANNONA. Grain; food. An old English and civil law term to denote a yearly contribution by one person to the support of another.

ANNONAE CIVILIES. A species of yearly rents issuing out of certain lands, and payable to certain monasteries.

ANNOTATIO. In the civil law. The sign-manual of the emperor; a rescript of the emperor, signed with his own hand. It is distinguished both from a rescript and pragmatic sanction, in Cod. 4, 59, 1.

ANNOTATION. A remark, note, or commentary on some passage of a book, intended to illustrate its meaning. Webster.

In the civil law. An imperial rescript signed by the emperor. The answers of the prince to questions put to him by private persons respecting some doubtful point of law. Summoning an absentee. Dig. 1, 5.
The designation of a place of deportation. Dig. 32, 1, 3.

Annum nec debitum judex non separat ipsum. A judge (or court) does not divide annuities nor debts. 8 Coke, 52; 1 Salk. 36, 65. Debt and annuity cannot be divided or apportioned by a court.

ANNUA PENSIONE. An ancient writ to provide the king’s chaplain, if he had no preference, with a pension. Reg. Orig. 165, 307.

ANNUAL. Occurring or recurring once in each year; continuing for the period of a year; accruing within the space of a year: relating to or covering the events or affairs of a year. State v. McCullough, 3 Nev. 224.
—Annual assay. An annual trial of the gold and silver coins of the United States, to ascer-
tain whether the standard fineness and weight of the coinage is maintained. See Rev. St. U. S. § 3547 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2570).—Annual income. Annual income is annual receipts from property. Income means that which comes in or is received from any business, or investment of capital, without reference to the outgoing expenditures. Betts v. Betts, 4 Abb. N. C. (N. Y.) 400.—Annual pension. In Scotch law. A yearly profit or rent.—Annual rent. In Scotch law. Yearly interest on a loan of money.—Annual value. The net yearly income derivable from a given piece of property; its fair rental value for one year, deducting costs and expenses; the value of its use for a year.

ANNUALLY. The meaning of this term, as applied to interest, is not an undertaking to pay interest at the end of one year only, but to pay interest at the end of each and every year during a period of time, either fixed or contingent. Sparhawk v. Wills, 8 Gray (Mass.) 164; Patterson v. McNeely, 16 Ohio St. 348; Westfield v. Westfield, 19 S. C. 80.

ANNUITANT. The recipient of an annuity; one who is entitled to an annuity.

ANNUITIES OF TIENDS. In Scotch law. Annuities of tithes; 10th. out of the roll of tithe wheat, 8th. out of the roll of beer, less out of the roll of rye, oats, and peas, allowed to the crown yearly of the tiiends not paid to the bishops, or set apart for other pious uses.

ANNUITY. A yearly sum stipulated to be paid to another in fee, or for life, or years, and chargeable only on the person of the grantor. Co. Litt. 1440.

An annuity is different from a rent-charge, with which it is sometimes confounded, the annuity being chargeable on the person merely, and so far personally; while a rent-charge is something reserved out of reality, or fixed as a burden upon an estate in land. 2 Bl. Comm. 40; Rolle, Abr. 226; Horton v. Cook, 10 Watts (Pa.) 127; 36 Am. Dec. 151.

The contract of annuity is that by which one party delivers to another a sum of money, and agrees not to reclaim it so long as the receiver pays the rent agreed upon. This annuity may be either perpetual or for life. Civ. Code La. arts. 2783, 2794.

The name of an action, now discussed, (L. Lat. breve de annuo reddito) which lay for the recovery of an annuity. Reg. Orig. 1383; Bract. fol. 203b; 1 Tidd. Pr. 3.

ANNUITY-TAX. An impost levied annually in Scotland for the maintenance of the ministers of religion.

ANNUL. To cancel; make void; destroy. To annul a judgment or judicial proceeding is to deprive it of all force and operation, either ab initio or prospectively as to future transactions. Walt v. Walt, 4 Barb. (N. Y.) 205; Woodson v. Skinner, 22 Mo. 24; In re Morrow's Estate, 204 Pa. 484, 54 Atl. 342.

ANNULES. Lat. In old English law. A ring; the ring of a door. Per haspam vel annulum hostii exteriors; by the hasp or ring of the outer door. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 15, § 5.

ANNULES ET BACULUS. (Lat. ring and staff.) The investiture of a bishop was per annulum et baculum, by the prince's delivering to the prelate a ring and pastoral staff, or crozier. 1 Bl. Comm. 378; Spelman.

ANNUS. Lat. In civil and old English law. A year; the period of three hundred and sixty-five days. Dig. 40, 7, 4, 5; Calvin.; Bract. fol. 3599.

—Annus deliberaendi. In Scotch law. A year of deliberating; a year to deliberate. The year allowed by law to the heir to deliberate whether he will enter and represent his ancestor, unless in the case of a posthumous heir, when the year runs from his birth. Bell.—Annus, dies, at vatum. In old English law. Year, day, and waste. See Year, Day, and Waste.—Annus et dies. A year and a day.

—Annus luctus. The year of mourning. It was a rule among the Romans, and also the Danes and Saxons, that widows should not marry infra annum luctus, (within the year of mourning). Code 5, 9, 2; 1 Bl. Comm. 457.

—Annus utilius. A year made up of available or serviceable days. Brissinison; Calvin. In the plural, anni utili signifies the years during which a right can be exercised or a prescription grow.

Annus est mora motus quo suum planeta pervolvat circulam. A year is the duration of the motion by which a planet revolves through its orbit. Dig. 40, 7, 4, 5; Calvin.; Bract. 3596.

Annus inceptus pro completo habetur. A year begun is held as completed. Truy. Lat. Max. 45.

ANNUUS REDITUS. A yearly rent; annuity. 2 Bl. Comm. 41; Reg. Orig. 1586.

ANOMALOUS. Irregular; exceptional; unusual; not conforming to rule, method, or type.

—Anomalous indorser. A stranger to a note, who indorses it after its execution and delivery but before maturity, and before it has been indorsed by the payee. Buck v. Hutchins, 45 Minn. 270. 47 N. W. 808.—Anomalous plea. One which is partly affirmative and partly negative. Baldwin v. Eitel, 42 N. J. Eq. 11, 6 Atl. 275; Potts v. Potts (N. J. Ch.) 42 Atl. 1050.

ANON., AN., A. Abbreviations for anonymous.

ANONYMOUS. Nameless; wanting a name or names. A publication, withholding the name of the author, is said to be anonymous. Cases are sometimes reported anonymously, i. e., without giving the names of the parties. Abbreviated to "Anon."

ANOYSANCE. Annoysance; nuisance. Cowell; Kelham.
ANSEL, ANSUL, or AUNCEL. In old English law. An ancient mode of weighing by hanging scales or books at either end of a beam or staff, which, being lifted with one's finger or hand by the middle, showed the equality or difference between the weight at one end and the thing weighed at the other. Termes de la Ley, 60.

ANSWER. In pleading. Any pleading setting up matters of fact by way of defense. In chancery pleading, the term denotes a defense by writing, made by a defendant to the allegations contained in a bill or information filed by the plaintiff against him. In pleading, under the Codes of Civil Procedure, the answer is the formal written statement made by a defendant setting forth the grounds of his defense; corresponding to what, in actions under the common-law practice, is called the "plein." In Massachusetts, the term denotes the statement of the matter intended to be relied upon by the defendant in avoidance of the plaintiff's action, taking the place of special pleas in bar, and the general issue, except in real and mixed actions. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1287.

In matrimonial suits in the (English) probate, divorce, and admiralty division, an answer is the pleading by which the respondent puts forward his defense to the petition. Browne, Div. 223.

Under the old admiralty practice in England, the defendant's first pleading was called his "answer." Williams & R. Adm. Jur. 246.

In practice. A reply to interrogatories; an affidavit in answer to interrogatories. The declaration of a fact by a witness after a question has been put, asking for it.

As a verb, the word denotes an assumption of liability, as to "answer" for the debt or default of another.

-Voluntary answer, in the practice of the court of chancery, was an answer put in by a defendant, when the plaintiff had filed no interrogatories which required to be answered. Hunt, Eq.

ANTAPOCHA. In the Roman law. A transcript or counterpart of the instrument called "apopha," signed by the debtor and delivered to the creditor. Calvín.

ANTE. Lat. Before. Usually employed in old pleadings as expressive of time, as præ (before) was of place, and coram (before) of person. Tourn. Pl. 22.

Occurring in a report or a text-book, it is used to refer the reader to a previous part of the book.

-Ante exhibitionem bills. Before the exhibition of the bill.
-Ante factum or ante-gestum. Done before. A Roman law term for a previous act, or thing done before. -Ante Hicem motam. Before suit brought: before controversy instituted. -Ante natus. Born before. A person born before another person or before a particular event.

The term is particularly applied to one born in a country before a revolution, change of government or dynasty, or other political event, such that the question of his rights, status, or allegiance will depend upon the date of his birth with reference to such event. In England, the term commonly denotes one born before the act of union with Scotland; in America, one born before the declaration of independence. Its opposite is post natus, one born after the event.

ANTEA. Lat. Formerly; heretofore.

ANTECESSOR. An ancestor, (q. v.)

ANTEDATE. To date an instrument as of a time before the time it was written.

ANTEJURAMENTUM. In Saxon law. A preliminary or preparatory oath, (called also "prejuramentum," and "juramentum calumniae," both which the accuser and accused were required to make before any trial or purgation; the accuser swearing that he would prosecute the criminal, and the accused making oath on the very day that he was to undergo the ordeal that he was innocent of the crime with which he was charged. Whishaw.

ANTENUPTIAL. Made or done before a marriage. Antenuptial settlements are settlements of property upon the wife, or upon her and her children, made before and in contemplation of the marriage.

ANTHROPOMETRY. In criminal law and medical jurisprudence. The measurement of the human body; a system of measuring the dimensions of the human body, both absolutely and in their proportion to each other, the facial, cerebral, and other angles, the shape and size of the skull, etc., for purposes of comparison with corresponding measurements of other individuals, and serving for the identification of the subject in cases of doubtful or disputed identity. See Bertillon System.

ANTI MANIFESTO. A term used in international law to denote a proclamation or manifesto published by one of two belligerent powers, alleging reasons why the war is defensive on its part.

ANTICHRISIS. In the civil law. A species of mortgage, or pledge of immovables. An agreement by which the debtor gives to the creditor the income from the property which he has pledged, in lieu of the interest on his debt. Guyot. Repert.: Marquise De Portes v. Hurlbut, 44 N. J. Eq. 517, 14 Atl. 891.

A debtor may give as security for his debt any immovable which belongs to him, the creditor having the right to enjoy the use of it on account of the interest due, or of the capital if there is no interest due; this is called "antichrises." Civ. Code Mex. art. 1927.

By the law of Louisiana, there are two kinds of pledges,—the pawn and the antichrisis. A
ANTICIPATION. The act of doing or taking a thing before its proper time.

In conveyancing, anticipation is the act of assigning, charging, or otherwise dealing with income before it becomes due.

In patent law, a person is said to have been anticipated when he patents a contrivance already known within the limits of the country granting the patent. Topliff v. Topliff, 145 U. S. 156, 12 Sup. Ct. 825, 36 L. Ed. 658; Detroit, etc., Co. v. Renchard (C. C.) 9 Fed. 298; National Hollow Brake Beam Co. v. Interchangeable Brake Beam Co. (C. C.) 99 Fed. 772.

ANTOGRAPHUS. In Roman law. An officer whose duty it was to take care of tax money. A comptroller.

ANTIGRAPHY. A copy or counterpart of a deed.

ANTINOMIA. In Roman law. A real or apparent contradiction or inconsistency in the laws. Merl. Repert. Conflicting laws or provisions of law; inconsistent or conflicting decisions or cases.

ANTINOMY. A term used in logic and law to denote a real or apparent inconsistence or conflict between two authorities or propositions; same as antinomia, (q. v.)

ANTICUM DOMINICUM. In old English law. Ancient demesne.

ANTITHETARIUS. In old English law. A man who endeavors to discharge himself of the crime of which he is accused, by retracting the charge on the accuser. He differs from an approver in this: that the latter does not charge the accuser, but others. Jacob.

ANTISTRIO. In early feudal law. A confidential vassal. A term applied to the followers or dependents of the ancient German chiefs, and of the kings and counts of the Franks. Burritt.


APANAGE. In old French law. A provision of lands or feudal superiors assigned by the kings of France for the maintenance of their younger sons. An allowance assigned to a prince of the regal house for his proper maintenance out of the public treasury. 1 Hallam, Mid. Ages, pp. ii, 88; Wharton.

APARTMENT. A part of a house occupied by a person, while the rest is occupied by another, or others. As to the meaning of this term, see 7 Man. & G. 95; 6 Mod. 214; McMillan v. Solomon, 42 Ala. 356, 94 Am. Dec. 654; Commonwealth v. Estabrook, 10 Pick. (Mass.) 253; McLel lan v. Dalton, 10 Mass. 100; People v. St. Clair, 39 Cal. 137.

APATISATIO. An agreement or compact. Du Cange.

APERTA BREVIA. Open, unsealed writs.

APERTUM FACTUM. An overt act.

APERTURA TESTAMENTI. In the civil law. A form of proving a will, by the witnesses acknowledging before a magistrate their having sealed it.

APEX. The summit or highest point of anything; the top; c. g., in mining law, "apex of a vein." See Larkin v. Upton, 144 U. S. 19, 12 Sup. Ct. 614, 36 L. Ed. 330; Stevens v. Williams, 22 Fed. Cas. 40; Duggan v. Davey, 4 Dak. 110, 20 N. W. 887.

—Apex juris. The summit of the law; a legal subtlety; a nice or cunning point of law; close technicality; a rule of law carried to an extreme point, either of severity or refinement.

—Apex rule. In mining law. The mineral laws of the United States give to the locator of a mining claim on the surface the whole of every vein in the apex of which lies within his surface exterior boundaries, or within perpendicular planes drawn downward indefinitely on the planes of those boundaries; and he may follow a vein which thus apexes within his boundaries, on its dip, although it may so far depart from the perpendicular in its course downward as to extend outside the vertical
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side-lines of his location; but he may not go beyond his end-lines or vertical planes drawn downward therefrom. This is called the apex rule. Rev. St. U. S. § 21722 (U. S. Comr. St. 1901, p. 1423); King v. Mining Co., 9 Mont. 543, 24 Pac. 200.

APHASIA. In medical jurisprudence. Loss of the faculty or power of articulate speech; a condition in which the patient, while retaining intelligence and understanding and with the organs of speech unimpaired, is unable to utter articulate words, or unable to vocalize the particular word which is in his mind and which he wishes to use, or utters words different from those he believes himself to be speaking, or (in "sensory aphasia") is unable to understand spoken or written language. The seat of the disease is in the brain, but it is not a form of insanity.

APHONIA. In medical jurisprudence. Loss of the power of articulate speech in consequence of morbid conditions of some of the vocal organs. It may be incomplete, in which case the patient can whisper. It is to be distinguished from congenital deafness, and from temporary loss of voice through extreme hoarseness or minor affection of the vocal cords, as also from aphasia, the latter being a disease of the brain without impairment of the organs of speech.

Apipes juris non sunt jura, [Jus.] Extremities, or mere subtleties of law, are not rules of law, [are not law.] Co. Litt. 304b; 10 Coke, 129; Wing. Max. 19, max. 14; Broom. Max. 188.

APICES LITIGANDI. Extremely fine points, or subtleties of litigation. Nearly equivalent to the modern phrase "sharp practice." "It is unconscionable in a defendant to take advantage of the apices litigandii, to turn a plaintiff around and make him pay costs when his demand is just." Per Lord Mansfield, in 3 Burr. 1243.

APNCEA. In medical jurisprudence. Want of breath; difficulty in breathing; partial or temporary suspension of respiration; specifically, such difficulty of respiration resulting from over-oxygenation of the blood, and in this distinguished from "asphyxia," which is a condition resulting from a deficiency of oxygen in the blood due to suffocation or any serious interference with normal respiration. The two terms were formerly (but improperly) used synonymously.

APOCHA. Lat. In the civil law. A writing acknowledging payments; acquittance. It differs from acceptation in this: that acceptation imports a complete discharge of the former obligation whether payment be made or not; apocha, discharge only upon payment being made. Calvin.

APOCHE ONEBATORIZE. In old commercial law. Bills of lading.

APOCRISARIUS. In ecclesiastical law. One who answers for another. An officer whose duty was to carry to the emperor messages relating to ecclesiastical matters, and to take back his answer to the petitioners. An officer who gave advice on questions of ecclesiastical law. An ambassador or legate of a pope or bishop. Spelman.

APOCRISARIUS cancellarius. In the civil law. An officer who took charge of the royal seal and signed royal dispatches.

APOGRAPHIA. A civil law term signifying an inventory or enumeration of things in one's possession. Calvin.

APOLEXY. In medical jurisprudence. The failure of consciousness and suspension of voluntary motion from suspension of the functions of the cerebrum.

APOSTACY. In English law. The total renunciation of Christianity, by embracing either a false religion or no religion at all. This offense can only take place in such as have once professed the Christian religion. 4 Bl. Comm. 43; 4 Steph. Comm. 291.

APOSTATA. In civil and old English law. An apostate; a deserter from the faith; one who has renounced the Christian faith. Cod. 1, 7; Reg. Orig. 71b.

Apostata capiendo. An obsolescent English writ which issued against an apostate, or one who had violated the rules of his religious order. It was addressed to the sheriff, and commanded him to deliver the defendant into the custody of the abbot or prior. Reg. Orig. 71, 297; Jacob; Wharton.

APOSTILLE. Apostille. L. Fr. An addition; a marginal note or observation. Kelham.

APOSTLES. In English admiralty practice. A term borrowed from the civil law, denoting brief dismisssory letters granted to a party who appeals from an inferior to a superior court, embodying a statement of the case and a declaration that the record will be transmitted.

This term is still sometimes applied in the admiralty courts of the United States to the papers sent up or transmitted on appeals.

APOSTOLI. In the civil law. Certificates of the inferior judge from whom a cause is removed, directed to the superior. Dig. 49, 6. See Apostles.

APOSTOLUS. A messenger; an ambassador, legate, or nuncio. Spelman.

APOTHECA. In the civil law. A repository; a place of deposit, as of wine, oil, books, etc. Calvin.
APOTHECARY. Any person who keeps a shop or building where medicines are compounded or prepared according to prescriptions of physicians, or where medicines are sold. Act Cong. July 13, 1853, c. 154, § 9, 14 Stat. 119; Woodward v. Ball, 6 Car. & P. 577; Westmoreland v. Bragg, 2 Hill (S. C.) 414; Com. v. Fuller, 2 Walk. (Pa.) 550.

The term “druggist” properly means one whose occupation is to buy and sell drugs without compounding or preparing them. The term therefore has a much more limited and restricted meaning than the word “apothecary,” and there is little difficulty in concluding that the term “druggist” may be applied in a technical sense to persons who buy and sell drugs. State v. Holmes, 28 La. Ann. 707, 29 Am. Rep. 110; Apothecaries’ Co. v. Greenough, 1 Q. B. 803; State v. Donaldson, 41 Minn. 74, 42 N. W. 781.

APPARATOR. A furnisher or provider. Formerly the sheriff, in England, had charge of certain county affairs and disbursements, in which capacity he was called “apparator comitatus,” and received therefor a considerable emolument. Cowell.

APPARENT. That which is obvious, evident, or manifest; what appears, or has been made manifest. In respect to facts involved in an appeal or writ of error, that which is stated in the record.

—Apparent danger, as used with reference to the doctrine of self-defense in homicide, means such overt actual demonstration, by conduct and acts, of a design to take life, as to do some great and mortal injury. It would make the killing apparently necessary to self-preservation. Evans v. State, 44 Miss. 773; Stoneman v. Com., 26 Grat. (Va.) 806; Leigh v. People, 111 Ill. 375. —Apparent defects, in a thing sold, are those which can be discovered by simple inspection. Code La. art. 2407. —Apparent easement. See Easement. —Apparent heir. In English law. One whose right of inheritance is indefeasible, provided he outlive the ancestor. 2 Bl. Com. 288. He is the person to whom the succession has actually opened. He is so called until his regular entry on the lands by service or infeudation on a precept of clare constat. —Apparent maturity. The apparent maturity of a negotiable instrument payable at a particular time is the day on which such terms, it being due, or, when that is a holiday, the next business day. Civil Code Cal. § 3132.


APPARITOR. An officer or messenger employed to serve the process of the spiritual courts in England and summon offenders. Cowell.

In the civil law. An officer who waited upon a magistrate or superior officer, and executed his commands. Calvin; Cod. 12, 53-57.

APPARELMENT. In old English law. Resemblance; likelihood; as apparelement of war. St. 2 Rich. II. st. 1, c. 6; Cowell.

APPARURA. In old English law the apparura were furniture, implements, tackle, or apparel. Carucarum apparura, plow-tackle. Cowell.

APPEAL. In civil practice. The complaint to a superior court of an injustice done or error committed by an inferior one, whose judgment or decision the court above is called upon to correct or reverse.

The removal of a cause from a court of inferior to one of superior jurisdiction, for the purpose of obtaining a review and retrial. Wiscart v. Dauchy, 3 Dall. 321, 1 L. Ed. 619.

The distinction between an appeal and a writ of error is that an appeal is a process of civil law origin, and removes a cause entirely, subjecting the facts, as well as the law, to a review and revision; while a writ of error is of common law origin, and it removes nothing for re-examination but the law. Wiscart v. Dauchy, 3 Dall. 321, 1 L. Ed. 619; U. S. v. Woodwin, 7 Cranch, 103, 3 L. Ed. 264; Cunningham v. Nesle, 135 U. S. 1, 10 Sup. Ct. 658, 34 L. Ed. 55.

But appeal is sometimes used to denote the nature of appellate jurisdiction, as distinguished from original jurisdiction, without any particular regard to the mode by which a cause is transmitted to a superior jurisdiction. U. S. v. Wonson, 1 Gall. 5, 12, Fed. Cas. No. 16,750.

In criminal practice. A formal accusation made by one private person against another of having committed some heinous crime. 4 Bl. Comm. 312.

Appeal was also the name given to the proceeding in English law where a person, indicted of treason or felony, and arraigned for the same, confessed the fact before plea pleaded, and appealed, or accused others, his accomplices in the same crime. In order to obtain his pardon. In this case he was called an “approver” or “prover,” and the party appealed or accused, the “appellee.” 4 Bl. Comm. 330.

In legislation. The act by which a member of a legislative body who questions the correctness of a decision of the presiding officer, or “chair,” procures a vote of the body upon the decision.

In old French law. A mode of proceeding in the lords’ courts, where a party was dissatisfied with the judgment of the peers, which was by accusing them of having given a false or malicious judgment, and offering to make good the charge by the duel or combat. This was called the “appeal of false judgment.” Montesq. Esprit des Lois, liv. 28, c. 27.

to a judgment appeal therefrom, the appeal of each is called a "cross-appeal" as regards that of the other. 3 Steph. Comm. 381.

APPEALED. In a sense not strictly technical, this word may be used to signify the exercise by a party of the right to remove a litigation from one forum to another; as where he removes a suit involving the title to real estate from a Justice's court to the common pleas. Lawrence v. Souther, 8 Metc. (Mass.) 166.

APPEAR. In practice. To be properly before a court; as a fact or matter of which it can take notice. To be in evidence; to be proved. "Making it appear and proving are the same thing." Freem. 53.

To be regularly in court; as a defendant in an action. See Appearance.

APPEARANCE. In practice. A coming into court as party to a suit, whether as plaintiff or defendant.

The formal proceeding by which a defendant submits himself to the jurisdiction of the court. Flint v. Comly, 95 Me. 251, 49 Atl. 1044; Crawford v. Vinton, 102 Mich. 53, 62 N. W. 988.

Classification. An appearance may be either general or special; the former is a simple and unqualified or unrestricted submission to the jurisdiction of the court, the latter a submission to the jurisdiction for some specific purpose; to protect his own personal interests, though not joined as a party; conditional, when coupled with conditions as to its becoming or being taken as a general appearance; prima facie, when made by a party, not the defendant, but before the service of process, though process may be outstanding. 1 Barb. Ch. Pr. 77. It is said to be optional when entered by a person who intervenes in the action to protect his own interests, though not joined as a party; conditional, when coupled with conditions as to its becoming or being taken in a general appearance; prima facie, when made by a party, not the defendant, but before the service of process, though process may be outstanding.

Appearance by attorney. This term and "appearance by counsel" are distinctly different, the former being the substitution of a legal agent for the personal attendance of the suit; the latter the attendance of an advocate without whose aid neither the party attending nor his attorney in his stead could safely proceed; and an appearance by attorney does not supersede the appearance by counsel. Mercer v. Watson, 1 Watts (Pa.) 351. Appearance day. The day for appearing; that on which the parties are bound to come into court. Courier v. McCracken (Tex. Civ. App.) 26 S. W. 292.-Appearance docket. A docket kept by the clerk of the court, in which appearances are entered, containing also a brief abstract of all the proceedings in the case. Notice of appearance. A notice given by defendant to a plaintiff that he appears in the action in person or by attorney.

APPEARAND HEIR. In Scotch law. An apparent heir. See Apparent Heir.

APPENDANT. The party who takes an appeal from one court or jurisdiction to another.

APPELLATE. Pertaining to or having cognizance of appeals and other proceedings for the judicial review of adjudications.

Appeal court. A court having jurisdiction of appeal and review; a court to which causes may be removed by appeal, certiorari, or error. Appellate jurisdiction. Jurisdiction on appeal; jurisdiction to revise or correct the proceedings in a case already instituted and acted upon by an inferior court, or by a tribunal having the attributes of a court. Auditor of State v. Railroad Co., 6 Kan. 505. 7 Am. Rep. 575; State v. Anthony, 65 Mo. App. 543; State v. Baker, 19 Fla. 19; Ex parte Bollman, 4 Cranch, 101, 2 L. Ed. 554.

APPETATIO. Lat. An appeal.

APPELLATOR. An old law term having the same meaning as "appellant." (q. v.)

In the civil law, the term was applied to the judge ad quem, or to whom an appeal was taken. Calvin.

APPELLEE. The party in a cause against whom an appeal is taken; that is, the party who has an interest adverse to setting aside or reversing the judgment. Slayton v. Horsey, 97 Tex. 341, 78 S. W. 919. Sometimes also called the "respondent."

In old English law. Where a person charged with treason or felony pleaded guilty and turned approver or "king's evidence," and accused another as his accomplice in the same crime, in order to obtain his own pardon, the one so accused was called the "appelee." 4 Bl. Comm. 330.

APPELLO. Lat. In the civil law. I appeal. The form of making an appeal apud acta. Dig. 49, 1, 2.

APPELLOR. In old English law. A criminal who accuses his accomplices, or who challenges a jury.


APPENDANT. A thing annexed to or belonging to another thing and passing with it; a thing of inheritance belonging to another inheritance which is more worthy; as an advowson, commoun, etc., which may be appendant to a manor, commoun of fishing to a freehold, a seat in a church to a house, etc. It differs from appuration, in that appendant must ever be by prescription; it cannot be taken by it, as in some usages for a considerable time, while an appuration may be created at this day; for if a grant be made to a man and his
heirs, of common in such a moor for his beasts levant or couchant upon his manor, the commons are appurtenant to the manor, and the grant will pass them. Co. Litt. 121b; Lucas v. Bishop, 15 Lea (Tenn.) 165, 54 Am. Rep. 440; Leonard v. White, 7 Mass. 6, 5 Am. Dec. 19; Meeke v. Breckenridge, 29 Ohio St. 648. See APPURTENANCE.

APPENDITIA. The appendages or appurtenances of an estate or house. Cowell.

APPENDIX. A printed volume, used on an appeal to the English house of lords or privy council, containing the documents and other evidence presented in the inferior court and referred to in the cases made by the parties for the appeal. Answering in some respects to the "paper-book" or "case" in American practice.

APPENSURA. Payment of money by weight instead of by count. Cowell.

APPERTAIN. To belong to; to have relation to; to be appurtenant to. See APPURTENANT.

APPLICABLE. When a constitution or court declares that the common law is in force in a particular state so far as it is applicable. It is meant that it must be applicable to the habits and conditions of the community, as well as in harmony with the genius, the spirit, and the objects of their institutions. Wagner v. Bissell, 3 Iowa, 492.

When a constitution prohibits the enactment of local or special laws in all cases where a general law would be applicable, a general law should always be construed to be applicable, in this sense, where the entire people of the state have an interest in the subject, such as regulating interest, statutes of frauds or limitations, etc. But where only a portion of the people are affected, as in locating a county-seat, it will depend upon the facts and circumstances of each particular case whether such a law would be applicable. Evans v. Job, 8 Nev. 322.

APPLICARE. L. In old English law. To fasten to; to moor (a vessel). Anciently rendered, "to apply." Hale, de Jure Mar.

Applicatio est vita regula. Application is the life of a rule. 2 Ruist. 79.

APPLICATION. A putting to, placing before, preferring a request or petition to or before a person. The act of making a request for something.

A written request to have a certain quantity of land at or near a certain specified place. Biddle v. Dougal, 5 Blin. (Pa.) 151.

The use or disposition made of a thing.

A bringing together, in order to ascertain some relation or establish some connection; as the application of a rule or principle to a case or fact.

In insurance. The preliminary request, declaration, or statement made by a party applying for an insurance on life, or against fire.

Of purchase money. The disposition made of the funds received by a trustee on a sale of real estate held under the trust.

Of payments. Appropriation of a payment to some particular debt; or the determination to which of several demands a general payment made by a debtor to his creditor shall be applied.

APPLY. 1. To make a formal request or petition, usually in writing, to a court, officer, board, or company, for the granting of some favor, or of some rule or order, which is within his or their power or discretion. For example, to apply for an injunction, for a pardon, for a policy of insurance.

2. To use or employ for a particular purpose; to appropriate and devote to a particular use, object, demand, or subject-matter. Thus, to apply payments to the reduction of interest.

3. To put, use, or refer, as suitable or relative; to co-ordinate language with a particular subject-matter; as to apply the words of a statute to a particular state of facts.

APPOINTEE. A person who is appointed or selected for a particular purpose; as the appointee under a power is the person who is to receive the benefit of the power.

APPOINTMENT. In chancery practice. The exercise of a right to designate the person or persons who are to take the use of real estate. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 302.

The act of a person in directing the disposition of property, by limiting a use, or by substituting a new use for a former one, in pursuance of a power granted to him for that purpose by a preceding deed, called a "power of appointment:" also the deed or other instrument by which he so conveys.

Where the power embraces several permitted objects, and the appointment is made to one or more of them, excluding others, it is called "exclusive."

Appointment may signify an appropriation of money to a specific purpose. Harris v. Clark, 3 N. Y. 93, 119, 51 Am. Dec. 352.

In public law. The selection or designation of a person, by the person or persons having authority therefore, to fill an office or public function and discharge the duties of the same. State v. New Orleans, 41 La. Ann. 156, 6 South. 592; Wickersham v. Britain, 88 Cal. 34, 28 Pac. 792, 15 L. R. A. 106; Speed v. Crawford, 3 Metc. (Ky.) 210.

The term "appointment" is to be distinguished from election. The former is an executive act, whereby a person is named as the in-
cumbent of an office and invested therewith, by one or more individuals who have the sole power and right to select and constitute the officer. Election means that the person is chosen by a principle of selection in the nature of a vote, participated in by the public generally or by the entire class of persons qualified to express their choice in this manner. See McPherson v. Blacker, 146 U. S. 1, 13 Sup. Ct. 3, 36 L. Ed. 869; State v. Compton, 34 Or. 25, 54 Pac. 349; Reid v. Gorsuch, 67 N. J. Law, 396, 51 Atl. 457; State v. Squire, 39 Ohio St. 197; State v. Williams, 60 Kan. 537, 55 Pac. 476.

APPOINTEOR. The person who appoints, or executes a power of appointment; as appointee is the person to whom or in whose favor an appointment is made. 1 Steph. Comm. 506, 507; 4 Kent, Comm. 316.

One authorized by the donor, under the statute of uses, to execute a power. 2 Bouv. Inst. n. 1923.

APPORT. L. Fr. In old English law. Tax; tallage; tribute; imposition; payment; charge; expenses. Kelham.

APPORTIONMENT. The division, partition, or distribution of a subject-matter in proportionate parts. Co. Litt. 147; 1 Swansm. 37, n.; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. 475a.

Of contracts. The allowance, in case of a severable contract, partially performed, of a part of the entire consideration proportioned to the degree in which the contract was carried out.

Of rent. The allotment of their shares in a rent to each of several parties owning it. The determination of the amount of rent to be paid when the tenancy is terminated at some period other than one of the regular intervals for the payment of rent. Swift v. McCalmont Oil Co., 194 Pa. 202, 38 Atl. 1021, 63 Am. St. Rep. 791; Gluck v. Baltimore, 81 Md. 315, 32 Atl. 515, 49 Am. St. Rep. 515.

Of incumbrances. Where several persons are interested in an estate, apportionment, as between them, is the determination of the respective amounts which they shall contribute towards the removal of the incumbrance.

Of corporate shares. The pro tanto division among the subscribers of the shares allowed to be issued by the charter, where more than the limited number have been subscribed for. Clarke v. Brooklyn Bank, 1 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 308; Haight v. Day, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 18.

Of common. A division of the right of common between several persons, among whom the land to which, as an entirety, it first belonged has been divided.

Of representatives. The determination upon each decennial census of the number of representatives in congress, each person being chosen by a principle of representation, as expressed by the calculation being based upon the population. See Const. U. S. art. 1, § 2.

APPREHEND.

Of taxes. The apportionment of a tax consists in a selection of the subjects to be taxed, and in laying down the rule by which to measure the contribution which each of these subjects shall make to the tax. Barfield v. Gleason, 111 Ky. 491, 63 S. W. 964.

APPORTS EN NATURE. In French law. That which a partner brings into the partnership other than cash; for instance, securities, realty or personality, cattle, stock, or even his personal ability and knowledge. Argil. Fr. Merc. Law, 545.

APPORTUM. In old English law. The revenue, profit, or emolument which a thing brings to the owner. Commonly applied to a corody or pension. Blount.

APPOSAL OF SHERIFFS. The charging them with money received upon their account in the exchequer. St. 22 & 23 Car. 11; Cowell.

APPOSER. An officer in the exchequer, clothed with the duty of examining the sheriffs in respect of their accounts. Usually called the “foreign apposer.” Terms de la Ley.

APPOSTILLE, or APOSTILLE. In French law, an addition or annotation made in the margin of a writing. Merle. Repert.

APPRaise. In practice. To fix or set a price or value upon; to fix and state the true value of a thing, and, usually, in writing. Vincent v. German Ins. Co., 120 Iowa, 272, 94 N. W. 458.


APPRAISER. A person appointed by competent authority to make an appraisement, to ascertain and state the true value of goods or real estate.

—General appraisers. Appraisers appointed under an act of congress to afford aid and assistance to the collectors of customs in the appraisement of imported merchandise. Gibb v. Washington, 10 Fed. Cas. 258—Merchant appraisers. Where the appraisement of an invoice of imported goods made by the revenue officers at the custom house is not satisfactory to the importer, persons may be selected (under this name) to make a definitive valuation; they must be merchants engaged in trade. Auffmordt v. Hedden (C. C.) 30 Fed. 290; Gelberman v. Merritt (C. C.) 10 Fed. 408.

APPREHEND. To take hold of, whether with the mind, and so to conceive, believe, fear, dread, (Trogon v. State, 133 Ind. 1, 32 N. E. 725;) or actually and bodily, and so to take a person on a criminal process: to seize: to arrest. (Hogan v. Stophelet, 179 Ill. 150, 53 N. E. 604, 44 L. R. A. 809.)
APPRIZE. In Scotch law. A form of process by which a creditor formerly took possession of the estates of the debtor in payment of the debt due. It is now superseded by adjudications.

APPROACH. In international law. The right of a ship of war, upon the high seas, to visit another vessel for the purpose of ascertaining the nationality of the latter. 1 Kent, Comm. 153, note.

APPROBATE AND REPROBATE. In Scotch law. To approve and reject: to take advantage of one part, and reject the rest. Bell, Equity. No person to approve and reprobate the same deed. 1 Kames, Eq. 317; 1 Bell, Comm. 146.

APPROPRIATE. 1. To make a thing one's own; to make a thing the subject of property; to exercise dominion over an object to the extent, and for the purpose, of making it subservient one's own proper use or pleasure. The term is properly used in this sense to denote the acquisition of property and a right of exclusive enjoyment in those things which before were without an owner or were publici juris. United States v. Nicholson (D. C.) 12 Fed. 522; Wulzen v. San Francisco, 101 Cal. 15, 33 Pac. 353, 40 Am. St. Rep. 17; People v. Lammerts, 104 N. Y. 137, 58 N. E. 22.

2. To prescribe a particular use for particular moneys; to designate or destine a fund or property for a distinct use, or for the payment of a particular demand. Whitehead v. Gibbons, 10 N. J. Eq. 253; State v. Bordelon, 6 La. Ann. 68.

In its use with reference to payments or moneys, there is room for a distinction between this term and "apply." The former properly denotes the setting apart of a fund or payment for a particular use or purpose, or the mental act of resolving that it shall be so employed, while "apply" signifies the actual expenditure of the fund, or the use of the payment, for the purpose to which it has been appropriated. Practically, however, the words are used interchangeably.

3. To appropriate is also used in the sense of to distribute; in this sense it may denote the act of an executor or administrator who distributes the estate of his decedent among the legatees, heirs, or others entitled, in pursuance of his duties and according to their respective rights.

APPROPRIATION. The act of appropriating or setting apart; prescribing the destination of a thing; designating the use or application of a fund.

In public law. The act by which the legislative department of government designates a particular fund, or sets apart a specified portion of the public revenue or of the money in the public treasury, to be applied to some general object of governmental expenditure, (as the civil service list, etc.)
or to some individual purchase or expense. State v. Moore, 50 Neb. 88, 69 N. W. 373, 61 Am. St. Rep. 538; Clayton v. Berry, 27 Ark. 129.

When money is appropriated (i.e., set apart) for the purpose of securing the payment of a specific debt or class of debts, or for an individual purchase or object of expense, it is said to be specifically appropriated for that purpose.

A specific appropriation is an act of the legislature by which a named sum of money has been set apart in the treasury, and devoted to the payment of a particular demand. Stratton v. Green, 45 Cal. 149.

Appropriation of land. The act of selecting, devoting, or setting apart land for a particular use or purpose, as where land is appropriated for public buildings, military reservations, or other public uses. McSorley v. Hill, 2 Wash. St. 638, 27 Pac. 552; Murdock v. Memphis, 7 Cold. (Tenn.) 500; Jackson v. Wilcox, 2 Ill. 360. Sometimes also applied to the taking of private property for public use in the exercise of the power of eminent domain. Railroad Co. v. Folts (C. C.) 52 Fed. 629; Sweet v. Rechel, 159 U. S. 380, 16 Sup. Ct. 43, 40 L. Ed. 188.

Appropriation of water. An appropriation of water flowing on the public domain consists in the capture, impounding, or diversion of it from its natural course or channel and its actual application to some beneficial use private or personal to the appropriator; to the entire exclusion (or exclusion to the extent of the water appropriated) of all other persons. To constitute a valid appropriation, there must be an intent to apply the water to some beneficial use existing at the time or contemplated in the future, a diversion from the natural channel by means of a ditch or canal, or some other open physical act of taking possession of the water, and an actual application of it within a reasonable time to some useful or beneficial purpose. Low v. Rizor, 25 Or. 551, 37 Pac. 82; Clough v. Wing, 2 Ariz. 371, 17 Pac. 473; Offield v. Ish, 21 Wash. 277, 57 Pac. 609; Reservoir Co. v. People, 8 Colo. 614, 9 Pac. 794; McCall v. Porter, 42 Or. 49, 70 Pac. 820; McDonald v. Mining Co., 18 Cal. 220.

Appropriation of payments. This means the application of a payment to the discharge of a particular debt. Thus, if a creditor has two distinct debts due to him from his debtor, and the latter makes a general payment on account, without specifying at the time to which debt he intends the payment to apply, it is optional for the creditor to appropriate (apply) the payment to either of the two debts he pleases. Gwin v. McLean, 62 Miss. 121; Martin v. Draher, 5 Watts (Pa.) 544.

In English ecclesiastical law. The perpetual annexing of a benefice to some spiritual corporation either sole or aggregate, being the patron of the living. 1 Bl. Comm. 354; 3 Steph. Comm. 70-75; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 144, § 129. Where the annexation is to the use of a lay person, it is usually called an "impropriation." 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 145, § 130.

Appropriator. One who makes an appropriation; as, an appropriator of water. Lux v. Haggin, 69 Cal. 255, 10 Pac. 759.

In English ecclesiastical law. A spiritual corporation entitled to the profits of a benefice.

Approve. The act of a judge or magistrate in sanctioning and accepting as satisfactory a bond, security, or other instrument which is required by law to pass his inspection and receive his approbation before it becomes operative.

Approve. To take to one's proper and separate use. To improve; to enhance the value or profits of anything. To inclose and cultivate common or waste land. To approv common or waste land is to inclose and convert it to the purposes of husbandry, which the owner might always do, provided he left common sufficient for such as were entitled to it. St. Mert. c. 4; St. Westm. 2, c. 46; 2 Bl. Comm. 34; 3 Bl. Comm. 240; 2 Steph. Comm. 7; 3 Kent, Comm. 406.

In old criminal law. To accuse or prove; to accuse an accomplice by giving evidence against him.

Approved indorsed notes. Notes indorsed by another person than the maker, for additional security.

Approvement. By the common law, approvement is said to be a species of confession, and incident to the arraignment of a prisoner indicted for treason or felony, who confesses the fact before plea pleaded, and appeals or accuses others, his accomplices in the same crime, in order to obtain his own pardon. In this case he is called an "approver," or "prover," "prolator," and the party appealed or accused is called the "appellee." Such approvement can only be in capital offenses, and it is, as it were, equivalent to an indictment, since the appellee is equally called upon to answer it. Gray v. People, 26 Ill. 344; Whitey Cases, 99 I. S. 500, 25 L. Ed. 390; State v. Graham, 41 N. J. Law, 15, 32 Am. Rep. 174.

Approver. L. Fr. To approve or prove; to vouch. Kelham.

APPROVER

In criminal law. An accomplice in crime who accuses others of the same offense, and is admitted as a witness at the discretion of the court to give evidence against his companions in guilt. He is vulgarly called "Queen's Evidence."

He is one who confesses himself guilty of felony and accuses others of the same crime to save himself from punishment. Myers v. People, 26 Ill. 175.

In old English law. Certain men sent into the several counties to increase the farms (rents) of hundreds and wapentakes, which formerly were let at a certain value to the sheriff. Cowell.

Bailiffs of lords in their franchises. Sheriffs were called the king's "approvers" in 1 Edw. III. st. 1, c. 1. Termes de la Ley. 49.

Approvers in the Marches were those who had license to sell and purchase beasts there.

APPRUARE. To take to one's use or profit. Cowell.

APPULSUS. In the civil law. A driving to, as of cattle to water. Dig. 8, 3, 1, 1.

APPURTENANCE. That which belongs to something else; an adjunct; an appendage; something annexed to another thing more worthy as principal, and which passes as incident to it, as a right of way or other easement to land; an out-house, barn, garden, or orchard, to a house or messuage. Meek v. Breckenridge, 29 Ohio St. 642; Harris v. Elliott, 10 Pet. 54, 9 L. Ed. 333; Humphreys v. McKissock, 140 U. S. 304, 11 Sup. Ct. 779, 35 L. Ed. 473; Farmer v. Water Co., 56 Cal. 11.

Appurtencies of a ship include whatever is on board a ship for the objects of the voyage and adventure in which she is engaged, belonging to her owner.

Appurtenant is substantially the same in meaning as accessory, but it is more technically used in relation to property, and is the more appropriate word for a conveyance.

APPURTENANT. Belonging to; accessory or incident to; adjunct, appended, or annexed to; answering to accessorium in the civil law. 2 Steph. Comm. 30 note.

A thing is deemed to be incidental or appurtenant to land when it is by right used with the land for its benefit, as in the case of a way, or water-course, or of a passage for light, air, or heat from or across the land of another. Civil Code Cal. § 602.

In common speech, appurtenant denotes annexed or belonging to; but in law it denotes an annexation which is of convenience merely and not of necessity, and which may have had its origin at any time, in both which respects it is distinguished from appendant, (q. v.)

APROVECHAMIENTO. In Spanish law. Approval, or Improvement and enjoyment of public lands. As applied to pueblo lands, it has particular reference to the commons, and includes not only the actual enjoyment of them but a right to such enjoyment. Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 530, 536.

APT. Fit; suitable; appropriate.

—Apt time. Apt time sometimes depends upon lapae of time; as, where a thing is required to be done at the first term, or within a given time, it cannot be done afterwards. But the phrase more usually refers to the order of proceedings, as fit or suitable. Pugh v. York, 74 N. C. 333. Words proper to produce the legal effect for which they are intended; sound technical phrases.

APTA VIRO. Fit for a husband; marriageable; a woman who has reached marriageable years.

APUD ACTA. Among the acts; among the recorded proceedings. In the civil law, this phrase is applied to appeals taken orally, in the presence of the judge, at the time of judgment or sentence.

AQUA. In the civil and old English law. Water; sometimes a stream or water-course.

—Aqua nativa. In Roman law. Summer water: water that was used in summer only. Dig. 43, 20, 1, 3, 4.—Aqua currente. Running water.—Aqua dulcis, or frisca. Fresh water. Res. Orig. 97; Bract. fols. 117, 133.—Aqua fontanae. Spring water. Flota, lib. 4, c. 27, § 8.—Aqua profunda. Flowing or running water.—Apt us, 8, 2.—Aqua quotidiana. In Roman law. Daily water; water that might be drawn at all times of the year. (qua quis quotidie possit uti, si eclect.) Dig. 43, 20, 1–4.

—Aqua salina. Salt water.

Aqua cedit solo. Water follows the land. A sale of land will pass the water which covers it. 2 Bl. Comm. 18; Co. Litt. 4.

Aqua currut et debet currere, ut currere solebat. Water runs, and ought to run, as it has used to run. 3 Buist. 339; 3 Kent, Comm. 439. A running stream should be left to flow in its natural channel, without alteration or diversion. A fundamental maxim in the law of water-courses.

AQUE DUCTUS. In the civil law. A servitude which consists in the right to carry water by means of pipes or conduits over or through the estate of another. Dig. 8, 3, 1; Inst. 2, 3.

AQUE HAUSTUS. In the civil law. A servitude which consists in the right to draw water from the fountain, pool, or spring of another. Inst. 2, 3, 2; Dig. 8, 3, 1, 1.

AQUE IMMITTENDAE. A civil law easement or servitude, consisting in the right of one whose house is surrounded with other buildings to cast waste water upon the adjacent roofs or yards. Similar to the common
AQUAGIUM. A canal, ditch, or water-course running through marshy grounds. A mark or gauge placed in or on the banks of a running stream, to indicate the height of the water, was called "aquagium." Spelman.

AQUATIC RIGHTS. Rights which individuals have to the use of the sea and rivers, for the purpose of fishing and navigation, and also to the soil in the sea and rivers.

ARABANT. They plowed. A term of feudal law, applied to those who held by the tenure of plowing and tilling the lord's lands within the manor. Cowell.

ARABO. In feudal law. To make oath in the church or some other holy place. All oaths were made in the church upon the relics of saints, according to the Riparian laws. Cowell; Spelman.


ARATOR. A plow-man; a farmer of arable land.

ARATRUM TERRE. In old English law. A plow of land; a plow-land; as much land as could be tilled with one plow. Whishaw.

ARATURA TERRE. The plowing of land by the tenant, or vassal, in the service of his lord. Whishaw.

ARATURIA. Land suitable for the plow; arable land. Spelman.

ARBITER. A person chosen to decide a controversy; an arbitrator, referee.

A person bound to decide according to the rules of law and equity, as distinguished from an arbitrator, who may proceed wholly at his own discretion, so that it be according to the judgment of a sound man. Cowell.

According to Mr. Abbott, the distinction is as follows: "Arbiter" is a technical name of a person selected with reference to an established system for friendly determination of controversies, which, though not judicial, is yet regulated by law; so that the powers and duties of the arbitrator, when once he is chosen, are prescribed by law, and his doings may be judicially revised if he has exceeded his authority. "Arbitrator" is an untechnical designation of a person to whom a controversy is referred, irrespective of any law to govern the decision; and is the proper word to signify a referee of a question outside of or above municipal law. But it is elsewhere said that the distinction between arbiters and arbitrators is not observed in modern law. Russ. Arb. 112.

In the Roman law. A Judge invested with a discretionary power. A person appointed by the pretor to examine and decide that class of causes or actions termed "bonae fideli," and who had the power of judging according to the principles of equity, (ex aquo et bono) distinguished from the iudex, (q. v.) who was bound to decide according to strict law. Inst. 4, 6, 30, 31.

ARBITRAMENT. The award or decision of arbitrators upon a matter of dispute, which has been submitted to them. Terms de la Ley.

Arbitrament and award. A plea to an action brought for the same cause which had been submitted to arbitration and on which an award had been made. Watts. Arb. 256.

Arbitramentum aqum tributum unique sum. A just arbitration renders to every one his own. Noy, Max. 248.

ARBINARY. Not supported by fair, solid, and substantial cause, and without reason given. Treloar v. Bigge, L. R. 9 Exch. 155.

Arbitrary government. The difference between a free and an arbitrary government is that in the former limits are assigned to those to whom the administration is committed, but the latter depends on the will of the departments or some of them. Kamper v. Hawkins, 1 Va. Cas. 20, 23.—Arbitrary punishment. That punishment which is left to the decision of the judge, in distinction from those defined by statute.


Compulsory arbitration is that which takes place when the consent of one of the parties is enforced by statutory provisions.

Voluntary arbitration is that which takes place by mutual and free consent of the parties.

In a wide sense, this term may embrace the whole method of thus settling controversies, and thus include all the various steps. But in more strict use, the decision is separately spoken of, and called an "award," and the "arbitration" denotes only the submission and hearing.

Arbitration clause. A clause inserted in a contract providing for compulsory arbitration in case of dispute as to rights or liabilities under it; ineffectual if it purports to oust the courts of jurisdiction entirely. See Perry v. Cobb, 88 Me. 435, 34 Atl. 278, 49 L. R. A. 380.

Arbitration of exchange. This takes place where a merchant pays his debts in one country by a bill of exchange upon another.

ARBISTRATOR. A private, disinterested person, chosen by the parties to a disputed
question, for the purpose of hearing their contentions, and giving judgment between them; to whose decision (award) the litigants submit themselves either voluntarily, or, in some cases, compulsorily, by order of a court. Gordon v. U. S., 7 Wall. 195, 19 L. Ed. 53; Mobile v. Wood (C. C.) 95 Fed. 538; Burchell v. Marsh, 17 How. 349, 15 L. Ed. 96; Miller v. Canal Co., 53 Barb. (N. Y.) 365; Fudilcar v. Insurance Co., 62 N. Y. 399.

"Referee" is of frequent modern use as a synonym of arbitrator, but is in its origin of broader signification and less accurate than arbitrator.

**ARBITRIOS.** In Spanish and Mexican law. Taxes imposed by municipalities on certain articles of merchandise, to defray the general expenses of government, in default of revenues from "proprietas," i.e., lands owned by the municipality, or the income of which was legally set apart for its support. Sometimes used in a wider sense, as meaning the resources of a town, including its privileges in the royal lands as well as the taxes. Escribano Dic.; Sheldon v. Milmo, 90 Tex. 1, 36 S. W. 413.

**ARBITRIUM.** The decision of an arbiter, or arbitrator; an award; a judgment.


*Arbitrium est judgmenti boni viri, secondum sequam et bonum.* An award is the judgment of a good man, according to justice. 3 Bulst. 64.

**ARBOR.** Lat. A tree; a plant; something larger than an herb; a general term including vines, osiers, and even reeds. The mast of a ship. Brissoulin. Timber. Ainsworth; Calvin.

**ARBOR CONSANGUINITATIS.** A table, formed in the shape of a tree, showing the genealogy of a family. See the *arbor civilitatis* of the civilians and canonists. Hale, Com. Law, 303.

Arbor dum crescit, lignum dum cresce nescit. [That which is] a tree while it grows, [is] wood when it ceases to grow. Cro. Jac. 166; Hob. 77b, In marg.

**ARBOR FINALIS.** In old English law. A boundary tree; a tree used for making a boundary line. Bract. folis. 167, 207b.

**ARCA.** Lat. In the civil law. A chest or coffer; a place for keeping money. Dlg. 30, 30, 6; 1d. 32, 64. Brissoulin.

**ARCANA IMPERII.** State secrets. 1 Bl. Comm. 337.

**ARCARIUS.** In civil and old English law. A treasurer; a keeper of public money. Cod. 10, 70, 15; Spelman.

**ARCHAIONOMIA.** A collection of Saxon laws, published during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, in the Saxon language, with a Latin version by Lombard.

**ARCHBISHOP.** In English ecclesiastical law. The chief of the clergy in his province, having supreme power under the king or queen in all ecclesiastical causes.

**ARCHDEACON.** A dignitary of the Anglican church who has ecclesiastical jurisdiction immediately subordinate to that of the bishop, either throughout the whole of his diocese or in some particular part of it.

**ARCHDEACON'S COURT.** In English ecclesiastical law. A court held before a judge appointed by the archdeacon, and called his official. Its jurisdiction comprises the granting of probates and administrations, and ecclesiastical causes in general, arising within the archdeaconry. It is the most inferior court in the whole ecclesiastical polity of England. 3 Bl. Comm. 64; 3 Steph. Comm. 430.

**ARCHDEACONRY.** A division of a diocese, and the circuit of an archdeacon's jurisdiction.

**ARCHERY.** In feudal law. A service of keeping a bow for the lord's use in the defense of his castle. Co. Litt. 157.

**ARCHES COURT.** In English ecclesiastical law. A court of appeal belonging to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Judge of which is called the "Dean of the Arches," because his court was anciently held in the church of Saint Mary-le-Bow, (Sancta Maria de Arcibus,) so named from the steeple, which is raised upon pillars built archwise. The court was until recently held in the hall belonging to the College of Civilians, commonly called "Doctors' Commons." It is now held in Westminster Hall. Its proper jurisdiction is only over the thirteen peculiar parishes belonging to the archbishop in London, but, the office of Dean of the Arches having been for a long time united with that of the archbishop's principal official, the Judge of the Arches, in right of such added office, it receives and determines appeals from the sentences of all inferior ecclesiastical courts within the province. 3 Bl. Comm. 64.

**ARCHETYPE.** The original copy.

**ARCHICAPPELLANUS.** L. Lat. In old European law. A chief or high chancellor. (summus cancellarius.) Spelman.

**ARCHIVES.** The Rolls; any place where ancient records, charters, and evidences are kept. In libraries, the private depository. Cowell; Spelman.

The derivative meaning of the word (now the more common) denotes the writings them-
ARGUMENTUM A COMMUNITER

ARG. An abbreviation of argüendo.

ARGENT. In heraldry. Silver.

ARGENTARIUS. In the Roman law, a money lender or broker; a dealer in money; a banker. Argentarium, the instrument of the loan, similar to the modern word "bond" or "note."

ARGENTARIUS MILES. A money porter in the English exchequer, who carries the money from the lower to the upper exchequer to be examined and tested. Spelman.

ARGENTEUS. An old French coin answering nearly to the English shilling. Spelman.

ARGENTUM. Silver; money.

—Argentum album. Bullion; uncoined silver; common silver coin; silver coin worn smooth. Cowell; Spelman.—Argentum Del. God's money; God's penny; money given as earnest in making a bargain. Cowell.

ARGUENDO. In arguing; in the course of the argument. A statement or observation made by a judge as a matter of argument or illustration, but not directly bearing upon the case at bar, or only incidentally involved in it, is said (in the reports) to be made arguendo, or, in the abbreviated form, arg.

ARGUMENT. In rhetoric and logic, an inference drawn from premises, the truth of which is indisputable, or at least highly probable.

The argument of a demurrer, special case, appeal, or other proceeding involving a question of law, consists of the speeches of the opposed counsel; namely, the "opening" of the counsel having the right to begin, (q. v.) the speech of his opponent, and the "reply" of the first counsel. It answers to the trial of a question of fact. Sweet. But the submission of printed briefs may technically constitute an argument. Malcomb v. Hamill, 65 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 506; State v. California Min. Co., 13 Nev. 209.

ARGUMENT AB INCONVENIENTI. An argument arising from the inconvenience which the proposed construction of the law would create.

ARGUMENTATIVE. In pleading. Indirect; inferential. Steph. Pl. 179.

A pleading is so called in which the statement on which the pleader relies is implied instead of being expressed, or where it contains, in addition to proper statements of facts, reasoning or arguments upon those facts and their relation to the matter in dispute, such as should be reserved for presentation at the trial.

Argumentum a communita accidentibus in jure frequens est. An argument

ARGIVIST. The custodian of archives.

ARCTA ET SALVA CUSTODIA. Lat. In strict and safe custody or keeping. When a defendant is arrested on a capias ad satisfacendum, (ca. sa.,) he is to be kept arctä et salva custodi. 3 Bl. Comm. 415.


ARDOUR. In old English law. An incendiary; a house burner.

ARE. A surface measure in the French law, in the form of a square, equal to 1076.441 square feet.

AREA. An inclosed yard or opening in a house: an open place adjoining a house. 1 Chit. Pr. 176.

In the civil law. A vacant space in a city; a place not built upon. Dig. 50, 16, 211.

The site of a house; a site for building; the space where a house has stood. The ground on which a house is built, and which remains after the house is removed. Brissonius; Calvin.

ARENALES. In Spanish law. Sandy beaches; or grounds on the banks of rivers. White, Recop. b. 2, tit. 1, c. 6.

ARENATOR. A farmer or renter; in some provinces of Russia, one who farms the public rents or revenues; a "crown arenator" is one who rents an estate belonging to the crown.

ARENIFODINA. In the civil law. A sand-pit. Dig. 7, 1, 13, 5.

ARENTARE. Lat. To rent; to let out at a certain rent. Cowell. Arcntatio. A renting.

AREOPAGITE. In ancient Greek law. A lawyer or chief judge of the Areopagus in capital matters in Athens; a tribunal so called after a hill or slight eminence, in a street of that city dedicated to Mars, where the court was held in which those judges were wont to sit. Wharton.

ARETRO. In arrear; behind. Also written a retro.
being under the protection of their superiors. Military tenants holding lands from the emperor. Speelman.

**ARISTOCRACY.** A government in which a class of men rules supreme.

A form of government which is lodged in a council composed of select members or nobles, without a monarch, and exclusive of the people.

A privileged class of the people; nobles and dignitaries; people of wealth and station.

**ARISTO-DEMOCRACY.** A form of government where the power is divided between the nobles and the people.

**ARLES.** Earnest. Used in Yorkshire in the phrase “Arles-penny.” Cowell. In Scotland it has the same significance. Bell.

**ARM OF THE SEA.** A portion of the sea projecting inland, in which the tide ebbs and flows. 5 Coke, 107.

An arm of the sea is considered as extending as far into the interior of a country as the water of fresh rivers is propelled backwards by the ingress of the tide. Ang. Tidel Waters, 73; Hubbard v. Hubbard, 8 N. Y. 198; Adams v. Pease, 2 Conn. 454; U. S. v. Grush, 5 Mason, 290, Fed. Cas. No. 15,268; Ex parte Byers (D. C.) 32 Fed. 404.

**ARMA.** Lat. Arms; weapons, offensive and defensive; armor; arms or cognizances of families.

---Arma Dare.---To dub or make a knight.—Arma molonta. Sharp weapons that cut, in contradistinction to such as are blunt, which only break or bruise. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 33, par. 6.—Arma reversata. Reversed arms, a punishment for a traitor or felon. Cowell.

**Arma in armatos sumere jura sumunt.** The laws permit the taking up of arms against armed persons. 2 Inst. 574.

**ARMATA VIS.** In the civil law. Armed force. Dig. 43, 16, 3; Fleta, lib. 4, c. 4.

**ARMED.** A vessel is "armed" when she is fitted with a full armament for fighting purposes. She may be equipped for warlike purposes, without being "armed." By "armed" it is ordinarily meant that she has cannon, but if she had a fighting crew, muskets, ploits, powder, shot, cutlasses, and boarding appliances, she might well be said to be equipped for warlike purposes, though not armed. 2 Hurl. & C. 537; Murray v. The Charming Betsy, 2 Cranch, 121, 2 L. Ed. 206.

**ARMIGER.** An armor-bearer; an esquire. A title of dignity belonging to gentlemen authorized to bear arms. Cowell.

In its earlier meaning, a servant who carried the arms of a knight. Speelman.

A tenant by scutage; a servant or valet;
ARMISCARA. An ancient mode of punishment, which was to carry a satchel at the back as a token of subjection. Spelman.

ARMISTIC. A suspending or cessation of hostilities between belligerent nations or forces for a considerable time.

ARMORIAL BEARINGS. In English law. A device depicted on the (now imaginary) shield of one of the nobility, of which gentry is the lowest degree. The criterion of nobility is the bearing of arms, or armorial bearings, received from ancestry.

A r m o r u m a p p e l l a t i o n e s , n o n s o l u m s e n t a e t g l a d d i e t g a l a e s , s e d e t f a s t e s c o l a p i d e s c o n t i n u a n t u r. Under the name of arms are included, not only shields and swords and helmets, but also clubs and stones. Co. Litt. 162.

ARMES. Anything that a man wears for his defense, or takes in his hands, or uses in his anger, to cast at or strike at another. Co. Litt. 161b, 162a; State v. Buzzard, 4 Ark. 18.

This term, as it is used in the constitution, relative to the right of citizens to bear arms, refers to the arms of a militiaman or soldier, and the word is used in its military sense. The arms of the infantry soldier are the musket and bayonet; of cavalry and dragoons, the sabre, holster pistols, and carbine; of the artillery, the field-piece, siege-gun, and mortar, with side arms. The term, in this connection, cannot be made to cover such weapons as dirks, daggers, slung-shots, sword-canes, brass knuckles, and bowie-knives.


Arms, or coat of arms, signifies insignia, i.e., ensigns of honor, such as were formerly assumed by soldiers of fortune, and painted on their shields to distinguish them; or nearly the same as armorial bearings, (q. v.)

ARMY. The armed forces of a nation intended for military service on land.

"The term 'army' or 'armies' has never been used by congress, so far as I am advised, so as to include the navy or marines, and there is nothing in the act of 1862, or the circumstances which led to its passage, to warrant the conclusion that it was used therein in any other than its long established and ordinary sense,—the land force, as distinguished from the navy and marines." In re Bailey, 2 Savy. 205, Fed. Cas. No. 726. But see In re Stewart, 7 Rob. (N. Y.) 630.

AROMATICUS. A word formerly used for a grocer. 1 Vent. 142.

ARPEN, Arpent. A measure of land of uncertain quantity mentioned in Doomsday and other old books; by some called an "acre," by others "half an acre," and by others a "furlong." Spelman; Cowell; Blount.

A French measure of land, containing one hundred square perches, of eighteen feet each, or about an acre. But the quantity varied in different provinces. Spelman.

In Louisiana, the terms "arpent" and "acre" are sometimes used interchangeably; but there is a considerable difference, the arpent being the square of 195 feet and the acre of 209 and a fraction. Randolph v. Sentilles, 110 La. 419, 34 South. 587.

ARPENTATOR. A measurer or surveyor of land. Cowell; Spelman.

ARRA. In the civil law. Earnest-money; evidence of a completed bargain. Used of a contract of marriage, as well as any other. Spelled, also, Arrha, Arra. Calvin.

ARRAIGN. In criminal practice. To bring a prisoner to the bar of the court to answer the matter charged upon him in the indictment. The arraignment of a prisoner consists of calling upon him by name, and reading to him the indictment, (in the English tongue,) and demanding of him whether he be guilty or not guilty, and entering his plea. Crain v. United States, 162 U. S. 625, 16 Sup. Ct. 892, 40 L. Ed. 1097; Early v. State, 1 Tex. App. 248, 268, 28 Am. Rep. 409; State v. Braunschweig, 36 Mo. 397; Whitehead v. Com., 19 Gratt. (Va.) 640; United States v. McKnight (D. C.) 112 Fed. 982; State v. Hunter, 181 Mo. 316, 80 S. W. 935; State v. De Wolfe, 29 Mont. 415, 74 Pac. 1094.

In old English law. To order, or set in order; to conduct in an orderly manner; to prepare for trial. To arraign an assise was to cause the tenant to be called to make the plaint, and to set the cause in such order as the tenant might be enforced to answer thereunto. Litt. § 442; Co. Litt. 2626.

ARRAIGNMENT. In criminal practice. Calling the defendant to the bar of the court, to answer the accusation contained in the indictment.

ARRAIGNS, CLERK OF. In English law. An assistant to the clerk of assise.

ARRAMEUR. In old French law. An officer employed to superintend the loading of vessels, and the safe stowage of the cargo. 1 Pet. Adm. Append. XXV.

ARRAS. In Spanish law. The donation which the husband makes to his wife, by reason or on account of marriage, and in consideration of the dote, or portion, which he receives from her. Miller v. Dunn, 62 Mo. 219; Cutter v. Waddington, 22 Mo. 204.
ARRAY

The whole body of jurors summoned to attend a court, as they are arrayed or arranged on the panel. Dan. Abr. Index; 1 Chit. Crim. Law, 536; Com. Dig. "Challenge," B. Durrah v. State, 44 Miss. 750.

A ranking, or setting forth in order; the order in which jurors' names are ranked in the panel containing them. Co. Litt. 156a; 3 Bl. Comm. 350.

ARREARS, or ARREARAGES. Money unpaid at the due time, as rent behind; the remainder due after payment of a part of an account; money in the hands of an accounting party. Cowell; Hollingsworth v. Willis, 64 Miss. 152; 8 South. 170; Wiggin v. Knights of Pythias (O. C.) 31 Fed. 122; Condit v. Neighbor, 13 N. J. Law, 92.

ARRECT. To accuse or charge with an offense. Arrectati, accused or suspected persons.

ARRENDAMIENTO. In Spanish law. The contract of letting and hiring an estate or land, (heredad.) White, Recop. b. 2, tit. 14, c. 1.

ARRENT. In old English law. To let or demise at a fixed rent. Particularly used with reference to the public domain or crown lands; as where a license was granted to inclose land in a forest with a low hedge and a ditch, under a yearly rent, or where an encroachment, originally a purpresture, was allowed to remain on the fixing and payment of a suitable compensation to the public for its maintenance.

ARREST. In criminal practice. The stopping, seizing, or apprehending a person by lawful authority; the act of laying hands upon a person for the purpose of taking his body into custody of the law; the restraining of the liberty of a man's person in order to compel obedience to the order of a court of justice, or to prevent the commission of a crime, or to insure that a person charged or suspected of a crime may be forthcoming to answer it. French v. Bancroft, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 502; Emery v. Chesley, 18 N. II. 201; U. S. v. Benner, 24 Fed. Cas. 1084; Rhodes v. Walsh, 53 Minn. 542, 57 N. W. 212, 23 L. R. A. 652; Ex parte Sherwood, 29 Tex. App. 354, 13 S. W. 512.

Arrest is well described in the old books as "the beginning of imprisonment, when a man is first taken and restrained of his liberty, by power of a lawful warrant." 2 Shep. Abr. 290; Wood, Inst. Com. Law, 575.

In civil practice. The apprehension of a person by virtue of a lawful authority to answer the demand against him in a civil action.

In admiralty practice. In admiralty actions a ship or cargo is arrested when the marshal has served the writ in an action in rem. Williams & B. Adm. Jur. 193; Pelham v. Rose, 9 Wall. 103, 19 L. Ed. 602.

Synonyms distinguished. The term "preprehension" seems to be more peculiarly appropriate to seisure on criminal process; while "arrest" may apply to either a civil or criminal action, but is perhaps better confined to the former. Montgomery County v. Robinson, 85 Ill. 176.

As ordinarily used, the terms "arrest" and "attachment" coincide in meaning to some extent, though in strictness, as a distinction, an arrest may be said to be the act resulting from the service of an attachment; and an attachment intended sense which is sometimes given to attachment, including the act of taking, it would seem to differ from arrest, in that it is more peculiarly applicable to a taking of property, while arrest is more commonly used in speaking of persons. Bouvier.

By arrest is to be understood to take the party into custody. To commit is the separate and distinct act of carrying the party to prison, after having taken him into custody by force of the exerence. French v. Bancroft, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 502.

—Arrest of inquest. Pleading in arrest of taking the inquest upon a former issue, and showing cause why an inquest should not be taken. —Arrest of judgment. In practice. The act of staying a judgment, or refusing to render judgment in an action at law, after verdict, for some matter intrinsic appearing on the face of the record, which would render the judgment, if given, erroneous or reversible. 3 Bl. Comm. 383; 2 Steph. Comm. 628; 2 Tidd. Pr. 918; Browning v. Power, 142 Mo. 322, 44 S. W. 224; People v. Kelly, 94 N. Y. 536; Byrne v. Lynn, 18 Tex. Civ. App. 252, 44 S. W. 311.

—Malicious arrest. An arrest made with ill-intent and without probable cause, but in the course of a regular proceeding. —Felon arrest. One ordered by a judge or magistrate from the bench, without written complaint or other proceedings, of a person who is present before him, and which is executed on the spot; as in case of breach of the peace in open court. —Warrant of arrest. A written order issued and signed by a magistrate, directed to a peace officer or some other person specially named, and commanding him to arrest the body of a person named in it, who is accused of an offense. Brown v. State, 109 Ala. 70, 20 South. 103.

ARRESTANDIS BONIS NE DISSIPENTUR. In old English law. A writ which lay for a person whose cattle or goods were taken by another, who during a contest was likely to make away with them, and who had not the ability to render satisfaction. Reg. Orig. 126.

ARRESTANDO IPSUM QUI PECUNIAM RECEPIIT. In old English law. A writ which issued for apprehending a person who had taken the king's prest money to serve in the wars, and then held himself in order to avoid going.

ARRESTATIO. In old English law. An arrest. (q. v.)

ARRESTEE. In Scotch law. The person in whose hands the movables of another, or a debt due to another, are arrested by the
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credit of the latter by the process of arrestment. 2 Kames, Eq. 173, 175.

ARRESTER. In Scotch law. One who sues out and obtains an arrestment of his debtor's goods or movable obligations. Ersk. Inst. 3, 6, 1.

ARRESTMENT. In Scotch law. Securing a criminal's person till trial, or that of a debtor till he give security judicio sini. The order of a judge, by which he who is debtor in a movable obligation to the arrestee's debtor is prohibited to make payment or delivery till the debt due to the arrestee be paid or secured. Ersk. Inst. 3, 6, 2.

ARRESTMENT JURISDICTIONIS FUNDANDÆ CAUSAÆ. In Scotch law. A process to bring a foreigner within the jurisdiction of the courts of Scotland. The warrant attaches a foreigner's goods within the jurisdiction, and these will not be released unless caution or security be given.

ARRESTO FACTO SUPER BONIS MERCATORUM ALIENIGENORUM. In old English law. A writ against the goods of aliens found within this kingdom, in compensation of goods taken from a denizen in a foreign country, after denial of restitution. Reg. Orig. 129. The ancient civilians called it "clarigatio," but by the moderns it is termed "reprimisal."

ARRÊT. Fr. A judgment, sentence, or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction. The term is derived from the French law, and is used in Canada and Louisiana. Saisie arrêt is an attachment of property in the hands of a third person. Code Prac. La. art. 209; 2 Low. Can. 77; 5 Low. Can. 198. 218.

ARRETTED. Charged; charging. The convening a person charged with a crime before a judge. Staundef. P. C. 45. It is used sometimes for imputed or laid unto; as no folly may be arrêted to one under age. Cowell.

ARRHABO. In the civil law. Earnest; money given to bind a bargain. Calvin.

ARRHE. In the civil law. Money or other valuable things given by the buyer to the seller, for the purpose of evidencing the contract; earnest.

ARRIAGE AND CARRIAGE. In English and Scotch law. Indefinite services formerly demandable from tenants, but prohibited by statute, 20 Geo. II. c. 50, §§ 21, 22.) Holthouse; Ersk. Inst. 2, 6, 42.

ARRIER BAN. In feudal law. A second summons to join the lord, addressed to those who had neglected the first. A summons of the inferiors or vassals of the lord. Spelman.

ARRIERE FIEF, or FEE. In feudal law. A fief or fee dependent on a superior one; an inferior fief granted by a vassal of the king, out of the fief held by him. Montesq. Esprit des Lols, liv. 31, cc. 26, 32.

ARRIERE VASSAL. In feudal law. The vassal of a vassal.

ARRIVAL. In marine insurance. The arrival of a vessel means an arrival for purposes of business, requiring an entry and clearance and stay at the port so long as to require some of the acts connected with the business, and not merely touching at a port for advices, or to ascertain the state of the market, or being driven in by an adverse wind and sailing again as soon as it changes. Gronstadt v. Witthoff (D. C.) 15 Fed. 265; Dalgleish v. Brooke, 15 East, 295; Kenyon v. Tucker, 17 R. I. 529, 23 Atl. 61; Melga v. Insurance Co., 2 Cush. (Mass.) 430; Toler v. White, 1 Ware, 280, 24 Fed. Cas. 3; Harrison v. Vose, 9 How. 354, 13 L. Ed. 179.

"A vessel arrives at a port of discharge when she comes, or is brought, to a place where it is intended to discharge her, and where is the usual and customary place of discharge. When a vessel is insured to one or two ports, and sails for one, the risk terminates on her arrival there. If a vessel is insured to a particular port of discharge, and is destined to discharge cargo successively at two different wharves, docks, or places, without that port each being a distinct place for the delivery of cargo, the risk ends when she has been moored twenty-four hours in safety at the first of the said places. But if she is destined to one or more places for the delivery of cargo, and delivery or discharge of a portion of her cargo is necessary, not by reason of her having reached any destined place of delivery, but as a necessary and usual nautical measure, to enable her to reach such usual and destined place of delivery, she cannot properly be considered as having arrived at the usual and customary place of discharge, when she is at anchor for the purpose only of using such means as will better enable her to get to it. If she cannot get to the destined and usual place of discharge in the port because she is too deep, and must be lightered to get there, and, to aid in prosecuting the voyage, cargo is thrown overboard or put into lighters, such discharge does not make that the place of arrival; it is only a stopping-place in the voyage. When the vessel is insured to a particular port of discharge, arrival within the limits of the harbor does not terminate the risk, if the place is not one where vessels are discharged and voyages completed. The policy covers the vessel through the port navigation, as well as on the open sea, until she reaches the destined place." Simpson v. Insurance Co., Holmes, 137, Fed. Cas. No. 12,886.

ARRIVE. To reach or come to a particular place of destination by traveling towards it. Thompson v. United States, 1 Brock. 411, Fed. Cas. No. 407.

In insurance law. To reach that particular place or point in a harbor which is the ultimate destination of a vessel. Melga v. Insurance Co., 2 Cush. (Mass.) 439, 433.

The words "arrive" and "enter" are not always synonymous; there certainly may be an arrival without an actual entry or at-
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TEMPT TO ENTER. United States v. Open Boat, 5 Mason, 120, 132, Fed. Cas. No. 15,867.

AROGATION. In the civil law. The adoption of a person who was of full age or sui juris. 1 Browne, Civili & Adm. Law, 119; Dig. 1, 7, 5; Inst. 1, 11, 3. Reinders v. Koppelman, 68 Mo. 497, 38 Am. Rep. 902.

ARRONDIMENT. In France, one of the subdivisions of a department.

ARSE ET PENSETAE. Burnt and weighed. A term formerly applied to money tested or assayed by fire and by weighing.

ARSENALS. Store-houses for arms; dock-yards, magazines, and other military stores.

ARSE IN LE MAIN. Burning in the hand. The punishment by burning or branding the left thumb of lay offenders who claimed and were allowed the benefit of clergy, so as to distinguish them in case they made a second claim of clergy. 5 Coke, 51; 4 Bl. Comm. 367.

ARSON. Arson, at common law, is the act of unlawfully and maliciously burning the house of another man. 4 Steph. Comm. 90; 2 Russ. Crimes, 896; Steph. Crim. Dig. 298.

Arson, by the common law, is the willful and malicious burning of the house of another. The word "house," as here understood, includes not merely the dwelling-house, but all out-houses which are parcel thereof. State v. McGowan, 20 Conn. 245, 52 Am. Dec. 336; Graham v. State, 40 Ala. 604; Allen v. State, 10 Ohio St. 300; State v. Porter, 90 N. C. 719; Hill v. Com., 98 Pa. 195; State v. McCoy, 162 Mo. 383, 62 S. W. 991.

Arson is the malicious and willful burning of the house or out-house of another. Code Ga. 1882, § 4375. Arson is the willful and malicious burning of a building with intent to destroy it. Pen. Code Cal. § 447.

Degrees of arson. In several states, this crime is divided into arson in the first, second, and third degrees, the first degree including the burning of an inhabited dwelling-house in the night-time; the second degree, the burning (at night) of a building other than a dwelling-house, but so situated with reference to a dwelling-house as to endanger it; the third degree, the burning of any building or structure not the subject of arson in the first or second degree, or the burning of property, his own or another's, with intent to defraud or prejudice an insurer thereof. People v. Durkin, 5 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 248; People v. Fanshawe, 65 Hun, 77, 19 N. Y. Supp. 865; State v. McCoy, 162 Mo. 383, 62 S. W. 991; State v. Jessup, 42 Kan. 422, 22 Pac. 627.

ARSURA. The trial of money by heating it after it was coined. The loss of weight occasioned by this process. A pound was said to burn so many pence (tot ardere denarios) as it lost by the fire. Spelman. The term is now obsolete.


In the law of patents, this term means a useful art or manufacture which is beneficial and which is described with exactness in its mode of operation. Such an art can be protected only in the mode and to the extent thus described. Smith v. Downing, 22 Fed. Cas. 511; Carnegie Steel Co. v. Cambria Iron Co. (C. C.) 89 Fed. 754; Jacobs v. Baker, 7 Wall. 297, 18 L. Ed. 206; Corning v. Burden, 15 How. 297, 14 L. Ed. 833.

ART, WORDS OF. Words used in a technical sense; words scientifically fit to carry the sense assigned them.

ART AND PART. In Scotch law. The offense committed by one who aids and assists the commission of a crime, but who is not the principal or chief actor in its actual commission. An accessory. A principal in the second degree. Paters. Comp.

ARTHIEL, ARDHEL, or ARDELLO. To avouch; as if a man were taken with stolen goods in his possession he was allowed a lawful arthiel, i. e., vouchee, to clear him of the felony; but provision was made against it, by 28 Hen. VIII. c. 6. Blount.

ARTICLE. A separate and distinct part of an instrument or writing comprising two or more particulars; one of several things presented as connected or forming a whole. Carter v. Railroad Co., 128 N. C. 487, 36 S. E. 14; Wetzell v. Dinsmore, 4 Daly (N. Y.) 165.

In English ecclesiastical law. A complaint exhibited in the ecclesiastical court by way of libel. The different parts of a libel, responsive allegation, or counter allegation in the ecclesiastical courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 109.


ARTICLED CLERK. In English law. A clerk bound to serve in the office of a solicitor in consideration of being instructed in the profession. This is the general acceptation of the term; but it is said to be equally applicable to other trades and professions. Reg. v. Reeve, 4 Q. B. 212.

or established by authority or requiring judicial action.

2. A statute; as having its provisions articulately expressed under distinct heads. Several of the ancient English statutes were called “articles” (articuli).

3. A system of rules established by legal authority; as articles of war, articles of the navy, articles of faith, (see infra.)

4. A contractual document executed between parties, containing stipulations or terms of agreement; as articles of agreement, articles of partnership.

5. In chancery practice. A formal written statement of objections filed by a party, after depositions have been taken, showing ground for discrediting the witnesses. —Articles apprabortory. In Scotch law. The same as an objection. The objection corresponds to the answer to the charge in an English bill in chancery. Paters. Comp.—Articles improbator. In Scotch law. Articulate every material fact set forth in the facts, Bell. That part of the proceedings which corresponds to the charge in an English bill in chancery to save the defendant. Comp. The objection answer is called “articles apprabortory.” —Articles, Lords of. A committee of the Scottish parliament, which, in the mode of its election, and by the nature of its powers, was calculated to increase the influence of the crown, and to confer upon it a power equivalent to that of a negative before debate. This system appeared inconsistent with the freedom of parliament, and at the revolution the convention of estates declared it a grievance, and accordingly it was suppressed by Act 1689, c. 3. Wharton.—Articles of agreement. A written memorandum of the terms of an agreement. It is a common practice for persons to enter into articles of agreement, preparatory to the execution of a form of deed, whereby it is stipulated that one of the parties shall convey to the other certain lands, or the release thereof, or execute some other disposition of them. —Articles of association. Articles subscribed by the members of a joint-stock company or corporation organized as a legal entity, and which create the corporate union between them. Such articles are in the nature of a partnership agreement, and commonly specify the form of organization, amount of capital, kind of business to be pursued, location of the company, etc. Articles of association are to be distinguished from a charter in that the latter is a grant of power from the sovereign or the legislature. —Articles of confederation. The name of the instrument embodying the compact made between the thirteen original states of the Union, before the adoption of the present constitution. —Articles of faith. In English law. The system of faith or belief of the Church of England, commonly known as the “Thirty-Nine Articles.” —Articles of imprisonment. A formal written allegation of the causes for imprisonment; answering the same office as an indictment in an ordinary criminal proceeding. —Articles of incorporation. The instrument by which a private corporation is formed and organized under general corporation laws. People v. Golden Gate Lodge, 128 Cal. 257, 60 Pac. 865. —Articles of partnership. A written agreement by which two or more persons enter into partnership upon the terms and conditions therein stipulated. —Articles of religion. In English ecclesiastical law. Commonly called the “Thirty-Nine Articles,” a body of divinity drawn up by the convolution in 1562, and confirmed by James I. —Articles of resoup. In Scotch law.

The terms and conditions under which property is sold at auction. —Articles of set. In Scotch law. An agreement for a lease. Paters. Comp. —Articles of the clergy. The title of a statute passed in the ninth year of Edward II. for the purpose of adjusting and settling the great questions of cognizance then existing between the ecclesiastical and the temporal courts. 2 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law. 291-296. —Articles of the navy. A system of laws prescribed by act of parliament for the government of the English navy; also in the United States, there are articles for the government of the navy. —Articles of the peace. A complaint made or exhibited to, or even by a person who makes oath that he is in fear of death or bodily harm from some one who has threatened or attempted to do him injury. The court may thereupon order the person complained of to find sureties for the peace, and, in default, may commit him to prison. 4 Bl. Comm. 235. —Articles of un.—In English law. Articles agreed to, A.D. 1707, by the parliaments of England and Scotland, for the union of the two kingdoms. They were twenty-five in number. 1 Bl. Comm. 118. —Articles of war. Articles for the government of a nation’s army are commonly thus called.

ARTICULATE ADJUDICATION. In Scotch law. Where the creditor holds several distinct debts, a separate adjudication for each claim is thus called.

ARTICULATELY. Article by article; by distinct clauses or articles; by separate propositions.

ARTICULI. Lat. Articles; items or heads. A term applied to some old English statutes, and occasionally to treaties. —Articuli clerici. Articles of the clergy, (q. v.)—Articuli de moneta. Articles concerning money, or the currency. The title of a statute passed in the twentieth year of Edward I. 2 Y. & C. 2 Eng. Laws (Amer. Ed.) 167. —Articuli Magnae Chartae. The preliminary articles, forty-nine in number, upon which the Magna Charta was founded. —Articuli super chartas. Articles upon the charters. The title of a statute passed in the twenty-eighth year of Edward I. st. 3, confirming or enacting many particulars in Magna Charta. —Article 22. Formed by Parliament, appointing a method for enforcing the observance of them, and for the punishment of offenders. 2 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law, 103, 253.

ARTICULO MORTIS. (Or more commonly in articulo mortis.) In the article of death; at the point of death.

ARTIFICER. One who buys goods in order to reduce them, by his own art or industry, into other forms, and then to sell them. Lancelau v. Brashear, 3 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 335.

One who is actually and personally engaged or employed to do work of a mechanical or physical character, not including one who takes contracts for labor to be performed by others. Ingram v. Barnes, 7 El. & Bl. 135; Chawner v. Cummins, 8 Q. B. 321.

One who is master of his art, and whose employment consists chiefly in manual labor. Wharton; Cunningham.
ARTIFICIAL. Created by art, or by law; existing only by force of or in contemplation of law.


ARTIFICIALLY. Technically; scientifical; using terms of art. A will or contract is described as "artificially" drawn if it is couched in apt and technical phrases and exhibits a scientific arrangement.


ARURA. An old English law term, signifying a day's work in plowing.

ARVIL-SUPPER. A feast or entertainment made at a funeral in the north of England; *arvil bread* is bread delivered to the poor at funeral solemnities, and *arvil, arval, or arfal*, the burial or funeral rites. Cowell.

AS. Lat. In the Roman and civil law. A pound weight; a coin originally weighing a pound, (called also "libra"); divided into twelve parts, called "uncia." Any integral sum, subject to division in certain proportions. Frequently applied in the civil law to inheritances; the whole inheritance being termed "as," and its several proportionate parts "actus," "quadranum," etc. D. Black. The term "as," and the multiples of its uncia, were also used to denote the rates of interest. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note m.

AS AGAINST; AS BETWEEN. These words contrast the relative position of two persons, with a tacit reference to a different relationship between one of them and a third person. For instance, the temporary balle of a chattel is entitled to it as between himself and a stranger, or as against a stranger; reference being made by this form of words to the rights of the balle. Wharton.

ASCEND. To go up; to pass up or upwards; to go or pass in the ascending line. 4 Kent, Comm. 393, 397.

ASCENDANTS. Persons with whom one is related in the ascending line; one's parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.

ASCENDIENTES. In Spanish law. Ascendents; ascending heirs; heirs in the ascending line. Schm. Civil Law, 259.

ASCENT. Passage upwards: the transmission of an estate from the ancestor to the heir in the ascending line. See 4 Kent, Comm. 383, 397.

ASCERTAIN. To fix; to render certain or definite; to estimate and determine; to clear of doubt or obscurity. Brown v. Lyddy, 11 Hun, 456; Bunting v. Speek, 41 Kan. 424, 21 Pac. 288, 3 L. R. A. 690; Pugh v. Coleman (Tex. Civ. App.) 44 S. W. 578.

ASCRIPITUS. In Roman law. A foreigner who had been registered and naturalized in the colony in which he resided. Cod. 11, 47.

ASPECT. View; object; possibility. Implies the existence of alternatives. Used in the phrases "bill with a double aspect" and "contiguity with a double aspect."

ASPHYXIA. In medical jurisprudence. A morbid condition of swooning, suffocation, or suspended animation, resulting in death if not relieved, produced by any serious interference with normal respiration (as, the inhalation of poisonous gases or too rarified air, choked, drowning, obstruction of the air passages, or paralysis of the respiratory musculi) with a consequent deficiency of oxygen in the blood. See State v. Baldwin, 38 Kan. 1, 12 Pac. 328.

ASPORTATION. The removal of things from one place to another. The carrying away of goods; one of the circumstances requisite to constitute the offense of larceny. 4 Bl. Comm. 231. Wilson v. State, 21 Md. 1; State v. Higgins, 88 Mo. 354; Rex v. Walsh, 1 Moody, Cr. Cas. 14, 15.

ASPORTAVIT. He carried away. Sometimes used as a noun to denote a carrying away. An "asportavit of personal chattels." 2 H. Bl. 4.


ASSART. In English law. The offense committed in the forest, by pulling up the trees by the roots that are thicker and coverts for deer, and making the ground plain as arable land. It differs from waste, in that waste is the cutting down of coverts which may grow again, whereas assart is
ASSASSTH. An ancient custom in Wells, by which a person accused of crime could clear himself by the oaths of three hundred men. It was abolished by St. 1 Hen. V. c. 6. Cowell; Spelman.

ASSAULT. An unlawful attempt or offer, on the part of one man, with force or violence, to inflict a bodily hurt upon another.

Aggravated assault is one committed with the intention of committing some additional crime; or one attended with circumstances of peculiar outrage or atrocious. Simple assault is one committed with no intention to do any other injury.

An assault is an unlawful attempt, coupled with a present ability, to commit a violent injury on the person of another. Pen. Code Cal. § 240.

An assault is an attempt to commit a violent injury on the person of another. Code Ga. 1882, § 4357.

An assault is any willful and unlawful attempt or offer, with force or violence, to do a corporal hurt to another. Pen. Code Dak. § 305.

An assault is an offer or an attempt to do a corporal injury to another; as by striking at him with the hand, or with a stick, or by shaking the fist at him, or presenting a gun or other weapon within such distance as that a hurt might be given, or drawing a sword and brandishing it in a menacing manner; provided the act is done with intent to do some corporal hurt. United States v. Hand, 2 Wash. C. C. 435, Fed. Cas. No. 15,297.

An assault is an attempt, with force or violence, to do a corporal injury to another, and may consist of any act tending to such corporal injury, accompanied with such circumstances as denote at the time an intention, coupled with the present ability, of using actual violence against the person. Hyens v. People, 1 Hill (N. Y.) 351.

An assault is an offer or offer, with force or violence, to do a corporal hurt to another, whether from malice or wantonness, with such circumstances as denote, at the time, an intention to do it, coupled with a present ability to carry such intention into effect. Tarver v. State, 43 Ala. 354.

An assault is an intentional attempt, by violence, to do an injury to the person of another. It must be intentional; for, if it can be collected, notwithstanding appearances to the contrary, that there is not a present purpose to do an injury, there is no assault. State v. Davis, 28 N. C. 127, 35 Am. Dec. 735.

In order to constitute an assault there must be something more than a mere menace. There must be violence begun to be executed. But, where there is clear intent to commit violence, accompanied by acts which if not interrupted, will be followed by personal injury, the violence is commenced and the assault is complete. People v. Xalas, 27 Cal. 333.

Simple assault. An offer or attempt to do bodily harm which falls short of an actual battery; an offer or attempt to beat another, but without touching him; for example, a blow delivered within striking distance, but which does not reach its mark. See State v. Lightsey, 43 S. C. 114, 20 S. E. 973; Norton v. State, 14 Tex. 393.

ASSAY. The proof or trial, by chemical experiments, of the purity or fineness of metals, particularly of the precious metals, gold and silver.

A trial of weights and measures by a standard; as by the constituted authorities, clerks of markets, etc. Reg. Orig. 280.

A trial or examination of certain commodities, as bread, cloths, etc. Cowell; Blount.

Assay office. The staff of persons by whom (or the building in which) the process of assaying gold and silver, required by government, incidental to maintaining the coinage, is conducted.

ASSAYER. One whose business it is to make assays of the precious metals.

Assayer of the mint. An officer of the royal mint, appointed by St. 2 Hen. VII. c. 12, who received and tested the bullion taken in for coined; also called "assayator regia." Cowell; Termes de la Ley.

ASSECURARE. To assure, or make secure by pledges, or any solemn interposition of faith. Cowell; Spelman.

ASSECURATION. In European law. Assurance; insurance of a vessel, freight, or cargo. Ferriere.


ASSEDITION. In Scotch law. An old term, used indiscriminately to signify a lease or feu-right. Bell; Ersk. Inst. 2, 6, 20.

ASSEMBLY. The concourse or meeting together of a considerable number of persons at the same place. Also the persons so gathered.

Popular assemblies are those where the people meet to deliberate upon their rights; these are guaranteed by the constitution. Const. U. S. Amend. art. 1.

The lower or more numerous branch of the legislature in many of the states is also called the "Assembly" or "House of Assembly," but the term seems to be an appropriate one to designate any political meeting required to be held by law.

Assembly general. The highest ecclesiastical court in Scotland, composed of a repre-
sentation of the ministers and elders of the church, regulated by Act 6th Assem. 1834.—Assembly, unlawful. The assembling of three or more persons together to do an unlawful act, who separate without actually doing it, or making any motion towards it, is 3 Inst. 176; 4 Bl. Comm. 146. It differs from a riot or rout, because in each of the latter cases there is some act done besides the simple meeting. See State v. Stalcup, 25 N. C. 30, 33 Am. Dec. 732; 9 Car. & F. 91, 431; 5 Car. & I. 164; 1 Bish. Crim. Law, $ 535; 2 Bish. Crim. Law, §§ 1250, 1259.


Mutual assent. The meeting of the minds of both parties to the contract; the fact that each agrees to all the terms and conditions, in the same sense and with the same meaning as the other. Insurance Co. v. Young, 23 Wall. 407, 23 L. Ed. 152.

ASSERTORY COVENANT. One which affirms that a particular state of facts exists; an affirming promise under seal.

ASSESS. 1. To ascertain, adjust, and settle the respective shares to be contributed by several persons toward an object beneficial to them all, in proportion to the benefit received.

2. To adjust or fix the proportion of a tax which each person, of several liable to it, has to pay; to apportion a tax among several; to distribute taxation in a proportion founded on the proportion of burden and benefit. Allen v. McKay, 120 Cal. 323, 52 Pac. 828; Seymour v. Peters, 67 Mich. 415, 35 N. W. 62.

3. To place a valuation upon property for the purpose of apportioning a tax. Bridge v. Morton, 46 Ark. 73; Moss v. Hinde, 28 Vt. 281.

4. To impose a pecuniary payment upon persons or property; to tax. People v. Priest, 169 N. Y. 435, 62 N. E. 568.

ASSESS. Where the charter of a corporation provides for the payment by it of a state tax, and contains a proviso that "no other tax or impost shall be levied or assessed upon the said company," the word "assessed" in the proviso cannot have the force and meaning of describing special levies for public improvements, but is used merely to describe the act of levying the tax or impost. New Jersey Midland R. Co. v. Jersey City, 42 N. J. Law, 97.

ASSESSMENT. In a general sense, denotes the process of ascertaining and adjusting the shares respectively to be contributed by several persons toward a common beneficial object according to the benefit received.

In taxation. The listing and valuation of property for the purpose of apportioning a tax upon it, either according to value alone or in proportion to benefit received. Also determining the share of a tax to be paid by each of many persons; or apportioning the entire tax to be levied among the different taxable persons, establishing the proportion due from each. Adams, etc., Co. v. Shelbyville, 154 Ind. 407, 57 N. E. 114, 49 L. R. A. 707, 77 Am. St. Rep. 484; Webb v. Bidwell, 15 Minn. 483 (Gill. 394); State v. Farmer, 94 Tex. 232, 59 S. W. 541; Kinney v. Zimpleman, 36 Tex. 582; Southern R. Co. v. Kay, 62 S. C. 28, 39 S. E. 785; U. S. v. Erie R. Co., 107 U. S. 1, 2 Sup. Ct. 33, 27 L. Ed. 385.

Assessment, as used in juxtaposition with taxation in a state constitution, includes all the steps necessary to be taken in the legitimate exercise of the power to tax. Hurford v. Omaha, 4 Neb. 336.

Assessment is also popularly used as a synonym for taxation in general,—the authoritative imposition of a rate or duty to be paid. But in its technical signification it denotes only taxation for a special purpose or local improvement; local taxation, as distinguished from general taxation; taxation on the principle of apportionment according to the relation between burden and benefit.

As distinguished from other kinds of taxation, assessments are special and local impositions upon property in the immediate vicinity of municipal improvements which are necessary to pay for the improvement, and are laid with reference to the special benefit which the property is supposed to have derived therefrom. Hale v. Kenosha, 29 Wis. 560. And see Rideour v. Saffin, 1 Handy (Ohio) 404; Roosevelt Hospital v. New York, 54 N. Y. 108, 112; King v. City of New York, 42 Or. 146; Statev. Wood County, 8 Ohio St. 338; Wood v. Brady, 68 Cal. 78, 5 Pac. 621, 8 Pac. 509.

Taxes are impositions for purposes of general revenue. Assessments are special and local impositions upon property in the immediate vicinity of an improvement, for the public welfare, which are necessary to pay for the improvement and made with reference to the special benefit which such property derives from the expenditure. Palmer v. Stump, 25 Ind. 329.

A special assessment is a charge in the nature of a tax, imposed for the purpose of paying the cost of a local improvement in a municipal corporation, and levied only on those parcels of real property which, by reason of the location of such improvement, are specially benefited by it. Village of Morgan Park v. Wiswall, 155 Ill. 263, 34 N. E. 611; Wilson v. Auburn, 27 Neb. 457, 43 N. W. 817; Raleigh v. Peace, 110 N. C. 32, 14 S. E. 621, 17 L. R. A. 330; Sargent v. Tuttle, 67 Conn. 102, 34 Atl. 1028, 32 L. R. A. 822.

Assessments and taxes are not synonymous. An assessment is doubtless a tax, but the term implies something more; it implies a tax of a particular kind, predicated upon the principle of equivalence; whereas a tax implies a levy of benefits, which are to be shared among the persons or property charged therewith, and which are said to be assessed or appraised, according to the measure or proportion of such equivalents; whereas a simple tax is imposed for the purpose of supporting the government generally, without reference to any special advantage which may be supposed to accrue to
the persons taxed. Taxes must be levied, without discrimination, equally upon all the subjects of property; whilst assessments are only levied upon lands, or other specific property, the subjects of the supposed benefits; to repay which the assessment is levied. Ridenour v. Saffin, 1 Handy (Ohio) 494.

In corporations. Instalments of the money subscribed for shares of stock, called for from the subscribers by the directors, from time to time as the company requires money, are properly assessed and "assessed" property, as in Eng- land, "call." Water Co. v. Superior Court, 92 Cal. 47, 28 Pac. 54, 27 Am. St. Rep. 91; Spangler v. Railroad Co., 21 Ill. 278; Stewart v. Publishing Co., 1 Wash. St. 521, 20 Pac. 906.

The periodical demands made by a mutual insurance company, under its charter and by-laws, upon the makers of premium notes, are also denominated "assessments." Hill v. Insurance Co., 129 Mich. 141, 88 N. W. 302.

Of damages. Fixing the amount of damages to which the successful party in a suit is entitled after an interlocutory judgment has been taken.

Assessment of damages is also the name given to the determination of the sum which a corporation proposing to take lands for a public use must pay in satisfaction of the demand proved or the value taken.

In insurance. An apportionment made in general average upon the various articles and interests at risk, according to their value at the time and place of being in safety, for contribution for damage and sacrifices purposely made, and expenses incurred for escape from impending common peril. 2 Phil. Ins. c. xv.

Assessment company. In life insurance. A company in which a death loss is met by levying an assessment on the surviving members of the association. Mutual Ben. L. Ins. Co. v. Marry, 55 Va. 643, 8 S. E. 481.—Assessment contract. One wherein the payment of the benefit is in any manner or degree dependent on the collection of an assessment levied on persons holding similar contracts. Folks v. Insurance Co., 98 Mo. App. 480, 72 S. W. 720.—Assessment district. In taxation. Any subdivision of territory, whether the whole or part of any municipality, in which by law a separate assessment of taxable property is made by the officers elected or appointed therefor. Rev. Stat. W. Va. 1888, § 1031.—Assessment fund. The assessment fund of a mutual benefit association is the balance of the assessments, less expenses, out of which beneficiaries are paid. Kerr v. Ben. Ass'n, 39 Minn. 174, 39 N. W. 312, 12 Am. St. Rep. 631.—Assessment roll. In taxation. The list or roll of taxable persons and property, completed, verified, and deposited by the assessors, not as it appears after review and equalization. Bank v. Genoa, 28 Misc. Rep. 71, cont. N. Y. Supp. 829; Adams v. Brennan, 72 Miss. 804, 18 South. 482.—Assessment work. Under the mining laws of the United States, the holder of an unpatented mining claim on the public domain is required, in order to hold his claim, to do labor or make improvements upon it to the extent of at least one hundred dollars in each year. Rev. Stat. U. S. § 2334 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1426). This is commonly called by miners "doing assessment work."

ASSAS. An officer chosen or appointed to appraise, value, or assess property.

In civil and Scotch law. Persons skilled in law, selected to advise the judges of the inferior courts. Bell; Dig. 1, 22; Cod. 1, 51.

A person learned in some particular science or industry, who sits with the judge on the trial of a case requiring such special knowledge and gives his advice.

In England it is the practice in admiralty business to appoint assessors, in cases involving questions of navigation or seamanship. They are called "nautical assessors," and are always Brethren of the Trinity House.

ASSETS. In probate law. Property of a decedent available for the payment of debts and legacies; the estate coming to the heir or personal representative which is chargeable, in law or equity, with the obligations which such heir or personal representative is required, in his representative capacity, to discharge.

In an accurate and legal sense, all the personal property of the deceased which is of a salable nature, and may be converted into ready money, is deemed assets. But the word is not confined to property; for all that is made property by the title of the deceased which is chargeable with his debts or legacies, and is applicable to that purpose, is, in a large sense, assets. 1 Fro. Eq. Jur. § 331; Marvin v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 49 Fed. 436; Trust Co. v. Earle, 110 U. S. 710, 4 Sup. Ct. 231, 25 L. Ed. 301.

Assets per descendent. That portion of the ancestor's estate which descends to the heir, and which is sufficient to charge him, as far as it goes, with the specialty debts of his ancestors. 2 Williams, Ex'res, 1011.

In commercial law. The aggregate of available property, stock in trade, cash, etc., belonging to a merchant or mercantile company.

The word "assets," though more generally used to denote everything which comes to the representative of a deceased person, yet it has no means confined to that use, but has come to signify everything which can be made available for the payment of debts, whether belonging to the estate of a deceased person or not. Hence we speak of the assets of a bank or other moneyed corporation, the assets of an insolvent debtor, or the assets of an individual or private copartnership; and we always use this word when we speak of the means which a party has, as compared with his liabilities or debts. Stanton v. Lewis, 26 Conn. 449; Vaiden v. Hawkins, 59 Miss. 419; Pelican v. Rock Falls, 81 Wis. 428, 51 N. W. 571, 52 N. W. 1049.

The property or effects of a bankrupt or insolvent, applicable to the payment of his debts.

The term "assets" includes all property of every kind and nature, chargeable with the debts of the bankrupt, that comes into the hands of and under the control of the assignee; and the value thereof is not to be considered a less sum than that actually realized out of said property, and received by the assignee for it. In re Taggart, 16 N. B. R. 351, Fed. Cas. No. 13,725.

Assets entre mains. I. Fr. Assets in hand; assets in the hands of executors or ad
ASSESSORS, applicable for the payment of debts. Termes de la Ley: 2 Bl. Comm. 510; 1 C.C.H. Bank Prop. 23; Favorite v. Bonner, 17 Ohio St. 557.—Equitable assets. Equitable assets are all assets which are chargeable with the payment of debts or legacies in equity, and which do not fall under the description of legal assets. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 552. Those portions of the property which by the ordinary rules of law are exempt from debts, but which the testator has voluntarily charged as assets, or which, being non-existent at law, have been created in equity, Adams, Eq. 254, et seq. They are so called because they can be reached only by the aid and instrumentality of a court of equity, and because their distribution is governed by a different rule from that which governs the distribution of legal assets. 2 Fossb., Eq. b. 4, pt. 2, c. 2, § 1, and notes; Story, Eq. Jur. § 532—Legal assets. That portion of the assets of a deceased party which by law is directly liable, in the hands of his executor or administrator, to the payment of debts and legacies. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 551. Such assets as can be reached in the hands of an executor or administrator, by a suit at law against him.—Personal assets. Chattels, money, and other personal property belonging to a bankrupt, insolvent, or decedent estate, which go to the assignee or executor in the event of all assets. Lands or real estate in the hands of an heir, chargeable with the payment of the debts of the ancestor. 2 Bl. Comm. 340, 302.

ASSEVERATION. An affirmation; a positive assertion; a solemn declaration. This word is seldom, if ever, used for a declaration made under oath, but denotes a declaration accompanied with solemnity or an appeal to conscience.

ASEWIRE. To draw or drain water from marsh grounds. Cowell.

ASSIGN, v. In conveyancing. To make or set over to another; to transfer; as to assign property, or some interest therein. Cowell: 2 Bl. Comm. 326; Bump v. Van Orsdale, 11 Barb. (N. Y.) 638; Hoag v. Mendenhall, 19 Mun. 336 (GII. 280).

In practice. To appoint, allot, select, or designate for a particular purpose, or duty. Thus, in England, justices are said to be "assigned to take the assises," "assigned to hold pleas," "assigned to make gaol delivery," "assigned to keep the peace," etc. St. Westm. 2, c. 30; Reg. Orig. 68, 69; 3 Bl. Comm. 58, 59, 333; 1 Bl. Comm. 351.

To transfer persons, as a sheriff is said to assign prisoners in his custody. To point at, or point out: to set forth, or specify; to mark out or designate; as to assign errors on a writ of error; to assign breaches of a covenant. 2 Tidd. Pr. 1108; 1 Tidd. 880.

ASSIGNABLE. That may be assigned or transferred; transferable; negotiable, as a bill of exchange. Comb. 176; Story, Bills, § 17.

ASSIGNATION. A Scotch law term equivalent to assignment. (q. v.)

Assignatus utitur jure auctoris. An assignee uses the right of his principal; an assignee is clothed with the rights of his principal. Hall. Max. p. 14; Broom, Max. 405.

ASSIGNAY. In Scotch law. An assignee.

ASSIGNEE. A person to whom an assignment is made. Allen v. Pancoast, 20 N. J. Law. 74; Ely v. Com'rs, 49 Mich. 17, 12 N. W. 803, 13 N. W. 784. The term is commonly used in reference to personal property; but it is not incorrect, in some cases, to apply it to realty, etc., "assignee of the reversion."

Assignee in fact is one to whom an assignment has been made in fact by the party having the right. Starkweather v. Insurance Co., 22 Fed. Cas. 1061; Tucker v. West, 31 Ark. 642.

Assignee in law is one to whom the law vests the right; as an executor or administrator. Idem.

The word has a special and distinctive use as employed to designate one to whom, under an insolvent or bankrupt law, the whole estate of a debtor is transferred to be administered for the benefit of creditors.

In old law. A person deputied or appointed by another to do any act, or perform any business. Blount. An assignee, however, was distinguished from a deputy, being said to occupy a thing in his own right, while a deputy acted in right of another. Cowell.

ASSIGNMENT. In contracts. 1. The act by which one person transfers to another, or causes to vest in that other, the whole of the right, interest, or property which he has in any realty or personality, in possession or in action, or any share, interest, or subsidiary estate therein. Seventh Nat. Bank v. Iron Co. (C. C.) 35 Fed. 440; Hwang v. Ritey, 101 Ga. 372, 29 S. E. 44. 40 L. R. A. 244. More particularly, a written transfer of property, as distinguished from a transfer by mere delivery.

2. In a narrower sense, the transfer or making over of the estate, right, or title which one has in lands and tenements; and, in an especially technical sense, the transfer of the unexpired residue of a term or estate for life or years. Assignment does not include testamentary transfers. The idea of an assignment is essentially that of a transfer by one existing party to another existing party of some species of property or valuable interest, except in the case of an executor. Hight v. Sackett, 34 N. Y. 447.

3. A transfer or making over by a debtor of all his property and effects to one or more assignees in trust for the benefit of his creditors. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1036.

4. The instrument or writing by which such a transfer of property is made.

5. A transfer of a bill, note, or check, not negotiable.
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6. In bankruptcy proceedings, the word designates the setting over or transfer of the bankrupt's estate to the assignee.

Assignment for benefit of creditors. An assignment whereby a debtor, generally an insolvent, transfers to another his property, in trust for the payment of his debts or to apply the proceeds to the payment of his debts or to apply the proceeds to the settlement of his creditors, is a matter of equity. In re Greaves, 52 Iowa, 518, 3 N. W. 524.—Assignment of dower. Acertaining a widow's right of dower by laying out or marking off one-third of her deceased husband's lands, and setting off the same for her use during life. Beloff v. Mc- Veyd, 107 Ala. 348, 58 S. 833, 97 Am. St. Rep. 50.—Assignment of error. See Error. Assignment with preferences. An assignment for the benefit of creditors, with directions to the assignee to prefer a specified creditor or class of creditors, by paying their claims in full before the others receive any dividend, or in some other manner. More usually termed a "preferential assignment."—Foreign assignment. An assignment made in a foreign country, or in another state. 2 Kent, Comm. 406, et seq.—General assignment. An assignment made for the benefit of all the assignor's creditors, instead of a few only; or one written without designating which of his estate to the assignee, instead of a part only. Royal Wheel Co. v. Fielding, 101 N. Y. 304, 5 N. E. 431; Hale v. Connell, 111 Ala. 445; Mussey v. Noyes, 26 Vt. 471.—Voluntary assignment. An assignment for the benefit of his creditors made by a debtor voluntarily; as distinguished from a compulsory assign- ment which takes place by operation of law in proceedings in bankruptcy or insolvency. The assignee may transfer the property in dower or in dower's property in trust to pay his debts generally, in distinction from a transfer of property to a particular creditor in payment of his demand, or to convey by way of collateral security or mortgag. Dias v. Bouchard, 10 Paige. (N. Y.) 445.

ASSIGNOR. One who makes an assignment of any kind; one who assigns or transfers property.

ASSIGNS. Assignees; those to whom property shall have been transferred. Now seldom used except in the phrase. in deeds, "heirs, administrators, and assigns." Grant v. Carpenter, 8 R. I. 36; Bally v. De Cres- pigny, 10 Best. & S. 12.

ASSISIA. In old English and Scotch law. An assise; a kind of jury or inquest; a writ; a sitting of a court; an ordinance or statute; a fixed or specific time, number, quantity, quality, price, or weight; a tribute, fine, or tax; a real action; the name of a writ. See Assize.

Assisa armorum. Assise of arms. A statute or ordinance requiring the keeping of arms for the common defense. Hale, Com. Law, c. 11.—Assisa continuanda. An ancient writ for the continuance of a cause, when certain facts put in issue could not have been proved in time by the party defending them. Reg. Orig. 217.—Assisa de Claviger. The assise of the key. A statute or ordinance passed in the tenth year of Henry II, by those who were accused of any heinous crime, and not able to purge themselves, but must abjure the realm, had liberty of forty days to stay and try what sueror they could get of their friends towards their sustenance in exile. Bract. fol. 130; Co. Litt. 159a;

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Cowell.—Assisa de foresta. Assise of the forest; a statute concerning orders to be observed in the royal forests. Assisa de men- turis. Assise of measures. A statute of weights and measures, established throughout England by Richard I, in the eighth year of his reign. Hale, Com. Law, c. 7.—Assisa de monnamento. An assise of nuisance; a writ to abate or redress a nuisance.—Assisa de ut- rum. An obsolete writ, which lay for the par- son of a church whose predecessor had alien- ated the land and rents of it.—Assisa frisum fortis. Assise of fresh force, which see.—Assisa mortis d'ancestor. Assise of mort d'ancestor, which see.—Assisa mortis disaising. Assise of novel disaising, which see.—Assisa panis et cerevisiae. Assise of bread and ale, or beer. The name of a statute passed in the fifty-first year of Henry III, containing regulations for the sale of bread and ale; sometimes called the "statute of bread and ale." Co. Litt. 150b; 2 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law, 50; Cowell: Bract. fol. 150.—Assisa proroganda. An obsolete writ, which was directed to the judges assigned to take assises, to stay proceedings, by reason of party to them being em- ployed in the king's business. Reg. Orig. 293.—Assisa ultima presentationis. Assise of darren in presentation, i. e., Assisa venae- lium. The assise of salvageable commodities, or of things exposed for sale.

ASSISIA CADERE. To fall in the assise; i. e., to be nonsuited. Cowell; 3 Bl. Comm. 402.

Assisa cedit in juratum. The assise falls (turns) into a jury; hence to submit a controversy to try by jury.

ASSISE, or ASSIZE. 1. An ancient species of court, consisting of a certain number of men, usually twelve, who were summoned together to try a disputed cause, performing the functions of a jury, except that they gave a verdict from their own investigation and knowledge and not upon evidence adduced. From the fact that they sat together, (assido,) they were called the "assise." See Bract. 4, 1, 6; Co. Litt. 153b, 150b.

A court composed of an assembly of knights and other substantial men, with the baron or justice, in a certain place, at an appointed time. Grand Cou. cc. 24, 25.

2. The verdict or judgment of the jurors or recognitors of assise. 3 Bl. Comm. 57, 59.

3. In modern English law, the name "assises" or "assesizes" is given to the court, time, or place where the judges of assise and nisi prius, who are sent by special commis- sion from the crown on circuits through the kingdom, proceed to take judicaments, and to try such disputed causes issuing out of the courts at Westminster as are then ready for trial. Assise of the county; an assise of the jurisdiction of a sheriff from the particular county; the regular sessions of the judges at nisi prius.

4. Anything reduced to a certainty in respect to time, number, quantity, quality, weight, measure, etc. Spelman.

5. An ordinance, statute, or regulation. Spelman gives this meaning of the word the first place among his definitions, observing
that statutes were in England called "assises" down to the reign of Henry III.

6. A species of writ, or real action, said to have been invented by Glanville, chief justice to Henry II., and having for its object to determine the right of possession of lands, and to recover the possession. 3 Bl. Comm. 184, 185.

7. The whole proceedings in court upon a writ of assise. Co. Litt. 159b. The verdict or finding of the jury upon such a writ. 3 Bl. Comm. 57.

-Assise of Clarendon. See ASSISA.-Assise of darren presentment. A writ of assise which formerly lay when a man or his ancestors under whom he claimed presented a clerk to a benefice, who was instituted, and afterwards, upon the next avoidance, a stranger presented a clerk and thereby disturbed the real patron. 3 Bl. Comm. 245; St. 13 Edw. I. (Westm.) 2 c. 5. It has given way to the remedy of trial by juries.-Assise of dace.-Assise of fresh force. In old English practice. A writ which lay by the usage and custom of a city or borough, where a man was dispossessed of his lands and tenements in such city or borough. It was called "fresh force," because it was to be sued within forty days after the party's title accrued to him. Pitah. Nat. Brev. 7 C.-Assise of mort d'ancestor. A real action which lay to recover land of which a person had been deprived on the death of his ancestor by the abatement or intrusion of a stranger. 3 Bl. Comm. 186; Co. Litt. 159b. It was abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.-Assise of novel dissaisin. A writ of assise which lay for the recovery of lands or tenements, where the claimant had been lately dispossessed.-Assise of nuisance. A writ of assise which lay where a nuisance had been committed to the complainant's freehold; either for abatement of the nuisance or for damages.-Assise of the forest. A statute touching orders to be observed in the king's forests. Manwood, 33.-Assise rents. The certain established rents of the freeholders and ancient copyholders of a manor; so called because they are assessed or made precise and certain.-Grand assise. A peculiar species of trial by jury, introduced in the time of Henry II., giving the tenant or defendant in a writ of right the alternative of a trial by bettel, or by his peers. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 42, § 15. See 3 Bl. Comm. 341.

ASSISER. An assessor; juror; an officer who has the care and oversight of weights and measures.

ASSISORS. In Scotch law. Jurors; the persons who formed that kind of court which in Scotland was called an "assise," for the purpose of inquiring into and judging divers civil causes, such as perambulations, cognitions, molestation, puprresturies, and other matters; like jurors in England. Holthouse.

ASSIST. To help; aid; succor; lend countenance or encouragement to; participate in as an auxiliary. People v. Hayne, 83 Cal. 111, 23 Pac. 1, 7 L. R. A. 348, 17 Am. St. Rep. 211; Moss v. Peoples, 51 N. C. 142; Comites v. Parkerson (C. C.) 50 Fed. 170.

Court of Assistance, Court of Assistants. See COURT.

Writ of assistance. See WRIT.

ASSISTANT JUDGE. A judge of the English court of general or quarter sessions in Middlesex. He differs from the other justices in being a barrister of ten years' standing, and in being salaried. St. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 71; 22 & 23 Vict. c. 4; Pritch. Quar. Sess. 31.

ASSISUS. Rented or farmed out for a specified assise; that is, a payment of a certain assessed rent in money or provisions.

ASSITHMENT. Wergeld or compensation by a pecuniary mulct. Cowell.

ASSIZE. In the practice of the criminal courts of Scotland, the fifteen men who decide on the conviction or acquittal of an accused person are called the "assize," though in popular language, and even in statutes, they are called the "jury." Wharton. See ASSIZE.

ASSIZES. Sessions of the justices or commissioners of assize. See ASSIZE.

ASSIZES DE JERUSALEM. A code of feudal jurisprudence prepared by an assembly of barons and lords A. D. 1099, after the conquest of Jerusalem.

ASSOCIATE. An officer in each of the English courts of common law, appointed by the chief judge of the court, and holding his office during good behavior, whose duties were to superintend the entry of causes, to attend the sittings of nisi prius, and there receive and enter verdicts, and to draw up the process and any orders of nisi prius. The associates are now officers of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and are styled "Masters of the Supreme Court." Wharton.

A person associated with the judges and clerk of assize in the commission of general jail delivery. 1 Coxe & Whitley.

The term is frequently used of the judges of appellate courts, other than the presiding judge or chief justice.

ASSOCIATION. The act of a number of persons who unite or join together for some special purpose or business. The union of a company of persons for the transaction of designated affairs, or the attainment of some common object. An unincorporated society; a body of persons united and acting together without a charter, but upon the methods and forms used by incorporated bodies for the prosecution of some common enterprise. Allen v. Stevens, 33 App. Div. 485, 54 N. Y. Supp. 23; Pratt v. Asylum, 20 App. Div. 352, 46 N. Y. Supp. 1035; State v. Steele, 37 Minn. 428, 34 N. W. 903; Mills v. State, 23 Tex. 303; Laycock v. State, 136 Ind. 217, 36 N. E. 137.

In English law. A writ directing certain persons (usually the clerk and his subordinate officers) to associate themselves with
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de the justices and sergeants for the purposes of taking the assises. 3 Bl. Comm. 50, 60.

Articles of association. See Articles.-

ASSOCIÉ EN NOM. In French Law. In a société en commandité an associé en nom is one who is liable for the engagements of the undertaking to the whole extent of his property. This expression arises from the fact that the names of the associés so liable figure in the firm-name or form part of the société en nom collectif. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 546.

ASSOIL. To absolve; acquit; to set free; to deliver from excommunication. St. 1 Hen. IV. c. 7; Cowell.

ASSOILIZE. In Scotch law. To acquit the defendant in an action; to find a criminal not guilty.


ASSUMPTIT. Lat. He undertook; he promised. A promise or engagement by which one person assumes or undertakes to do some act or pay something to another. It may be either oral or in writing, but is not under seal. It is express if the promisor puts his engagement in distinct and definite language; it is implied where the law infers a promise (though no formal one has passed) from the conduct of the party or the circumstances of the case.

In practice. A form of action which lies for the recovery of damages for the non-performance of a parol or simple contract; or a contract that is neither of record nor under seal. 7 Term, 351; Ballard v. Walker, 3 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 60.

The ordinary division of this action is into (1) common or indebitatus assumptit, brought for the most part on an implied promise; and (2) special assumptit, founded on an express promise. Steph. Pl. 11, 13.

The action of assumptit differs from trespass and trover, which are founded on a tort, not upon a contract; from covenant and debt, which are appropriate where the ground of recovery is a sealed instrument, or special obligation to pay a fixed sum; and from replevin, which seeks the recovery of specific property, if attainable, rather than of damages.

Implied assumptit. An undertaking or promise not formally made, but presumed or implied from the conduct of a party. Willenborg v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 11 Ill. App. 302—Special assumptit. An action of assumptit is so called where the declaration sets out the precise language or effect of a special contract, which forms the ground of action; as distinguished from a general assumptit, in which the technical claim is for a debt alleged to grow out of the contract, not the agreement itself.

ASSUMPTION. The act or agreement of assuming or taking upon one's self; the undertaking or adoption of a debt or obligation primarily resting upon another, as where the purchaser of real estate "assumes" a mortgage resting upon it, in which case he adopts the mortgage debt as his own and becomes personally liable for its payment. Eggleston v. Morrison, 81 Ill. App. 631; Locke v. Homer, 131 Mass. 93, 41 Am. Rep. 199; Springer v. De Wolf, 194 Ill. 218, 62 N. E. 542, 56 L. R. A. 465, 88 Am. St. Rep. 155; Lenz v. Railroad Co., 111 Wis. 198, 86 N. W. 607.

The difference between the purchaser of land assuming a mortgage on it and simply buying the subject to the mortgage, is that in the former case he makes himself personally liable for the payment of the mortgage debt, while in the latter case he does not. Hancock v. Fleming, 103 Ind. 330, 3 N. E. 264; Braman v. Dowse, 12 Cush. (Mass.) 257.

Where one "assumes" a lease, he takes to himself the obligations, contracts, agreements, and benefits to which the other contracting party was entitled under the terms of the lease. Cincinnati, etc., R. Co. v. Indi- ana, etc., R. Co., 44 Ohio St. 257, 914, 7 N. E. 152.


ASSURANCE. In conveying. A deed or instrument of conveyance. The legal equivalences of the transfer of property are in England called the "common assurances" of the kingdom, whereby every man's estate is assured to him, and all controversies, doubts, and difficulties are either prevented or removed. 2 Bl. Comm. 294. State v. Farrand, 8 N. H. Law, 325.

In contracts. A making secure; insurance. The term was formerly of very frequent use in the modern sense of insurance, particularly in English maritime law, and still appears in the policies of some companies, but is otherwise seldom seen of late years. There seems to be a tendency, however, to use assurance for the contracts of life insurance companies, and insurance for risks upon property.

Assurance, further, covenant for. See Covenant.
ASSURED. A person who has been insured by some insurance company, or underwriter, against losses or perils mentioned in the policy of insurance. Brockway v. Insurance Co. (C. C.) 29 Fed. 768; Sanford v. Insurance Co., 12 Cush. (Mass.) 548.

The person for whose benefit the policy is issued and to whom the loss is payable, not necessarily the person on whose life or property the policy is written. Thus where a wife insures her husband's life for her own benefit and he has no interest in the policy, she is the "insured" and he the "insurer." Hogle v. Insurance Co., 6 Rob. (N. Y.) 570; Ferdon v. Candler, 104 N. Y. 143, 10 N. E. 146; Insurance Co. v. Luchs, 108 U. S. 498, 2 Sup. Ct. 949, 27 L. Ed. 800.

ASSURER. An insurer against certain perils and dangers; an underwriter; an indemnifier.

ASSYTHEMEN. In Scotch law. Damages awarded to the relative of a murdered person from the guilty party, who has not been convicted and punished. Paters. Comp.

ASTIPULATION. A mutual agreement, assent, and consent between parties; also a witness or record.

ASTITRARIUS HEBRES. An heir apparent who has been placed, by conveyance, in possession of his ancestor's estate during such ancestor's life-time. Co. Litt. 8.

ASTITUTION. An arraignment, (q. v.)

ASTRIAM. In old English law. A householder; belonging to the house; a person in actual possession of a house.

ASTRER. In old English law. A householder, or occupant of a house or hearth.

ASTRICT. In Scotch law. To assign to a particular mill.

ASTRITION TO A MILL. A servitude by which grain growing on certain lands or brought within them must be carried to a certain mill to be ground, a certain multure or price being paid for the same. Jacob.

ASTRIHILLET. In Saxon law. A penalty for a wrong done by one in the king's peace. The offender was to replace the damage twofold. Spelman.

ASTRUM. A house, or place of habitation. Bract. fol. 267b; Cowell.

ASYLUM. 1. A sanctuary, or place of refuge and protection, where criminals and debtors found shelter, and from which they could not be taken without sacriilege. State v. Bacon, 6 Neb. 291; Cromie v. Institution of Mercy, 3 Bush (Ky.) 391.

2. Shelter; refuge; protection from the hand of Justice. The word includes not only place, but also shelter, security, protection; and a fugitive from justice, who has committed a crime in a foreign country, "seeks an asylum" at all times when he claims the use of the territories of the United States. In re De Giacomo, 12 Biatchf. 355, Fed. Cas. No. 3,747.


AT ARM'S LENGTH. Beyond the reach of personal influence or control. Parties are said to deal "at arm's length" when each stands upon the strict letter of his rights, and conducts the business in a formal manner, without trusting to the other's fairness or integrity, and without being subject to the other's control or overmastering influence.


AT LARGE. (1) Not limited to any particular place, district, person, matter, or question. (2) Free; unrestrained; not under corporal control; as a ferocious animal so free from restraint as to be liable to do mischief. (3) Fully; in detail; in an extended form.

AT LAW. According to law; by, for, or in law; particularly in distinction from that which is done in or according to equity; or in titles such as sergeant at law, barrister at law, attorney or counselor at law. See Hooker v. Nichols, 115 N. C. 157, 21 S. E. 206.


ATAMITA. In the civil law. A great-great-great-grandfather's sister.

ATAVIA. In the civil law. A great-grandmother's grandson.

ATAVUNCULUS. The brother of a great-grandfather's grandmother.

ATAVUS. The great-grandfather's or great-grandmother's grandfather; a fourth grandfather. The ascending line of lineal ancestry runs thus: Pater, Aevis, Prorcus, Abarus, Aitarus, Tritarius. The seventh gen-
eration in the ascending scale will be Trivium;
and the next above it Provintivium.

**ATHA.** In Saxon law. An oath; the pow-
er or privilege of exacting and administer-
ing an oath. Spelman.

**ATHEIST.** One who does not believe in
the existence of a God. Gibson v. Insurance Co., 37 N. Y. 584; Thurston v. Whitney,
2 Cush. (Mass.) 110; Con. v. Hills, 10 Cush.
(Mass.) 530.

**ATIA.** Hatred or ill-will. See De Opio
et Atia.

**ATILIUM.** The tackle or rigging of a
ship; the harness or tackle of a plow. Spel-
man.

**ATMATERE.** A great-grandfather's
grandmother's sister, (atativ soror;) called
by Bracton "atmatera magna." Bract. fol.
685.

**ATPATRUS.** The brother of a great-
grandfather's grandfather.

**ATRAVESADOS.** In maritime law. A
Spanish term signifying athwart, at right
angles, or abeam; sometimes used as de-
scriptive of the position of a vessel which is
"lying to." The Hugo (D. C.) 57 Fed.
403, 410.

**ATTACH.** To take or apprehend by com-
mandment of a writ or precept. Buckeye
Pipe-Line Co. v. Fee, 62 Ohio St. 549, 57 N.

It differs from arrest, because it takes not
only the body, but sometimes the goods, where-
as an arrest is only against the person;
besides, he who attaches keeps the party attach-
ed in order to produce him in court on the day
named, but he who arrests lodges the person
arrested in the custody of a higher power, to be
forthwith disposed of. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 24. See
ATTACHMENT.

Attaching creditor. See CREDITOR.

**ATTACHÉ.** A person attached to the
suite of an ambassador or to a foreign lega-
tion.

**ATTACHIAMENTA.** L. Lat. Attach-
ment.

-Attachiamenta honorum. A distress for-
merly taken upon goods and chattels, by the
legal attachiatores or bailiffs, as security to an-
swer an action for personal estate or debt.—
Attachiamenta de spinis et boscis. A privi-
lege granted to the officers of a forest to take to
their own use thorns, brush, and windfalls,
within their precincts. Kenn. Par. Antiq. 320.
-Attachiamenta de placitis coronae. At-
tachment of plea of the crown. Jewison v. Dy-
sen, 9 Mees. & W. 544.

**ATTACHMENT.** The act or process of
taking, apprehending, or seizing persons or
property, by virtue of a writ, summons, or
other judicial order, and bringing the same
into the custody of the law; used either for
the purpose of bringing a person before the
court, of acquiring jurisdiction over the
property seized, to compel an appearance, to
furnish security for debt or costs, or to ar-
est a fund in the hands of a third person
who may become liable to pay it over.

Also the writ or other process for the ac-
complishment of the purposes above enum-
ated, this being the more common use of the
word.

Of *persons.* A writ issued by a court of
record, commanding the sheriff to bring be-
fore it a person who has been guilty of con-
tempt of court, either in neglect or abuse of
its process or of subordinate powers. 3 Bl.
Comm. 280; 4 Bl. Comm. 283; Burbach v.
Light Co., 110 Wis. 384, 90 N. W. 829.

Of *property.* A species of mesne process,
by which a writ is issued at the institution
or during the progress of an action, com-
manding the sheriff to seize the property,
rights, credits, or effects of the defendant to
be held as security for the satisfaction of
such judgment as the plaintiff may recover.
It is principally used against absconding,
concealed, or fraudulent debtors. U. S.
Ccapsule Co. v. Isaccs, 23 Ind. App. 533, 55 N.
E. 832; Campbell v. Keys, 130 Mich. 127,
89 N. W. 720; Rempe v. Haven, 68 Ohio St.
113, 67 N. E. 252.

To give jurisdiction. Where the defend-
ant is a non-resident, or beyond the terri-
torial jurisdiction of the court, his goods or
land within the territory may be seized upon
process of attachment; whereby he will be
compelled to enter an appearance, or the
court acquires jurisdiction so far as to dis-
pose of the property attached. This is some-
times called "foreign attachment."

Domestic and foreign. In some juris-
dictions it is common to give the name "do-
maine attachment" to one issuing against a
resident debtor, (upon the special ground of
fraud, intention to abscond, etc,) and to de-
signate an attachment against a non-resident,
or his property, as "foreign." Longwell v.
Hartwell, 164 Pa. 533, 30 Atl. 495; Biddle v.
Girard Nat. Bank, 100 Pa. 356. But the
term "foreign attachment" more properly
belongs to the process otherwise familiar-
ly known as "garnishment." It was a pe-
cular and ancient remedy open to cred-
itors within the jurisdiction of the city of
London, by which they were enabled to sat-
isfy their own debts by attaching or seiz-
ing the money or goods of the debtor in the
hands of a third person within the juris-
diction of the city. Welsh v. Blackwell, 14
N. J. Law. 546. This power and process sur-
vive in modern law, in all common-law juris-
dictions, and are variously denominated "garnishment," "trustee process," or "factor-
ing."

-Attachment execution. A name given in
some states to a process of garnishment for
ATTACHMENT

the satisfaction of a judgment. As to the judgment debtor it is an execution; but as to the garnishee it is an original process—a summons compelling him to appear and show cause, if any he has, why the judgment should not be levied on the goods and effects of the defendant in his hands. Kennedy v. Agricultural Ins. Co., 108 Pa. 330. 30 Atl. 724; Allentown & Reading R. R. Co. v. Lane, 106 Pa. 61, 51 Am. Rep. 106. —Attachment of privilege. In English law, a process by which the rights of a person by virtue of a privilege, calls another to litigate in that court to which he himself belongs, and who has the privilege to answer there. A writ issued to apprehend a person in a privileged place. Terms de la Ley.—Attachment of the forest. One of the three courts formerly held in forests. The highest court was called "justice in eyre's seat;" the middle, the "swainmote;" and the lowest, the "attachment." Manwood, 90, 99.

ATTAINER. That extinction of civil rights and capacities which takes place whenever a person who has committed treason or felony receives sentence of death for his crime. 1 Steph. Comm. 408; 1 Blisb. Crim. Law, § 641; Green v. Shunwary, 39 N. Y. 431; In re Garland, 32 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 251; Cozens v. Long, 3 N. J. Law, 769; State v. Hastings, 37 Neb. 96, 55 N. W. 781.

It differs from conviction, in that it is after judgment, whereas conviction is upon the verdict of guilty, but before judgment pronounced, and may be quashed upon some point of law reserved, or judgment may be arrested. The consequences of attainer are forfeiture of property and corruption of blood. 4 Bl. Comm. 390.

At the common law, attainer resulted in three ways, viz.: by confession, by verdict, and by process or outlawry. The first case was where the prisoner pleaded guilty at the bar, or having fled to sanctuary, confessed his guilt and abjured the realm to save his life. The second was where the prisoner pleaded not guilty at the bar, and the jury brought in a verdict against him. The third, when the person accused made his escape and was outlawed.

—Bill of attainer. A legislative act, directed against a designated person, pronouncing him guilty of an alleged crime, (usually treason,) without trial or conviction according to the recognized rules of procedure, and passing sentence of death and attainer upon him. "Bill of attainer," as they are technically called, are such special acts of the legislature as inflict capital punishments upon persons supposed to be guilty of high offenses, such as treason and felony, without any conviction in the ordinary course of judicial proceedings. If an act inflicts a milder degree of punishment than death, it is called a "bill of pains and penalties." Both are included in the prohibition in the Federal constitution. Story, Const. § 1344; Cummings v. Missouri, 4 Wall. 323, 19 L. Ed. 356; Ex parte Garland, 4 Wall. 387, 18 L. Ed. 366; People v. Hayes, 140 N. Y. 484, 35 N. E. 951, 23 L. R. A. 830, 37 Am. St. Rep. 572; Green v. Shunwary, 39 N. Y. 431; In re Yung Sing Hee (C. C.) 36 Fed. 436.

ATTAIN. In old English practice. A writ which lay to inquire whether a jury of twelve men had given a false verdict. In order that the judgment might be reversed. 3 Bl. Comm. 492; Bract. fol. 2889—292. This inquiry was made by a grand assise or jury of twenty-four persons, and, if they found the verdict a false one, the judgment was that the jurors should become infamous, should forfeit their goods and the profits of their lands, should themselves be imprisoned, and their wives and children thrust out of doors, should have their houses razed, their trees extirpated, and their meadows plowed up, and that the plaintiff should be restored to all that he lost by reason of the unjust verdict. 3 Bl. Comm. 494; Co. Litt. 294b.

A person was said to be attainable when he was under attainer, (q. v.) Co. Litt. 300b.

ATTAIN D'UNE CAUSE. In French law. The gain of a suit.

ATTEMPT. In criminal law. An effort or endeavor to accomplish a crime, amounting to more than mere preparation or planning for it, and which, if not prevented, would have resulted in the full consummation of the act attempted, but which, in fact, does not bring to pass the party's ultimate design. People v. Moran, 123 N. Y. 254, 25 N. E. 412, 10 L. R. A. 100, 20 Am. St. Rep. 732; Gandy v. State, 13 Neb. 445, 14 N. W. 143; Scott v. People, 141 Ill. 105, 30 N. E. 329; Brown v. State, 27 Tex. App. 530, 11 S. W. 412; U. S. v. Ford (D. C.) 54 Fed. 26; Com. v. Engan, 190 Pa. 10, 42 Atl. 374.

An intent to do a particular criminal thing combined with an act which falls short of the thing intended. 1 Blisb. Crim. Law, § 728.

There is a marked distinction between "attempt" and "intent." The former conveys the idea of physical effort to accomplish an act; the latter, the quality of mind with which an act was done. To charge, in an indictment, an assault with an attempt to murder, is not equivalent to charging an assault with intent to murder. State v. Marshall, 14 Ala. 411.

ATTENDANT. One who owes a duty or service to another, or in some sort depends upon him. Terms de la Ley. One who follows and waits upon another.

ATTENDANT TERMS. In English law. Terms, (usually mortgages,) for a long period of years, which are created or kept outstanding for the purpose of attending or waiting upon and protecting the inheritance. 1 Steph. Comm. 351.

A phrase used in conveyancing to denote estates which are kept alive, after the objects for which they were originally created have ceased, so that they might be deemed merged or satisfied, for the purpose of protecting or strengthening the title of the owner. Abbott.

ATTENAT. Lat. He attempts. In the civil and canon law. Anything wrongfully innovated or attempted in a suit by an inferior judge, (or Judge a quo.) pending an appeal. 1 Addams, 22, note; Shelf. Mar. & Div. 562.

ATTENMINARE. In old English law. To put off to a succeeding term; to prolong
the time of payment of a debt. St. Westm. 2, c. 4; Cowell; Blount.

**ATTERRING.** In old English law. A putting off; the granting of a time or term, as for the payment of a debt. Cowell.

**ATTERRMOIENT.** In canon law. A making terms; a composition, as with creditors. 7 Low. Can. 272, 306.

**ATTEST.** To witness the execution of a written instrument, at the request of him who makes it, and subscribe the same as a witness. White v. Magurnhan, 87 Ga. 217, 13 S. E. 509; Logwood v. Hussey, 60 Ala. 424; Arrington v. Arrington, 122 Ala. 510, 26 South. 152. This is also the technical word by which certain practice in many of the states, a certifying officer gives assurance of the genuineness and correctness of a copy.

An "attested" copy of a document is one which has been examined and compared with the original, with a certificate or memorandum of its correctness, signed by the persons who have examined it. Goss, etc., Co. v. People, 4 Ill. App. 515; Donaldson v. Wood, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 400; Gerner v. Mosher, 58 Neb. 135, 78 N. W. 384, 46 L. R. A. 244.

**ATTESTATION.** The act of witnessing an instrument in writing, at the request of the party making the same, and subscribing it as a witness. See ATTEST.

*Execution and attestation* are clearly distinct formalities; the former being the act of the party, the latter of the witnesses only.

**Attestation clause.** That clause wherein the witnesses certify that the instrument has been executed before them, and the manner of the execution of the same.—*Attesting witness.* One who signs his name to an instrument, at the request of the party or parties, for the purpose of proving and identifying it. Skinner v. Bible Soc., 92 Wis. 289, 65 N. W. 1037.

**ATTESTOR OF A CAUTIONER.** In Scotch practice. A person who attests the sufficiency of a cautioner, and agrees to become *subsidiarie* liable for the debt. Bell.

**ATTILE.** In old English law. Rigging; tackle. Cowell.

**ATTORN.** In feudal law. To transfer or turn over to another. Where a lord aliened his seigniory, he might, with the consent of the tenant, and in some cases without, *attorn* or transfer the homage and service of the latter to the alienee or new lord. Bract. fols. 815, 82.

In modern law. To consent to the transfer of a rent or reversion. A tenant is said to *attorn* when he agrees to become the tenant of the person to whom the reversion has been granted. See ATTORNE.

**ATTORNER.** In feudal law. To attorn; to transfer or turn over; to appoint an attorney or substitute.

**Attorney rem.** To turn over money or goods, i. e., to assign or appropriate them to some particular use or service.

**ATTORNATO FACIENDO VEL RECIPIENDO.** In old English law. An absolute writ, which commanded a sheriff or steward of a county court or hundred court to receive and admit an attorney to appear for the person who owed suit of court. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 156.


**ATTORNEY.** In the most general sense this term denotes an agent or substitute, or one who is appointed and authorized to act in the place or stead of another. In re Htcker, 90 N. H. 297, 29 Atl. 550, 24 L. R. A. 740; Elchberger v. Sifford, 27 Md. 320.

It is an ancient English word, and signifies one that is set in the turne, stead, or place of another; and of these some be private * * * and some be publike, as attorneys at law.” Co. Litt. 51b, 123a; Brit. 2850.

One who is appointed by another to do something in his absence, and who has authority to act in the place and turn of him by whom he is delegated.

When used with reference to the proceedings of courts, or the transaction of business in the courts, the term always means "attorney at law." q. v. And see People v. May, 3 Mich. 605; Kelly v. Herb, 147 Pa. 563, 25 Atl. 889; Clark v. Morse, 16 La. 576.

**Attorney ad hoc.** See Ad Hoc.—*Attorney at large.* In old practice. An attorney who practised in all the courts. Cowell.—*Attorney in fact.* A private attorney authorized by another to act in his place and stead, either for some particular purpose, as to do a particular act, or for the transaction of business in general, not of a legal character. This authority is conferred by an instrument in writing, called a "letter of attorney," or more commonly a "power of attorney." Treat v. Tolman, 113 Fed. 803, 51 C. C. A. 322; Hall v. Sawyer, 47 Barb. (N. Y.) 110; White v. Furgeson, 29 Ind. App. 144, 64 N. E. 49.—*Attorney of record.* The one whose name is entered on the record of an action or suit as the attorney of a designated party thereto. De Lane v. Husband, 64 N. J. Law. 275, 43 Atl. 265.—*Attorney of the wards and lievies.* In English law. This was the third officer of the duchy court. Bac. Abr. "Attorney."—*Public attorney.* This name is sometimes given to an attorney at law, as distinguished from a private attorney, or attorney in fact.—*Attorney's certificate.* In English law. A certificate that the attorney named has paid the annual tax or duty. This is required to be taken out every year by all practising attorneys under a penalty of fifty pounds.—*Attorney's lien.* See.—*A Letter of Power of attorney;* a written instrument by which one person constitutes another his true and lawful attorney, in order that the latter may do for the former, and in his place and

ATTORNEY AT LAW. An advocate, counsel, official agent employed in preparing, managing, and trying cases in the courts. An officer in a court of Justice, who is employed by a party in a case to manage the same for him.

In English law. An attorney at law was a public officer belonging to the superior courts of common law at Westminster, who conducted legal proceedings on behalf of others, called his clients, by whom he was retained; he answered to the solicitor in the courts of chancery, and the proctor of the admiralty, ecclesiastical, probate, and divorce courts. An attorney was almost invariably also a solicitor. It is now provided by the judicature act, 1873, § 87, that solicitors, attorneys, or proctors of, or by law empowered to practise in, any court the jurisdiction of which is by that act transferred to the high court of justice or the court of appeal, shall be called "solicitors of the supreme court." Wharton.

The term is in use in America, and in most of the states includes "barrister," "counselor," and "solicitor," in the sense in which those terms are used in England. In some states, as well as in the United States supreme court, "attorney" and "counselor" are distinguishable, the former term being applied to the younger members of the bar, and to those who carry on the practice and formal parts of the suit, while "counselor" is the adviser, or special counsel retained to try the cause. In some jurisdictions one must have been an attorney for a given time before he can be admitted to practise as a counselor. Rep. & L.

ATTORNEY GENERAL. In English law. The chief law officer of the realm, being created by letters patent, whose office is to exhibit informations and prosecute for the crown in matters criminal, and to file bills in the exchequer in any matter concerning the king's revenue. State v. Cunningham, 55 Wis. 90, 33 N. W. 35, 17 L. R. A. 145, 35 Am. St. Rep. 27.

In American law. The attorney general of the United States is the head of the department of Justice, appointed by the president, and a member of the cabinet. He appears in behalf of the government in all cases in the supreme court in which it is interested, and gives his legal advice to the president and heads of departments upon questions submitted to him.

In each state also there is an attorney general, or similar officer, who appears for the people, as in England the attorney general appears for the crown. State v. District Court, 22 Mont. 23, 55 Pac. 910; People v. Kramer, 33 Misc. Rep. 260, 68 N. Y. Supp. 383.

ATTORNEYSHIP. The office of an agent or attorney.

ATTORNEYS. In feudal and old English law. A turning over or transfer by a lord of the services of his tenant to the grantee of his fief.

Attornment is the act of a person who holds a leasehold interest in land, or estate for life or years, by which he agrees to become the tenant of a stranger who has acquired the fee in the land, or the remainder or reversion, or the right to the rent or services by which the tenant holds. Lindley v. Dakin, 13 Ind. 388; Willis v. Moore, 59 Tex. 363, 46 Am. Rep. 284; Foster v. Morris, 3 A. K. Marsh. (Ky.) 610, 13 Am. Dec. 263.

AU BESOIN. In case of need. A French phrase sometimes incorporated in a bill of exchange, pointing out some person from whom payment may be sought in case the drawee fails or refuses to pay the bill. Story, Bills, § 65.

AUBAIN. See Droit d'Aubaine.


A sale by auction is a sale by public outcry to the highest bidder on the spot. Civ. Code Cal. § 1792; Civ. Code Dak. § 1022.

The sale by auction is that which takes place when the thing is offered publicly to be sold to whoever will give the highest price. Civ. Code La. art. 2601.

Auction is very generally defined as a sale to the highest bidder, and this is the usual meaning. There may, however, be a sale to the lowest bidder, as where land is sold for non-payment of taxes to whomsoever will take it for the shortest term; or where a contract is offered to the one who will perform it at the lowest price. And these appear fairly included in the term "auction." Abbott.

—Dutch auction. A method of sale by auction which consists in the public offer of the property at a price beyond its value, and then gradually lowering the price until some one becomes the purchaser. Crandall v. State, 28 Ohio St. 482.—Public auction. A sale of property at auction, where any and all persons who choose are permitted to attend and offer bids. Though this phrase is frequently used, it is doubtful whether the word "public" adds anything to the force of the expression, since "auction" itself imports publicity. If there can be such a thing as a private auction, it must be one where the property is sold to the highest bidder, but only certain persons, or a certain class of persons, are permitted to be present or to offer bids.

Auctionarium. Catalogues of goods for public sale or auction.

Auctionarius. One who bought and sold again at an increased price; an auctioneer. Spelunum.

Auctioneer. A person authorized or licensed by law to sell lands or goods of other persons at public auction; one who
sells at auction. Caudell v. State, 28 Ohio St. 481; Williams v. Millington, 1 H. Bl. 83; Russell v. Miner, 5 Lans. (N. Y.) 539.

Auctioneers differ from brokers, in that the latter may both buy and sell, whereas auctioneers can only sell; also brokers may sell by private contract only, and auctioneers by public auction only. Auctioneers can only sell goods for ready money, but factors may sell upon credit. Wilkes v. Ellis, 2 H. Bl. 557; Steward v. Winters, 4 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 590.

AUCTOR. In the Roman law. An auctioneer.

In the civil law. A guarantor or vendor of any kind.


AUCTORITAS. In the civil law. Authority.

In old European law. A diploma, or royal charter. A word frequently used by Gregory of Tours and later writers. Spelman.

Auctoritates philosophorum, medico-rum, et poeta-rum, sunt in causis allagende et tenendae. The opinions of philosophers, physicians, and poets are to be alleged and received in causes. Co. Litt. 344.

Aequeplia verborum sunt judiciu indig- nis. Catching at words is unworthy of a judge. Hob. 343.

Audi alteram partem. Hear the other side; hear both sides. No man should be condemned unheard. Broom, Max. 113. See L. R. 2 P. C. 106.

AUDIENCE. In international law. A hearing; interview with the sovereign. The king or other chief executive of a country grants an audience to a foreign minister who comes to him duly accredited; and, after the recall of a minister, an "audience of leave" ordinarily is accorded to him.

AUDIENCE COURT. In English law. A court belonging to the Archbishop of Canterbury, having jurisdiction of matters of form only, as the confirmation of bishops, and the like. This court has the same authority with the Court of Arches, but is of inferior dignity and antiquity. The Dean of the Arches is the official auditor of the Audience court. The Archbishop of York has also his Audience court.


AUDIT. As a verb; to make an official investigation and examination of accounts and vouchers. As a noun; the process of auditing accounts; the hearing and investigation had before an auditor. People v. Green, 5 Daly (N. Y.) 200; Maddox v. Randolph County, 65 Ga. 218; Machins River Co. v. Pope, 35 Me. 22; Cobb County v. Adams, 68 Ga. 51; Clement v. Lewiston, 97 Me. 93, 53 Atl. 985; People v. Barnes, 114 N. Y. 317, 20 N. E. 690; In re Clark, 5 Fed. Cas. 554.

AUDITIA QUERELA. The name of a writ constituting the initial process in an action brought by a judgment defendant to obtain relief against the consequences of the judgment, on account of some matter of defense or discharge, arising since its rendition and which could not be taken advantage of otherwise. Foss v. Witham, 9 Allen (Mass.) 572; Longworth v. Screven, 2 Hill (S. C.) 286, 27 Am. Dec. 381; McLean v. Bindley, 114 Pa. 680, 8 Atl. 1; Wetmore v. Law, 34 Barb. (N. Y.) 517; Manning v. Phillips, 65 Ga. 550; Coffin v. Ewer, 5 Metc. (Mass.) 225; Gleason v. Peck, 12 Vt. 56, 36 Am. Dec. 329.

AUDITOR. A public officer whose function is to examine and pass upon the accounts and vouchers of officers who have received and expended public money by lawful authority.

In practice. An officer (or officers) of the court, assigned to state the items of debit and credit between the parties in a suit where accounts are in question, and exhibit the balance. Whitwell v. Willard, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 218.

In English law. An officer or agent of the crown, or of a private individual, or corporation, who examines periodically the accounts of any officers, tenants, squatters, or bailiffs, and reports the state of their accounts to his principal.

—Auditor of the receipts. An officer of the English exchequer. 4 Inst. 107.—Auditors of the impress. Officers in the English exchequer, who formerly had the charge of auditing the accounts of the customs, naval and military expenses, etc., now performed by the commissioners for auditing public accounts.

AUGMENTATION. The increase of the crown's revenues from the suppression of religious houses and the appropriation of their lands and revenues. Also the name of a court (now abolished) erected 27 Hen. VIII., to determine suits and controversies relating to monasteries and abbey-lands.

Augusta legisbus soluta non est. The empress or queen is not privileged or exempted from subjection to the laws. 1 Bl. Comm. 219; Dig. 1, 3, 31.

AULA. In old English law. A hall, or court; the court of a baron, or manor; a court baron. Spelman.

—Aula ecclesiae. A nave or body of a church where temporal courts were anciently held.—Aula regia. The chief court of England in
early Norman times. It was established by William the Conqueror in his own hall. It was composed of the great officers of state, resident in the palace, and followed the king's household in all his expeditions.

AULNAGE. See AULNAGER.

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AUMEEIN. In Indian law. Trustee; commissionaire; a temporary collector or supervisor, appointed to the charge of a country on the removal of a zemindar, or for any other particular purpose of local investigation or arrangement.

AUMIL. In Indian law. Agent; officer; native collector of revenue; superintendent of a district or division of a country, either on the part of the government zemindar or renter.

AUMILDAR. In Indian law. Agent; the holder of an office; an intendant and collector of the revenue, uniting civil, military, and financial powers under the Mohammedan government.

AUMONE, SERVICE IN. Where lands are given in alms to some church or religious house, upon condition that a service or prayers shall be offered at certain times for the repose of the donor's soul. Britt. 164.

AUNCCEL WEIGHT. In English law. An ancient mode of weighing, described by Cowell as "a kind of weight with scales hanging, or hooks fastened to each end of a staff, which a man, lifting up upon his forefinger or hand, discerneth the quality or difference between the weight and the thing weighed."

AUNT. The sister of one's father or mother, and a relation in the third degree, correlative to niece or nephew.

AURA EPILEPTICA. In medical jurisprudence. A term used to designate the sensation of a cold vapor frequently experienced by epileptics before the loss of consciousness occurs in an epileptic fit. Aurentz v. Anderson, 3 Pittsb. R. (Pa.) 311.

AURES. A Saxon punishment by cutting off the ears, inflicted on those who robbed churches, or were guilty of any other theft.

AURUM REGINE. Queen's gold. A royal revenue belonging to every queen consort during her marriage with the king.


AUTHENTIC. Genuine; true; having the character and authority of an original; duly vested with all necessary formalities and legally attested; competent, credible, and reliable as evidence. Downing v. Brown, 3 Colo. 560.

AUTHENTIC ACT. In the civil law. An act which has been executed before a notary or other public officer authorized to execute such functions, or which is testified by a public seal, or has been rendered public by the authority of a competent magistrate, or which is certified as being a copy of a public register. Nov. 73, c. 2; Cod. 7, 52, 6, 4, 21; Dig. 22, 4.

The authentic act, as relates to contracts, is that which has been executed before a notary public or other officer authorized to execute such functions, in presence of two witnesses, free, male, and aged at least fourteen years, or of three witnesses, if the party be blind. If the party does not know how to sign, the notary must cause him to affix his mark to the instrument. All procès verbals of sales of succession property, signed by the sheriff or other person making the same, by the purchaser and two witnesses, are authentic acts. Civil Code La. art. 2234.

AUTHENTICATION. In the law of evidence. The act or mode of giving authority or legal authenticity to a statute, record, or other written instrument, or a certified copy thereof, so as to render it legally admissible in evidence. Mayfield v. Sears, 133 Ind. 86, 32 N. E. 816; Hartley v. Ferrell, 9 Fla. 380; In re Fowler (C. C.) 4 Fed. 303.

An attestation made by a proper officer by which he certifies that a record is in due form of law, and that the person who certifies it is the officer appointed so to do.

AUTHENTICS. In the civil law. A Latin translation of the Novels of Justinian by an anonymous author; so called because the Novels were translated entire, in order to distinguish it from the epitome made by Julian.

There is another collection so called, compiled by Trulier, of incorrect extracts from the Novels and inserted by him in the Code, in the places to which they refer.

AUTHENTICUM. In the civil law. An original instrument or writing; the original of a will or other instrument, as distinguished from a copy. Dig. 22, 4, 2; 1d. 28, 3, 12.

AUTHORITIES. Citations to statutes, precedents, judicial decisions, and text-books of the law, made on the argument of questions of law or the trial of causes before a court, in support of the legal positions contended for.

AUTHORITY. In contracts. The lawful delegation of power by one person to another.

In the English law relating to public administration, an authority is a body having jurisdiction in certain matters of a public nature.

In governmental law. Legal power; a right to command or to act; the right and power of public officers to require obedience to their orders lawfully issued in the scope of their public duties.

Authority to execute a deed must be given by deed. Com. Dig. "Attorney," C, 5; 4 Term. 313; 7 Term, 207; 1 Holt, 141; Blood v. Goodrich, 9 Wend. (N. Y.) 85, 75, 24 Am. Dec. 121; Banogee v. Hovey, 5 Mass. 11, 4 Am. Dec. 17; Cooper v. Rankin, 5 Blm. (Pa.) 613.

AUTO ACORDADO. In Spanish colonial law. An order emanating from some superior tribunal, promulgated in the name and by the authority of the sovereign. Schm. Civil Law, 93.

AUTOCRACY. The name of an unlimited monarchical government. A government at the will of one man, (called an "autocrat," uncheckered by constitutional restrictions or limitations.

AUTOGRAPH. The handwriting of any one.

AUTOMATISM. In medical jurisprudence, this term is applied to actions or conduct of an individual apparently occurring without will, purpose, or reasoned intention on his part; a condition sometimes observed in persons who, without being actually insane, suffer from an obscuration of the mental faculties, loss of volition or of memory, or kindred affections. "Ambulatory automatism" describes the pathological impulse to purposeless and irresponsible wanderings from place to place often characteristic of patients suffering from loss of memory with dissociation of personality.

AUTONOMY. The political independence of a nation; the right (and condition) of self-government.


AUTRE. L. Fr. Another.

—Autre action pendante. Another action pending. —Autre droit. The right of another.

—Autre vie. Another's life. A person holding an estate for or during the life of another is called a tenant "pur autre vie," or "par terme d'autre vie." Litt. § 56; 2 Bl. Comm. 120.

AUTREFOIS. L. Fr. At another time; formerly; before; heretofore.

—Autrefois acquitt. In criminal law. Formerly acquitted. The name of a plea in bar to a criminal action, stating that the defendant has been once already indicted and tried for the same alleged offense and has been acquitted. Simco v. State, 9 Tex. App. 348; U. S. v. Gilbert, 25 Fed. Cas. 1,294. —Autrefois attaint. In criminal law. Formerly attained. A plea that the defendant has already been attainted for one felony, and therefore cannot be criminally prosecuted for another. 4 Bl. Comm. 336. —Autrefois convict. Formerly convicted. In criminal law. A plea by a criminal in bar to an indictment that he has been formerly convicted of the same identical crime. 4 Bl. Comm. 339; 4 Steph. Comm. 404; Simco v. State, 9 Tex. App. 348; U. S. v. Olsen (D. C.) 57 Fed. 582; Shepherd v. People, 25 N. Y. 420.


AUXILIUM. In feudal and old English law. Aid; compulsory aid, hence a tax or tribute; a kind of tribute paid by the vassal to his lord, being one of the incidents of the tenure by knight's service. Speiman.

—Auxilium ad filium militem facendum et filium maritandam. An ancient writ which was addressed to the sheriff to levy compulsorily an aid towards the knighting of a son and the marrying of a daughter of the tenants in capite of the crown. —Auxilium curiae. In old English law. A precept or order of court citing and convening a party, at the suit and request of another, to warrant something. —Auxilium regis. In English law. The king's aid or money levied for the royal use and the public service, as taxes granted by parliament. —Auxilium vice comiti. An ancient duty paid to sheriffs. Covell.

AVAL OF MARRIAGE. In feudal law. The right of marriage, which the lord or guardian in chivalry had of disposing of his infant ward in matrimony. A guardian in socage had also the same right, but not attended with the same advantage. 2 Bl. Comm. 88.

In Scotch law. A certain sum due by the heir of a deceased ward vassal, when the heir became of marriageable age. Ersk. Inst. 2, 5, 18.

AVAILABLE MEANS. This phrase, among mercantile men, is a term well understood to be anything which can readily be converted into money; but it is not necessarily or primarily money itself. McFadden v. Leeka, 48 Ohio St. 513, 28 N. E. 874.
AVAILS. Profits, or proceeds. This word seems to have been construed only in reference to wills, and in them it means the corpus or proceeds of the estate after the payment of the debts. 1 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 1039. See Allen v. De Witt, 3 N. Y. 279; McNaughton v. McNaughton, 34 N. Y. 201.

AVAIL. In French law. The guaranty of a bill of exchange; so called because usually placed at the foot or bottom (avale) of the bill. Story, Bills, §§ 394, 454.

The act of subscribing one's signature at the bottom of a promissory note or of a bill of exchange; properly an act of suretyship, by the party signing, in favor of the party to whom the note or bill is given. 1 Low. Can. 221.

AVANTURE. L. Fr. Chance; hazard; mischance.

AVARIA, AVARIE. Average; the loss and damage suffered in the course of a navigation. Poth. Mar. Louage, 105.

AVERAGE. A certain quantity of oats paid by a tenant to his landlord as rent, or in lieu of some other duties.

AVENTURE, or ADVENTURE. A mischance causing the death of a man, as where a person is suddenly drowned or killed by any accident, without felony. Co. Litt. 391.

AVER. L. Fr. To have.

Aver et tener. In old conveyancing. To have and to hold.

AYER, v. In pleading. To declare or assert; to set out distinctly and formally; to allege.

In old pleading. To avouch or verify. Litt. § 601; Co. Litt. 362b. To make or prove true; to make good or just a plea.

AYER, n. In old English and French. Property; substance, estate, and particularly live stock or cattle; hence a working beast; a horse or bullock.

Aver corn. A rent reserved to religious houses, to be paid by their tenants in corn.

Aver land. In feudal law. Land plowed by the tenant for the proper use of the lord of the soil.—Aver penny. Money paid towards the king's averages or carriages, and so to be freed thereof.—Aver silver. A custom or rent formerly so called.

AVERAGE. A medium, a mean proportion.

In old English law. A service by horse or carriage, ancienly due by a tenant to his lord. Cowell. A labor or service performed with working cattle, horses, or oxen, or with wagons and carriages. Spelman.

Stubble, or remainder of straw and grass left in corn-fields after harvest. In Kent it is called "gratten," and in other parts "roughings."

In maritime law. Loss or damage accidentally happening to a vessel or to its cargo during a voyage.

Also a small duty paid to masters of ships when goods are sent in another man's ship for their care of the goods, over and above the freight.

In marine insurance. Where loss or damage occurs to a vessel or its cargo at sea, average is the adjustment and apportionment of such loss between the owner, the freight, and the cargo, in proportion to their respective interests and losses, in order that one may not suffer the whole loss, but each contribute ratably. Coster v. Insurance Co., 2 Wash. C. C. 51, 6 Fed. Cas. 611; Insurance Co. v. Bland, 9 Dana (Ky.) 147; Whitteridge v. Norris, 6 Mass. 125; Nickerson v. Tyson, 8 Mass. 417; Insurance Co. v. Jones, 2 Bin. (Pa.) 552. It is of the following kinds:

General average (also called "gross") consists of expense purposely incurred, sacrifice made, or damage sustained for the common safety of the vessel, freight, and cargo, or the two of them, at risk, and is to be contributed for by the several interests in the proportion of their respective values exposed to the common danger, and ultimately surviving, including the amount of expense, sacrifice, or damage so incurred in the contributory value. 2 Phill. Ins. § 1269 et seq. 2 Steph. Comm. 170; Padelford v., Boardman, 4 Mass. 548.

Particular average is a loss happening to the ship, freight, or cargo which is not to be shared by contribution among all those interested, but must be borne by the owner of the subject to which it occurs. It is thus called in contradistinction to general average. Barret v. Insurance Co., 3 Bow. (N. Y.) 395.

Petty average. In maritime law. A term used to denote such charges and disbursements as, according to occurrences and the custom of every place, the master necessarily furnishes for the benefit of the ship and cargo, either at the place of loading or unloading, or on the voyage; such as the hire of a pilot for conducting a vessel from one place to another, towage, light money, bencouage, anchorage, bridge toll, quarantine and such like. Park, Ins. 100. The particulars belonging to this head depend, however, entirely upon usage. Abb. Ship. 404.

Simple average. Particular average, (q. v.)

Average charges. "Average charges for toll and transportation" are understood to mean, and do mean, charges made at a mean rate, obtained by dividing the entire receipts for toll
and transportation by the whole quantity of tonnage carried, reduced to a common standard of tons moved one mile. Hersh v. Railway Co., 74 Pa. 190.—AVERAGE. Such as are computed on all the prices of any articles sold within a certain period or district.—GROSS AVERAGE. In maritime law. A contribution made by the owners of a ship, its cargo, and the freight, towards the loss sustained by the voluntary and necessary sacrifice of property for the common safety, in proportion to their respective interests. More commonly called "general average." (q. v.) See 3 Kent, Comm. 232; 2 Steph. Comm. 179; Wilson v. Cross, 33 Cal. 69.

AVERIA. In old English law. This term was applied to working cattle, such as horses, oxen, etc.

—Averia carruum. Beasts of the plow.—Averis captis in withinam. A writ granted to one whose cattle were unlawfully restrained by another and driven out of the county in which they were taken, so that they could not be reprieved by the sheriff. Reg. Orig. 82.

AVERMENT. In pleading. A positive statement of facts, in opposition to argument or inference. 1 Chit. Pl. 320.

In old pleading. An offer to prove a plea, or pleading. The concluding part of a plea, replication, or other pleading, containing new affirmative matter, by which the party offers or declares himself "ready to verify."

AVERRARE. In feudal law. A duty required from some customary tenants, to carry goods in a wagon or upon loaded horses.

AVERSO. In the civil law. An averting or turning away. A term applied to a species of sale in gross or bulk. Letting a house altogether, instead of in chambers. 4 Kent, Comm. 517.

—Aversio pericull. A turning away of peril. Used of a contract of insurance. 3 Kent, Comm. 263.

AVERUM. Goods, property, substance; a beast of burden. Spelman.

AVET. A term used in the Scotch law, signifying to abet or assist.

AVIA. In the civil law. A grandmother. Inst. 3, 6, 3.

AVIATICUS. In the civil law. A grandson.

AVIZANDUM. In Scotch law. To make avizandum with a process is to take it from the public court to the private consideration of the judge. Bell.

AVOCAT. Fr. Advocate; an advocate.

AVOID. To annul; cancel; make void; to destroy the efficacy of anything.

AVOIDANCE. A making void, or of no effect; annulling, cancelling; escaping or evading.

In English ecclesiastical law. The term describes the condition of a benefice when it has no incumbent.

In parliamentary language, avoidance of a decision signifies evading or superseding a question, or escaping the coming to a decision upon a pending question. Holthouse.

In pleading. The allegation or statement of new matter, in opposition to a former pleading, which, admitting the facts alleged in such former pleading, shows cause why they should not have their ordinary legal effect. Mahawie Bank v. Douglass, 31 Conn. 175; Cooper v. Tappan, 9 Wis. 366; Mendows v. Insurance Co., 62 Iowa, 387, 17 N. W. 660; Uri v. Hirsch (C. C.) 123 Fed. 570.

AVOIDUPOIS. The name of a system of weights (sixteen ounces to the pound) used in weighing articles other than medicines, metals, and precious stones.

AVOUCHER. The calling upon a warrantor of lands to fulfill his undertaking.

AVOUÉ. In French law. A barrister, advocate, attorney. An officer charged with representing and defending parties before the tribunal to which he is attached. Duvenger.

AVOW. In pleading. To acknowledge and justify an act done.

To make an avowry. For example, when replevin is brought for a thing restrained, and the party taking causa that he had a right to make the distress, he is said to avow. Newell Mill Co. v. Muxlow, 115 N. Y. 170, 21 N. E. 1048.

AVOWANT. One who makes an avowry.

AVOWEE. In ecclesiastical law. An advocate of a church benefice.

AVOWRY. A pleading in the action of replevin, by which the defendant avows, that is, acknowledges, the taking of the distress or property complained of, where he took it in his own right, and sets forth the reason of it: as for rent in arrear, damage done, etc. 3 Bl. Comm. 140; 1 Tidd. Pr. 645. Brown v. Blissett, 21 N. J. Law. 274; Hill v. Miller, 5 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 357.

Avowry is the setting forth, as in a declaration, the nature and merits of the defendant's case, showing that the distress taken by him was lawful, which must be done with such sufficient authority as will entitle him to a retracto habeendo. Hill v. Stocking, 6 Hill (N. Y.) 284.

An avowry must be distinguished from a justification. The former species of plea admits the plaintiff's ownership of the property, but alleges a right in the defendant sufficient to warrant him in taking the property and which still subsists. A justification, on the other hand,
denies that the plaintiff had the right of property or possession in the subject-matter, alleging it to have been in the defendant or a third person, or avers a right sufficient to warrant the defendant in taking it, although such right has not continued in force to the time of making answer.

**AVOWTERER.** In English law. An adulterer with whom a married woman continues in adultery. Termes de la Ley.

**AVOWTRY.** In old English law. Adultery. Termes de la Ley.

**AVULSION.** The removal of a considerable quantity of soil from the land of one man, and its deposit upon or annexation to the land of another, suddenly and by the perceptible action of water. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 452.

The property of the part thus separated continues in the original proprietor, in which respect avulsion differs from alluvion, by which an addition is insensibly made to a property by the gradual washing down of the river, and which addition becomes the property of the owner of the lands to which the addition is made. Wharton. And see Rees v. McDaniel, 115 Mo. 145, 21 S. W. 913; Nebraska v. Iowa, 143 U. S. 359, 12 Sup. Ct. 396, 36 L. Ed. 180; Bouyer v. Stricklett, 40 Neb. 702, 59 N. W. 550; Chicago v. Ward, 109 Ill. 392, 48 N. E. 927, 38 L. R. A. 649, 61 Am. St. Rep. 183.

**AVUNCULUS.** In the civil law. A mother's brother. 2 Bl. Comm. 230. *Avunculus magnus*, a great-uncle. *Avunculus major*, a great-grandmother's brother. *Avunculus maximus*, a great-great-grandmother's brother. See Dig. 38, 10, 10; Inst. 3, 6, 2.

**AVUS.** In the civil law. A grandfather Inst. 3, 6, 1.

**AWAIT.** A term used in old statutes, signifying a lying in wait, or waylaying.

**AWARD, v.** To grant, concede, adjudge to. Thus, a jury awards damages; the court awards an injunction. Starkey v. Minneapolis, 19 Minn. 206 (Gib. 160).

**AWARD, n.** The decision or determination rendered by arbitrators or commissioners, or other private or extrajudicial decision-makers, upon a controversy submitted to them; also the writing or document embodying such decision. Halnon v. Halnon, 55 Vt. 321; Henderson v. Beaton, 62 Tex. 43; Peters v. Petree, 8 Mass. 398; Benjamin v. U. S., 29 Ct. Cl. 417.

**AWAY-GOING CROP.** A crop sown before the expiration of a tenancy, which cannot ripen until after its expiration, to which, however, the tenant is entitled. Broom, Max. 412.

**AWM.** In old English statutes. A measure of wine, or vessel containing forty gallons.

**AXIOM.** In logic. A self-evident truth; an indisputable truth.

**AYANT CAUSE.** In French law. This term signifies one to whom a right has been assigned, either by will, gift, sale, exchange, or the like; an assignee. An *ayant cause* differs from an heir who acquires the right by inheritance. 8 Toullier, n. 245. The term is used in Louisiana.

**AYLE.** See AIEL.

**AYRE.** In old Scotch law. Eyre; a circuit, eyre, or iter.

**AYUNTAMIENTO.** In Spanish law. A congress of persons; the municipal council of a city or town. 1 White, Coll. 416; Friedman v. Goodwin, 9 Fed. Cas. 818.

**AZURE.** A term used in heraldry, signifying blue.
B. The second letter of the English alphabet; is used to denote the second of a series of pages, notes, etc.; the subsequent letters, the third and following numbers.

B. C. An abbreviation for "before Christ." "ball court," "bankruptcy cases," and "British Columbia."

B. E. An abbreviation for "Baron of the Court of Exchequer."

B. F. An abbreviation for bonum factum, a good or proper act, deed, or decree; signifies "approved."

B. R. An abbreviation for Bancus Regis, (King’s Bench,) or Bancus Regine, (Queen’s Bench.) It is frequently found in the old books as a designation of that court. In more recent usage, the initial letters of the English names are ordinarily employed, e.g., K. B. or Q. B.

B. S. Bancus Superior, that is, upper bench.

"BABY ACT." A plea of infancy, interposed for the purpose of defeating an action upon a contract made while the person was a minor, is vulgarly called "pleading the baby act." By extension, the term is applied to a plea of the statute of limitations.

BACHELERIA. In old records. Commonalty or yeomanry, in contradistinction to baronage.

BACHELOR. The holder of the first or lowest degree conferred by a college or university, e.g., a bachelor of arts, bachelor of law, etc.

A kind of inferior knight; an esquire. A man who has never been married.

BACK, v. To indorse; to sign on the back; to sign generally by way of acceptance or approval. Where a warrant issued in one county is presented to a magistrate of another county and he signs it for the purpose of making it executable in his county, he is said to "back" it. 4 Bl. Comm. 291. So an indorser of a note or bill is colloquially said to "back" it. Senbury v. Hungerford, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 80.

BACK, adv. To the rear; backward; in a reverse direction. Also, in arrear.

—Back lands. A term of no very definite import, but generally signifying lands lying back from (not contiguous to) a highway or a watercourse. See Ryemas v. Wheeler, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 150.—Back taxes. Those assessed for a previous year or years and remaining due and unpaid from the original tax debtor. M. E. Church v. New Orleans, 107 La. 611, 32 South. 101; Gaines v. Galbraith, 14 Lea (Tenn.) 363.

—Backwater. Water in a stream which, in consequence of some dam or obstruction below, is detained or checked in its course, or flows back. Hodge v. Raymond, 9 Mass. 316; Chambers v. Kyle, 57 Ind. 55. Water caused to flow backward from a steam-vessel by reason of the action of its wheels or screw.

BACKBEAR. In forest law. Carrying on the back. One of the cases in which an offender against vert and venison might be arrested, as being taken with the malouin, or manner, or found carrying a deer off on his back. Manwood; Cowell.

BACKBEREND. Sax. Bearing upon the back or about the person. Applied to a thief taken with the stolen property in his immediate possession. Bract. 1, 3, tr. 2, c. 32. Used with handhabend, having in the hand.

BACKBOND. In Scotch law. A deed attaching a qualification or condition to the terms of a conveyance or other instrument. This deed is used when particular circumstances render it necessary to express in a separate form the limitations or qualifications of a right. Bell. The instrument is equivalent to a declaration of trust in English conveyancing.

BACKING. Indorsement; indorsement by a magistrate.

BACKING A WARRANT. See Back.

BACKSIDE. In English law: A term formerly used in conveyances and also in pledging; it imports a yard at the back part of or behind a house, and belonging thereto.

BACKWARDATION. In the language of the stock exchange, this term signifies a consideration paid for delay in the delivery of stock contracted for, when the price is lower for time than for cash. Dos Passos, Stock-Brok. 270.

BACKWARDS. In a policy of marine insurance, the phrase "forwards and backwards at sea" means from port to port in the course of the voyage, and not merely from one terminus to the other and back. 1 Taunt. 470.

BACULUS. A rod, staff, or wand, used in old English practice in making livery of seisin where no building stood on the land. (Bract. 40;) a stick or wand, by the erection of which on the land involved in a real action the defendant was summoned to put in his appearance: this was called "baculus nuntiatorium." 3 Bl. Comm. 279.

BAD. Substantially defective; inapt; not good. The technical word for unsoundness in pleasing.

—Bad debt. Generally speaking, one which is uncollectible. But technically, by statute in
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some states, the word may have a more precise meaning. In Louisiana, bad debts are those which have been prescribed against (barred by limitations) and those due by bankrupts who have not surrendered any property to be divided among their creditors. Cite. Code La. 1880, art. 1048. In North Dakota, as applied to the management of banking associations, the term means all debts due to the association on which the interest past due and unpaid for a period of six months, unless the same are well secured and in process of collection. Rev. Codes N. D. 1889, § 3240. Bad faith. The opposite of "good faith," generally implying or involving actual or constructive fraud, or a design to mislead or deceive another, or a neglect or refusal to fulfill some duty or some contractual obligation, not prompted by an honest mistake as to one's rights or duties, but by some interested or sinister motive. Hilgenberg v. Northup, 134 Ind. 92, 33 N. E. 781; Morton v. Immigration Ass'n, 79 Ala. 617; Coleman v. Billings, 50 Ill. 191; Lewis v. Holmes, 109 La. 1059, 34 South. 61; L. R. A. 274; Harris v. Harris, 70 Pa. 174; Penn Mut. L. Ins. Co. v. Trust Co., 73 Fed. 653, 19 C. C. A. 316, 35 L. R. A. 33, 70; Insurance Co. v. Edwards, 74 Ga. 230.—Bad faith. One which does not convey property to the purchaser of the estate; one which is so radically defective that it is not marketable, and hence such a purchaser cannot be legally compelled to accept it. Heller v. Cohen, 15 Misc. Rep. 378, 36 N. Y. Supp. 668.

BADGE. A mark or cognizance worn to show the relation of the wearer to any person or thing; the token of a distinct mark of office or service.

BADGE OF FRAUD. A term used relatively to the law of fraudulent conveyances made to hinder and defraud creditors. It is defined as a fact tending to throw suspicion upon a transaction, and calling for an explanation. Rump. Fraud. Conv. 31; Gould v. Sanders, 69 Mich. 5, 37 N. W. 37; Bryant v. Kelton, 1 Tex. 420; Goshorn v. Snodgrass, 17 W. Va. 708; Kirkley v. Lacey, 7 Howst. (Del.) 213, 30 Atl. 994; Phillips v. Samson, 113 Iowa, 145, 84 N. W. 1051.

BADGER. In old English law. One who made a practice of buying corn or victuals in one place, and carrying them to another to sell and make profit by them.

BAG. A sack or satchel. A certain and customary quantity of goods and merchandise in a sack. Wharton.

BAG. In English law. A bag or purse. Thus there is the petty-long-office in the common-law jurisdiction of the court of chanery, because all original writs relating to the business of the crown were formerly kept in a little sack or bag, in parvo baga, 1 Madd. Ch. 4.

BAGGAGE. In the law of carriers. This term comprises such articles of personal convenience or necessity as are usually carried by passengers for their personal use and not merchandise or other valuables, although carried in the trunks of passengers, which are not designed for any such use, but for other purposes, such as a sale and the like. The term includes whatever the passenger takes with him for his personal use or convenience according to the habits of persons of the particular class to which he belongs, either with reference to the immediate necessities or ultimate purpose of the journey. Macrow v. Railway Co., L. R. 6 Q. B. 612; Bomar v. Maxwell, 9 Humph. (Tenn.) 621, 51 Am. Dec. 682; Railroad Co. v. Collins, 56 III. 217; Hawkins v. Hoffman, 6 Hill. (N. Y.) 590, 41 Am. Dec. 767; Mauritz v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 23 Fed. 771; Dexter v. Railroad Co., 42 N. Y. 323, 1 Am. Rep. 527; Story, Bailm. § 490.

BAHADUM. A chest or coffer. Fleta.

BAIL, n. To procure the release of a person from legal custody, by undertaking that he shall appear at the time and place designated and submit himself to the jurisdiction and judgment of the court.

To set at liberty a person arrested or imprisoned, on security being taken for his appearance on a day and a place certain, which security is called "bail," because the party arrested or imprisoned is delivered into the hands of those who bind themselves for his forthcoming, (that is, become bail for his due appearance when required,) in order that he may be safely protected from prison. Wharton. Stafford v. State, 10 Tex. App. 49.

BAIL, n. In practice. The sureties who procure the release of a person under arrest, by becoming responsible for his appearance at the time and place designated. Those persons who become sureties for the appearance of the defendant in court.

Upon those contracts of indemnity which are taken in legal proceedings as security for the performance of an obligation imposed or declared by the tribunals, and known as undertakings or recognizances, the sureties are called "bail." Code Cal. § 2738.

The taking of bail consists in the acceptance by a competent court, magistrate, or officer, of sufficient bail for the appearance of the defendant according to the legal effect of his undertaking, or for the payment to the state of a certain specified sum if he does not appear. Code Ala. 1886, § 4407.

—Bail absolute. Sureties whose liability is conditioned upon the failure of the principal to duly account for money coming to his hands as administrator, guardian, etc.—Bail bond. A bond executed by a defendant who has been arrested, together with other persons as sureties, naming the sheriff, constable, or marshal as obligee, in a penal sum proportioned to the damages claimed or penalty denounced, conditioned that the defendant shall duly appear to answer to the legal process in the officer's hands, or shall cause special bail to be put in, as the case may be.—Bail common. A fictitious proceeding, intended only to suppress the appearance of the defendant, in cases where special bail is not required. It is put in in the same form as special bail, but the sureties are merely nominal or imaginary persons, as John Doe and Richard Roe, 3 Bl. Comm. 287.—Bail court. In English law and practice. An auxiliary court to the court of queen's bench at Westminster, whereby points connected more
particulars with pleading and practice are arg- 
gued and determined. Holthouse.—Ball in er-
ror. That given by a defendant who intends to 
raise on the judgment and desires a stay of execution in the mean-
Bail piece. A formal entry or memorandum of 
the requisitory or undertaking of special 
bail in civil actions, which, after being signed 
and acknowledged by the bail before the proper 
officer, is filed in the court in which the action 
is pending; Brass, 3 Bl. Comm. 291; 1 Tidd, Pr. 
250; Worthen v. Prescott, 60 Vt. 68, 11 Atl. 
620; Nicoll v. Ingersoll, 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 154. 
Bail, when, &c. Special bail, (q. v.)—Bail to the sheriff, or bail 
below. In practice. Persons who undertake 
that a defendant arrested upon mesne process in 
a civil action shall duly appear to answer the 
plaintiff; such undertaking being in the form of 
a bond given to the sheriff, termed a "ball-
bond." (q. v.) 3 Bl. Comm. 290; 1 Tidd, Pr. 
221.—Civil bail. That taken in civil actions. 
—Special bail. In practice. Persons who 
undertake jointly and severally in behalf of a 
defendant arrested on mesne process in a civil 
action that, if he be condemned in the action, 
he shall pay the costs and compensation, (that is, 
them which may be awarded against him,) or render himself a prisoner, or that they 
will pay it for him. 3 Bl. Comm. 291; 1 Tidd, 
Pr. 243.—Straw bail. Nominal or worthless 
bail. Irresponsible persons, or persons of no prop-
erty, who make a practice of going bail for any 
one who will pay them a fee therefor. 

BAIL. Fr. In French and Canadian 
law. A lease of lands.

-Bail à chétole. A contract by which one 
of the parties gives to the other cattle to keep, 
feed, and care for, the borrower receiving half 
the profit of increase, and bearing half the loss. 
However, Bail à ferme. In the contract of let-
ting lands.—Bail à longues années. A 
lease for more than nine years; the same as bail 
emphyteutique (see infra) or an emphyteu-
tic lease.—Bail à loyer. A contract of letting 
houses.—Bail à rente. A contract partaking 
of the nature of the contract of sale, and that 
of the contract of lease; it is transitive of 
property, and the rent is essentially redeem-
able. Clark's Heirs v. Christ's Church, 4 La. 
220; and note. 1, 3. —Bail emphy-
téutique. An emphyteutic lease; a lease for 
a term of years with a right to prolong indef-
initely; practically equivalent to an alienation. 

BAILABLE. Capable of being bailed; 
admitting of bail; authorizing or requiring 
bail. A bailable action is one in which the 
defendant cannot be released from arrest 
except on furnishing bail. Bailable process 
is such as requires the officer to take bail, 
after arresting the defendant. A bailable 
affirmative is one for which the prisoner may 
be admitted to bail.

BAilee. In the law of contracts. One 
to whom goods are bailed; the party to 
whom personal property is delivered under 
a contract of bailment. Phelps v. People, 
72 N. Y. 357; McGee v. French, 49 S. C. 454, 
27 S. E. 487; Bergman v. People, 177 Ill. 
244, 52 N. E. 363; Com. v. Chathams, 50 

BAILIE. In the Scotch law. A bailie is 
(1) a magistrate having inferior criminal 
jurisdiction similar to that of an alderman, 
(q. v.) (2) an officer appointed to confer in-

feoffment, (q. v.) a bailiff, (q. v.) a server of 
writes. Bell.

BAILiff. In a general sense, a per-
son to whom some authority, care, guardians-
ship, or jurisdiction is delivered, committed, 
or intrusted; one who is deputed or ap-
pointed to take charge of another's affairs; 
an overseer or superintendent; a keeper, 
protector, or guardian; a steward. Spelman. 
A sheriff's officer or deputy. 1 Bl. Comm. 344.

A magistrate, who formerly administered 
justice in the parliaments or courts of 
France, answering to the English sheriffs as 
mentioned by Bracton.

In the action of account render. A 
person who has by delivery the custody and 
administration of lands or goods for the 
benefit of the owner or bailor, and is liable 
to render an account thereof. Co. Litt. 271; 
Story, Eq. Jur. § 446; West v. Weyer. 46 
Ohio St. 66, 18 N. E. 537, 15 Am. St. Rep. 
502.

A bailiff is defined to be "a servant that 
has the administration and charge of lands, 
goods, and chattels, to make the best benefit 
for the owner, upon whom an action of 
account lies, for the profits which he has 
raised or made, or might by his industry or 
care have raised or made." Barnum v. 
Landon, 25 Conn. 149.

-Bailiff-errant. A bailiff's deputy.—Bail-
iffs of franchises. In English law. Officers 
who perform the duties of sheriffs within liber-
ties or privileged jurisdictions, in which for-
merly the king's writ could not be executed by 
the sheriff. Spelman.—Bailiffs of hundreds. 
In English law. Officers appointed over hun-
dreds, by the sheriffs, to collect fines therein, 
and summon justices; to attend the judges and 
justices at their quarter sessions; and also to 
execute writs and process in the several hundreds. 1 Bl. Comm. 345: 3 Steph. 
Comm. 229; 2 Wend., 211—Bailiffs of man-
ors. In English law. Stewards or agents 
appointed by the lord (generally by an author-
ity under seal) to superintend the manor, 
collect fines, and quit rents, inspect the buildings 
and repair, order repairs, cut down trees, impound 
cattle trespassing, take an account of wastes, spoil, 
and misdemeanors in the woods and demesnes 
lands, and do other acts for the lord's interest. 
Cowell.—High bailiff. An officer attached 
to an English county court. His duties are to 
attend the court when sitting; to serve summo-
uses; and to execute orders, warrants, writs, 
etc. St. D 10 Vict. c. 65, § 33; Poll. C. C. 
Pr. 16. He also has similar duties under the 
bankruptcy jurisdiction of the county courts. 
—Special bailiff. A deputy sheriff, appoint-
ed at the request of a party to a suit, for the 
special purpose of serving or executing some 
write or process in such suit.

BAILIVIA. In old law. A bailiff's ju-
risdiction, a bailiffic; the same as baili
tum. Spelman. See BAILiWICK.

In old English law. A liberty, or ex-
clusive jurisdiction, which was exempted 
from the sheriff of the county, and over 
which the lord of the liberty appointed a 
bailiff with such powers within his precinct
BAILIwick

as an under-sheriff exercised under the sheriff of the county. Whishaw.

Bailiwick. The territorial jurisdiction of a sheriff or bailiff. 1 Bl. Comm. 344. Greenup v. Bacon, 1 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 108.

BAILLEUR DE FONDS. In Canadian law. The unpaid vendor of real estate.

BAILL. In old French law. One to whom judicial authority was assigned or delivered by a superior.

BAILMENT. A delivery of goods or personal property, by one person to another. In trust for the execution of a special object upon or in relation to such goods, beneficial either to the bailor or bailee or both, and upon a contract, express or implied, to perform the trust and carry out such object, and thereafter either to reddeliver the goods to the bailor or otherwise discharge of the same in conformity with the purpose of the trust. Watson v. State, 70 Ala. 13, 45 Am. Rep. 70; Com. v. Maher, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 425; McCaffrey v. Knapp, 74 Ill. App. 80; Krause v. Com., 33 Pa. 418, 39 Am. Rep. 702; Fulcher v. State, 32 Tex. Cr. R. 621, 25 S. W. 625. See Code Ga. 1882, § 2053.

A delivery of goods in trust upon a contract, expressed or implied, that the trust shall be faithfully executed on the part of the bailee. 2 Bl. Comm. 455.

Bailment, from the French bailler, to deliver, is a delivery of goods for some purpose. Upon a contract, express or implied, that, after the purpose has been fulfilled, they shall be reddelivered to the bailor, or otherwise dealt with, according to his directions, or (as the case may be) kept till he reclaims them. 2 Steph. Comm. 80.

A delivery of goods in trust upon a contract, expressed or implied, that the trust shall be duly executed, and the goods restored by the bailee as soon as the purposes of the bailment shall be answered. 2 Kent, Com. 380.

Bailment is a delivery of a thing in trust for some special object or purpose, and upon a contract, express or implied, to conform to the object or purpose of the trust. Story, Bailm. 3.

A delivery of goods in trust on a contract, either expressed or implied, that the trust shall be duly executed, and the goods restored as soon as the time or use for which they were bailed shall have elapsed or be performed. Jones, Bailm. 117.

Bailment is a word of French origin, significant of the curtailed transfer, the delivery or mere handing over, which is appropriate to the transaction. Schouler, Pers. Prop. 605.

The test of a bailment is that the identical thing is to be returned; if another thing of equal value is to be returned, the transaction is a sale. Marsh v. Titus, 6 Thomp. & C. (N. Y.) 330; Story v. Toker, 150 U. S. 312, 14 Sup. Ct. 99, 37 L. Ed. 1093.

Classification. Sir William Jones has divided bailments into five sorts, namely: Depositum, or deposit; mandatum, or commission without recompense; commodatum, or loan for use without pay; locatum, accipitrum, or pawn; locatum, or hiring, which is always with reward. This last is subdivid-
ed into locatio rei, or hiring, by which the hirer gains a temporary use of the thing; locatio operis faciendi, when something is to be done to the thing delivered; locatio operis mercium vendendum, when the thing is merely to be carried from one place to another. Jones, Bailm. 36.

Lord Holt divided bailments thus: (1) Depositum, or a naked bailment of goods, to be kept for the use of the bailor. (2) Commodatum. Where goods or chattels that are delivered are lent to the bailee gratis, to be used by him. (3) Locatio rei. Where goods are lent to the bailee to be used by him for hire. (4) Vadeum. Pawn or pledge. (5) Locatio operis faciendi. Where goods are delivered to be carried, or something is to be done about them, for a reward to be paid to the bailee. (6) Mandatum. A delivery of goods to somebody who is to carry them, or do something about them, gratis. 2 Ed. Raym. 600.

Another division, suggested by Bouvier, is as follows: First, those bailments which are for the benefit of the bailor, or of some person whom he represents; second, those for the benefit of the bailee, or some person represented by him; third, those which are for the benefit of both parties.

-Bailment for hire. A contract in which the bailee agrees to pay an adequate recompense for the safe-keeping of the thing intrusted to the custody of the bailee, and the bailee agrees to keep it and restore it on the request of the bailor. In the same condition substantially as he received it, excepting injury or loss from causes for which he is not responsible. Arent v. Squire, 1 Daly (N. Y.) 350.-Gratuitous bailment. Another name for a depositum or naked bailment, which is made only for the benefit of the bailor and is not a source of profit to the bailee. Foster v. Essex Bank, 17 Mass. 499, 9 Am. Dec. 108.-Lucrative bailment. One which is undertaken upon a consideration and for which a payment or recompense is to be made to the bailee, or from which he is to derive some advantage. Prince v. Alabany Savings Bank, 196 Ala. 340, 17 South. 440, 28 L. R. A. 716.

BAILOR. The party who bails or delivers goods to another, in the contract of bailment. McGee v. French, 49 S. C. 454, 27 S. E. 457.

BAIR-MAN. In old Scotch law. A poor insolvent debtor, left bare and naked, who was obliged to swear in court that he was not worth more than five shillings and five pence.

BAIRNS. In Scotch law. A known term, used to denote one's whole issue. Ersk. Inst. 3, 8, 48. But it is sometimes used in a more limited sense. Bell.

BAIRN'S PART. In Scotch law. Children's part; a third part of the defunct's free movables, debts deducted, if the wife survive, and a half if there be no relict.

BAITING ANIMALS. In English law. Procuring them to be worried by dogs. Punishable by summary conviction, under 12 & 13 Vict. c. 92, § 3.
BALÆNA. A large fish, called by Blackstone a "whale." Of this the king had the head and the queen the tail as a perquisite whenever one was taken on the coast of England. 1 Bl. Comm. 222.

BALANCE. The amount remaining due from one person to another on a settlement of the accounts involving their mutual dealings: the difference between the two sides (debit and credit) of an account.

A balance is the conclusion or result of the debit and credit sides of an account. It implies mutual dealings, and the existence of debit and credit, without which there could be no balance. Loeb v. Keyes, 156 N. Y. 529, 51 N. E. 285; McWilliams v. Allan, 45 Mo. 574; Thillman v. Shadrick, 69 Md. 528, 16 Atl. 138.

The term is also frequently used in the sense of residue or remainder; as when a will speaks of "the balance of my estate." Lopez v. Lopez, 23 S. C. 269; Brooks v. Brooks, 65 Ill. App. 331; Lynch v. Spicer, 53 W. Va. 426, 44 S. E. 255.

—Balance-sheet. When it is desired to ascertain the exact state of a merchant's business, or other commercial enterprise, at a given time, all the ledger accounts are closed up to date and balances struck; and these balances, when exhibited together on a single page, and so grouped and arranged as to close into each other and be summed up in one general result, constitute the "balance-sheet." Eyre v. Harrod, 92 Cal. 550, 28 Pac. 779.

BALCANIFER, or BALDAKINIFER. The standard-bearer of the Knights Templar.

BALCONIES. Small galleries of wood or stone on the outside of houses. The erection of them is regulated in London by the building acts.

BALDIO. In Spanish law. Waste land; land that is neither arable nor pasture. White New Recop. b. 2, tit. 1, c. 6, § 4, and note. Unappropriated public domain, not set apart for the support of municipalities. Sheldon v. Mlimo, 90 Tex. 1, 36 S. W. 415.

BALE. A pack or certain quantity of goods or merchandise, wrapped or packed up in cloth and corded round very tightly, marked and numbered with figures corresponding to those in the bills of lading for the purpose of identification. Wharton.

A bale of cotton is a certain quantity of that commodity compressed into a cubical form, so as to occupy less room than when in bogs. 2 Carr. & P. 525. Penrice v. Cocks, 2 Miss. 229. But see Bonham v. Railroad Co., 16 S. C. 634.

BALISE. Fr. In French marine law. A buoy.

BALIUS. In the civil law. A teacher; one who has the care of youth; a tutor; a guardian. Du Cange; Spelman.

BALLE. In old English law. A balliwick, or jurisdicition.

BALLAST. In marine insurance. There is considerable analogy between ballast and dunnage. The former is used for trimming the ship, and bringing it down to a draft of water proper and safe for sailing. Dunnage is placed under the cargo to keep it from being wetted by water getting into the hold, or between the different parcels to keep them from bruising and injuring each other. Great Western Ins. Co. v. Thwing, 13 Wall. 674, 20 L. Ed. 607.

BALLASTAGE. A toll paid for the privilege of taking up ballast from the bottom of a port or harbor.

BALLIVO AMOVENDO. An ancient writ to remove a bailiff from his office for want of sufficient land in the balliwick. Reg. Orig. 75.

BALLOT. In the law of elections. A slip of paper bearing the names of the offices to be filled at the particular election and the names of the candidates for whom the elector desires to vote; it may be printed, or written, or partly printed and partly written, and is deposited by the voter in a "ballot-box" which is in the custody of the officers holding the election. Opinion of Justices, 19 R. I. 729, 30 Appl. 715, 36 L. R. A. 947; Brublin v. Cleary, 26 Minn. 107, 1 N. W. 825; State v. Timothy, 147 Mo. 532, 49 S. W. 500; Taylor v. Bleakley, 55 Kan. 1, 39 Pac. 1045, 28 L. R. A. 683, 40 Am. St. Rep. 223.

Also the act of voting by ballots or tickets. A ballot is a ticket folded in such a manner that nothing written or printed thereon can be seen. Pol. Code Cal. § 1189.

A ballot is defined to be "a paper ticket containing the names of the persons for whom the elector intends to vote and designating the office to which each person so named is intended by him to be chosen." Thus a ballot, or a ticket, is a single piece of paper containing the names of the candidates and the offices for which they are running. If the elector were to write the names of the candidates upon his ticket twice or three or more times, he does not thereby make it more than one ticket. People v. Holden, 28 Cal. 136.

—Joint ballot. In parliamentary practice, a joint ballot is an election or vote by ballot participated in by the members of both houses of a legislative assembly sitting together as one body, the result being determined by a majority of the votes cast by the joint assembly thus constituted, instead of by concurrent majorities of the two houses. See State v. Shaw, 9 N. C. 144.

BALLOT BOX. A case made of wood for receiving ballots.

BALLOTEMENT. Fr. In medical jurisprudence. A test for pregnancy by palpation with the finger inserted in the vagina to the mouth of the uterus. The tip of the finger being quickly jerked upward, the
fetus, if one be present, can be felt rising upward and then settling back against the finger.

BALNEARIIL. In the Roman law. Those who stole the clothes of bathers in the public baths. 4 Bl. Comm. 239.

BANIL. 1. In old English law. A proclamation; a public notice; the announcement of an intended marriage. Cowell. An excommunication; a curse, publicly pronounced. A proclamation of silence made by a crier in court before the meeting of champions in combat. Id. A statute, edict, or command; a fine, or penalty.

2. In French law. The right of announcing the time of mowing, reaping, and gathering the vintage, exercised by certain seignorial lords. Guyot, Repert. Univ.

3. An expanse; an extent of space or territory; a space inclosed within certain limits; the limits or bounds themselves. Spelman.

4. A privileged space or territory around a town, monastery, or other place.

5. In old European law. A military standard; a thing unfurled, a banner. Spelman. A summoning to a standard; a calling out of a military force; the force itself so summoned; a national army levied by proclamation.

BANALIL. In Canadian and old French law. Pertaining to a ban or privileged place; having qualities or privileges derived from a ban. Thus, a banal mill is one to which the lord may require his tenant to carry his grain to be ground.

BANALITY. In Canadian law. The right by virtue of which a lord subjects his vassals to grind at his mill, bake at his oven, etc. Used also of the region within which this right applied. Guyot, Repert. Univ.

BANC. Bench; the seat of judgment; the place where a court permanently or regularly sits.

The full bench, full court. A "sitting in banc" is a meeting of all the judges of a court, usually for the purpose of hearing arguments on demurrers, points reserved, motions for new trial, etc., as distinguished from the sitting of a single judge at the assizes or at nisi prius and from trials at bar.

BANCII NARRATOES. In old English law. Advocates; counsors; serjeants. Applied to advocates in the common pleas courts. 1 Bl. Comm. 24; Cowell.

BANOIL. Ital. See BANC. A seat or bench of justice; also, in commerce, a word of Italian origin signifying a bank.
purpose of hearing arguments on demurrers, points reserved, motions for new trial, etc., as distinguished from the sitting of a single judge at the assizes or at nisi prius and from trials at bar. But, in this sense, banc is the more usual form of the word.

2. An institution, of great value in the commercial world, empowered to receive deposits of money, to make loans, and to issue its promissory notes. (designated to circulate as money, and commonly called "bank-notes" or "bank-bills," or) to perform any one or more of these functions.


Also the house or place where such business is carried on.

Banks in the commercial sense are of three kinds: (1) deposit; (2) discount; (3) circulation. Strictly speaking, the term "bank" implies a place for the deposit of money, as that is the most obvious purpose of such an institution. Originally the business of banking consisted only in receiving deposits, such as bullion, plate, and the like, for safe-keeping until the depositor should see fit to draw it out for use, but the business, in the progress of events, was extended, and bankers assumed to discount bills and notes, and to loan money upon mortgage, pawn, or other security, and, at a still later period, to issue notes of their own, intended as a circulating currency and a medium of exchange, instead of gold and silver. Modern bankers frequently exercise any two or even all three of those functions, but it is still true that an institution prohibited from exercising any more than one of those functions is a bank, in the strictest commercial sense. Oulton v. German Sav. & L. Soc., 17 Wall. 118. 21 L. Ed. 618; Rev. St. U. S. § 3407 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2246).

3. An activity; an elevation or mound of earth; usually applied in this sense to the raised earth bordering the sides of a water-course.

-Bank-account. A sum of money placed with a bank or banker, on deposit, by a customer, and subject to be drawn out on the latter's check. The statement or computation of the several sums deposited and those drawn out by the customer on checks, entered on the books of the bank and the depositor's pass-book. Gale v. Drake, 51 N. H. 84.-Bank-bill. A promissory note issued by a bank, payable to the bearer on demand, and designed to circulate as money. Townsend v. People, 4 Ill. 328; Low v. People, 2 Park. Cr. R. (N. Y.) 37; State v. Hayes, 21 Ind. 176; State v. Wilkins, 17 Vt. 155.-Bank-book. A book kept by a customer of a bank, showing the state of his account with it.-Bank-check. See Check.-Bank-credits. Advancements granted to a person on security given to a bank, to draw money on it to a certain extent agreed upon.-Bank-note. A promissory note issued by a bank or authorized banker, payable to bearer on demand, and intended to circulate as money. Same as Bank-bill, supra.-Bank-of-issue. One authorized by law to issue its own notes intended to circulate as money. Bank v. Gruber, 87 Pa. 471, 30 Am. Rep. 378.-Bank-stock. Shares in the capital of a bank; shares in the property of a bank.-Bank-teller. See Teller.-Joint-stock banks. In English law, joint-stock companies for the purpose of banking. They are regulated, according to the date of their incorporation, by charter, or by 7 Geo. IV. c. 46; 7 & 8 Vict. c. 32, 113; 9 & 10 Vict. c. 43. (in Scotland and Ireland.) 20 & 21 Vict. c. 49; and 27 & 28 Vict. c. 32; or by the "Joint-Stock Companies Act, 1892." (25 & 26 Vict. c. 80.) Wharton.-Savings bank. An institution in the nature of a bank, formed for the purpose of receiving deposits of money, for the benefit of the persons depositing, to accumulate the produce of so much thereof as shall not be required by the depositors, their executors or administrators, at compound interest, and to return the whole or any part of such deposit, and the produce thereof, to the depositors, their executors or administrators, deducting out of such produce so much as shall be required for the necessary expenses attending the management of such institution, but deriving no benefit whatever from such deposit or the produce thereof. Grant. Banks, 540; Johnson v. Ward, 2 Ill. App. 274; Com. v. Reading Sav. Bank, 153 Mass. 16, 19, 43 Am. Rep. 495; National Bank of Redemption v. Boston, 125 U. S. 69, 8 Sup. Ct. 772. 29 L. Ed. 689; Barrett v. Bloomfield Sav. Inst., 64 N. J. Eq. 425, 54 Atl. 543.

BANKABLE. In mercantile law. Notes, checks, bank-bills, drafts, and other securities for money, received as cash by the banks. Such commercial paper as is considered worthy of discount by bankers is often called "bankable." Allis Co. v. Power Co., 9 S. D. 420, 70 N. W. 650.


BANKER'S NOTE. A commercial instrument resembling a bank-note in every particular except that it is given by a private banker or unincorporated banking institution. See Promissory note.

BANKEROUT. O. Eng. Bankrupt; Insolvent; indebted beyond the means of payment.

BANKING. The business of receiving money on deposit, loaning money, discounting notes, issuing notes for circulation, collecting money on notes deposited, negotiating bills, etc. Bank v. Turner, 154 Ind. 495, 57 N. E. 110. See Bank; Banker.
BANKRUPT. A person who has committed an act of bankruptcy; one who has done some act or suffered some act to be done in consequence of which, under the laws of his country, he is liable to be proceeded against by his creditors for the seizure and distribution among them of his entire property. Ashby v. Steere, 2 Woodb. & M. 347, 2 Fed. Cas. 15; In re Seabright, 22 Fed. Cas. 935; U. S. v. Pusey, 27 Fed. Cas. 632.

A trader who securitizes himself or does certain other acts tending to defraud his creditors. 2 Bl. Comm. 471.

In a looser sense, an insolvent person; a broken-up or ruined trader. Everett v. Stone, 3 Story, 453, Fed. Cas. No. 4,577.

A person who, by the formal decree of a court, has been declared subject to be proceeded against under the bankruptcy laws, or entitled, on his voluntary application, to take the benefit of such laws.

BANKRUPT LAw. A law relating to bankrupts and the procedure against them in the courts. A law providing a remedy for the creditors of a bankrupt, and for the relief and restitution of the bankrupt himself.

A bankrupt law is distinguished from the ordinary law between debtor and creditor, as involving these three general principles: (1) A summary and immediate seizure of all the debtor's property; (2) a distribution of it among the creditors in general, instead of merely applying a portion of it to the payment of the individual creditors; and (3) the discharge of the debt or from future liability for the debts then existing.

The leading distinction between a bankrupt law and an insolvent law, in the proper technical sense of the words, consists in the character of the persons upon whom it is designed to operate,—the former contemplating as its objects bankrupts only, that is to say, persons of a certain description; the latter, insolvents in general, or persons unable to pay their debts. This has been here marked separately in the two cases, and systems, in principle and in practice, which in England has always been carefully maintained, although in the United States it has of late become somewhat blurred. In further illustration of this distinction, it may be observed that a bankrupt law, in its proper sense, is a remedy intended primarily for the benefit of creditors; it is set in motion at their instance, and operates upon the debtor against his will, (inasmuch) although in its result it effectually discharges him from his debts. An insolvent law, on the other hand, is chiefly intended for the benefit of the debtor, and is set in motion at his instance, though less effectually as a discharge in its final result. Sturgis v. Crowns, 4 Wheat. 194, 4 L. Ed. 523; Vanuxen v. Hazlehurst, 4 N. J. Law. 192, 7 Am. Dec. 582; Adams v. Storey, 1 Paige, 70, 1 Fed. Cas. 142; Kinnizer v. Kohaus, 5 Hill (N. Y.) 317.

The only substantial difference between a strictly bankrupt law and an insolvent law lies in the fact that the former affords relief upon the application of the creditor, and the latter upon the application of the debtor. In all other respects the character of the remedy is the same, and no difference much the modes by which the remedy may be administered may vary. Martin v. Berry, 37 Cal. 222.

BANKRUPTCY. 1. The state or condition of one who is a bankrupt; amenability to the bankrupt laws; the condition of one who has committed an act of bankruptcy, and is liable to be proceeded against by his creditors therefor, or of one whose circumstances are such that he is entitled, on his voluntary application, to take the benefit of the bankrupt laws. The term is used in a looser sense as synonymous with insolvency,—liability to pay one's debts; the stopping and breaking up of business because the trader is broken down. Insolvent, ruined. Phipps v. Harding, 70 Fed. 468, 17 C. C. A. 203, 30 L. R. A. 513; Arnold v. Maynard, 2 Story, 354, Fed. Cas. No. 561; Bernhardt v. Curtis, 100 La. 171, 33 South. 125, 94 Am. St. Rep. 445.

2. The term denotes the proceedings taken under the bankrupt law, against a person (or firm or company) to have him adjudged a bankrupt, and to have his estate administered for the benefit of the creditors, and divided among them.

3. That branch of jurisprudence, or system of law and practice, which is concerned with the definition and ascertainment of acts of bankruptcy and the administration of bankruptcies' estates for the benefit of their creditors and the absolution and restitution of bankrupts.

As to the distinction between bankruptcy and insolvency, it may be said that insolvent laws operate at the instance of an imprisoned debtor; bankruptcy laws at the instance of a creditor. But the line of partition between bankrupt and insolvent laws is not so distinctly marked as to define what belongs exclusively to the one and not to the other class of laws. Sturgess v. Crowninshield, 4 Wheat. 122. 4 L. Ed. 529.

Insolvency means a simple inability to pay, as debts should become payable, whereby the debtor's business would be broken up; bankruptcy means the particular legal status, to be ascertained and declared by a judicial decree. In re Blake v. Bankrupt, 106 Fed. 51.

Classification. Bankruptcy (in the sense of proceedings taken under the bankruptcy law) is either voluntary or involuntary; the former when the proceeding is initiated by the debtor's voluntary petition; the latter when the creditors have the benefit of the law (In re Murray [D. C.] 96 Fed. 600; Motsker v. Bonebrake, 108 U. S. 662, 2 Sup. Ct. 351, 27 L. Ed. 654), the latter where he is forced into bankruptcy on the petition of a sufficient number of his creditors.

Act of bankruptcy, see Act—Adjudication of bankruptcy. The judgment or decree of a court having jurisdiction, that a person against whom a petition in bankruptcy has been filed, or who has filed his voluntary petition, be ordered and adjudged to be a bankrupt—Bankruptcy courts. Courts for the administration of the bankruptcy laws. The present English bankruptcy courts are the London bankruptcy court, the court of appeal, and the High bankruptcy courts created by the bankruptcy act, 1869. Bankruptcy proceedings. The term includes all proceedings for determining jurisdiction in bankruptcy, founded on a petition in bankruptcy and either directly or collaterally involved in the adjudication and discharge of the bankrupt and the collection and administration of his estate. Ridder v. Horrobin, 72 N. Y. 167.

BANLEUCA. An old law term, signifying a space or tract of country around a
city, town, or monastery, distinguished and protected by peculiar privileges. Spelman.

**BANLIEU** or **BANLIEUE.** A French and Canadian law term, having the same meaning as *banlieuca,* (q. v.)

**BANNERET.** See Baronet.

**BANNI, or BANNITUS.** In old law, one under a ban, (q. v.) an outlaw or banished man. Brit. cc. 12, 13; Calvin.

**BANNI NUPTIARUM.** L. Lat. In old English law. The bans of matrimony.

**BANNIMUS.** We ban or expel. The form of expulsion of a member from the University of Oxford, by affixing the sentence in some public places, as a promulgation of it. Cowell.

**BANNIRE AD PLACITA, AD MODERABUM.** To summon tenants to serve at the lord's courts, to bring corn to be ground at his mill.

**BANNS.** See Bans of Matrimony.

**BANNUM.** A ban, (q. v.)

**BANNUS.** In old English law. A proclamation. *Bannus regis,* the king's proclamation, made by the voice of a herald, forbidding all present at the trial by combat to interfere either by motion or word, whatever they might see or hear. Bract. fol. 142.

**BANQUE.** Fr. A bench; the table or counter of a trader, merchant, or banker. *Banque route*; a broken bench or counter; bankrupt.

**BANS OF MATRIMONY.** A public announcement of an intended marriage, required by the English law to be made in a church or chapel, during service, on three consecutive Sundays before the marriage is celebrated. The object is to afford an opportunity for any person to interpose an objection if he knows of any impediment or other just cause why the marriage should not take place. The publication of the bans may be dispensed with by procuring a special license to marry.

**BANYAN.** In East Indian law. A Hindu merchant or shop-keeper. The word is used in Bengal to denote the native who manages the money concerns of a European, and sometimes serves him as an interpreter.

**BAR.** 1. A partition or railing running across a court-room, intended to separate the general public from the space occupied by the judges, counsel, jury, and others concerned in the trial of a cause. In the English courts it is the partition behind which all outer-bar-
risters and every member of the public must stand. Solicitors, being officers of the court, are admitted within it; as are also queen's counsel, barristers with patents of precedence, and serjeants, in virtue of their ranks. Parties who appear in person also are placed within the bar on the floor of the court.

2. The term also designates a particular part of the court-room; for example, the place where prisoners stand at their trial, whence the expression "prisoner at the bar."

3. It further denotes the presence, actual or constructive, of the court. Thus, a trial at bar is one had before the full court, distinguished from a trial had before a single judge at nisi prius. So the "case at bar" is the case now before the court and under its consideration; the case being tried or argued.

4. In the practice of legislative bodies, the bar is the outer boundary of the house, and therefore all persons, not being members, who wish to address the house, or are summoned to it, appear at the bar for that purpose.

5. In another sense, the whole body of attorneys and counsellors, or the members of the legal profession, collectively, are figuratively called the "bar," from the place which they usually occupy in court. They are thus distinguished from the "bench," which term denotes the whole body of judges.

6. In the law of contracts, "bar" means an impediment, an obstacle, or preventive barrier. Thus, relationship within the prohibited degrees is a bar to marriage. In this sense also we speak of the "bar of the statute of limitations."

7. It further means that which defeats, annuls, cuts off, or puts an end to. Thus, a provision "in bar of dower" is one which has the effect of defeating or cutting off the dower-rights which the wife would otherwise become entitled to in the particular land.

8. In pleading, it denoted a special plea, constituting a sufficient answer to an action at law; and so called because it barred, i.e., prevented, the plaintiff from further prosecuting it with effect, and, if established by proof, defeated and destroyed the action altogether. Now called a special "plea in bar." See PLEA IN BAR.

**BAR FEE.** In English law. A fee taken by the sheriff, time out of mind, for every prisoner who is acquitted. Bac. Abr. "Exortion." Abolished by St. 14 Geo. III. c. 26; 55 Geo. III. c. 50; 8 & 9 Vict. c. 114.

**BARAGARIA.** Span. A concubine, whom a man keeps alone in his house, unconnected with any other woman. Las Partidas, pt. 4. tit. 14.

**Baratriam committit qui propter pecuniam justitiam baractat.** He is guilty of barratry who for money sells justice. Bell.
BARBANUS

BARBANUS. In old Lombardic law. An uncle, (*patruus*).

BARBICANAGE. In old European law. Money paid to support a barbacan or watchtower.

BARBITTS. L. Fr. (Modern Fr. *brebis*.) Sheep. See Milen v. Faenw, Bendloe, 171, "*home ave petit chien chase barbitts.""

BARE TRUSTEE. A person to whose fiduciary office no duties were originally attached, or who, although such duties were originally attached to his office, would, on the requisition of his *custus que trust*, be compellable in equity to convey the estate to them or by their direction. 1 Ch. Div. 279.

BARET. L. Fr. A wrangling suit. Britt. c. 92; Co. Litt. 368b.

BARGAIN. A mutual undertaking, contract, or agreement.

A contract or agreement between two parties, the one to sell goods or lands, and the other to buy them. Hunt v. Adams, 5 Mass. 390, 4 Am. Dec. 68; Sage v. Wilcox, 6 Conn. 91; Bank v. Archer, 16 Miss. 192.

"If the word 'agreement' imports a mutual act of two parties, surely the word 'bargain' is not less significant of the consent of two. In a popular sense, the former word is frequently used as declaring the engagement of one only. A man may agree to pay money or to perform some other act, and the word is then used synonymously with 'promise' or 'engage.' But the word 'bargain' is seldom used, unless to express a mutual contract or undertaking." Packard v. Richardson, 17 Mass. 131, 9 Am. Dec. 123.

—Bargains. The party to a bargain to whom the subject-matter of the bargain or thing bargained for is to go; the grantee in a deed of bargain and sale.—Bargainer. The party to a bargain who is to perform the contract by delivery of the subject-matter.—Catching bargain. A bargain by which money is loaned, at an extortionate or extravagant rate, to be repaid on the vesting of his interest; or a similar unconscionable bargain with such person for the purchase outright of his expectancy.

BARGAIN AND SALE. In conveyancing. The transferring of the property of a thing from one to another, upon valuable consideration, by way of sale. Shep. Touch. (by Preston.) 221.

A contract or bargain by the owner of land, in consideration of money or its equivalent paid, to sell land to another person, called the "bargainer," whereupon a use arises in favor of the latter, to whom the seisin is transferred by force of the statute of uses. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 128; Brittin v. Free- man, 17 N. J. Law. 231; Iowa v. McFarland, 110 U. S. 471; 4 Sup. Ct. 210, 25 L. Ed. 198; Love v. Miller, 50 Ind. 206; 21 Am. Rep. 192; Siller v. Beates, 9 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 176.

The expression "bargain and sale" is also applied to transfers of personality, in cases where there is first an executory agreement for the sale, (the bargain,) and then an actual and completed sale.

The proper and technical words to denote a bargain and sale are "bargain and sell;" but any other words that are sufficient to raise a use upon a valuable consideration are sufficient. 2 Wood: Conv. 15; Jackson ex dem. Hudson v. Alexander, 3 Johns. 484, 3 Am. Dec. 517.

BARK. Is sometimes figuratively used to denote the mere words or letter of an instrument, or outer covering of the ideas sought to be expressed, as distinguished from its inner substance or essential meaning. "If the bark makes for them, the pith makes for us." Bacon.

BARLEYCORN. In linear measure. The third of an inch.

BARMOTE COURTS. Courts held in certain mining districts belonging to the Duchy of Lancaster, for regulation of the mines, and for deciding questions of title and other matters relating thereto. 3 Steph. Comm. 347, note b.

BARNARD'S INN. An inn of chancery. See INNS OF CHANCERY.

BARO. An old law term signifying, originally, a "man," whether slave or free. In later usage, a "freeman," a "strong man," a "good soldier," a "baron," also a "vassal," or "feudal tenant or client," and "husband," the last being the most common meaning of the word.

BARON. A lord or nobleman; the most general title of nobility in England. 1 Bl. Comm. 398, 399.

A particular degree or title of nobility, next to a viscount.

A Judge of the court of exchequer. 3 Bl. Comm. 44; Cowell.

A freeman. Co. Litt. 58a. Also a vassal holding directly from the king.

A husband; occurring in this sense in the phrase "baron et femae," husband and wife.—Baron and femae. Husband and wife. A wife being under the protection and influence of her baron, lord, or husband, is styled a "femae-covert," (farnma vico cooptata) and her state of marriage is called her "coverture." Cummins v. Everett, 82 Me. 239, 19 Atl. 456. —Barons of the cinque ports. Members of parliament from these ports, viz.: Sandwich, Romney, Hastings, Hythe, and Dover. Winchelsea and Rye have been added.—Barons of the exchequer. The six judges of the court of exchequer in England, of whom one is styled the "chief baron," answering to the justices and chief justice of other courts.

BARONAGE. In English law. The collective body of the barons, or of the nobility at large. Spelman.
BARONET. An English name or title of dignity, (but not a title of nobility) established A. D. 1611 by James I. It is created by letters patent, and descends to the male heir. Spelman

BARONY. The dignity of a baron; a species of tenure; the territory or lands held by a baron. Spelman.

—Barony of land. In England, a quantity of land amounting to 15 acres. In Ireland, a subdivision of a county.

BARRA, or BARRE. In old practice. A plea in bar. The bar of the court. A barrister.

BARRATOR. One who is guilty of the crime of barratry.

BARRATROUS. Fraudulent; having the character of barratry

BARRATRY. In maritime law. An act committed by the master or mariners of a vessel, for some unlawful or fraudulent purpose, contrary to their duty to the owners, whereby the latter sustain injury. It may include negligence, if so gross as to evidence fraud. Marcindier v. Insurance Co., 3 Cranch, 49, 3 L. Ed. 481; Atkinson v. Insurance Co., 65 N. Y. 538; Atkinson v. Insurance Co., 4 Daily (N. Y.) 10; Patapsco Ins. Co. v. Coulter, 3 Pet. 231, 7 L. Ed. 659; Lawton v. Insurance Co., 2 Cush. (Mass.) 501; Earle v. Rowcroft, 8 East, 135.

Barratry is some fraudulent act of the master or mariners, tending to their own benefit, to the prejudice of the owner of the vessel, without his privity or consent. Kendrick v. Delaware, 2 Caines (N. Y.) 67.

Barratry is a generic term, which includes many acts of various kinds and degrees. It comprehends any unlawful, fraudulent, or dishonest act of the master or mariners, and every violation of duty by them arising from gross and culpable negligence, contrary to their duty to the owner of the vessel, and which might work loss or injury to him in the course of the voyage insured. A mutiny of the crew, and forcible dispossession by them of the master and other officers from the ship, is a form of barratry. Greene v. Pacific Mut. Ins. Co., 9 Allen (Mass.) 217.


Also spelled "Barrettry," which see.

In Scottish law. The crime committed by a judge who receives a bribe for his judgment. Skene; Brande.

BARRERED. Obstructed by a bar; subject to hindrance or obstruction by a bar or barrier which, if intercepted, will prevent legal redress or recovery; as, when it is said that a claim or cause of action is "barred by the statute of limitations." Knox County v. Morton, 68 Fed. 791, 15 C. C. A. 671; Cowan v. Mueller, 176 Mo. 192, 75 S. W. 606; Wilson v. Knox County, 132 Mo. 387, 34 S. W. 45, 477.

BARRER. A measure of capacity, equal to thirty-six gallons.

In agricultural and mercantile parlance, as also in the inspection laws, the term "barrer" means, prima facie, not merely a certain quantity, but, further, a certain state of the article; namely, that it is in a cask. State v. Moore, 33 N. C. 72.

BARREN MONEY. In the civil law. A debt which bears no interest.

BARRENNESS. Sterility; the incapacity to bear children.

BARRETO. In criminal law. A common mover, exciter, or maintainer of suits and quarrels either in courts or elsewhere in the country; a disturber of the peace who spreads false rumors and calumnies, whereby discord and disquiet may grow among neighbors. Co. Litt. 308.

—Common barrer. One who frequently excites and stirs up groundless suits and quarrels, either at law or otherwise. State v. Chitty, 1 Bailey. (S. C.) 379; Com. v. Davis, 11 Pick. (Mass.) 322.

BARRERY. In criminal law. The act or offense of a barrer, (q. v.) usually called "common barrery." The offense of frequently exciting and stirring up suits and quarrels, either at law or otherwise. 4 Bl. Comm. 334; 4 Steph. Comm. 262.

BARRIER. In mining law and the usage of miners, is a wall of coal left between two mines.

BARRISTER. In English law. An advocate; one who has been called to the bar. The counsellor learned in the law who pleads at the bar of the courts, and who is engaged in conducting the trial or argument of causes. To be distinguished from the attorney, who draws the pleadings, prepares the testimony, and conducts matters out of court. In re Rickert, 66 N. H. 207, 29 Atl. 559, 24 L. R. A. 740. In ren barrister. A serjeant or king's counsel who pleads within the bar. Outen barrister. One who pleads "ouster" or without the bar.

Vacation barrister. A counselly newly called to the bar, who is to attend for several long vacations the exercise of the house.

Junior barrister. A barrister under the rank of queen's counsel. Also the junior of two counsel employed on the same side in a case. Mozley & Whitley.

BARTER. A contract by which parties exchange goods or commodities for other goods. It differs from sale, in this: that in
the latter transaction goods or property are always exchanged for money. Guererro v. Pelie, 3 Barn. & Ald. 617; Cooper v. State, 37 Ark. 486; Meyer v. Rousseau, 47 Ark. 440. 2 S. W. 112.

This term is not applied to contracts concerning land, but to such only as relate to goods and chattels. Barter is a contract by which the parties exchange goods. Spiegel v. Meredith, 4 Blas. 123, Fed. Cas. No. 13-227.

**BARTON.** In old English law. The demesne land of a manor; a farm distinct from the mansion.

**BASE.** Fr. Low; inferior; subordinate.

--- **Bas chevaliers.** In old English law. Low, or inferior knights, by tenure of a base military fee, as distinguished from barons and banerets, who were the chief or superior knights. Cowell.—**Bas ville.** In French law. The suburbs of a town.

**BASE,** adj. Low; inferior; servile; of subordinate degree; impure, adulterated, or alloyed.

--- **Base animal.** See **ANIMAL.** **Base bullion.** Base silver bullion is silver in bars mixed to a greater or less extent with alloys or base materials. Hope Min. Co. v. Kennon, 3 Mont. 44.—**Base coin.** Debased, adulterated, or alloyed coin. Gabe v. State, 6 Ark. 540.—**Base court.** In English law. Any inferior court that is not of record, as a court baron, etc. Kitch. 95, 96; Cowell.—**Base estate.** The estate which "base tenants" (q. v.) have in their land. Cowell.—**Base fee.** In English law. An estate or fee which has a qualification subjoined thereto, and which must be determined whenever the qualification annexed to it is at an end. 2 Bl. Comm. 100. Wiggins Ferry Co. v. Railroad Co., 94 Ill. 93; Camp Meeting Ass'n v. East Lymne. 54 Conn. 122, 5 Atl. 540.—**Base fuelment.** In Scotch law. A disposition of lands by a vassal, to be held of himself.—**Base right.** In Scotch law. A subordinate right; the right of a subvassal in the lands held by him. Bell.—**Base services.** In feudal law. Such services as were unworthy to be performed by the nobler men, and were performed by the peasants and those of servile rank. 2 Bl. Comm. 61.—**Base tenants.** Tenants who performed to their lords services in villeinage; tenants who held at the will of the lord, as distinguished from **frank tenants, or freeholders.** Cowell.—**Base tenure.** A tenancy by villeinage, or other customary service, as distinguished, from tenure by military service, or from tenure by free service. Cowell.

**BASILEUS.** A Greek word, meaning "king." A title assumed by the emperors of the Eastern Roman Empire. It is used by Justinian in some of the Novels; and is said to have been applied to the English kings before the Conquest. See 1 Bl. Comm. 242.

**BASILICA.** The name given to a compilation of Roman and Greek law, prepared about A. D. 880 by the Emperor Basilius, and published by his successor, Leo the Philosopher. It was written in Greek, was mainly an abridgment of Justinian's **Corpus Juris,** and comprised sixty books, only a portion of which are extant. It remained the law of the Eastern Empire until the fall of Constantinople, in 1453.

**BASILS.** In old English law. A kind of money or coin abolished by Henry II.


**BASKET TENURE.** In feudal law. Lands held by the service of making the king's baskets.

**BASSE JUSTICE.** In feudal law. Low justice; the right exercised by feudal lords of personally trying persons charged with trespasses or minor offenses.

**BASTARD.** An illegitimate child; a child born of an unlawful intercourse, and while its parents are not united in marriage. Timmins v. Lacy, 30 Tex. 135; Miller v. Anderson, 43 Ohio St. 473, 3 N. E. 605, 54 Am. Rep. 825; Peiruz v. Dawson, 82 Tex. 18, 17 S. W. 714; Smith v. Perry, 80 Va. 570.

A child born after marriage, but under circumstances which render it impossible that the husband of his mother can be his father. Com. v. Shepherd, 6 Blin. (Pa.) 283, 6 Am. Dec. 440.

One begotten and born out of lawful wedlock. 2 Kent, Comm. 298.


A bastard is a child born out of wedlock, and whose parents do not subsequently intermarry, or a child the issue of adulterous intercourse of the wife during wedlock. Code Ga. 1882, § 1797.

--- **Bastard eign.** In old English law. Bastard elder. If a child was born of an illicit connection, and afterwards the parents intermarried and had another son, the elder was called "bastard eign," and the younger, "muter putane," i. e., afterwards born of the wife. See 2 Bl. Comm. 248.—**Special bastard.** One born of parents before marriage, the parents afterwards intermarrying. By the civil and Scotch law he would be then legitimated.

**BASTARDA.** In old English law. A female bastard. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 5, § 40.

--- **BASTARDIZE.** To declare one a bastard, as a court does. To give evidence to prove one a bastard. A mother (married) cannot bastardize her child.

**Bastardus nullius est filius, aut filius populi.** A bastard is nobody's son, or the son of the people.

**Bastardus non potest habere heredem nisi de corpore suo legitime procreatum.** A bastard can have no heir unless it be one lawsfully begotten of his own body. Tray. Lat. Max. 51.

BASTARDY PROCESS. The method provided by statute of proceeding against the putative father to secure a proper maintenance for the bastard.

BASTON. In old English law, a baton, club, or staff. A term applied to officers of the wardens of the prison called the "Fleet," because of the staff carried by them. Cowell; Spelman; Termes de la Ley.

BATTLE-GROUND. Land that is in controversy, or about the possession of which there is a dispute, as the lands which were situated between England and Scotland before the Union. Skene.

BATTLE. In old English law. Battle; the trial by combat or duelum.

BATH, KNIGHTS OF THE. In English law. A military order of knighthood, instituted by Richard II. The order was newly regulated by notifications in the London Gazette of 25th May, 1947, and 16th August, 1850. Wharton

BATEMENT. In French marine law. A vessel or ship.

BATONNIER. The chief of the French bar in its various centres, who presides in the council of discipline. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 546.

BATTLE. Trial by combat; wager of battle.

BATTLE, WAGER OF. In old English law. A form of trial anciently used in military cases, arising in the court of chivalry and honor, in appeals of felony, in criminal cases, and in the obsolete real action called a "writ of action." The question at issue was decided by the result of a personal combat between the parties, or, in the case of a writ of right, between their champions.


A battery is a wilful and unlawful use of force or violence upon the person of another. Pen. Code Cal. § 242; Pen. Code Dak. § 306.

The actual offer to use force to the injury of another person is assault; the use of it is battery; hence the two terms are commonly combined in the term "assault and battery."

SIMPLE BATTERY. In criminal law and torts. A beating of a person, not accompanied by circumstances of aggravation, or not resulting in grievous bodily injury.

BATTERY. In Louisiana. A marine term used to denote a bottom of sand, stone, or rock mixed together and rising towards the surface of the water; an elevation of the bed of a river under the surface of the water, since it is rising towards it; sometimes, however, used to denote the same elevation of the bank when it has risen above the surface of the water, or is as high as the land on the outside of the bank. In this latter sense it is synonymous with "alluvion." It means, in common-law language, land formed by accretion. Morgan v. Livingston, 6 Mart. (O. S.) (La.) 111; Hollingsworth v. Chaffe, 33 La. Ann. 551; New Orleans v. Morris, 3 Woods, 117, Fed. Cas. No. 10,183; Leonard v. Baton Rouge, 39 La. Ann. 275, 4 South. 243.

BAWD. One who procures opportunities for persons of opposite sexes to cohabit in an illicit manner; who may be, while exercising the trade of a bawd, perfectly innocent of committing in his or her own proper person the crime either of adultery or of fornication. See Dyer v. Morris, 4 Mo. 210.


BAY. A pond-head made of a great height to keep the water for the supply of a mill, etc., so that the wheel of the mill may be turned by the water rushing thereon, through a passage or flood-gate. St. 27 Eliz. c. 19. Also an arm of the sea surrounded by land except at the entrance.


BAYOU. A species of creek or stream common in Louisiana and Texas. An outlet from a swamp, pond, or lagoon, to a river, or the sea. See Surgett v. Laplce, 8 How. 43, 70, 12 L. Ed. 982.

BEACH. This term, in its ordinary significance, when applied to a place on tide-
waters, means the space between ordinary high and low water mark, or the space over which the tide usually ebbs and flows. It is a term not more significant of a sea margin than "shore." Niles v. Patch, 13 Gray (Mass.) 257.

The term designates land washed by the sea and its waves: is synonymous with "shore." Littlefield v. Littlefield, 26 Me. 180.

When used in reference to places near the sea, beach means the land between the lines of high water and low water, over which the tide ebbs and flows. Hodge v. Boothby, 48 Me. 68.

Beach means the shore or strand. Cutts v. Hussey, 15 Me. 257.

Beach, when used in reference to places anywhere in the vicinity of the sea, means the territory lying between the lines of high water and low water, over which the tide ebbs and flows. It is in this respect synonymous with "shore," "strand," or "shore." Doane v. Wheat, 5 Gray (Mass.) 328, 335, 66 Am. Dec. 309.

Beach generally denotes land between high and low water mark. East Hampton v. Kirk, 6 Hun (N. Y.) 257.

To "beach" a ship is to run it upon the beach or shore; this is frequently found necessary in case of fire, a leak, etc.

BEACON. A light-house, or sea-mark, formerly used to alarm the country, in case of the approach of an enemy, but now used for the guidance of ships at sea, by night, as well as by day.

BEACONAGE. Money paid for the maintenance of a beacon or signal-light.

BEADLE. In English ecclesiastical law. An inferior parish officer, who is chosen by the vestry, and whose business is to attend the vestry, to give notice of its meetings, to execute its orders, to attend upon inquests, and to assist the constables. Wharton.

BEAMS AND BALANCE. Instruments for weighing goods and merchandise.

BEAR. To support, sustain, or carry; to give rise to, or to produce, something else as an incident or auxiliary.

—Bear arms. To carry arms as weapons and with reference to their military use, not to wear them about the person as part of the dress. Aymette v. State, 2 Humph. (Tenn.) 158. As applied to fire-arms, includes the right to load and shoot them, and to use them as such things are generally used. 101 v. State, 53 Ga. 489. —Bear interest. To generate interest, so that the instrument or loan spoken of shall produce or yield interest at the rate specified by the parties or granted by law. Slaughter v. Slaughter, 21 Ind. App. 641, 52 N. E. 995.—Bearers. One who carries or holds a thing. When a check, note, draft, etc., is payable to "bearer," it imports that the contents thereof shall be payable to any person who may present the instrument for payment. Thompson v. Perle, 106 Ga. 58, 3 Sup. Ct. 564, 565, 27 J. L. Ed. 288; Bradford v. Jenks, 3 Fed. Cas. 1,132; Hubbard v. Railroad Co., 14 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 278.—Bearers. In old English law.

Those who bore down upon or oppressed others; maintainers. Cowell.—Bearing date. Disclosure of a date on its face; having a certain date. These words are often used in conveyancing, and in pleading, to introduce the date which has been put upon an instrument.

BEAST. An animal; a domestic animal; a quadruped, such as may be used for food or in labor or for sport.


BEAT, v. In the criminal law and law of torts, with reference to assault and battery, this term includes any unlawful physical violence offered to another. See Battery. In other connections, it is understood in a more restricted sense, and includes only the infliction of one or more blows. Regina v. Hale, 2 Car. & K. 227; Com. v. Melian, 101 Mass. 35; State v. Harrigan, 4 Pennewill (Del.) 129, 55 Atl. 5.

BEAT, n. In some of the southern states (as Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina) the principal legal subdivision of a county, corresponding to towns or townships in other states; or a voting precinct. Williams v. Pearson, 38 Ala. 308.

BEAU-PLEADER, (to plead fairly.) In English law. An obsoleto writ upon the statute of Marbridgi, (52 Hen. III. c. 11.) which enacts that neither in the circuits of the justices, nor in counties, hundreds, or courts-baron, any fines shall be taken for fair-pleading, & c., for not pleading fairly or aply to the purpose; upon this statute, then, this writ was ordained, addressed to the sheriff, bailiff, or him who shall demand such fine, prohibiting him to demand it: an alias, pluries, and attachment followed. Fitch. Nat. Brev. 596.

BED, 1. The hollow or channel of a water-course; the depression between the banks worn by the regular and usual flow of the water.

"The bed is that soil so usually covered by water as to be distinguishable from the banks by the character of the soil, or vegetation, or both, produced by the common presence and action of flowing water." Howard v. Ingersoll, 13 How. 427, 14 L. Ed. 180. And see Prince Lumber Co. v. U. S. (C. C.) 55 Fed. 894; Alabama v. Georgia, 25 How. 515, 16 L. Ed. 556; Hales v. Kechuk, 4 Iowa, 215; Peiley v. MacPatty
No. 2, 18 La. 283; Harlan, etc., Co. v. Paschall, 5 Del. Ch. 463.

2. The right of cohabitation or marital intercourse; as in the phrase “divorce from bed and board,” or a mensa et thoro.

—Bed of justice. In old French law. The seat or throne upon which the king sat when personally present in parliament; hence it signified the parliament itself.

BEDEL. In English law. A crier or messenger of court, who summons men to appear and answer therein. Cowell.

An officer of the forest, similar to a sheriffs special bailiff. Cowell.

A collector of rents for the king. Plowd.

199, 200.

A well-known parish officer. See Beadle.

BEDELLARY. The jurisdiction of a bedel, as a bailiff is the jurisdiction of a bailiff. Co. Litt. 2344; Cowell.

BEDERPE. A service which certain tenants were ancienly bound to perform, as to reap their landlord’s corn at harvest. Said by Whishaw to be still in existence in some parts of England. Blount; Cowell; Whishaw.

BEER. A liquor compounded of malt and hops.

In its ordinary sense, denotes a beverage which is intoxicating, and is within the fair meaning of the words “strong or spirituous liquors,” used in the statutes on this subject. Tompkins County v. Taylor, 21 N. Y. 175; Nevin v. Ladue, 3 Denio (N. Y.) 44; Mullen v. State, 96 Ind. 306; People v. Wheelock, 3 Parker, Cr. Cas. (N. Y.) 14; Maller v. State, 2 Tex. Civ. App. 296, 21 S. W. 974.

—Beer-house. In English law. A place where beer is sold to be consumed on the premises; as distinguished from a “beer-shop,” which is a place where beer is sold to be consumed off the premises. 16 Cha. Div. 721.

BEFORE. Prior to; preceding. In the presence of; under the official purview of; as in a magistrates jurat, “before me personally appeared,” etc.

In the absence of any statutory provision governing the computation of time, the authorities are uniform that, where an act is required to be done a certain number of days or weeks before a certain other day upon which another act is to be done, the day upon which the first act is done is to be excluded from the computation, and the whole number of days or weeks must intervene before the day fixed for doing the second act. Ward v. Walters, 95 Wis. 44, 22 N. W. 844, and cases cited.

BEG. To solicit alms or charitable aid. The act of a cripple in passing along the sidewalk and silently holding out his hand and receiving money from passers-by is “begging for alms,” within the meaning of a statute which uses that phrase. In re Haller, 3 Abb. N. C. (N. Y.) 85.

BEGA. A land measure used in the East Indies. In Bengal it is equal to about a third part of an acre.

BEGGAR. One who lives by begging charity, or who has no other means of support than solicited alms.

BEGUM. In India. A lady, princess, woman of high rank.

BEHALF. A witness testifies on “behalf” of the party who calls him, notwithstanding his evidence proves to be adverse to that party’s case. Richerson v. Sternburg, 65 Ill. 274. See, further, 12 Q. B. 893; 18 Q. B. 512.

BEHAVIOR. Manner of behaving, whether good or bad; conduct; manners; carriage of one’s self, with respect to propriety and morals; deportment. Webster. State v. Roll. 1 Ohio Dec. 284.

Surety to be of good behavior is said to be a larger requirement than surety to keep the peace.

BEHETRIA. In Spanish law. Lands situated in places where the inhabitants had the right to select their own lords.

BEHOOF. Use; benefit; profit; service; advantage. It occurs in conveyances, e. g., “to his and their use and behoof.” Stiles v. Japhet, 84 Tex. 91, 19 S. W. 450.

BELIEF. A conviction of the truth of a proposition, existing subjectively in the mind, and induced by argument, persuasion, or proof addressed to the judgment. Keller v. State, 102 Ga. 500, 31 S. E. 92. Belief is to be distinguished from “proof,” “evidence,” and “testimony.” See Evidence.

With regard to things which make not a very deep impression on the memory, it may be called “belief.” “Knowledge” is nothing more than a man’s firm belief. The difference is ordinarily merely in the degree; to be judged of by the court, when addressed to the court: by the jury, when addressed to the jury. Hatch v. Carpenter, 9 Gray (Mass.) 274.

The distinction between the two mental conditions seems to be that knowledge is an assurance of a fact or proposition founded on perception by the senses, or intuition; while belief is an assurance gained by evidence, and from other persons. Abbott.

BELIGERENT. In international law. A term used to designate either of two nations which are actually in a state of war with each other, as well as their allies actively co-operating; as distinguished from a nation which takes no part in the war and maintains a strict indifference as between the contending parties, called a “neutral.” U. S. v. The Ambrose Light (D. C.) 25 Fed. 412; Johnson v. Jones, 44 Ill. 151, 92 Am. Dec. 159.

Bello parta sedunt respublicae. Things acquired in war belong or go to the state.
BELUM


BELUM. Lat. In public law. War. An armed contest between nations; the state of those who forcibly content with each other. Jus belli, the law of war.

BELOW. In practice. Inferior; of inferior jurisdiction, or jurisdiction in the first instance. The court from which a cause is removed for review is called the "court below."

Preliminary; auxiliary or Instrumental. Ball to the sheriff is called "ball below," as being preliminary to and intended to secure the putting in of bail above, or special bail. See Bail.

BENCH. A seat of judgment or tribunal for the administration of justice; the seat occupied by judges in courts; also the court itself, as the "King's Bench," or the aggregate of the judges composing a court, as in the phrase "before the full bench."

The collective body of the judges in a state or nation, as distinguished from the body of attorneys and advocates, who are called the "bar."

In English ecclesiastical law. The aggregate body of bishops.

—Bench warrant. Process issued by the court itself, or "from the bench," for the attachment or arrest of a person; either in case of contempt, or where an indictment has been found, or to bring in a witness who does not obey the subpoena. So called to distinguish it from a warrant, issued by a justice of the peace, alderman, or commissioner. —Benchers. In English law. Seniors in the inns of court, usually, but not necessarily, queen's counsel, elected by co-option, and having the entire management of the property of their respective inns.

BENE. Lat. Well; in proper form: legally; sufficiently.

Benedicta est expositio quando res redimitur & destructionis. 4 Coke, 26. Blessed is the exposition when anything is saved from destruction. It is a laudable interpretation which gives effect to the instrument, and does not allow its purpose to be frustrated.

BENEFICE. In ecclesiastical law. In its technical sense, this term includes ecclesiastical prebendary to which rank or public office is attached, otherwise described as ecclesiastical dignities or offices, such as bishoprics, deaneries, and the like; but in popular acceptation, it is almost invariably appropriated to rectories, vicarages, perpetual curacies, district churches, and endowed chapelries. 3 Steph. Comm. 77.

"Benefice" is a term derived from the feudal law, in which it signified a permanent stipendary estate, or an estate held by feudal tenure. 3 Steph. Comm. 77, note 4; 4 Bl. Comm. 107.

BÉNÉFICE. Fr. In French law. A benefit or advantage, and particularly a privilege given by the law rather than by the agreement of the parties.

—Bénéfice de discussion. Benefit of discussion. The right of a guarantor to require that the creditor should exhaust his remedies against the principal debtor before having recourse to the guarantor himself. —Bénéfice de division. Benefit of division. Right of contribution between co-sureties. —Bénéfice d'inventeraire. A term which corresponds to the beneficium inventarii of Roman law, and substantially to the English law doctrine that the executor properly accounting is only liable to the extent of the assets received by him. —Bénéficiaire. The person in whose favor a promissory note or bill of exchange is payable; or any person in whose favor a contract of any description is executed. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 541.

BENEFICIAL. Tending to the benefit of a person; yielding a profit, advantage, or benefit; enjoying or entitled to a benefit or profit. In re Importers' Exchange (Com. Pl.) 2 N. Y. Supp. 257; Regina v. Vange, 3 Adol. & El. (N. S.) 254. This term is applied both to estates (as a "beneficial interest") and to persons, (as "the beneficial owner.")

—Beneficial association. Another name for a benefit corporation. See Benefit, enjoyment. The enjoyment which a man has of an estate in his own right and for his own benefit, and not as trustee for another. 11 H. L. Cas. 271. —Beneficial estate. An estate in expectancy is one where the right to the possession is postponed to a future period, and is "beneficial" where the devisee takes solely for his own use or benefit, and not as the mere holder of the title for the use of another. In re Seaman's Estate, 167 N. Y. 283; 41 N. E. 36.

—Beneficial interest. Profit, benefit, or advantage resulting from a contract, or the ownership of an estate as distinct from the legal ownership or control. —Beneficial power. In New York law and practice. A power which has for its object the donees of the power, and which is to be executed solely for his benefit; as distinguished from a trust power, which has for its object a person other than the donee, and is to be executed solely for the benefit of such person. Dec., 1901; 73 N. Y. Comboy, 13; 70 N. Y. 395; Rev. St. N. Y. § 79. —Beneficial use. The right to use and enjoy property according to one's own liking or so as to derive a profit or benefit from it, including all that makes it desirable or habitable, as, light, air, and access; as distinguished from a mere right of occupancy or possession. Reining v. Railroad Co. (Super. Ct.) 13 N. Y. Supp. 240.

BENEFICIARY. One for whose benefit a trust is created; a cestus que trust. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 321; In re Welch, 20 App. Div. 412, 46 N. Y. Supp. 659; Civ. Code Cal. 1903, § 2218. A person having the enjoyment of property of which a trustee, executor, etc., has the legal possession. The person to whom a policy of insurance is payable. Rev. St. Tex. 1895, art. 3096a.

—Beneficiary heir. In the law of Louisiana. One who has accepted the succession under the benefit of the inventory. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 883. Also one who may accept the succession. Succession of Gusman, 36 La. Ann. 296.
BENEFICIO PRIMA [ECCLASIASTICO HABENDO.] In English law. An ancient writ, which was addressed by the king to the lord chancellor, to bestow the benefice that should first fall in the royal gift, above or under a specified value, upon a person named therein. Reg.Orig. 307.

BENEFICIUM. In early feudal law. A benefice; a permanent stipendary estate; the same with what was afterwards called a "fief," "fend," or "fee." 3 Steph. Comm. 77, note i; Spelman.

In the civil law. A benefit or favor; any particular privilege. Dig. 1, 4, 3; Cod. 7, 71; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 196.

A general term applied to ecclesiastical livings. 4 Bl. Comm. 107; Cowell.

Beneficium abstinendi. In Roman law. The power of an heir to abstain from accepting benefices. Sandars, Just. Inst. (6th Ed.) 214.—Beneficium odendarium actionum. In Roman law. The privilege by which a benefice payer is entitled to have his creditor, compell him to make over to him the actions which belonged to the stipulator, so as to avail himself of them. Sandars, Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 352.—Beneficium odendarium. See Benefit.—Beneficium complementum. In Scotch law. The privilege of competency. A privilege which the grantor of a gratuitous obligation was entitled to, by which he might retain sufficient for his subsistence, if, before fulfilling the obligation, he was reduced to indigence. Bell. In the civil law. The right which an insolvent debtor had, among the Romans, on making cession of his property for the benefit of his creditors in what was required for him to live honestly according to his condition. 7 Toullier, n. 238.—Beneficium divisionis. In civil and Scotch law. The privilege of one of several co-seculars (counselors) to insist upon paying only his pro rata share of the debt. Bell.—Beneficium inventarii. See Benefit.—Beneficium ordinis. In civil and Scotch law. The privilege of order. The privilege of a surety to require that the principal debtor proceed against the surety for principal and exhaust his remedy against him, before resorting to the surety. Bell.—Beneficium separatio. In the civil law. The right to have the goods of an heir separated from those of the testator in favor of creditors. Beneficium non datum nisi propter officium. Hob. 148. A remuneration [is not] given, unless on account of a duty performed.


Benefit building society. The original name for what is now more commonly called a "building and loan association."—Benefit of clergy. In the civil law. The release of a debtor from future imprisonment for his debts, which the law operated as a favor upon his part in order to give him property for the benefit of his creditors. Poth. Proc. Civ. pt. 5, c. 2, § 1.—Benefit of clergy. The original sense of the phrase denoted the exemption which was accorded to clergymen from the jurisdiction of the secular courts, or from arrest or attachment on criminal process issuing from those courts in certain particular cases. Afterwards, it meant a privilege of exemption from the punishment of death accorded to such persons as were clergymen, or who could read. This privilege of exemption from capital punishment was usually allowed to clergymen only, but afterwards to all who were charged with the same offense as to its most subordinate officers, and at a still later time to all persons who could read. (Then called "clerks." ) whether ecclesiastics or laymen. If accused of high treason, they were not subject to cases of high treason, nor did it apply to mere misdemeanors. The privilege was claimed after the defendant was convicted of motion in arrest of judgment, technically called "praying his clergy." As a means of testing his clerical character, he was given a prayer to read (usually, or always, the fifty-first) and, upon its reading it correctly, he was turned over to the ecclesiastical courts, to be tried by the archbishop or a jury of clergymen. These heard him on oath, with his witnesses and companions, who attested their belief in his innocence. This privilege operated greatly to mitigate the extreme rigor of the criminal laws, but was found to involve such gross abuses that parliament began to enact that certain crimes should be felonies "without benefit of clergy," and finally, by St. 7 Geo. IV. c. 28, § 6, it was altogether abolished. The act of congress of April 30, 1790, § 30, provided that there should be no benefit of clergy for any capital crime against the United States, and, if this privilege formed a part of the common law as of ancient times, abatement of lough and lassasion, it no longer exists.—Benefit of discussion. In the civil law. The right which a surety has to cause the property of the principal debtor to be applied in satisfaction of the obligation in the first instance. Civ. Code La. arts. 3014—3020. In Scotch law. That whereby the antecedent heir, such as the heritor, in line in a pursuit against the heir of tailzie, etc., must be first pursued to fulfill the defunct's deeds and pay his debts. This benefit is likewise competent in many cases to collectors.—Benefit of division. Same as beneficium divisionis. (q. v.)—Benefit of inventory. In the civil law. The privilege which the heir obtains of being liable for the convenes and debts of the succession, only to the value of the effects of the succession, by causing an inventory of these effects within the prescribed manner. Civ. Code La. art. 1032.—Benefit societies. Under this and several similar names, in various states, corporations exist to receive periodic payments from members, and to lend or loan, or grant and lend or loan, or grant and lend to members needing pecuniary relief. Such are beneficial societies of Massachusetts, bank associations of Michigan, protection societies of New Jersey. Friendly societies in England. British and foreign societies, to the extensive and important species belonging to this class. Comm. v. Equitable Ben. Ass'n, 137 Pa. 412, 18 Atl. 1112; Comm. v. Aid Ass'n, 94 Pa. 489.
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BERNETH. A feudal service rendered by the tenant to his lord with plow and cart. Cowell.

BENEVOLENCE. The dolus a kind or helpful action towards another, under no obligation except an ethical one.

Is no doubt distinguishable from the words "liberality" and "charity:" for, although many charitable institutions are very properly called "benevolent," it is impossible to say that every object of a man's benevolence is also an object of his charity. James v. Allen, 3 Mer. 17; Pell v. Mercer, 14 R. I. 443; Murdock v. Bridges, 91 Me. 124, 39 Atl. 475.

In public law, Nonnulla voluntary gratuity given by subjects to their king, but in reality a tax or forced loan.

BENEVOLENT. Philanthropic; humane to having a desire or purpose to do good to men; intended for the conferring of benefits, rather than for gain or profit.

This word is certainly more indefinite, and of far wider range, than "charitable" or "religious:" it would include all gifts prompted by good-will or kind feeling towards the recipient, whether an object of charity or not. The natural and usual meaning of the word would so extend it. It has no legal meaning separate from its usual meaning. "Charitable" has acquired a settled limited meaning in law, which confines it within known limits. But in all the decisions in England on the subject it has been held that a devise or bequest for benevolent objects, or in trust to give to such objects, is too indefinite, and therefore void. Norris v. Thomson, 19 N. J. Eq. 313; Thomson v. Norris, 20 N. J. Eq. 729; Suter v. Hilliard, 132 Mass. 413, 32 Am. Rep. 444; Fox v. Gibbs, 66 Me. 87, 29 Atl. 941. This word, as applied to objects or purposes, may refer to those which are in their nature charitable, and may also have a broader meaning and include objects and purposes not charitable in the legal sense of that word. Acts of kindness, friendship, forethought, or good will might properly be described as benevolent. It has therefore been held that gifts to trustees to be applied for "benevolent purposes" as their discretion, or to such "benevolent purposes" as they could agree upon, do not create a public charity. But where the word is used in connection with other words explanatory of its meaning, and indicating the intent of the donor to limit it to purposes strictly charitable, it has been held to be synonymous with, or equivalent to, "charitable." Suter v. Hilliard, 132 Mass. 412, 42 Am. Rep. 444; De Camp v. Dobkins, 21 N. J. Eq. 805; Chamberlain v. Stearns, 111 Mass. 238; Goodale v. Mowrey, 90 N. H. 355, 49 Am. Rep. 334.

—Benevolent associations. Those having a philanthropic or charitable purpose, as distinguished from such as are conducted for profit: specifically, "benefit associations" or "beneficial associations." See Benefit. —Benevolent societies. In English law, societies established and recognized under the Friendly Societies act, 1875, for any charitable or benevolent purposes.

Beneigne faciendae sunt interpretationes chartarum, ut res magis vales quam perent; et quae libet concessio fortissime contra donatorem interpretabatur est. Liberal interpretations are to be made of deeds, so that the purpose may rather stand than fail; and every grant is to be taken most strongly against the grantor. Wallis v. Wallis, 4 Mass. 335, 3 Am. Dec. 210; Hayes v. Kershaw, 1 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 258, 268.

Benigne faciendae sunt interpretationes, propter simplicitatem laicorum, ut res magis vales quam perent. Constructions of written instruments are to be made liberally, on account of the simplicity of the laity, or common people; in order that the thing (or subject-matter) may rather have effect than perish, or become void. Co. Litt. 30a; Broom, Max. 540.

Benignior sententia in verbis generalibus seu dubius, est preferenda. 4 Coke, 15. The more favorable construction is to be placed on general or doubtful expressions.

Benignius leges interpretandae sunt quo voluntas carum conservetur. Laws are to be more liberally interpreted, in order that their intent may be preserved. Dig. 1, 3, 18.

BEQUEST. To give personal property by will to another. Lasher v. Lasher, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 106.

This word is the proper term for a testamentary gift of personal property only, the word "devise" being used with reference to real estate; but if the context clearly shows the intention of the testator to use the word as synonymous with "devise," it may be held to pass real property. Dow v. Dow, 36 Me. 210; Borgan v. Brown, 133 Ind. 393, 33 N. E. 92; Logan v. Logan, 11 Colo. 44, 17 Pac. 90; Laing v. Barbour, 119 Mass. 525; Schoille v. Scholle, 113 N. Y. 261, 21 N. E. 84; In re Petrow's Estate, 56 Pa. 427; Ladd v. Harvey, 21 N. H. 528; Evans v. Price, 118 Ill. 598, 8 N. E. 854.

BEQUEST. A gift by will of personal property; a legacy. A specific bequest is one whereby the testator gives to the donee all his property of a certain class or kind; as all his pure personal property. A residuary bequest is a gift of all the remainder of the testator's personal estate, after payment of debts and legacies, etc. An executory bequest is the bequest of a future, deferred, or contingent interest in personally.

A conditional bequest is one the taking effect or continuance which depends upon the happening or non-occurrence of a particular event. Mitchell v. Mitchell, 143 Ind. 113, 132 N. E. 467; Farmans v. Farmans, 33 Conn. 261, 2 Atl. 325, 5 Atl. 892; Merrill v. College. 74 Wis. 413, 45 N. W. 104.

BERCARIA. In old English law, a sheepfold; also a place where the bark of trees was laid to tan.

BERCARIUS, or BERCATOR. A shepherd.
BEREWICHA, or BEREWICA. In old English law. A term used in Domesday for a village or hamlet belonging to some town or manor.

BERGMAYSTER. An officer having charge of a mine. A bailiff or chief officer among the Derbyshire miners, who, in addition to his other duties, executes the office of coroner among them. Blount; Cowell.

BERGMOTH, or BERGMOTE. The ancient name of the court now called "bar mote." (q. v.)

BERNET. In Saxon law. Burning; the crime of house burning, now called "arson." Cowell; Blount.

BERRA. In old law. A plain; open heath. Cowell.

BERRY, or BURY. A villa or seat of habitation of a nobleman; a dwelling or manor house; a sanctuary.

BERTILLON SYSTEM. A method of anthropometry, used chiefly for the identification of criminals and other persons, consisting of the taking and recording of a system of numerous, minute, and uniform measurements of various parts of the human body, absolutely and in relation to each other, the facial, cranial, and other angles, and of any eccentricities or abnormalities noticed in the individual.

BERTON. A large farm; the barn-yard of a large farm.

BES. Lat. In the Roman law. A division of the as, or pound, consisting of eight unciae, or duodecimal parts, and amounting to two-thirds of the as. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note m.

Two-thirds of an inheritance. Inst. 2, 14, 5.

Eight per cent. interest. 2 Bl. Comm. ubi supra.

BESAILE, BEASYALE. The great-grandfather. proc. us. 1 Bl. Comm. 186.

BESAYEL, BESIEXEL, BESAYLE. In old English law. A writ which lay where a great-grandfather died seized of lands and tenements in fee-simple, and on the day of his death a stranger abated, or entered and kept out the heir. Reg. Orig. 228; Fit. Nat. Brev. 221 D; 3 Bl. Comm. 186.

BEST EVIDENCE. Primary evidence, as distinguished from secondary; original, as distinguished from substitutionary; the best and highest evidence of which the nature of the case is susceptible. A written instrument is itself always regarded as the primary or best possible evidence of its existence and contents; a copy, or the recollection of a witness, would be secondary evidence. State v. McDonald, 65 Me. 467; Elliott v. Van Buren, 33 Mich. 53, 20 Am. Rep. 668; Scott v. State, 3 Tex. App. 104; Gray v. Pentland, 2 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 34; U. S. Sugar Refinery v. Allis Co., 56 Fed. 786, 6 C. C. A. 121; Manhattan Mailing Co. v. Sweteland, 14 Mont. 269, 36 Pac. 84.

BESTIALITY. Bestiality is the carnal knowledge and connection against the order of nature by man or woman in any manner with a beast. Code Ga. 1882, § 4534.

We take it that there is a difference in significance between the terms "bestiality," and the crime against nature. Bestiality is a connection between two human beings of the same sex—the male—named from the prevalence of the sin in Sodom. Both may be embraced by the term "crime against nature," as felony embraces murder, larceny, etc., though we think that term is more generally used in reference to sodomy. Buggery seems to include both sodomy and bestiality. Ausman v. Veal, 10 Ind. 350, 71 Am. Dec. 331.

BET. An agreement between two or more persons that a sum of money or other valuable thing, to which all jointly contribute, shall become the sole property of one or some of them on the happening in the future of an event at present uncertain, or according as a question disputed between them is settled in one way or the other. Harris v. White, 81 N. Y. 532; Ritch v. State, 38 Tex. Cr. R. 190, 42 S. W. 291, 28 L. R. A. 719; Jacobus v. Hazlett, 78 Ill. App. 241; Shaw v. Clark, 49 Mich. 384, 13 N. W. 786, 43 Am. Rep. 474; Alvord v. Smith, 63 Ind. 62.

Bet and wager are synonymous terms, and are applied both to the contract of betting or wagering and to the thing or sum bet or wagered. For example, one bets or wagers, or pays a bet or wager of so much, upon any certain result. But these terms cannot properly be applied to the act to be done, or event to happen, upon which the bet or wager is laid. Bets or wagers may be laid upon acts to be done, events to happen, or facts existing or to exist. The bets or wagers may be illegal, and the acts, events, or facts upon which they are laid may not be. Bets or wagers may be laid upon games, and things that are not games. Everything upon which a bet or wager may be laid is not a game. Woodcock v. McQueen, 11 Ind. 16; Shumate v. Com., 15 Grat. 690; Harris v. White, 81 N. Y. 532.

BETROTHEMENT. Mutual promise of marriage; the plighting of troth; a mutual promise or contract between a man and woman competent to make it, to marry at a future time.

BETTER EQUITY. See EQUITY.

BETTERMENT. An improvement put upon an estate which enhances its value more than mere repairs. The term is also applied to denote the additional value which an estate acquires in consequence of some public improvement, as laying out or widening a street, etc. French v. New York, 16
BETTERMENT

BIAS.


This term is not synonymous with "prejudice." By the use of this word a statute declaring disqualification of jurors, the legislature intended to describe another and somewhat different ground of disqualification. A man cannot be prejudiced against another without being biased against him; but he may be biased without being prejudiced. Bias is "a particular influential power, which sways the judgment; the inclination of the mind towards a particular object." It is not to be supposed that the legislature expected to secure in the juror a state of mind absolutely free from all inclination to one side or the other. The statute means that, although a juror has not formed a judgment for or against the prisoner before the trial, yet, if he is under such an influence as so sways his mind to the one side or the other as to prevent his deciding the cause impartially, he is incompetent. Willis v. State, 12 Ga. 444.

Actual bias consists in the existence of a state of mind which prevents the juror from rendering a verdict which satisfies the court. In the exercise of a sound discretion, that the juror cannot try the issues impartially and without prejudice to the substantial rights of the party charged and tried, Hise v. Chapman, 1 S. D. 414, 47 N. W. 411, 10 L. R. A. 432; People v. McGuade, 110 N. Y. 284, 18 N. E. 254, 1 L. R. A. 273; People v. Wells, 100 Cal. 257, 34 Pac. 715.

BID.

An offer by an intending purchaser to pay a designated price for property which is about to be sold at auction. U. S. v. Vestal (D. C.) 12 Fed. 59; Payne v. Cave, 3 Term. 149; Eppes v. Railroad Co., 35 Ala. 56.

—Bid in. Property sold at auction is said to be "bid in" by the owner or an incumbrancer who is knock down to him in immediate prior to the union of the two crowns of England and Scotland, on the accession of James I., the phrases "the four seas," "beyond the seas," and "out of the realm," signified out of the limits of the realm of England. Pancoast's Lessee v. Addison, 1 Har. & J. (Md.) 350, 2 Am. Dec. 520.

In Pennsylvania, it has been construed to mean "without the limits of the United States," which approaches the literal signification. Ward v. Hallow, 2 Dall. 217, 1 L. Ed. 355; Id., 1 Yeates (Pa.) 225; Green v. Neal, 8 Pet. 291, 300, 8 L. Ed. 402. The same construction has been given to it in Missouri. Keeton's Heirs v. Keeton's Adm'r, 20 Mo. 530. See Ang. Lim. §§ 200, 201.


BIDAL, or BIDALL. An invitation of friends to drink ale at the house of some poor man, who hopes thereby to be relieved by charitable contribution. It is something like "house-warming." t. e., a visit of friends.
to a person beginning to set up house-keeping. Wharton.

**BIELBRIEF.** Germ. In European maritime law. A document furnished by the builder of a vessel, containing a register of her admeasurement, particularizing the length, breadth, and dimensions of every part of the ship. It sometimes also contains the terms of agreement between the parties for whose account the ship is built, and the ship-builder. It has been termed in English the "grand bill of sale;" in French, "contrat de construction ou de la vente d'un vaisseau," and corresponds in a great degree with the English, French, and American "register" (q. v.), being an equally essential document to the lawful ownership of vessels. Jac. Sea Laws, 12, 13, and note. In the Danish law, it is used to denote the contract of bottomry.

**BIENES.** Sp. In Spanish law. Goods; property of every description, including real as well as personal property; all things (not being persons) which may serve for the uses of man. Larkin v. U. S., 14 Fed. Cas. 1154. —**Bienes comunes.** Common property; those things which, not being the private property of any person, are open to the use of all, such as the air, rain, water, the sea and its beaches. Lux v. Haggin, 69 Cal. 225, 315, 10 Pac. 707.—**Bienes gananciales.** A species of community in property enjoyed by husband and wife, the property being divisible equally between them on the dissolution of the marriage; does not include what they held as their separate property at the time of contracting the marriage. Welder v. Lambert, 91 Tex. 510, 44 S. W. 251.—**Bienes publicos.** Those things which, as to property, pertain to the people or nation, and, as to their use, to the individuals of the territory or district, such as rivers, shores, ports, and public roads. Lux v. Haggin, 69 Cal. 315, 10 Pac. 707.

**BIENNALLY.** This term, in a statute, signifies, not duration of time, but a period for the happening of an event; once in every two years. People v. Tremain, 9 Hun (N. Y.) 570; People v. Kilbourn, 68 N. Y. 479.

**BIENS.** In English law. Property of every description, except estates of freehold and inheritance. Sugd. Vend. 405; Co. Litt. 119b.

In French law. This term includes all kinds of property, real and personal. *Biens* are divided into *biens meubles*, moveable property; and *biens immubles*, immovable property. The distinction between movable and immovable property is recognized by the continental jurists, and given rise, in the civil as well as in the common law, to many important distinctions as to rights and remedies. Story, Conf. Laws, § 13, note 1.

**BIGA, or BIGATA.** A cart or chariot drawn with two horses, coupled side to side; but it is said to be properly a cart with two wheels, sometimes drawn by one horse; and in the ancient records it is used for any cart, wain, or wagon. Jacob.

**BIGAMUS.** In the civil law. A man who was twice married; one who at different times and successively has married two wives. 4 Inst. 88. One who has two wives living. One who marries a widow.

**Bigamus seu trigamus, etc., est qui diversis temporibus et successivé duas seu tres uxores habuit.** 4 Inst. 88. A bigamus or trigamus, etc., is one who at different times and successively has married two or three wives.

**BIGAMY.** The criminal offense of willfully and knowingly contracting a second marriage (or going through the form of a second marriage) while the first marriage, to the knowledge of the offender, is still subsisting and undisolved. Com. v. McNerny, 10 Phila. (Pa.) 207; Gise v. Com., 81 Pa. 430; Scoggins v. State, 32 Ark. 213; Cannon v. U. S., 116 U. S. 55, 6 Sup. Ct. 287, 29 L. Ed. 561.

The state of a man who has two wives, or of a woman who has two husbands, living at the same time.

The offense of having a plurality of wives at the same time is commonly denominated "polygamy;" but the name "bigamy" has been more frequently given to it in legal proceedings. 1 Russ. Crimes, 185.

The use of the word "bigamy" to describe this offense is well established by long usage, although often criticised as a corruption of the true meaning of the word. Polygamy is suggested as the correct term, instead of bigamy, to designate the offense of having a plurality of wives or husbands at the same time, and has been adopted for that purpose in the Massachusetts statutes. But as the substance of the offense is marrying a second time, while having a lawful wife or wife living, without regard to the number of marriages that may have taken place, bigamy seems not an inappropriate term. The objection to its use urged by Blackstone (4 Bl. Comm. 163) seems to be founded not so much upon considerations of the etymology of the word as upon the propriety of distinguishing the ecclesiastical offense termed "bigamy" in the canon law, and which is defined below, from the offense known as "bigamy" in the modern criminal law. The same distinction is carefully made by Lord Coke, (4 Inst. 88.) But, the ecclesiastical offense being now obsolete, this reason for substituting polygamy to denote the crime here defined ceases to have weight. Abbott.

In the canon law, the term denoted the offense committed by an ecclesiastic who married two wives successively. It might be committed either by marrying a second wife after the death of a first or by marrying a widow.

**BIGOT.** An obstinate person, or one that is wedded to an opinion, in matters of religion, etc.

**BILAGINES.** By-laws of towns; municipal laws.
BILAN. A term used in Louisiana, derived from the French. A book in which bankers, merchants, and traders write a statement of all they owe and all that is due to them; a balance-sheet. See Dauphin v. Soulie, 3 Mart. (N. S.) 446.

BILANCIS DEFERENDIS. In English law. An obsolete writ addressed to a corporation for the carrying of weights to such a haven, there to weigh the wool anciently licensed for transportation. Reg. Orig. 270.

BILATERAL CONTRACT. A term, used originally in the civil law, but now generally adopted, denoting a contract in which both the contracting parties are bound to fulfill obligations reciprocally towards each other; as a contract of sale, where one becomes bound to deliver the thing sold, and the other to pay the price of it. Montpellier Seminary v. Smith, 69 Vt. 352, 38 Atl. 66.

"Every convention properly so called consists of a promise or mutual promises proffered and accepted. Where one only of the agreeing parties gives the promise, the convention is said to be 'unilateral.' Wherever mutual promises are proffered and accepted, there are, in strictness, two or more conventions. But where the performance of either of the promises is made to depend on the performance of the other, the several conventions are commonly deemed one convention, and the convention is then said to be 'bilateral.'" Aust. Jur. § 305.

BILGED. In admiralty law and marine insurance. That state or condition of a vessel in which water is freely admitted through holes and breaches made in the planks of the bottom, occasioned by injuries, whether the ship's timbers are broken or not. Peele v. Insurance Co., 3 Mason, 27, 38, 19 Fed. Cas. 103.

BILINE. A word used by Britton in the sense of "collateral." En line biline, in the collateral line. Brit. c. 119.

BILINGUIS. Of a double language or tongue; that can speak two languages. A term applied in the old books to a jury composed partly of Englishmen and partly of foreigners, which, by the English law, an alien party to a suit is, in certain cases, entitled to; more commonly called a "jury de mediatae linguae." 3 Bl. Comm. 360; 4 Steph. Comm. 422.

BILL. A formal declaration, complaint, or statement of particular things in writing. As a legal term, this word has many meanings and applications, the more important of which are enumerated below.

1. A formal written statement of complaint to a court of justice.

   In the ancient practice of the court of king's bench, the usual and orderly method of beginning an action was by a bill, or original bill, or plaint. This was a written statement of the plaintiff's cause of action, like a declaration or complaint, and always alleged a trespass as the ground of it, in order to give the court jurisdiction. 3 Bl. Comm. 43.

   In Scotch law, every summary application in writing, by way of petition to the Court of Session, is called a "bill." Cent. Dict.

   -Bill chamber. In Scotch law. A department of the court of session in which petitions for suspension, interdict, etc., are entertained. It is equivalent to sittings in chambers in the English and American practice. Patera. Comp.

   -Bill of privilege. In old English law, method of proceeding against attorneys and officers of the court not liable to arrest. 3 Bl. Comm. 293.—Bill of proof. In English practice. The name given, in the mayor's court of London, to a species of intervention by a third person laying claim to the subject-matter in dispute between the parties to a suit.

2. A species of writ; a formal written declaration by a court to its officers, in the nature of process.

   -Bill of Middlesex. An old form of process similar to a capias, issued in the court of king's bench in personal actions, directed to the sheriff of the county of Middlesex, (hence the name,) and commanding him to take the defendant and bring him at Westminster on a day named, to answer the plaintiff's complaint. State v. Mathews, 2 Brew. (S. C.) 63; Sims v. Alderson, 8 Leigh (Va.) 484.

3. A formal written petition to a superior court for action to be taken in a cause already determined, or a record or certified account of the proceedings in such action or some portion thereof, accompanying such a petition.

   -Bill of advocation. In Scotch practice. A bill by which the judgment of an inferior court is appealed from, or brought under review of a superior. Bell.—Bill of seccionari. A bill, the object of which is to remove a suit in equity from some inferior court to the court of chancery, or some other superior court of equity, on account of some alleged incompetency of the inferior court, or some injustice in its proceedings. Story, Eq. Pl. (6th Ed.) § 298.—Bill of exceptions. A formal statement in writing of the objections or exceptions taken by a party during the trial of a cause to the decisions, rulings, or instructions of the trial judge, stating the objection, with the facts and circumstances on which it is founded, and, in order to attest its accuracy, signed and sealed by the judge; the object being to put the controverted rulings or decisions upon the record for the information of the appellate court. Ex parte Crane, 5 Pet. 303; 8 L. Ed. 82; Galvin v. State, 56 Ind. 567; Cox v. Field, 13 N. J. Law, 219; Sackett v. McCord, 23 Ala. 854.

4. In equity practice. A formal written complaint, in the nature of a petition, addressed by a suitor in chancery to the chancellor or to a court of equity or a court having equitable jurisdiction, showing the names of the parties, stating the facts which make up the case and the complainant's allegations, averring that the acts disclosed are contrary to equity, and praying for process and for specific relief, or for such relief as the circumstances demand. U. S. v. Ambrose, 108 U. S. 336, 2 Sup. Ct. 682, 27 L. Ed. 746; Feeoney v. Howard, 79 Cal. 525, 21
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Pac. 984, 4 L. R. A. 826, 12 Am. St. Rep. 162; Sharon v. Sharon, 67 Cal. 185, 7 Pac. 456.

Bills are said to be original, not original, or in the nature of original when the circumstances constituting the case are not already before the court, and relief is demanded, or the bill is filed for a subsidiary purpose.

Bill for a new trial. A bill in equity in which the specific relief asked is an injunction against the execution of a judgment rendered at a former trial in the action, is in the nature of an appeal, and not governed by the rule which would render it inequitable to enforce the judgment, but which was not available to the party on the trial at law, or which he was prevented from presenting by fraud or accident, without concurrent fraud or negligence on his own part.—Bill for foreclosure. One which is filed by a mortgagor or mortgagee against the mortgagor, for the purpose of having the estate sold, thereby to obtain the sum mortgaged on the premises, with interest and costs. Model, Ch. Pr. 232.

Bill in nature of a bill of review. A bill in equity, to obtain a re-examination and reversal of a decree, filed by a party to or for a party to a prior and final suit, nor bound by the decree.—Bill in nature of a bill of revivor. Where, on the abatement of a suit, there is such a transmission of the interest of the incapacitated party to the title to it, as well as the person entitled, may be the subject of litigation in a court of chancery, the suit cannot be continued by a mere bill of revivor, but an original bill upon which the title may be litigated must be filed. This is called a “bill in the nature of a bill of revivor.” It is founded on the priority of estate over the act of the party. The nature and operation of the whole act by which the priority is created is open to discussion. Story, Eq. Jur. 375-390; 2 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law. 271.—Bill in nature of a supplemental bill. A bill filed when new parties, with new interests, arising from events happening since the suit was commenced, are brought before the court; wherein it differs from a supplemental bill, which is properly applicable to those cases only where the same parties or the same interests remain before the court. Story, Eq. Pl. (5th Ed.) § 245 et seq.—Bill of conformity. One filed by an executor or administrator, in order to bind the affairs of the deceased so much involved that he cannot safely administer the estate except under the direction of a court of chancery. This bill is filed against the creditors, generally, for the purpose of having all their claims adjusted, and procuring a final decree settling the order of payment of the assets. Story, Eq. Jur. § 440.—Bill of discovery. A bill in equity filed to obtain a discovery of facts resting in the knowledge of a defendant, or of deeds or writings, or other things, etc., in order to justify or to prevent. Story, Eq. Pl. (5th Ed.) § 311; Wright v. Superior Court, 139 Cal. 493, 73 Pac. 345; Evers- man v. Assurance Co. (C. C.) 68 Fed. 238; State v. Savings Co., 28 Or. 410, 43 Pac. 162.—Bill of information. Where a suit is instituted on behalf of the crown or government, or of those of whom it is substituted, in virtue of its prerogative, or whose rights are under its particular protection, the matter of complaint is often determined by the court by way of information by the attorney or solicitor general, instead of by petition. Where a suit immediately concerns the crown or government alone, the proceeding is purely in the nature of an information, by which it does not so do immediately, a reliever is appointed, who is answerable for costs, etc., and, if he is not satisfactorily satisfied of the matter in connection with the crown or government, the proceeding is that of information and bill. Informations differ from bills in little more than name and form, and the same rules are applicable to both. See Story, Eq. Pl. 5; 1 Daniell, Ch. Pr. 2, 8, 298; 3 Bl. Comm. 218.—Bill of later pleader. The name of a bill in equity to obtain a settlement of a question of right to money or other property adversely claimed, in which the party filing the bill has no interest, although it may be the subject of controversy, by a defendant or adverse claimants to litigate the right or title between themselves, and relieve him from liability or litigation. Winkle v. Barker, 27 Cal. 220, 2 Am. Dec. 253, 54 Atl. 400; Wakeham v. Kingsland, 46 N. J. Eq. 113, 18 Atl. 690; Gibson v. Goldthwaite, 73 Ala. 464; 22 Am. Dec. 42. Bill in nature of peace. One which is filed when a person has a right which may be controverted by various persons, at different times, and by different actions. Ritter v. Dondanville, 6 Ct. of Errors, 315; Wylde v. Wilmington, 6 Howst. (Del.) 108, 22 Am. St. Rep. 345; Eldridge v. Hill, 2 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 291; Randolph v. Kinney, 3 Rand. (Va.) 395.—Bill of revivor. One which is brought to continue a suit which has abated before its final consummation, as, for example, by death, or marriage of a female plaintiff. Clarke v. Mathewson, 12 Pet. 164, 9 L. Ed. 1041; Brooks v. Laurent, 98 Fed. 647, 39 C. C. A. 201.—Bill of revivor reappearing. One filed to charge a party with a compound of a supplemental bill and bill of revivor, and not only continues the suit, which has abated by the death of the plaintiff, the same, etc. See cases of supplemental bill arising from subsequent events, so as to entitle the party to relief on the whole merits of his case. Ibid., Eq. Pl. 32, 33; 2 Wash. & Westcott v. Cady v. John Dew, 38 N. J. Eq. 342; 9 Am. Dec. 306; Bowie v. Minter, 2 Ala. 411.—Bill of review. One which is brought to have a decree of the court reviewed, corrected, or reversed. Dodge v. Northrop, 86 Mich. 245, 48 N. W. 603.—Bill quia timet. A bill invoking the aid of equity “because he fears,” that is, because he apprehends a imminent danger of loss to his property rights or interests, from the fault or neglect of another. Such bills are entertained to prevent possible irreparable injuries, and to preserve the means by which existing rights may be protected from future or contingent violations; differing from injunctions, in that the latter correct past and present or imminent and certain injuries. Bisp, Eq. § 368; 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 823; Bailey v. Southwick, 6 L. 300; 4 Barnard 364; 1 Eq. Jur. 395; 3 Ala. 169; Randolph v. Kinney, 3 Rand. (Va.) 395.—Bill to carry a decree into execution. One which is filed when, from the neglect of parties, some one other cannot be made to become impossible to carry a decree into execution without the further decree of the court. Hind, Ch. Pr. 90; Story, Eq. Pl. § 422.—Bill to perpetuate a contract. A bill in equity, in order to procure the testimony of witnesses to be taken as to some matter not at the time before the courts, but which is likely at some future time to be in litigation. Story, Eq. Pl. (5th Ed.) § 300 et seq.—Bill to suspend a decree. One brought to avoid or suspend a decree under special circumstances.—Bill to take testimony de bene esse. One which is brought to take the testimony of witnesses to a fact material to the prosecution of the suit, which is at law which is actually commenced, where there is good cause to fear that the testimony may be lost before the time for submission. Story, Eq. Jur. § 1513.—Cross-bill. One which is brought by a defendant in a suit against a plaintiff in or against other defendants in the same suit, in order to attack the matters in question in the original bill. Story, Eq. Pl. § 385; Mistf, Eq. Pl. 80. A cross-bill is a bill brought by the plaintiffs, or against other parties, or of a bill in a former bill depending, touching the matter in question in that bill. It is usually brought either to obtain a necessary discovery of the matters of the defendant; to attack the original bill, or to obtain full relief to all parties in reference to the matters of the original bill. It is not to be treated as a preliminary to the trial. Shields v. Barrow, 11 How. 144, 15 L. Ed. 158;
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Kidd & Barr, 35 N. H. 251; Blythe v. Hinekley (C. C.) 84 Fed. 234. A cross-bill is a species of pleading, used for the purpose of obtaining a discovery in adversary proceedings, or to obtain some relief founded on the collateral claims of the party defendant to the original suit. The remedy is had by the joinder of a bill of exchange or promissory note be given in consideration of another bill or note, it is called a "cross" or "counter" bill or note.

5. In legislation and constitutional law, the word means a draft of an act of the legislature before it becomes a law; a proposed or projected law. A draft of an act presented to the legislature, but not enacted.

An act is the appropriate term for it, after it has been acted on by, and passed by, the legislature. Southvaw, Bank v. Com., 20 Pa. 450; Sedgwick County Com'rs v. Bailey, 13 Kan. 606; May v. Rice, 91 Ind. 540; State v. Hegeman, 2 Pennewill (Del.) 147, 44 Atl. 621. Also a special act passed by a legislative body in the exercise of a quasi judicial power. Thus, bills of attainer, bills of pains and penalties, are spoken of.

—Bill of attainder, see ATTAINDER.—Bill of indemnity. In English law. An act of parliament passed every session until 1928, but discontinued in and after that year, as having been rendered unnecessary by the passing of the granting acts of the previous year, to the relief of those who have unwittingly or unavoidably neglected to take the necessary oaths, etc., required for the purpose of qualifying them to hold their respective offices. Wharton.—Bill of pains and penalties. A special act of the legislature which inflicts a punishment, less than death, upon persons supposed to be guilty of treason or felony, without any conviction in the ordinary course of judicial proceedings. It differs from a bill of attainer in this: that the punishment inflicted by the latter is death.

Private bill. All legislative bills which have for their object some particular or private interest are so termed, as distinguished from such as are for the benefit of the whole community, which are thence termed "public bills." See People v. Chautauqua County, 49 N. Y. 477.

—Private member's bill. An act of the English parliament where the business of obtaining private acts of parliament is conducted.

6. A solemn and formal legislative declaration of popular rights and liberties, promulgated on certain extraordinary occasions, as the famous Bill of Rights in English history.

—Bill of rights. A formal and emphatic legislative assertion and declaration of popular rights and liberties usually promulgated upon a change of government; particularly the statute 1 W. & M. St. 2, c. 2. Also the summary of the rights and liberties of the people, or of the principles of constitutional law deemed essential and fundamental, contained in many of the American state constitutions.—Eason v. State, 11 App. 439, to the decision, Co. v. Mousouri Pac. R. Co., 31 Kan. 601, 3 Pac. 284; Orr v. Quimby, 54 N. H. 613.

7. In the law of contracts, an obligation; a deed, whereby the obligor acknowledges himself to owe to the obligee a certain sum of money or some other thing. It may be indented or poll, and with or without a penalty.

—Bill obligatory. A bond absolute for the payment of money. It is called also a "single bill," and differs from a promissory note only in having a seal. —Bank v. Greiner, 2 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 115. —Bill of debt. An ancient term including debts owed by a debtor, and to obtain the payment of money. Com. Dig. "Merchant," F. 2. —Bill penal. A written obligation by which the debtor promises to discharge any debt, in a certain sum, and binds himself for the payment thereof. In a larger sum, called a "penalty." —Bill single. A written promise to pay a certain person named a sum of money at a stated time, without any condition. When under seal, as is usually the case, it is sometimes called a "bill obligatory," (q. e.) It differs from a "bill penal," (q. e.) in that it expresses no penalty.

8. In commercial law. A written statement of the terms of a contract, or specification of the items of a transaction or of a demand; also a general name for any item of indebtedness, whether receivable or payable.

—Bill-book. In mercantile law. A book in which an account of bills of exchange and promissory notes whether receivable or payable, is stated.—Bill on a printed invoice on which merchants and traders make out their bills and render accounts to their customers. —Bill of lading. The instrument containing the terms of a contract for the carriage and delivery of goods sent by sea for a certain freight. Mason v. Lickbarrow, 1 H. Bl. 358. A written memorandum given to a ship owner by the person having a interest in, or charge of, a merchant vessel, acknowledging the receipt on board the ship of certain specified goods, in good order or "at apparent good order," who undertakes, in consideration of the payment of freight, to deliver in like good order (except as the sea may do, etc.), at a designated place to the consignee therein named or to his assigns. De vato v. Barrels (D. C.) 20 Fed. 510; Gage v. Jaqueth, 1 Lamps. (N. Y.) 210; The Delaware, 14 Well. 600, 20 L. Ed. 719. The term is often applied to a similar receipt and undertaking given by a carrier of goods by land. A bill of lading is an instrument in writing, signed by a carrier or his agent, describing the freight so as to identify it, stating the name of the consignor, the terms of the contract for carriage, and agreeing to direct the ship, or the notify the consignee therein named or to his assigns.

—Bill of sale. An instrument in writing, signed by a carrier or his agent, describing the freight so as to identify it, stating the name of the consignor, the terms of the contract for carriage, and agreeing to direct the ship, or notify the consignee therein named or to his assigns. De vato v. Barrels (D. C.) 20 Fed. 510; Gage v. Jaqueth, 1 Lamps. (N. Y.) 210; The Delaware, 14 Well. 600, 20 L. Ed. 719. The term is often applied to a similar receipt and undertaking given by a carrier of goods by land. A bill of lading is an instrument in writing, signed by a carrier or his agent, describing the freight so as to identify it, stating the name of the consignor, the terms of the contract for carriage, and agreeing to direct the ship, or notify the consignee therein named or to his assigns. De vato v. Barrels (D. C.) 20 Fed. 510; Gage v. Jaqueth, 1 Lamps. (N. Y.) 210; The Delaware, 14 Well. 600, 20 L. Ed. 719. The term is often applied to a similar receipt and undertaking given by a carrier of goods by land. A bill of lading is an instrument in writing, signed by a carrier or his agent, describing the freight so as to identify it, stating the name of the consignor, the terms of the contract for carriage, and agreeing to direct the ship, or notify the consignee therein named or to his assigns.
is understood to refer to the instrument whereby a ship was originally transferred from the builder to the owner, or first purchaser. 3 Kent, Comm. 133.

9. In the law of negotiable instruments. A promissory obligation for the payment of money.

Standing alone or without qualifying words, the term is understood to mean a bank note, United States treasury note, or other piece of paper evidence of a debt payable on demand or at a certain time, and a due in money. 3 Story, Eq. Jur. 238; 7 Tex. App. 403, 15 S. W. 785; Keith v. Jones, 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 121; Jones v. Fales, 4 Mass. 292.

—Bill of exchange. A written order from A. to B., directing B. to pay to C. a certain sum of money therein named. Byles, Bills, 1. An open (that is, unsealed) letter addressed by one person to another directing him, in effect, to pay, absolutely and at all events, a certain sum of money therein named. Byles, Bills, 1. In English law, is known as a "bills of exchange." 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 121; Jones v. Fales, 4 Mass. 292.

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10. In maritime law. The term is applied to contracts of various sorts, but chiefly to bills of lading (see supra) and to bills of adventure (see infra).

—Bill of adventure. A written certificate by a merchant or the master or owner of a ship, to which the ship is bound, stating the goods shipped on the vessel in his own name belong to another person, to whom he is accountable for the proceeds alone. —Bill of gross adventure. In French maritime law. Any written instrument which contains a contract of bottomry, respondencia, or any other kind of maritime loan. There is no corresponding English term. Hall, Marit. Loans, 182, n. —Bill of health. An official certificate, given by the authorities of a port from which a vessel clears, to the master of the ship, showing the state of the port, as respects the public health, at the time of sailing, and exhibited to the authorities of the port to which the vessel next makes, in token that she does not bring disease. If the bill alleges that no contagious or infectious disease existed, it is called a "clean" bill; if it admits that one was suspected or anticipated, or that one actually prevailed, it is called a "touched" or a "foul" bill.

11. In revenue law and procedure, the term is given to various documents filed in or issuing from a custom house, principally of the sorts described below.

—Bill of entry. An account of the goods entered at the custom house, both incoming and outgoing. It must state the name of the merchant exporting or importing, the quantity and species of merchandise, and when and where transported, and whence. —Bill of sight. When an importer of goods is ignorant of their exact quantity or quality, or when he cannot make certain as to the perfect entry of them, he may give to the customs officer a written description of them, according to the best of his information and belief. This is called a "bill of sight." —Bill of store. In English law. A kind of license granted at the custom-house to merchants, to carry such stores and provisions as are necessary for their voyage, custom free. Jacob, Bill of Sufferance. —Bill of suppression. In English law. A license granted at the custom-house to a merchant, to suffer him to trade from one English port to another, without paying custom. Cowell.

12. In criminal law, a bill of indictment, see infra.

—Bill of indictment. A formal written document accusing a person or persons named of having committed a felony or misdemeanor. Not fully laid before a grand jury for their action upon it. If the grand jury decide that a trial ought to be had, they indorse on it "a true bill;" if it is not a true bill, they indorse it "not a true bill, and is found." —State v. Ray, Rice (S. C.) 4, 33 Am. Dec. 90. —Bill of appeal. An ancient, but now abolished, method of criminal prosecution. See Barrett.

13. In common-law practice. An itemized statement or specification of particular details, especially items of cost or charge.

—Bill of costs. A certified, itemized statement of the amount of costs in an action or suit. Doe v. Thomas, 22 N. H. 210. In English usage, this term is applied to the statement of the charges and disbursements of an attorney or solicitor incurred in the conduct of his client's business, and which might properly be charged to the client's account, even though not incurred in any suit. Thus, conveyancing costs might be taxed. Wharton. —Bill of particulars. In practice. A written statement or specification of the particular demand for which an action at law is brought, or of a defendant's set-off against such demand (including dates, names, and items in detail) furnished by one of the parties to the other, either voluntarily or in compliance with a judge's order for that purpose. 1 Tidd, 276. § 596-620; 2 Coleroy & Ashbell, 53 Tex. 260; Baldwin v. Gregg, 13 Metc. (Mass.) 255.
14. In English law, a draft of a patent for a charter, commission, dignity, office, or appointment.

Such a bill is drawn up in the attorney general’s patent bill office, is submitted by a secretary of state for the King’s signature, when it is called the “King’s bill,” and is then countersigned by the secretary of state and sealed by the privy seal, and then the patent is prepared and sealed. Sweet.

BILLA. L. Lat. A bill; an original bill.
—Billa exanguli. A bill of exchange.—Billa exconscriptionis. A bill of lading.—Billa vera. (A true bill.) In old practice. The indorsement was made on a bill of indictment by a grand jury, when they found it sufficiently sustained by evidence. 4 Bl. Comm. 306.

BILLA CASETUR, or QUOD BILLA CASETUR. (That the bill be quashed.) In practice. The form of the judgment rendered for a defendant on a plea in abatement, where the proceeding is by bill; that is, where the suit is commenced by capias, and not by original writ. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 4.

BILLET. A soldier’s quarters in a civilian’s house; or the ticket which authorizes him to occupy them.

In French law. A bill or promissory note. Billet à ordre, a bill payable to order. Billet à vue, a bill payable at sight. Billet de complaisance, an accommodation bill. Billet de change, an engagement to give, at a future time, a bill of exchange, which the party is not at the time prepared to give. Story, Bills, § 2, n.

BILLETA. In old English law. A bill or petition exhibited in parliament. Cowell.

BI-METALLIC. Pertaining to, or consisting of, two metals used as money at a fixed relative value.

BI-METALLISM. The legalized use of two metals in the currency of a country at a fixed relative value.

BIND. To obligate; to bring or place under definite duties or legal obligations, particularly by a bond or covenant; to affect one in a constraining or compulsory manner with a contract or a judgment. So long as a contract, an adjudication, or a legal relation remains in force and virtue, and continues to impose duties or obligations, it is said to be “binding.” A man is bound by his contract or promise, by a judgment or decree against him, by his bond or covenant, by an estoppel, etc. Stone v. Bradbury, 14 Me. 103; Holmes v. Tutton, 5 El. & Bl. 50; Bank v. Ireland, 127 N. C. 293, 57 S. E. 223; Douglas v. Hennessy, 15 R. I. 272, 10 Att. 653.

BIND OUT. To place one under a legal obligation to serve another; as to bind out an apprentice.

BINDING OVER. The act by which a court or magistrate requires a person to enter into a recognizance or furnish bail to appear for trial, to keep the peace, to attend as a witness, etc.

BIPARTITE. Consisting of, or divisible into, two parts. A term in conveyancing descriptive of an instrument in two parts, and executed by both parties.

BIRRETUM, BIRRETUS. A cap or coil used formerly in England by judges and serjeants at law. Spelman.

BIRTH. The act of being born or wholly brought into separate existence. Wallace v. State, 10 Tex. App. 270.

BIS. Lat. Twice.

Bis idem exigi bona satis non patitur; et in satisfactionibus non permettitur amplius fieri quam semel factum est. Good faith does not suffer the same thing to be demanded twice; and in making satisfaction [for a debt or demand] it is not allowed to be done more than once. 9 Coke, 53.

BISAILE. The father of one's grandfather or grandmother.

BISANTIUM, BESANTINE, BEZANT. An ancient coin, first issued at Constantinople; it was of two sorts, gold, equivalent to a ducat, valued at 9s. 6d.; and silver, computed at 2s. They were both current in England. Wharton.

BI-SCOT. In old English law. A fine imposed for not repairing banks, ditches, and causeways.

BISHOP. In English law. An ecclesiastical dignitary, being the chief of the clergy within his diocese, subject to the archbishop of the province in which his diocese is situated. Most of the bishops are also members of the House of Lords.

BISHOPRIC. In ecclesiastical law. The diocese of a bishop, or the circuit in which he has jurisdiction; the office of a bishop. 1 Bl. Comm. 377-382.

BISHOP'S COURT. In English law. An ecclesiastical court, held in the cathedral of each diocese, the judge whereof is the bishop's chancellor, who judges by the civil canon law; and, if the diocese be large, he has his commissaries in remote parts, who hold consistory courts, for matters limited to them by their commission.

BISSEXTILE. The day which is added every fourth year to the month of February,
in order to make the year agree with the course of the sun.

Leap year, consisting of 366 days, and happening every fourth year, by the addition of a day in the month of February, which in that year consists of twenty-nine days.

BLACK ACRE and WHITE ACRE. Fictitious names applied to pieces of land, and used as examples in the old books.

BLACK ACT. The statute 9 Geo. I. c. 22, so called because it was occasioned by the outrages committed by persons with their faces blacked or otherwise disguised, who appeared in Epping Forest, near Waltham, in Essex, and destroyed the deer there, and committed other offenses. Repealed by 7 & 8 Geo. IV. c. 27.

BLACK ACTS. Old Scotch statutes passed in the reigns of the Stuarts and down to the year 1586 or 1587, so called because printed in black letter. Bell.

BLACK BOOK OF HEREFORD. In English law. An old record frequently referred to by Cowell and other early writers.

BLACK BOOK OF THE ADMIRALTY. A book of the highest authority in admiralty matters, generally supposed to have been compiled during the reign of Edward III. with additions of a later date. It contains the laws of Oleron, a view of crimes and offenses cognizable in the admiralty, and many other matters. See DeLovio v. Bolt, 2 Gall. 404, Fed. Cas. No. 3,778.

BLACK BOOK OF THE EXCHEQUER. The name of an ancient book kept in the English exchequer, containing a collection of treaties, conventions, charters, etc.

BLACK CAP. The head-dress worn by the judge in pronouncing the sentence of death. It is part of the judicial full dress, and is worn by the judges on occasions of especial state. Wharton.

BLACK CODE. A name given collectively to the body of laws, statutes, and rules in force in various southern states prior to 1865, which regulated the institution of slavery, and particularly those forbidding their reception at public inns and on public conveyances. Civil Rights Cases, 109 U. S. 3, 3 Sup. Ct. 18, 27 L. Ed. 835.

BLACK GAME. In English law. Heath fowl, in contradistinction to red game, as grouse.

BLACK-LIST. A list of persons marked out for special avoidance, antagonism, or enmity on the part of those who prepare the list or those among whom it is intended to circulate; as where a trades-union "blacklists" workmen who refuse to conform to its rules, or where a list of insolvent or untrustworthy persons is published by a commercial agency or mercantile association. Masters v. Lee, 39 Neb. 574, 55 N. W. 222; Mattison v. Railway Co., 2 Ohio N. P. 279.

BLACK-MAIL. 1. In one of its original meanings, this term denoted a tribute paid by English dwellers along the Scottish border to influential chieftains of Scotland, as a condition of securing immunity from raids of marauders and border thieves.

2. It also designated rents payable in cattle, grain, work, and the like. Such rents were called "black-mail," (reditus nigri,) in distinction from white rents, (blancie Armes,) which were rents paid in silver.

3. The extortion of money by threats or overtures towards criminal prosecution or the destruction of a man's reputation or social standing.

In common parlance, the term is equivalent to, and synonymous with, "extortion," the exaction of money, either for the performance of a duty, the prevention of an injury, or the exercise of an influence. It supposes the service to be unlawful, and the payment involuntary. Not infrequently it is extorted by threats, or by operating upon the fears or the credibility, or by promising to conceal, or offers to expose, the weaknesses, the failings, or the crimes of the victim. Edsall v. Brooks, 3 Rob. (N. Y.) 294, 17 Abb. Prac. 221; Life Ass'n v. Boogher, 3 Mo. App. 173; Hess v. Sparks, 44 Kan. 445, 24 Pac. 859, 21 Am. St. Rep. 300; People v. Thompson, 97 N. Y. 313; Utterback v. State, 153 Ind. 545, 55 N. E. 420; Mitchell v. Sharon (C. C.) 51 Fed. 424.

BLACK MARRIA. A closed wagon or van in which prisoners are carried to and from the jail, or between the court and the jail.

BLACK RENTS. In old English law. Rents reserved in work, grain, provisions, or lesser money, in contradistinction to those which were reserved in white money or silver, which were termed "white rents," (reditus albi,) or blanch farms. Tomlin; Whishaw.

BLACK-ROD, GENTLEMAN USHER OF. In England, the title of a chief officer of the king, deriving his name from the Black Rod of office, on the top of which resides a golden lion, which he carries.

BLACK WARD. A subvassal, who held ward of the king's vassal.

BLACKLEG. A person who gets his living by frequenting race-courses and places where games of chance are played, getting the best odds, and giving the least he can, but not necessarily cheating. That is not indictable either by statute or at common law. Barnett v. Allen, 3 Ill. L. & N. 379.
BLADA. In old English law. Growing crops of grain of any kind. Spelman. All manner of annual grain. Cowell. Harvested grain. Bract. 217b; Reg. Orig. 94b, 95.

BLADARIUS. In old English law. A corn-monger; meal-man or corn-chandler; a blader, or engrosser of corn or grain. Blount.

BLANC SEIGN. In Louisiana, a paper signed at the bottom by him who intends to bind himself, give acquittance, or compromise, at the discretion of the person whom he intrusts with such blanc seign, giving him power to fill it with what he may think proper, according to agreement. Musson v. U. S. Bank, 6 Mart. O. S. (La.) 718.

BLANCH HOLDING. An ancient tenure of the law of Scotland, the duty payable being trifling, as a penny or a pepper-corn, etc., if required; similar to free and common socage.

BLANCHE FIRM. White rent; a rent reserved, payable in silver.

BLANCIUS. In old law and practice. White; plain; smooth; blank.

BLANK. A space left unfilled in a written document, in which one or more words or marks are to be inserted to complete the sense. Angle v. Insurance Co., 92 U. S. 357, 23 L. Ed. 553.

Also a skeleton or printed form for any legal document, in which the necessary and invariable words are printed in their proper order, with blank spaces left for the insertion of such names, dates, figures, additional clauses, etc., as may be necessary to adapt the instrument to the particular case and to the design of the party using it.

—Blank acceptance. An acceptance of a bill of exchange written on the paper before the bill is made, and delivered by the acceptor. —Blank bar. Also called the "common bar." The name of a plea in bar which in an action of trespass is put in to oblige the plaintiff to assign the certain place where the trespass was committed. It was most in practice in the common bench. See Cro. Jac. 594.—Blank bonds. Scotch securities, in which the creditor's name was left blank, and which passed by mere delivery, the bearer being at liberty to put in his name and sue for payment. Declared void by Act 1928, c. 28.—Blank indorsement. The indorsement of a bill of exchange or promissory note, by merely writing the name of the indorser, without mentioning any person to whom the bill or note is to be paid; called "blank" because a blank or space is left over it for the insertion of the name of the indorsee, or of any subsequent holder. Otherwise called an indorsement "in blank." 3 Kent, Comm. 80; Story, Prom. Notes, § 138.

BLANKET POLICY. In the law of fire insurance. A policy which contemplates that the risk is shifting, fluctuating, or varying, and is applied to a class of property, rather than to any particular article or thing.


BLANKS. A kind of white money, (value 5d.) coined by Henry V. In those parts of France which were then subject to England; forbidden to be current in that realm by 2 Hen. VI. c. 9. Wharton.

BLASARIUS. An incendiary.

BLASPHEMY. In English law. Blasphemy is the offense of speaking matter relating to God, Jesus Christ, the Bible, or the Book of Common Prayer, intended to wound the feelings of mankind or to excite contempt and hatred against the church by law established, or to promote immorality. Sweet.


In general, blasphemy may be described as consisting in speaking evil of the Deity with an impious purpose to derogate from the divine majesty, and to alienate the minds of others from the love and reverence of God. It is purposely using words concerning God calculated and designed to impair and destroy the reverence, respect, and confidence due to Him as the intelligent creator, governor, and judge of the world. It embraces the idea of detraction, when used towards the Supreme Being, as "calumni" usually carries the same idea when applied to an individual. It is a willful and malicious attempt to lessen men's reverence of God by denying His existence, or His attributes as an intelligent creator, governor, and judge of men, and to prevent their having confidence in Him as such. Com. v. Kneeland, 20 Pick. (Mass.) 211, 212.

The use of this word is, in modern law exclusively confined to sacred subjects; but blasphemia and blasphemare were anciently used to signify the reviling by one person of another. Nov. 77, c. 1, § 1; Spelman.

BLEES. In old English law. Grain; particularly corn.

BLEACH, BLEACH HOLDING. See BLANCE HOLDING.

BLENDED FUND. In England, where a testator directs his real and personal estate to be sold, and disposes of the proceeds as forming one aggregate, this is called a "blended fund."

BLIND. One who is deprived of the sense or faculty of sight. See Pol. Code Cal. 1903, § 2241.

BLINKS. In old English law. Boughs broken down from trees and thrown in a way where deer are likely to pass. Jacob.
BLOCK. A square or portion of a city or town inclosed by streets, whether partially or wholly occupied by buildings or containing only vacant lots. Ottawa v. Barney, 10 Kan. 270; Fraser v. Ott, 56 Cal. 661, 30 Pac. 783; State v. Deffes, 44 La. Ann. 164, 10 South. 507; Todd v. Railroad Co., 78 Ill. 530; Harrison v. People, 135 Ill. 465, 63 N. E. 181.

BLOCK OF SURVEYS. In Pennsylvania land law. Any considerable body of contiguous tracts surveyed in the name of the same warrantee, without regard to the manner in which they were originally located; a body of contiguous tracts located by exterior lines, but not separated from each other by interior lines. Morrison v. Seaman, 132 Pa. 74, 38 Atl. 710; Ferguson v. Bloom, 144 Pa. 540, 23 Atl. 49.

BLOCKADE. In international law. A marine investment or beleaguering of a town or harbor. A sort of circumvallation round a place by which all foreign connection and correspondence is, as far as human power can effect it, to be cut off. 1 C. Rob. Adm. 151. It is not necessary, however, that the place should be invested by land, as well as by sea, in order to constitute a legal blockade; and, if a place be blockaded by sea only, it is no violation of belligerent rights for the neutral to carry on commerce with it by inland communications. 1 Kent, Comm. 147.

The actual investment of a port or place by a hostile force fully competent, under ordinary circumstances, to cut off all communication therewith, so arranged or disposed as to be able to apply its force to every point of practicable access or approach to the port or place so invested. Bouvier; The Olinda Rodrigues (D. C.) 91 Fed. 274; Id. 174 U. S. 510. 10 Sup. Ct. 851. 34 L. Ed. 1005; U. S. v. The William Arthur, 28 Fed. Cas. 624; The Peterhoff, 5 Wall. 59, 18 L. Ed. 564; Grinnan v. Edwards, 21 W. Va. 347.

It is called a "blockade de facto" when the usual notice of the blockade has not been given to the neutral powers by the government causing the investment, in consequence of which the blockading squadron has to warn off all approaching vessels.

-Paper blockade. The state of a line of coast proclaimed to be under blockade in time of war, when the naval force on watch is not sufficient to repel a real attempt to enter.—Public blockade. A blockade which is not only established in fact, but is notified, by the government directing it, to other governments; as distinguished from a simple blockade, which may be established by a naval officer acting upon his own discretion or under direction of superiors, without governmental notification. The Circassian, 2 Wall. 150, 17 L. Ed. 795.—Simple blockade. One established by a naval commander acting on his own discretion and responsibility, or under the direction of a superior officer, but without governmental orders or notification. The Circassian, 2 Wall. 150, 17 L. Ed. 796.


-Half-blood. A term denoting the degree of relationship which exists between those who have the same father or the same mother, but not both parents in common.—Mixed blood. A person is "of mixed blood" who is descended from ancestors of different races or nationalities; but particularly, in the United States, the term denotes a person one of whose parents (or more remote ancestors) was a negro. See Hopkins v. Bowers, 111 N. C. 148, 16 S. E. 1—Whole blood. Kinship by descent from the same father and mother; as distinguished from half blood, which is the relationship of those who have one parent in common, but not both.

BLOOD MONEY. A wergild, or pecuniary mulct paid by a slayer to the relatives of his victim.

Also used, in a popular sense, as descriptive of money paid by way of reward for the apprehension and conviction of a person charged with a capital crime.

BLOOD STAINS, TESTS FOR. See PRECITITIN TEST.

BLOODWIT. An amercement for bloodshed. Cowell.

The privilege of taking such amercements. Skene.

A privilege or exemption from paying a fine or amercement assessed for bloodshed. Cowell.

BLOODY HAND. In forest law. The having the hands or other parts bloody, which, in a person caught trespassing in the forest against venison, was one of the four kinds of circumstantial evidence of his having killed deer, although he was not found in the act of chasing or hunting. Manwood.

BLUE LAWS. A supposititious code of severe laws for the regulation of religious and personal conduct in the colonies of Connecticut and New Haven; hence any rigid Sunday laws or religious regulations. The assertion by some writers of the existence of the blue laws has no other basis than the adoption, by the first authorities of the New Haven colony, of the Scriptures as their code of law and government, and their strict application of Mosaic principles. Century Dict.

BOARD. A committee of persons organized under authority of law in order to exercise certain authorities, have oversight or control of certain matters, or discharge certain functions of a magisterial, representative, or fiduciary character. Thus, "board
of aldermen," "board of health," "board of directors," "board of works."

Also lodging, food, entertainment, furnished to a guest at an inn or boarding-houses.

-Board of aldermen. The governing body of a municipal corporation. Oliver v. Jersey City, 63 N. J. Law, 96, 42 Atl. 782. See Aldermen.-Board of audit. A tribunal provided in some states in some instances to audit and settle the accounts of municipal corporations. Osterhoudt v. Rigney, 98 N. Y. 222.-Board of aldermen in a city. In the case of a city this term includes the mayor and aldermen and justices residing therein; in the case of a town, the selectmen and town clerk and the justices residing therein; in the case of a village, the trustees or bailiffs and the justices residing therein. Vt. St. 1804, 19, 59.-Board of directors. The governing body of a private corporation, generally selected from among the stockholders and constituting in effect a committee of their number or board of trustees for their interested.-Board of equalization. See equalization.-Board of fire underwriters. As these exist in many cities, they are unincorporated voluntary associations composed exclusively of persons engaged in the business of fire insurance, having for their object consolidation and co-operation in matters affecting the business, as well as the writing of policies and the maintenance of uniform rates. Childs v. Insurance Co., 66 Minn. 383, 60 N. W. 141, 35 L. R. A. 69.-Board of health. A board or commission created by the sovereign authority or by municipalities, invested with certain powers and charged with certain duties in relation to the maintenance and improvement of the public health. General boards of health are usually charged with general and advisory duties, with the collection of vital statistics, the investigation of sanitary conditions, and the methods of dealing with epidemic and other diseases, the quarantine laws, etc. Such are the national board of health, created by act of congress of March 3, 1879, (20 St. at Large, 484) and the state boards of health created by the legislatures of most of the states. Local boards of health are charged with more direct and immediate means of securing the public health, and exercise inquisitorial and executive powers in relation to sanitary regulations, offensive nuisances, the subdivision of land, slum houses, dairies, and sewers, and similar subjects. Such boards are constituted in most American cities by local laws or city codes, or by their charters, or by municipal ordinance, and in England by the statutes, 11 & 12 Vict. c. 63, and 21 & 22 Vict. c. 60, and other acts amending the same. See Gaine vs. Waters, 64 Ark. 609, 44 S. W. 533.-Board of pardons. A board created by law in some states, whose function is to investigate all applications for executive clemency and to make reports and recommendations thereon to the governor.-Board of supervisors. Under this system obtaining in some of the northern states, this name is given to an organized committee, or body of officials, composed of delegates from the several townships of each county, constituting part of the county government, and having special charge of the revenues of the county.-Board of trade. An organisation of the principal merchants, manufacturers, traders, etc., organized for the purpose of furthering its commercial interests, encouraging the establishment of manufactures, promoting the interest, improving shipping facilities, and generally advancing the prosperity of the place as an industrial and commercial community. In England, one of the administrative departments of government, and consisting of a committee of the privy council which is appointed for the consideration of matters relating to trade and shipping.-Board of works. The name of a board of officers appointed for the better local management of the English metropolis. It has the care and management of all grounds and gardens dedicated to the use of the inhabitants in the metropolis; also the superintendence of the drainage; also the regulation of the street traffic, and, generally, of the buildings of the metropolis. Brown.

BOARDER. One who, being the inhabitant of a place, makes a special contract with another person for food with or without lodging. Berkshire Woollen Co. v. Proctor, 7 Vt. (8th) 428.

One who has food and lodging in the house or with the family of another for an agreed price, and usually under a contract intended to continue for a considerable period of time. Ullman v. State, 1 Tex. App. 220, 28 Am. Rep. 405; Ambler v. Skinner, 7 Rob. (N. Y.) 561.

The distinction between a guest and a boarder is this: The guest comes and remains without any bargain for time, and may go away when he pleases, paying only for the actual entertainment he receives; and the fact that he may have resided a long time in the inn, in this way, does not make him a boarder, instead of a guest. Stewart v. McCreary, 24 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 62.

BOARDING-HOUSE. A boarding-house is not in common parlance, or in legal meaning, every private house where one or more boarders are kept occasionally only and upon special considerations. But it is a quasi public house, where boarders are generally and habitually kept, and which is held out and known as a place of entertainment of that kind. Cady v. McDowell, 1 Lamps. (N. Y.) 486.

A boarding-house is not an inn, the distinction being that a boarder is received into a house by a voluntary contract, whereas an innkeeper, in the absence of any reasonable or lawful excuse, is bound to receive a guest when he presents himself. 2 El. & Bl. 144.

The distinction between a boarding-house and an inn is that in a boarding-house the guest is under an express contract, at a certain rate for a certain period of time, while in an inn there is no express agreement; the guest, being on his way, is entertained from day to day, according to his business, upon an implied contract. Willard v. Reinhardt, 2 E. D. Smith (N. Y.) 148.

BOAT. A small open vessel, or watercraft, usually moved by oars or rowing. It is commonly distinguished in law from a ship or vessel, by being of smaller size and without a deck. U. S. v. Open Bont, 5 Mason, 120, 137, Fed. Cas. No. 17,367.

BOATABLE. A term applied in some states to minor rivers and streams capable of being navigated in small boats, skiffs, or launches, though not by steam or sailing vessels. New England Trout, etc., Club v. Mather, 66 Vt. 358, 37 Atl. 323, 33 L. R. A. 509.

BOC. In Saxon law. A book or writing; a deed or charter. Boc land, deed or char-
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TER LAND. *Land boc,* a writing for conveying land; a deed or charter; a land-book.

—Boc horde. A place where books, writings, or evidences were kept. Cowell—Boc land. In Saxon law. Allodial lands held by deed or other written evidence of title.

BOCERAS. Sax. A scribe, notary, or chancellor among the Saxons.

BODILY. Pertaining to or concerning the body; of or belonging to the body or the physical constitution; not mental but corporeal. Electric R. Co. v. Lauer, 21 Ind. App. 466, 52 N. E. 703.

—Bodily harm. Any touching of the person of another against his will with physical force, in an intentional, hostile, and aggressive manner, or a projecting of such force against his person. People v. Moore, 50 Hun. 396, 3 N. Y. Supp. 159.—Bodily heista. Heirs begotten or borne by the person referred to; lineal descendants. This term is equivalent to "heirs of the body." Turner v. Hause, 109 Ill. 464, 65 N. E. 445; Craig v. Ambrose, 90 Ga. 334, 4 S. E. 1; Highter v. Forrester, 1 Bush (Ky.) 278—Bodily injury. Any physical or corporeal injury; not necessarily restricted to injury to the trunk or main part of the body as distinguished from the head or limbs. Quirk v. Siegel-Cooper Co., 43 App. Div. 464, 60 N. Y. Supp. 228.

BODMERIE, BODEMERIE, BODDEMERIE. Belg. and Germ. Bottomry, (q. v.)

BODY. A person. Used of a natural body, or of an artificial one created by law, as a corporation.

Also the main part of any instrument; in deeds it is spoken of as distinguished from the recitals and other introductory parts and signatures; in *affidavit*, from the title and jurat:

The main part of the human body; the trunk. Sanchez v. People, 22 N. Y. 149; State v. Edmunson, 64 Mo. 402; Walker v. State, 34 Fla. 167, 16 South. 80, 43 Am. St. Rep. 136.

BODY CORPORATE. A corporation.

BODY OF A COUNTY. A county at large, as distinguished from any particular place within it. A county considered as a territorial whole. State v. Arthur, 30 Iowa, 672; People v. Dunn, 31 App. Div. 139, 52 N. Y. Supp. 906.

BODY OF AN INSTRUMENT. The main and operative part; the substantive provisions, as distinguished from the recitals, title, jurat, etc.

BODY OF LAWS. An organized and systematic collection of rules of jurisprudence; as, particularly, the body of the civil law, or *corpus juris civitatis*.

BODY POLITIC. A term applied to a corporation, which is usually designated as a "body corporate and politic."

The term is particularly appropriate to a public corporation invested with powers and duties of government. It is often used, in a rather loose way, to designate the state or nation or sovereign power, or the government of a county or municipality, without distinctly connoting any express and individual corporate character. Munn v. Illinois, 94 U. S. 124, 24 L. Ed. 77; Coyle v. McIntire, 7 Houst. (Del.) 44, 30 Atl. 728, 40 Am. St. Rep. 109; Warner v. Beers, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 122; People v. Morris, 13 Wend. (N. Y.) 334.

BOILARY. Water arising from a salt well belonging to a person who is not the owner of the soil.

BOIS, or BOYS. L. Fr. Wood; timber; brush.

BOLHAGIUM, or BOLDAGIUM. A little house or cottage. Blount.

BOLT. The desertion by one or more persons from the political party to which he or they belong; the permanent withdrawal before adjournment of a portion of the delegates to a political convention. Rap. & L.

BOLTING. In English practice. A term formerly used in the English huss of court, but more particularly at Gray's Inn, signifying the private arguing of cases, as distinguished from *mooting*, which was a more formal and public mode of argument. Cowell; Tomlin; Holthouse.

BOMBAY REGULATIONS. Regulations passed for the presidency of Bombay, and the territories subordinate thereto. They were passed by the governors in council of Bombay until the year 1834, when the power of local legislation ceased, and the acts relating thereto were thenceforth passed by the governor general of India in council. Mosley & Whitley.

BON. Fr. *In old French law.* A royal order or check on the treasury, invented by Francis I. *Bon pour mille livers*, good for a thousand livres. Step. Lect. 387.

In modern law. The name of a clause (bon pour ———, good for so much) added to a cedula or promise, where it is not in the handwriting of the signor, containing the amount of the sum which he obliges himself to pay. Poth. Obl. part 4, ch. 1, art. 2, § 1.

BONA. Lat. n. Goods; property; possessions. In the Roman law, this term was used to designate all species of property, real, personal, and mixed, but was more strictly applied to real estate. In modern civil law, it includes both personal property (technically so called) and chattels real, thus corresponding to the French *biens*. In the common law, its use was confined to the de-

---Bona confissa. Goods confiscated or forfeited to the imperial fisc or treasury. 1 Bl. Commentarios 238; Goodfellow, ch. 1. Chattels. Movable property. This expression includes all personal things that belong to a man, e.g., clothes, & c. & W. 92. ---Bona felonum. In English law. Goods of felons; the goods of one convicted of felony. 5 Coke, 110. ---Bona forisfacta. Goods forfeited. Bona furtivos vici. 4 Coke, 179; Bona proprios, the proper goods of him who flies for felony. 5 Coke, 1038. ---Bona mobilia. In the civil law. Movables. Those things which move themselves or can be transported from one place to another, and not permanently attached to a farm, heritage, or building. ---Bona notabilia. In English probate law. Notable goods; property worthy of notice, or of sufficient value to be accounted for, that is, amounting to $5. Where a decedent leaves goods of sufficient amount (bonda notabilia) in different dioceses, administration is granted by the metropolitan, to prevent the confusion arising from the appointment of many different administrators. 2 Bl. Comm. 506; Rolfe, Abr. 908. Moore v. Jordan, 30 Kan. 271, 13 Pac. 327, 69 Am. Rep. 150. ---Bona parpa. "Property is an estate in a separate property of a married woman other than that which is included in her dowry; more particularly, her clothing, jewels, and ornaments. Whitney v. Snyder, 88 N. Y. 893. ---Bona parturium. Goods of a perishable nature; such goods as an executor or trustee must use diligence in disposing of and converting them into money. Bona usucapionis. Goods of ordinary goods belonging to persons outlawed. ---Bona vacantia. Vacant, unclaimed, or stray goods. Those things in which no one claims a property, and which belong to the crown, by virtue of its prerogative. 1 Bl. Comm. 298. ---Bona variasita. In English law. Waived goods; goods stolen and seized, that is, thrown away by the thief in his flight, for fear of being apprehended, or to facilitate his escape; and which go to the sovereign. 5 Coke, 1006; 1 Bl. Comm. 296.

BONA. Lat. adj. Good. Used in numerous legal phrases of which the following are the principal:

---Bona fides. Good faith; integrity of dealing; honesty; sincerity; the opposite of malas fides and of dolus maius. ---Bona gestura. Good behavior; Bona gratia. In the Roman law. By mutual consent; voluntarily. A term applied to a species of divorce where the parties separated by mutual consent; or where the parties renounced their marital engagements without assigning any cause, or upon mere pretenses. Tayl. Civil Law, 361, 362; Calvin. ---Bona memoria. Good memory. Generally used in the phrase bona mentis et bona memoria, of sound mind and good memory, as descriptive of the mental capacity of a testator. ---Bona parturium. In the Scotch law. An anno or jury of good neighbors. Bell.

BONA FIDE. In or with good faith; honestly, openly, and sincerely; without deceit or fraud.

Truly; actually; without simulation or pretense.

Innocently; in the attitude of trust and confidence; without notice of fraud, etc.

The phrase "bona fide" is often used ambiguously; thus, the expression "a bona fide holder for more than a gold price for real value, as opposed to a holder for pretended value, or it may mean a holder for real value, without notice of any fraud, etc. Byles, Bills, 121.

---Bona fide purchaser. A purchaser for a valuable consideration paid or parted with in the belief that the vendor had a right to sell, and without any suspicious circumstance to put him on inquiry. Merritt v. Railroad Co., 12 Barb. (N. Y.) 696. One who acts without covin, fraud, or collusion; one who, in the commission of or connivance at no fraud, pays full price for the property, and in good faith, honestly, and in fair dealing buys and goes into possession. Sanders v. McAfee, 42 Ga. 250. A bona fide purchaser is one who buys property of another without notice that some third person has a right to, or interest in, such property, and pays a full and fair price for the same, at the time of such purchase, or before he has notice of the claim or interest of such orther in the property. Spicer v. Waters, 66 Barb. (N. Y.) 231.

---Bona fide possessor factit fructus consumptos suos. By good faith a possessor makes the fruits consumed his own. Tray. Lat. Max. 57.

---Bona fides exigit ut quod convenit flat. Good faith demands that what is agreed upon shall be done. Dig. 19, 20, 21; Id. 19, 1, 50; Id. 50, 8, 2, 12.

---Bona fides non patitur ut hic idem exigitur. Good faith does not allow us to demand twice the payment of the same thing. Dig. 50, 17, 57; Broom, Max. 338, note; Perine v. Dunn, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 143.

BONE FIDE. In the civil law. Of good faith: in good faith. This is a more frequent form than bona fide.

---Bona fide contracts. In civil and Scotch law. Those contracts in which equity may interpose to correct inequalities, and to adjust all matters according to the plain intention of the parties. 1 Kames, Eq. 293. ---Bona fide empator. A purchaser in good faith. One who either was ignorant that the thing he bought belonged to another, or supposed that the seller had a right to sell it. Dig. 50, 16, 109. See Id. 6, 2, 7, 11. ---Bona fide possessor. A possessor in good faith. One who believes that no other person has a better right to the possession than himself. Mackeld. Rom. Law, 243.

---Bona fide possessor in id tantum quod see pervenerit tenetur. A possessor in good faith is only liable for that which he himself has obtained. 2 Inst. 285.

BOND, n. A contract by specialty to pay a certain sum of money; being a deed or instrument under seal, by which the maker or obligor promises, and thereto binds himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, to pay a designated sum of money to another; usually with a clause to the effect that upon performance of a certain condition (as to pay another and smaller sum) the obligation shall be void. U. S. v. Rundle, 100 Fed. 11, 20 C. C. A. 450; Tureck v. Milnur Co., 8 Colo. 113, 5 Pac. 383; Boyd v. Boyd, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 120.

The word "bond" shall embrace every written undertaking for the payment of money or ac-
knowledge of being bound for money, conditioned to be void on the performance of any duty, or the occurrence of anything therein expressed, and subscribed and delivered by the party making it, to take effect as his obligation, whether it be sealed or unsealed; and, when a bond is required by law, an undertaking in writing without seal shall be sufficient. Rev. Code Miss. 1890, § 19.

The word "bond" has with us a definite legal significance. It has a clause, with a sum fixed as a penalty, binding the parties to pay the same, conditioned, however, that the payment of the penalty may be avoided by the performance by some, binding the parties of certain acts. In re Fitch, 8 Redf. Sur. (N. Y.) 459.

Bonds are either single (simple) or double, (conditional.) A simple bond is one in which the obligor binds himself, his heirs, etc., to pay a certain sum of money to another person at a specified day. A double (or conditional) bond is one to which a condition is added that if the obligor does or forbears from doing some act the obligation shall be void. Formerly such a condition was sometimes contained in a separate instrument, and was then called a "deceaseance."

The term is also used to denote debentures or certificates of indebtedness issued by public and private corporations, governments, and municipalities, as security for the repayment of money loaned to them. Thus, "railway aid bonds" are bonds issued by municipal corporations to aid in the construction of railroads likely to benefit them, and exchanged for the company's stock.


**BOND, v.** To give bond for, as for duties on goods; to secure payment of duties, by giving bond. Bonded, secured by bond. Bonded goods are those for the duties on which bonds are given.

**BONDAGE.** Slavery; involuntary personal servitude; captivity. In old English law, villenage, villein tenure. 2 Bl. Comm. 92.

**BONDED WAREHOUSE.** See Warehouse System.

**BONDSMAN.** A surety; one who has entered into a bond as surety. The word seems to apply especially to the sureties upon the bonds of officers, trustees, etc., while bail should be reserved for the sureties on recognizances and bail-bonds. Haberstich v. Elliott, 189 Ill. 70, 59 N. E. 557.

**BONES GENTS.** L. Fr. In old English law. Good men, (of the jury.)

**BONI HOMINES.** In old European law. Good men; a name given in early European jurisprudence to the tenants of the lord, who judged each other in the lord's courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 349.

Bonis judiciis est ampliare jurisdictionem. It is the part of a good judge to enlarge (or use liberally) his remedial authority or jurisdiction. Ch. Prec. 320; 1 Wills. 284.

**Bonis judiciis est ampliare justitionem.** It is the duty of a good judge to enlarge or extend justice. 1 Burr. 304.

**Bonis judiciis est judicum sine dilatione mandare executio.** It is the duty of a good judge to cause judgment to be executed without delay. Co. Litt. 290.

**Bonis judiciis est litis dirimere, ex litis certior, et interest republcam ut sit ius iutillum.** It is the duty of a good judge to prevent litigations, that suit may not grow out of suit, and it concerns the welfare of a state that an end be put to litigation. 4 Coke, 159; 5 Coke, 31a.

**BONIS CEDERE.** In the civil law. To make a transfer or surrender of property, as a debtor did to his creditors. Cod. 7, 71.

**BONIS NON AMOVENDIS.** A writ addressed to the sheriff, when a writ of error has been brought, commanding that the person against whom judgment has been obtained be not suffered to remove his goods till the error be tried and determined. Reg. Orig. 131.

**BONIFICATION.** The remission of a tax, particularly on goods intended for export, being a special advantage extended by government in aid of trade and manufactures, and having the same effect as a bonus or drawback. It is a device resorted to for enabling a commodity affected by taxes to
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be exported and sold in the foreign market on the same terms as if it had not been taxed.
U. S. v. Passavant, 169 U. S. 16, 18
Sup. Ct. 219, 42 L. Ed. 644; Downs v. U.

BONITARIAN OWNERSHIP. In Roman law. A species of equitable title to
things, as distinguished from a title acq
quired according to the strict forms of the munici
pal law; the property of a Roman citizen
in a subject capable of quiritary property,
acquired by a title not known to the

civil law, but introduced by the praetor, and
protected by his imperium or supreme exe
cutive power, e. g., where res mancipii had
been transferred by mere tradition. Poste's Gaius Inst. 187. See Quiritarian Own
ership.

BONO ET MALO. A special writ of
jail delivery, which formerly issued of

course for each particular prisoner. 4 Bl.
Comm. 270.

Bonum defendantis ex integra causa;
malum ex quaebit defectu. The success of
a defendant depends on a perfect case;
his loss arises from some defect. 11 Coke,
68a.

Bonum necessarium extra terminos necessitatis non est bonum. A good
thing required by necessity is not good be

dy the limits of such necessity. Hob. 144.

BONUS. A gratuity. A premium paid
to a grantor or vendor.

An extra consideration given for what is
received.

Any premium or advantage; an occasion
al extra dividend.

A premium paid by a company for a char
ter or other franchise.

"A definite sum to be paid at one time,
for a loan of money for a specified period,
distinct from and independently of the in
terest." Association v. Wilcox, 24 Conn.
147.

A bonus is not a gift or gratuity, but a sum
paid for services, or upon some other consid
eration, but in addition to or in excess of that
which would ordinarily be given. Kenicot v.
Wayne County, 16 Wall. 452, 21 L. Ed. 319.

Bonus judex secundum equum et
bonum iudicat, et equitament stricto
juri praebert. A good judge decides ac

cording to what is just and good, and pre
fers equity to strict law. Co. Litt. 34.

BOOK. 1. A general designation applied to
any literary composition which is written,
but appropriately to a printed composition
bound in a volume. Scoville v. Toland,
21 Fed. Cas. 864.

2. A bound volume consisting of sheets of
paper, not printed, but containing manu
script entries; such as a merchant's ac
count-books, docketts of courts, etc.

3. A name often given to the largest sub
divisions of a treatise or other literary com
position.

4. In practice, the name of "book" is giv
en to several of the more important papers
prepared in the progress of a cause, though
entirely written, and not at all in the book
form; such as demurrer-books, error-books,
paper-books, etc.

In copyright law, the meaning of the
term is more extensive than in popular
usage, for it may include a pamphlet, a
magazine, a collection of blank forms, or a
single sheet of music or of ordinary print
ing. U. S. v. Bennett, 24 How. 237; Car
ston v. Stowe v. Thomas, 23 Fed. Cas. 207; White
v. Geroch, 2 Barn. & Ald. 301; Brightley
v. Littleton (C. C.) 37 Fed. 104; Holmes
v. Hurst, 174 U. S. 82, 19 Sup. Ct. 606, 43
L. Ed. 904; Clementt v. Goulding, 11 East,
244; Clayton v. Stone, 5 Fed. Cas. 999.

—Book account. A detailed statement, kept
in writing in a book, in the nature of debits
and credits between persons, arising out of
contract or other fiduciary relations. No
record of debit and credit kept in a book.
Taylor v. Horst, 52 Minn. 300, 54 N. W. 734;
Stiegliet v. Mercantile Co., 78 Mo. App. 280;
Kennedy v. Ankrim, Tapp. (Oh.) 40.—Book
debit. In Pennsylvania practice. The act
of 28th March, 1853, 2, in using the words,
"book debit" and "book entry," held to
their usual signification, which includes goods
sold and delivered, and work, labor, and
services performed, the evidence of which, on
the part of the plaintiff, consists of entries in
an original book, such as is competent to go
to a jury, were the issue trying before them.
Hamil v. O'Donnell, 2 Miles (Pa.) 402.—Book
of acts. A term applied to the records of a
surrogate's court. 8 East, 187.—Book of ad
journal. In Scotch law. The original rec
ords of criminal trials in the court of justiciary.

—Book of original entries. A book in
which a merchant keeps his accounts generally
and enter...
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BORD-BRIGCH. In Saxon law. A breach or violation of suretyship; pledge-breach, or breach of mutual fidelity.

BORDER WARRANT. A process granted by a judge ordinary, on either side of the border between England and Scotland, for arresting the person or effects of a person living on the opposite side, until he find security, judicio siste. Bell.

BORDEREAU. In French law. A note enumerating the purchases and sales which may have been made by a broker or stockbroker. This name is also given to the statement given to a banker with bills for discount or coupons to receive. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 547.

BORD-HALFPENNY. A customary small toll paid to the lord of a town for setting up boards, tables, booths, etc., in fairs or markets.

BORDLANDS. The demesnes which the lords keep in their hands for the maintenance of their board or table. Cowell.

Also lands held in bordage. Lands which the lord gave to tenants on condition of their supplying his table with small provisions, poultry, eggs, etc.

BORDLODE. A service anciently required of tenants to carry timber out of the woods of the lord to his house; or it is said to be the quantity of food or provision which the bordarii or bordmen paid for their bordlands. Jacob.

BORDSERVICE. A tenure of bordlands.

BOREL-FOLK. Country people; derived from the French bourse, (Lat. floresus,) a lock of wool, because they covered their heads with such stuff. Blount.

BORG. In Saxon law. A pledge, pledge giver, or surety. The name given among the Saxons to the head of each family composing a tithing or decennary, each being the pledge for the good conduct of the others. Also the contract or engagement of suretyship; and the pledge given.

BORGBRICHE. A breach or violation of suretyship, or of mutual fidelity. Jacob.

BORGESMON. In Saxon law. The name given to the head of each family composing a tithing.

BORGH OF HAMHALD. In old Scotch law. A pledge or surety given by the seller of goods to the buyer, to make the goods forthcoming as his own proper goods, and to warrant the same to him. Skene.

A parliamentary borough is a town which returns one or more members to parliament.

In Scotch law. A corporate body erected by the charter of the sovereign, consisting of the inhabitants of the territory erected into the borough. Bell.

In American law. In Pennsylvania, the term denotes a part of a township having a charter for municipal purposes; and the same is true of Connecticut. Southport v. Ogden, 23 Conn. 123. See, also, 1 Dill. Mun. Corp. § 41, n.

"Borough" and "village" are duplicate or cumulative names of the same thing; proof of either will sustain a charge in an indictment employing the other term. Brown v. State, 18 Ohio St. 496.

—Borough courts. In English law. Private and limited tribunals, held by prescription, charter, or act of parliament, in particular districts for the convenience of the inhabitants, that they may procure small suits and receive justices at home.—Borough English. A custom prevalent in some parts of England, by which the youngest son inherits the estate in preference to his older brothers. 1 Bl. Comm. 76.

—Borough fund. In English law. The revenue of a municipal borough derived from the rents and produce of the land, houses, and stocks belonging to the borough in its corporate capacity, and supplemented where necessary by a borough rate.—Borough-heads. Borough-holder, borough-keeper, or borough-ward.—Borough-revenue. The chief municipal officer in towns unincorporated before the municipal corporation act; and borough-wardens. Borough sessions. Courts of limited criminal jurisdiction, established in English boroughs under the municipal corporation act.—Pocket borough. A term formerly used in English politics to describe a borough entitled to send a representative to parliament, in which a single individual, either as the principal landlord or by reason of other predominating influence, could entirely control the election and insure the return of the candidate whom he should nominate.

BORROW. To solicit and receive from another any article of property or thing of value with the intention and promise to repay or return it or its equivalent. Strictly speaking, borrowing implies a gratuitous loan; if any price or consideration is to be paid for the use of the property, it is "lending." But money may be borrowed on an agreement to pay interest for its use. Neal v. State, 33 Tex. Cr. R. 408, 26 S. W. 726; Kent v. Mining Co., 75 N. Y. 177; Legal Tender Cases, 110 U. S. 421, 4 Sup. Ct. 122, 28 L. Ed. 204.

This word is often used in the sense of returning the thing borrowed in specie, as to borrow a book or any other thing to be returned again. But it is evident that where money is borrowed, the identical money loaned is not to be returned, because, if this were so, the borrower would derive no benefit from the loan. In the broad sense of the term, it means a contract for the use of money. State v. School Dist., 15 Neb. 88, 12 N. W. 615; Railroad Co. v. Stichter, 11 Wky. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 325.

BORROWE. In old Scotch law. A pledge.

BORSHOLDER. In Saxon law. The borough's elder, or headborough, supposed to be in the discreetest man in the borough, town, or titling.

BOSCAGE. In English law. The food which wood and trees yield to cattle; browse-wood, mast, etc. Spelman.

An ancient duty of wind-fallen wood in the forest. Manwood

BOSCARIA. Wood-houses, or ox-houses.

BOSCUS. Wood; growing wood of any kind, large or small, timber or copple. Cowell; Jacob

BOTE. In old English law. A recompense or compensation, or profit or advantage. Also reparation or amendment for any damage done. Necessaries for the maintenance and carrying on of husbandry. An allowance; the ancient name for estovers.

House-bote is a sufficient allowance of wood from off the estate to repair or burn in the house, and sometimes termed “fire-bote;” place-bote and cart-bote are wood to be employed in making and repairing all instruments of husbandry; and hay-bote or hedge-bote is wood for repairing of hays, hedges, or fences. The word also signifies reparation for any damage or injury done, as man-bote, which was a compensation or amendment for a man slain, etc.

BOTELESS. In old English law. Without amendment; without the privilege of making satisfaction for a crime by pecuniary payment; without relief or remedy. Cowell.

BOTH. In old English law. A booth, stall, or tent to stand in, in fair or markets. Cowell.

BOTHAGIUM, or BOOTHAGE. Custody dues paid to the lord of a manor or soil, for the pitching or standing of booths in fairs or markets.

BOTHNA, or BUTHNA. In old Scotch law. A park where cattle are inclosed and fed. Bothna also signifies a barony, lordship, etc. Skene.

BOTTOMAGE. L. Fr. Bottomry.

BOTTOMRY. In maritime law. A contract in the nature of a mortgage, by which the owner of a ship borrows money for the use, equipment, or repair of the vessel, and
for a definite term, and pledges the ship (or the keel or bottom of the ship, pars pro toto) as a security for its repayment, with maritime or extraordinary interest on account of the marine risks to be borne by the lender; it being stipulated that if the ship be lost in the course of the specified voyage, or during the limited time, by any of the perils enumerated in the contract, the lender shall also lose his money. The Draco, 2 Summ. 157, Fed. Cas. No. 4,057; White v. Cole, 24 Wend. (N. Y.) 136; Carrington v. The Pratt, 18 How. 63, 15 L. Ed. 267; The Dora (D. C.) 34 Fed. 343; Jennings v. Insurance Co., 4 Bin. (Pa.) 244, 6 Am. Dec. 304; Braynard v. Hoppock, 7 Bow. (N. Y.) 157.

Bottomry is a contract by which a ship or its freight is hypothecated as security for a loan, which is to be repaid only in case the ship survives a particular risk, voyage, or period. Civ. Code Cal. § 3017; Civ. Code Dak. § 1783.

When the loan is not made upon the ship, but on the goods laden on board, and which are to be sold or exchanged in the course of the voyage, the shipper's person or property is deemed the principal security for the performance of the contract, which is therefore called "respondentia," which see. And in a loan upon respondentia the lender must be paid his principal and interest though the ship perish, provided the goods are saved. In most other respects the contracts of bottomry and of respondentia stand substantially upon the same footing. Bouvier.

**BOTTOMRY BOND.** The instrument embodying the contract or agreement of bottomry.

The true definition of a bottomry bond, in the sense of the general maritime law, and independent of the peculiar regulations of the positive codes of different commercial nations, is that it is a contract for a loan of money upon the bottom of the ship, at an extraordinary interest, upon maritime risks, to be borne by the lender for a voyage, or for a definite period. The Draco, 2 Summ. 157, Fed. Cas. No. 4,057; Cole v. White, 26 Wend. (N. Y.) 513; Greely v. Smith, 20 Fed. Cas. 1077; The Grapeshot, 9 Wall. 355, 1 L. Ed. 651.

**BOUCHE.** Fr. The mouth. An allowance of provision. Avoir bouche à court; to have an allowance at court; to be in ordinary at court; to have meat and drink Scott free there. Blount; Cowlcod.

**BOUCHE OF COURT, OR BUDGE OF COURT.** A certain allowance of provision from the king to his knights and servants, who attended him on any military expedition.

**BOUGH OF A TREE.** In feudal law. A symbol which gave seisin of land, to hold of the donor in capite.

**BOUGHT AND SOLD NOTES.** When a broker is employed to buy and sell goods, he is accustomed to give to the buyer a note of the sale, commonly called a "sold note," and to the seller a like note, commonly called a "bought note," in his own name, as agent of each, and thereby they are respectively bound, if he has not exceeded his authority. Saladin v. Mitchell, 45 Ill. 83; Kelm v. Lindley (N. J. Ch.) 30 Atl. 1070.

**BOUVARD.** The word "boulevard," which originally indicated a bulwark or rampart, and was afterwards applied to a public walk or road on the site of a demolished fortification, is now employed in the same sense as public drive. A park is a piece of ground adapted and set apart for purposes of ornament, exercise, and amusement. It is not a street or road, though carriages may pass through it.

So a boulevard or public drive is adapted and set apart for purposes of ornament, exercise, and amusement. It is not technically a street, avenue, or highway, though a carriage-way over it is a chief feature. People v. Green, 52 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 445; Howe v. Lowell, 171 Mass. 575, 51 N. E. 536; Park Comrs. v. Farber, 171 Ill. 146, 49 N. E. 427.

**BOUND.** As an adjective, denotes the condition of being constrained by the obligations of a bond or a covenant. In the law of shipping, "bound to" or "bound for" denotes that the vessel spoken of is intended or designed to make a voyage to the place named.

As a noun, the term denotes a limit or boundary, or a line inclosing or marking off a tract of land. In the familiar phrase "metes and bounds," the former term properly denotes the measured distances, and the latter the natural or artificial marks which indicate their beginning and ending. A distinction is sometimes taken between "bound" and "boundary," to the effect that, while the former signifies the limit itself, (and may be an imaginary line,) the latter designates a visible mark which indicates the limit. But no such distinction is commonly observed.

**BOUND BAILIFFS.** In English law. Sheriffs' officers are so called, from their being usually bound to the sheriff in an obligation with sureties, for the due execution of their office. 1 Bl. Comm. § 345, 346.

**BOUNDARY.** By boundary is understood, in general, every separation, natural or artificial, which marks the confines or line of division of two contiguous estates. Trees or hedges may be planted, ditches may be dug, walls or inclosures may be erected, to serve as boundaries. But we most usually understand by boundaries stones or pieces of wood inserted in the earth on the confines of the two estates. Civ. Code La. art. 526.

Boundaries are either natural or artificial. Of the former kind are water-courses, growing trees, beds of rock, and the like. Artificial boundaries are landmarks or signs erected by the hand of man, as a pole, stake, pile of stones, etc.

---Natural boundary. Any formation or product of nature (as opposed to structures or erec-
tions made by man] which may serve to define and fix one or more of the lines inclosing an estate or piece of property, such as a watercourse, a line of growing trees, a bluff or mountain chain, or the like. See Peuker v. Center, 62 Kan. 363, 63 Pac. 617; Staplesford v. Brin- son, 24 N. C. 311; Eureka Mining, etc., Co. v. Way, 11 Nev. 171.—Private boundary. An artificial boundary, consisting of some monument or landmark set up by the hand of man to mark the beginning or direction of a boundary line of lands.—Public boundary. A natural boundary: a natural object or landmark used as a boundary of a tract of land, or as a beginning for a boundary line.

BOUND TREE. A tree marking or standing at the corner of a field or estate.

BOUNDERS. In American law. Visible marks or objects at the ends of the lines drawn in surveys of land, showing the courses and distances. Burrill.

BOUNDS. In the English law of mines, the trespass committed by a person who excavates minerals under-ground beyond the boundary of his land is called "working out of bounds."

BOUNTY. A gratuity, or an unusual or additional benefit conferred upon, or compensation paid to, a class of persons. Iowa v. McFarland, 110 U. S. 471, 4 Sup. Ct. 210, 28 L. Ed. 198.

A premium given or offered to induce men to enlist into the public service. The term is applicable only to the payment made to the enlisted man, as the inducement for his service, and not to a premium paid to the man through whose intervention, and by whose procurement, the recruit is obtained and mustered. Abbe v. Allen, 39 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 458.

It is not easy to discriminate between bounty, reward, and bonus. The former is the appropriate term, however, when the services or action of many persons are desired, and each who acts independently offers himself to the promised gratuity, without prejudice from or to the claims of others; while reward is more properly in the case of a single service, which can be only once performed, and therefore will be earned only by the person or co-operative persons who succeed while others fail. Thus, bounties are offered to all who will enlist in the army or navy; to all who will engage in certain fisheries which government desire to encourage; to all who kill dangerous beasts or noxious creatures. A reward is offered for rescuing a person from a wreck or fire; for detecting and arresting an offender; for finding a lost chettle. Kircher v. Murray, (C. C.) 54 Fed. 624; Ingrum v. Colgan, 106 Cal. 113, 35 Pac. 315, 25 L. R. A. 187, 46 Am. St. Rep. 221.

Bonus, as compared with bounty, suggests the idea of a gratuity to induce a money transaction between individuals; a percentage or gift, upon a loan or transfer of property, or a surrender of a right. Abbott.

—Bounty lands. Portions of the public domain given to soldiers for military services, by way of bounty, or in lieu of annuities. A name given to a royal charter, which was confirmed by 2 Anne, c. 11, whereby all the revenue of first-fruits and tithes was vested in trustees, to form a perpetual fund for the augmentation of poor ecclesiastical living. Wharton.—Military bounty land. Land granted by various laws of the United States, by way of bounty, to soldiers for services rendered in the army; being given in lieu of a money payment.

BOURG. In old French law. An assemblage of houses surrounded with walls; a fortified town or village.

In old English law. A borough, a village.

BOURgeois. In old French law. The inhabitant of a bourg, (q. v.)

A person entitled to the privileges of a municipal corporation; a burgess.

BOURSE. Fr. An exchange; a stock-exchange.

BOURSE DE COMMERCE. In the French law. An aggregation, sanctioned by government, of merchants, captains of vessels, exchange agents, and others, the two latter being nominated by the government, in 'each city which has a bourse. Brown.

BOUSsole. In French marine law. A compass; the mariner's compass.

BOUWERYE. Dutch. In old New York law. A farm; a farm on which the farmer's family resided.


BOVATA TERRE. As much land as one ox can cultivate. Said by some to be thirteen, by others eighteen, acres in extent. Skene; Spelman; Co. Litt. 5e.

BOW-BEARER. An under-officer of the forest, whose duty it was to oversee and true inquisition make, as well of sworn men as unsworn, in every bailiwick of the forest; and of all manner of trespasses done, either to vert or veison, and cause them to be presented, without any concealment, in the next court of attachment, etc. Crompt. Jur. 201.

BOWYERS. Manufacturers of bows and shafts. An ancient company of the city of London.

BOYCOTT. A conspiracy formed and intended directly or indirectly to prevent the carrying on of any lawful business, or to injure the business of any one by wrongfully preventing those who would be customers from buying anything from or employing the representatives of said business, by threats, intimidation, or other forcible means. Gray v. Building Trades Council, 91 Minn. 171, 37 N. W. 663, 63 L. R. A. 753, 103 Am. St. Rep. 477; State v. Glidden, 55 Conn. 46, 8 Atl. 880, 3 Am. St. Rep. 23; In re Crump, 84 Va.
BOZERO


BOZERO. In Spanish law. An advocate; one who pleads the causes of others, or his own, before courts of justice, either as plaintiff or defendant.

BRACHIAM MARIS. An arm of the sea.

BRACINUM. A brewing; the whole quantity of ale brewed at one time, for which tolecaster was paid in some manors. Brecina, a brew-house.

BRAHMIN, BRAHMAN, OR BRAMIN. In Hindu law. A divine; a priest; the first Hindu caste.

BRANCH. An offshoot, lateral extension, or subdivision.

A branch of a family stock is a group of persons, related among themselves by descent from a common ancestor, and related to the main stock by the fact that that common ancestor descends from the original founder or progenitor.

Branch of the sea. This term, as used at common law, included rivers in which the tide ebbed and flowed. Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 56, 10 Am. Dec. 350. Branch pilot. One possessing a license, commission, or certificate of competency issued by the proper authority and usually after an examination. U. S. v. Forbes, 25 Fed. Cas. 1141; Pettersen v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 58 S. W. 101; Dean v. Healy, 86 Ga. 40; State v. Follert, 33 La. Ann. 228. Branch railroad. A lateral extension of a main line; a road connected with or issuing from a main line, but not a mere incident of it and not a mere spur or side-track not one constructed simply to facilitate the business of the chief railway, but designed to have a business of its own in the transportation of persons and property to and from places not reached by the principal line. Ackers v. Canal Co., 43 N. J. Law, 110; Biles v. Railroad Co., 5 Wash. 509, 32 Pac. 211; Grennan v. McGree or., 78 Cal. 258, 20 Pac. 559; Newhall v. Railroad Co., 14 Ill. 274; Blanton v. Railroad Co., 26 Va. 616, 10 S. E. 925.

BRAND. To stamp; to mark, either with a hot iron or with a stencel plate. Dibble v. Hathaway, 11 Hun (N. Y.) 575.

BRANDING. An ancient mode of punishment by infliction on a mark on an offender with a hot iron. It is generally disused in civil law, but is a recognized punishment for some military offenses.

BRANKS. An instrument formerly used in some parts of England for the correction of scolds; a scolding bridie. It inclosed the head and a sharp piece of iron entered the mouth and restrained the tongue.

BRASiator. A maltster, a brewer.

BRASium. Malt.

BRAWL. A clamorous or tumultuous quarrel in a public place, to the disturbance of the public peace.

In English law, specifically, a noisy quarrel or other uproarious conduct creating a disturbance in a church or churchyard. 4 Bl. Comm. 144; 4 Steph. Comm. 253.

The popular meanings of the words “brawls” and “tumults” are substantially the same and identical. They are correlative terms, the one employed to express the meaning of the other, and are so defined by approved lexicographers. Legally, they mean the same kind of disturbance to the public peace, produced by a large number of agents, and can be well comprehended to define one and the same offense. State v. Perkins, 42 N. H. 494.

BREACH. The breaking or violating of a law, right, or duty, either by commission or omission.

In contracts. The violation or non-fulfilment of an obligation, contract, or duty.

A continuing breach occurs where the state of affairs, or the specific act constituting the breach, endures for a considerable period of time, or is repeated at short intervals. A constructive breach of contract takes place when the party bound to perform disables himself from performance by some act, or declares, before the time comes, that he will not perform.

In pleading. This name is sometimes given to that part of the declaration which alleges the violation of the defendant’s promise or duty, immediately preceding the ad damnum clause.

Breach of close. The unlawful or unwarrantable entry in another person’s soil, land, or close. 3 Bl. Comm. 209. Breach of covenant. The nonperformance of any covenant agreed to be performed, or the doing of any act covenanting not to be done. He-House.

Breach of duty. In a general sense, any violation or omission of a legal or moral duty. More particularly, the neglect or failure to fulfill in a just and proper manner the duties of an office or fiduciary employment. Breach of pound. The breaking any pound or place where cattle or goods are disarming or being disarmed, in order to take them back. 3 Bl. Comm. 146.

Breach of prison. The offense of actually and forcibly breaking a prison or gaol, with intent to escape. 4 Chit. Bl. 130, notes. 4 Steph. Comm. 255. The escape from custody of a person lawfully arrested on criminal process. Breach of privilege. An act or default in violation of the privilege of either house of parliament, of congress, or of a state legislature. Breach of promise. A violation of a promise; chiefly used as an elliptical expression for “breach of promise of marriage.”

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Construcrive breach of the peace is an unlawful act which, though wanting the elements of actual violence, is directed against any person, is yet inconsistent with the peaceable and orderly conduct of society. Various kinds of misdemeanors are in this general description, such as sending challenges to fight, going armed in public without lawful reason and in a threatening manner, etc. An apprehended breach of the peace is caused by the conduct of a man who threatens another with violence or physical injury, or who goes about in public with dangerous and unlawful weapons in a threatening or alarming manner, or who publishes an aggravat-ed libel upon another, etc.—Breaching of trust. Any trust commits the terms of his trust, or in excess of his authority and to the detriment of the trust; or the wrongful omission by a trustee of any act required of him by the terms of the trust. Also the wrongful misappropriation by a trustee of any fund or property which had been lawfully committed to him in a fiduciary character.—Breaching of warranty. In real property law and the law of insurance. The failure or falsehood of an affirmative promise or statement, or the non-performance of an executory stipulation. Hendricks v. Insurance Co., 8 Johns. (N. Y.) 13; Fitzgerald v. Bov. Ass'n, 39 App. Div. 257, 66 N. Y. Supp. 1003; Stewart v. Drake, 9 N. J. Law, 130.

BREAD ACTS. Laws providing for the sustenance of persons kept in prison for debt.

BREAKING. Forcibly separating, parting, disintegrating, or piercing any solid substance. In the law as to housebreaking and burglary, it means the tearing away or removal of any part of a house or of the locks, latches, or other fastenings intended to secure it, or otherwise exerting force to gain an entrance, with the intent to commit a felony; or violently or forcibly breaking out of a house, after having unlawfully entered it, in the attempt to escape. Gaddie v. Com., 117 Ky. 465, 78 S. W. 103, 111 Am. St. Rep. 259; Sims v. State, 136 Ind. 358, 36 N. E. 278; Melton v. State, 24 Tex. App. 287, 6 S. W. 303; Mathews v. State, 36 Tex. 675; Carter v. State, 68 Ala. 98; State v. Newbegin, 25 Me. 603; McCourt v. People, 04 N. Y. 595.

In the law of burglary, "constructive" breaking shall be distinguished from actual, forcible breaking, may be classed under the following heads: (1) Entries obtained by threat; (2) when, in consequence of violence done or threatened in order to obtain entry, the owner, with a view more effectually to repel it, opens the door and calls out and the felon enters; (3) when entrance is obtained by procuring the service of some intermediate person, such as a servant, to remove the fastening; (4) when some process of law is fraudulently resorted to for the purpose of obtaining an entrance; (5) when some trick is resorted to in order to induce the owner to remove the fastenings and open the door. State v. Henry, 31 N. C. 408; Clarke v. Com., 25 Grat. (Va.) 912; Dacher v. State, 18 Ohio, 317; Johnston v. Com., 53 Pa. 64, 27 Am. Rep. 622; Nichols v. State, 68 Wis. 418, 32 N. W. 743, 50 Am. Rep. 570.

—Breaking a case. The expression by the judges of a court, to one another, of their views of a case, in order to ascertain how far they are agreed, and to frame the formal delivery of their opinions. "We are breaking the case, that we may show what is in doubt with respect to it." H. 1, Hargrave's Dolbin, J. 1 Show. 423.—Breaking bulk. The offense committed by a bailee (particularly a carrier) in opening or unpacking the chest, parcel, or case containing goods intrusted to his care, and removing the goods and converting them to his own use.—Breaking doors. Forcibly removing the fastenings of a house, so that a person may enter.—Breaking jail. The act of a prisoner in effecting his escape from a place of lawful confinement. Escape, while denoting the offense of the prisoner in unlawfully leaving the jail, may also connote the fault or negligence of the sheriff or keeper, and hence is of wider significance than "breaking jail" or "prison breach."—Breaking of arrest. In Scotch law. The contempt of the law committed by an arrestee who disregards the arrestment used in his hands, and pays the sum or delivers the goods arrested to the debtor. The breaker is liable to the arrestee in damages. See Arrestment.

BREAST OF THE COURT. A metaphorical expression, signifying the confidence, discretion, or recollection of the judge. During the term of a court, the record is said to remain "in the breast of the judges of the court and in their remembrance." Co. Litt. 200a; 3 Bl. Comm. 407.

BREATHE. In medical jurisprudence. The air expelled from the lungs at each expiration.

BREDWITE. In Saxon and old English law. A fine, penalty, or amercement imposed for defaults in the assis of bread. Cowell.

BREHON. In old Irish law. A judge. 1 Bl. Comm. 100. Brehons, (brethecambhian,) judges.

BREHON LAW. The name given to the ancient system of law of Ireland as it existed at the time of its conquest by Henry IL; and derived from the title of the judges, who were denominated "Brehons."

BRENAEGIUM. A payment in bran, which tenants ancetly made to feed their lords' hounds.

BREPHTHOTROPHI. In the civil law. Persons appointed to take care of houses destined to receive foundlings.

BRETHREN. This word, in a will, may include sisters, as well as brothers, of the person indicated; it is not necessarily limited to the masculine gender. Terry v. Bruson, 1 Rich. Eq. (S. C.) 78.

BRETT AND SCOTTS, LAWS OF THE. A code or system of laws in use among the Celtic tribes of Scotland down to the beginning of the fourteenth century, and then abolished by Edward I. of England.

BRETTWALDA. In Saxon law. The ruler of the Saxon heptarchy.
BREVET. In military law. A commission by which an officer is promoted to the next higher rank, but without conferring a right to a corresponding increase of pay.

In French law. A privilege or warrant granted by the government to a private person, authorizing him to take a special benefit or exercise an exclusive privilege. Thus a brevet d'invention is a patent for an invention.

BREVIA. Lat. Writs. The plural of *breve*, which see.

-Brevia adversaria. Adversary writs; writs brought by an adversary to recover land. 6 Coke, 67. -Brevia amicabilia. Amicable or friendly writs; writs brought by agreement or consent of the parties. -Brevia anticipantia. At common law. Anticipating or preventive writs. Six were included in this category, viz.: *Writ of assistance*; *corpus chartae*; *monstravertur*; *audita querela*; *curia claudenda*; and *ne injure virens*. Peters v. Linenschmidt. 33 Mo. 490. -Brevia de cursu. Writs of course. Formal writs issuing as of course. -Brevia formata. Certain writs of approved and established form which were granted of course in actions to which they were applicable, and which could not be changed but by consent of the great council of the realm. Bract. fol. 413b. -Brevia selecta. Choice or selected writs or processes. Often abbreviated to Brev. Sel. -Brevia testata. The name of the short memoranda early used to show grants of lands out of which the deeds now in use have grown. Jacob.

Brevia, tam originalia quam judiciales, patiuntur Anglica nomina. 10 Coke, 132. Writs, as well original as judicial, bear English names.

BREVIALIUM ALARICIANUM. A compilation of Roman law made by order of Alaric II., king of the Visigoths, in Spain, and published for the use of his Roman subjects in the year 506.

BREVIALIUM ANIANI. Another name for the Breviarium Alaricianum, (q.v.) Anian was the referendary or chancellor of Alaric, and was commanded by the latter to authenticate, by his signature, the copies of the breviary sent to the *consules*. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 68.


BREVIVUS ET ROTULIS LIBERANSDIS. A writ or mandate to a sheriff to deliver to his successor the county, and appurtenances, with the rolls, briefs, remembrances, and all other things belonging to his office. Reg. Orig. 295.

BREWER. One who manufactures fermented liquors of any name or description, for sale, from malt, wholly or in part, or from any substitute therefor. Act July 13, 1866, § 9, (14 St. at Large, 117). U. S. v. Dooley. 25 Fed. Cas. 590; U. S. v. Wittig. 28 Fed. Cas. 745.

BRIBE. Any valuable thing given or promised, or any preferment, advantage, privilege, or emolument, given or promised corruptly and against the law, as an inducement to any person acting in an official or public capacity to violate or forbear from his duty, or to improperly influence his behavior in the performance of such duty.

The term "brbe" signifies any money, goods, right in action, property, thing of value, or advantage, present or prospective, or any promise or undertaking to give any, asked, given, or accepted, with a corrupt intent to influence unlawfully the person to

BRIbery. In criminal law. The receiving or offering any undue reward by or to any person whosoever, whose ordinary profession or business relates to the administration of public justice, in order to influence his behavior in office, and to incline him to act contrary to his duty and the known rules of honesty and integrity. Hall v. Marshall, 80 Ky. 552; Walsh v. People, 63 Ill. 65, 16 Am. Rep. 509; Com. v. Murray, 135 Mass. 530; Hutchinson v. State, 36 Tex. 294.

The term "bribery" now extends further, and includes the offense of giving a bribe to many other classes of officers; it applies both to the actor and receiver, and extends to voters, cabinet ministers, legislators, sheriffs, and other classes. 2 Whart. Crim. Law, § 1808.

The offense of taking any undue reward by a judge, juror, or other person concerned in the administration of justice, or by a public officer, to influence his behavior in his office. 4 Bl. Comm. 139, and note.

Bribery is the giving or receiving any undue reward to influence the behavior of the person receiving such reward in the discharge of his duty, in any office of government or of justice. Code Ga. 1882, § 4449.

The crime of offering any undue reward or remuneration to any public officer of the crown, or other person intrusted with a public duty, with a view to influence his behavior in the discharge of his duty. The taking such reward is as much bribery as the offering it. It also sometimes signifies the taking or giving a reward for public office. The offense is not confined, as some have supposed, to judicial officers, Brown.

BRIbery AT ELECTIONS. The offense committed by one who gives or promises or offers money or any valuable inducement to an elector, in order to corruptly induce the latter to vote in a particular way or to abstain from voting, or as a reward to the voter for having voted in a particular way or abstained from voting.

BRIBOUR. One that pilfers other men's goods; a thief.

BRICOLIS. An engine by which walls were beaten down. Blount.

BRIDGEWELL. In England. A house of correction.

BRIDGE. A structure erected over a river, creek, stream, ditch, ravine, or other place, to facilitate the passage thereof; including by the term both arches and abutments. Bridge Co. v. Railroad Co., 17 Conn. 56, 42 Am. Dec. 710; Proprietors of Bridges v. Land Imp. Co., 13 N. J. Eq. 511; Rusch v. Davenport, 6 Iowa, 455; Whittal v. Gloucester County, 40 N. J. Law, 305.

A building of stone or wood erected across a river, for the common ease and benefit of travelers. Jacob.

Bridges are either public or private. Public bridges are such as form a part of the highway, common, according to their character as foot, horse, or carriage bridges, to the public generally, with or without toll. State v. Street, 117 Ala. 203, 23 South. 807; Everett v. Bailey, 150 Pa. 152, 24 Atl. 700; Rex v. Bucks County, 12 East, 204.

A private bridge is one which is not open to the use of the public generally, and does not form part of the highway, but is reserved for the use of those who erected it, or their successors, and their licensees. Rex v. Bucks County, 12 East, 192.

BRIDGE-MASTERS. Persons chosen by the citizens, to have the care and supervision of bridges, and having certain fees and profits belonging to their office, as in the case of London Bridge.

BRIDLE ROAD. In the location of a private way laid out by the selectmen, and accepted by the town, a description of it as a "bridle road" does not confine the right of way to a particular class of animals or special mode of use. Flagg v. Flagg, 16 Gray (Mass.) 175.

BRIEF. In general. A written document; a letter; a writing in the form of a letter. A summary, abstract, or epitome. A condensed statement of some larger document, or of a series of papers, facts, or propositions.

An epitome or condensed summary of the facts and circumstances, or propositions of law, constituting the case proposed to be set up by either party to an action about to be tried or argued.

In English practice. A document prepared by the attorney, and given to the barrister, before the trial of a cause, for the instruction and guidance of the latter. It contains, in general, all the information necessary to enable the barrister to successfully conduct the client's case in court, such as a statement of the facts, a summary of the pleadings, the names of the witnesses, and an outline of the evidence expected from them, and any suggestions arising out of the peculiarities of the case.

In American practice. A written or printed document, prepared by counsel to serve as the basis for an argument upon a cause in an appellate court, and usually filed for the information of the court. It embodies the points of law which the counsel desires to establish, together with the argu-
ments and authorities upon which he rests his contention.

A brief, within a rule of court requiring counsel to furnish briefs, before argument, implies some kind of statement of the case for the information of the court. Gardner v. Stover, 43 Ind. 334.

In Scotch law. Brief is used in the sense of "writ," and this seems to be the sense in which the word is used in very many of the ancient writers.

In ecclesiastical law. A papal rescript sealed with wax. See Bull.

—Brief of l'evêque. A writ to the bishop which, in quare impleti, shall go to remove an incument, unless he recover or be presented pendente lite. 1 Keb. 356.—Brief of title. In practice. A methodical epitome of all the patents, conveyances, incumbrances, liens, court proceedings, and other matters affecting the title to a certain portion of real estate.—Brief out of the chancery. In Scotch law. A writ issued in the name of the sovereign in the election of tutors to minors, the cognoscing of lunatics or of idiots, and the ascertaining the widow's terce; and sometimes in dividing the property belonging to heirs-portioners. In these cases only briefs are now in use. Bell.—Brief papal. In ecclesiastical law. The pope's letter upon matters of discipline.

BRIEVE. In Scotch law. A writ. 1 Kames, Eq. 146.

BRIGA. In old European law. Strife, contention, litigation, controversy.

BRIGANDINE. A coat of mail or ancient armour, consisting of numerous jointed scale-like plates, very pliant and easy for the body, mentioned in 4 & 5 P. & M. c. 2.

BRIGBOAT. In Saxon and old English law. A tribute or contribution towards the repairing of bridges.

BRING SUIT. To "bring" an action or suit has a settled customary meaning at law, and refers to the initiation of legal proceedings in a suit. A suit is "brought" at the time it is commenced. Hames v. Judd (Com. Pl.) 9 N. Y. Supp. 743; Rawle v. Phelps, 20 Fed. Cas. 321; Goldberg v. Murphy, 106 U. S. 162, 2 Sup. Ct. 388, 27 L. Ed. 686; Buecker v. Carr, 60 N. J. Eq. 300, 47 Atl. 34.

BRINGING MONEY INTO COURT. The act of depositing money in the custody of a court or of its clerk or marshal, for the purpose of satisfying a debt or duty, or to await the result of an interpleader. Dirks v. Juel, 59 Neb. 353, 80 N. W. 1045.

BRIS. In French maritime law. Literally, breaking; wreck. Distinguished from naufrage, (q. e.)

BRISTOL BARGAIN. In English law. A contract by which A. lends B. £1,000 on good security, and it is agreed that £500, together with interest, shall be paid at a time stated; and, as to the other £500, that B., in consideration thereof, shall pay to A. £100 per annum for seven years. Wharton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA. The territory on the north-west coast of North America, once known by the designation of "New California." Its government is provided for by 21 & 22 Vict. c. 90. Vancouver Island is united to it by the 29 & 30 Vict. c. 67. See 33 & 34 Vict. c. 60.

BROCAGE. The wages, commission, or pay of a broker, (also called "brokerage.") Also the avocation or business of a broker.


BROCAURUS, BROGATOR. In old English and Scotch law. A broker; a middleman between buyer and seller, the agent of both transacting parties. Bell; Cowell.

BROCELLA. In old English law. A wood, a thicket or covert of bushes and brushwood. Cowell; Blount.

BROKEN STOWAGE. In maritime law. That space in a ship which is not filled by her cargo.

BROKER. An agent employed to make bargains and contracts between other persons, in matters of trade, commerce, or navigation, for a compensation commonly called "brokerage." Story, Ag. § 28.

Those who are engaged for others in the negotiation of contracts relative to property, with the custody of which they have no concern. Page, Prin. & Ag. 13.

The broker or intermediary is he who is employed to negotiate a matter between two parties, and who, for that reason, is considered as the mandatary of both. Civil Code La. art. 3016.

One whose business is to negotiate purchases or sales of stocks, exchange, bullion, coined money, bank-notes, promissory notes, or other securities, for himself or for others. Ordinarily, the term "broker" is applied to one acting for others; but the part of the definition which speaks of purchases and sales for himself is equally important as that which speaks of sales and purchases for others. Warren v. Shook, 91 U. S. 710, 23 L. Ed. 421.

A broker is a mere negotiator between other parties, and does not act in his own name, but in the name of those who employ him. Henderson v. State, 50 Ind. 234.

Brokers are persons whose business it is to bring buyer and seller together: they need have nothing to do with negotiating the bargain. Keys v. Johnson, 68 Pa. 42.

The difference between a factor or commission merchant and a broker is this: A factor...
may buy and sell in his own name, and he has the goods in his possession; while a broker, as such, cannot ordinarily buy or sell in his own name, and has no possession of the goods sold. Slack v. Tucker, 23 Wall. 321, 330, 23 L. Ed. 143.

The legal distinction between a broker and a factor is that the factor is intrusted with the property the subject of the agency; the broker is only employed to make a bargain in relation to it. Perkins v. State, 50 Ala. 154, 156.

Brokers are of many kinds, the most important being enumerated and defined as follows:

**Exchange brokers,** who negotiate foreign bills of exchange.

**Insurance brokers,** who procure insurances for those who employ them and negotiate between the party seeking insurance and the companies or their agents.

**Merchandise brokers,** who buy and sell goods and negotiate between buyer and seller, but without having the custody of the property.

**Note brokers,** who negotiate the discount or sale of commercial paper.

**Pawnbrokers,** who lend money on goods deposited with them in pledge, taking high rates of interest.

**Real-estate brokers,** who procure the purchase or sale of land, acting as intermediary between vendor and purchaser to bring them together and arrange terms; and who negotiate loans on real-estate security, manage and lease estates, etc. Latta v. Kilbourn, 150 U. S. 524, 14 Sup. Ct. 201, 37 L. Ed. 160; Chadwick v. Collins, 26 Pa. 139; Brauckman v. Leighton, 60 Mo. App. 42.

**Ship-brokers,** who transact business between the owners of ships and freighters or charterers, and negotiate the sale of vessels.

**Stock-brokers,** who are employed to buy and sell for their principals all kinds of stocks, corporation bonds, debentures, shares in companies, government securities, municipal bonds, etc.

**Money-broker.** A money-changer; a scrivener or jobber; one who lends or raises money to or for others.

**BROKERAGE.** The wages or commissions of a broker; also, his business or occupation.

**BROSSUS.** Bruised, or injured with blows, wounds, or other casualty. Cowell.

**BROTHEL.** A bawdy-house; a house of ill fame; a common habitation of prostitutes.

**BROTHER.** One person is a brother "of the whole blood" to another, the former being a male, when both are born from the same father and mother. He is a brother "of the half blood" to that other (or half-brother) when the two are born to the same father by different mothers or by the same mother to different fathers.

In the civil law, the following distinctions are observed: Two brothers who descend from the same father, but by different mothers, are called "consanguine" brothers. If they have the same mother, but are begotten by different fathers, they are called "uterine" brothers. If they have both the same father and mother, they are denominated brothers "germane."

**BROTHIN-IN-LAW.** A wife's brother or a sister's husband. There is not any relationship, but only affinity, between brothers-in-law. Farmers' L. & T. Co. v. Iowa Water Co. (C. C.) 80 Fed. 469. See State v. Foster, 112 La. 533, 36 South. 554.

**BRUARIUM.** In old English law. A heath ground; ground where heath grows. Speelman.

**BRUGBOTE.** See BRUGBOTE.

**BRUILLUS.** In old English law. A wood or grove; a thicket or clump of trees in a park or forest. Cowell.

**BRUISE.** In medical jurisprudence. A contusion; an injury upon the flesh of a person with a blunt or heavy instrument, without solution of contunity, or without breaking the skin. Shaddock v. Road Co., 79 Mich. 7, 44 N. W. 158; State v. Owen, 5 N. C. 452, 4 Am. Dec. 571.

**BRUKBARN.** In old Swedish law. The child of a woman conceiving after a rape, which was made legitimate. Literally, the child of a struggle. Burrill.

**BRUTUM FULMEN.** An empty noise; an empty threat.

**BUBBLE.** An extravagant or unsubstantial project for extensive operations in business or commerce, generally founded on a fictitious or exaggerated prospectus, to ensnare unwary investors. Companies formed on such a basis or for such purposes are called "bubble companies." The term is chiefly used in England.

**BUBBLE ACT.** The statute 6 Geo. L. c. 18, "for restraining several extravagant and unwarrantable practices herein mentioned," was so called. It prescribed penalties for the formation of companies with little or no capital, with the intention, by means of alluring advertisements, of obtaining money from the public by the sale of shares. Such undertakings were then commonly called "bubbles." This legislation was prompted by the collapse of the "South Sea Project," which, as Blackstone says, "had beggared half the nation." It was mostly repealed by the statute 6 Geo. IV. c. 91.

**BUCKET SHOP.** An office or place (other than a regularly incorporated or licensed
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exchange) where information is posted as to the fluctuating prices of stocks, grain, cotton, or other commodities, and where persons lay wagers on the rise and fall of such prices under the pretense of buying and selling such commodities. Bryant v. W. U. Tel. Co. (C. C.) 17 Fed. 528; Fortenbury v. State, 47 Ark. 158, 1 S. W. 58; Connor v. Black, 119 Mo. 126, 24 S. W. 184; Smith v. W. U. Tel. Co., 84 Ky. 664, 2 S. W. 483; Bates’ Ann. St. Ohio, 1904, § 6934a.

BUCKSTALL. A toll, net, or snare, to take deer. 4 Inst. 306.

BUDGET. A name given in England to the statement annually presented to parliament by the chancellor of the exchequer, containing the estimates of the national revenue and expenditure.

BUGGERY. A carial copulation against nature; and this is either by the confusion of species—that is to say, a man or a woman with a brute beast—or of sexes, as a man with a man, or man unaturally with a woman. 3 Inst. 58; 12 Coke, 86. Ausman v. Veal, 10 Ind. 356, 71 Am. Dec. 381; Com. v. J., 21 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 626.

BUILDING. A structure or edifice erected by the hand of man, composed of natural materials, as stone or wood, and intended for use or convenience. Truewell v. Gray, 13 Gray (Mass.) 311; State v. Moore, 61 Mo. 276; Clark v. State, 69 Wis. 208, 33 N. W. 436, 2 Am. St. Rep. 732.

—Building Line. See Line.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. An organization created for the purpose of accumulating a fund by the monthly subscriptions and savings of its members to assist them in building or purchasing for themselves dwellings or real estate by the loan to them of the requisite money from the funds of the association. McCauley v. Association, 97 Tenn. 421, 37 S. W. 212, 35 L. R. A. 244, 50 Am. St. Rep. 813; Cook v. Association, 104 Ga. 814, 30 S. E. 911; Pfeister v. Association, 19 W. Va. 493.

BUILDING LEASE. A lease of land for a long term of years, usually 99, at a rent called a “ground rent,” the lessee covenanting to erect certain edifices thereon according to specification, and to maintain the same, etc., during the term.


BUILDING SOCIETY. An association in which the subscriptions of the members form a capital stock or fund out of which advances may be made to members desiring them, on mortgage security.

BULL. In the ancient Hebrew chronology, the eighth month of the ecclesiastical, and the second of the civil year. It has since been called “Marheshvan,” and answers to our October.

BULK. Unbroken packages. Merchandise which is neither counted, weighed, nor measured.

Bulk is said of that which is neither counted, weighed, nor measured. A sale by the bulk is the sale of a quantity such as it is, without measuring, counting, or weighing. Civil Code La. art. 3556, par. 6.

BULL. In ecclesiastical law. An instrument granted by the pope of Rome, and sealed with a seal of lead, containing some decree, commandment, or other public act, emanating from the pontiff. Bull, in this sense, corresponds with edict or letters patent from other governments. Cowell; 4 Bl. Comm. 110; 4 Steph. Comm. 177, 179.

This is also a cant term of the Stock Exchange, meaning one who speculates for a rise in the market.

BULLA. A seal used by the Roman emperors, during the lower empire; and which was of four kinds,—gold, silver, wax, and lead.

BULLETIN. An officially published notice or announcement concerning the progress of matters of public importance. In France, the registry of the laws.

—Bulletin des lois. In France, the official sheet which publishes the laws and decrees; this publication constitutes the promulgation of the law or decree.

BULLION. Gold and silver intended to be coined. The term is usually applied to a quantity of these metals ready for the mint, but as yet lying in bars, plates, lumps, or other masses; but it may also include ornaments or dishes of gold and silver, or foreign coins not current as money, when intended to be descriptive of its adaptability to be coined, and not of other purposes to which it may be put. Hope Min. Co. v. Kennon, 3 Mont. 44; Thalheim v. State, 38 Fla. 109, 20 South. 939; Counsel v. Min. Co., 5 Daly (N. Y.) 77.

—Bullion fund. A fund of public money maintained in connection with the mints, for the purpose of purchasing precious metals for coining.

BUM-BAILIFF. A person employed to dun one for a debt: a bailiff employed to arrest a debtor. Probably a vulgar corruption of “bound-bailiff,” (g. v.)
**Bunda.** In old English law. A bound, boundary, border, or limit, *(terminus, limes).*

**Buoy.** In maritime law. A piece of wood or cork, or a barrel, raft, or other thing, made secure and floating upon a stream or bay, intended as a guide and warning to mariners, by marking a spot where the water is shallow, or where there is a reef or other danger to navigation, or to mark the course of a devious channel.


The term "burden of proof" is not to be confused with "prima facie case." When the party upon whom the burden of proof rests has made out a *prima facie* case, this will, in general, suffice to shift the burden. In other words, the former expression denotes the necessity of establishing the latter. Kendall v. Brownson, 47 N. H. 200; Carver v. Carver, 97 Ind. 511; Heinemann v. Heard, 62 N. Y. 455; Feurt v. Ambrose, 34 Mo. App. 366; Gibbs v. Bank, 123 Iowa, 736, 99 N. W. 703.

**Bureau.** An office for the transaction of business. A name given to several departments of the executive or administrative branch of government, or to their larger subdivisions. In re Strawbridge, 39 Ala. 375.

**Bureaucracy.** A system in which the business of government is carried on in departments, each under the control of a chief, in contradistinction from a system in which the officers of government have a coordinate authority.

**Burg, Burgh.** A term anciently applied to a castle or fortified place; a borough, *(q. v.)* Spelman.

**Burgage.** A name anciently given to a dwelling-house in a borough town. Blount.

**Burgage-Holding.** A tenure by which lands in royal boroughs in Scotland were held of the sovereign. The service was watching and warding, and was done by the burgesses within the territory of the borough, whether expressed in the charter or not.

**Burgage-Tenure.** In English law. One of the three species of free socage holdings; a tenure whereby houses and lands which were formerly the site of houses, in an ancient borough, are held of some lord by a certain rent. There are a great many customs affecting these tenures, the most remarkable of which is the custom of Borough English. See *Litt.* § 102; 2 Bl. Comm. 82.

**Burgator.** One who breaks into houses or inclosed places, as distinguished from one who committed robbery in the open country. Spelman.

**Burgbote.** In old English law. A term applied to a contribution towards the repair of castles or walls of defense, or of a borough.

**Burgenses.** In old English law. Inhabitants of a *burgus* or borough; burgesses. *Fleta,* lib. 5, c. 6, § 10.

**Burgeristh.** A word used in Domesday, signifying a breach of the peace in a town. Jacob.

**Burgess.** In English law. An inhabitant or freeman of a borough or town; a person duly and legally admitted a member of a municipal corporation. Spelman; 3 Stephe. Comm. 188, 189. A magistrate of a borough. Blount. An elector or voter; a person legally qualified to vote at elections. The word in this sense is particularly defined by the statute 5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 76, §§ 9, 13. 3 Stephe. Comm. 192.


**In American law.** The chief executive officer of a borough, bearing the same relation to its government and affairs that the mayor does to those of a city. So used in Pennsylvania.

**Burgess Roll.** A roll, required by the 8th § 6 Wm. IV. c. 76, to be kept in corporate towns or boroughs, of the names of burgesses entitled to certain new rights conferred by that act.

**Burgh-Breach.** A fine imposed on the community of a town, for a breach of the peace, etc.

**Burgh English.** See Borough English.

**Burgh Engloys.** Borough English, *(q. v.)*

**Burghmails.** Yearly payments to the crown of Scotland, introduced by Malcolm III., and resembling the English fee-farm rents.

**Burghmote.** In Saxon law. A court of justice held semi-annually by the bishop or lord in a burg, which the thanes were bound to attend without summons.

**Burglar.** One who commits burglary. One who breaks into a dwelling-house in the
BURGLARIOUSLY. In pleading. A technical word which must be introduced into an indictment for burglary at common law. Lewis v. State, 16 Conn. 34; Reed v. State, 14 Tex. App. 665.

BURGLARIZE. L. Lat. (Burglarious-ly.) In old criminal pleading. A necessary word in indictments for burglary.


The common-law definition has been much modified by statute in several of the states. For example: “Every person who enters any house, room, apartment, tenement, shop, warehouse, store, mill, barn, stable, outhouse, or other building, tent, vessel, or railroad car, with intent to commit grand or petty larceny, or any felony, is guilty of burglary.” Pen. Code Cal. § 459.

BURGMASTER. The title given in Germany to the chief executive officer of a borough, town, or city; corresponding to our “mayor.”

BURGUNDIAN LAW. See Lex Burgundionum.

BURGWHEAR. A Burgess, (q. v.)


BURKING-BURKISM. Murder committed with the object of selling the cadaver for purposes of dissection, particularly and originally, by suffocating or strangling the victim.

So named from William Burke, a notorious practitioner of this crime, who was hanged at Edinburgh in 1829. It is said that the first instance of his name being thus used as a synonym for the form of death he had inflicted on others occurred when he himself was led to the gibbet, the crowd around the scaffold shouting “Burke him!”

BURLEAVES. In Scotch law. Laws made by neighbors elected by common consent in the burlaw courts. Skene.

—Burlaw courts. Courts consisting of neighbors selected by common consent to act as judges in determining disputes between neighbor and neighbor.

BURN. To consume with fire. The verb “to burn,” in an indictment for arson, is to be taken in its common meaning of “to consume with fire.” Hester v. State, 17 Ga. 130.

BURNING FLUID. As used in policies of insurance, this term does not mean any fluid which will burn, but it means a recognized article of commerce, called by that name, and which is a different article from naphtha or kerosene. Putnam v. Insurance Co. (C. C.) 4 Fed. 764; Wheeler v. Insurance Co., 6 Mo. App. 235; Mark v. Insurance Co., 24 Hun (N. Y.) 500.

BURNING IN THE HAND. In old English criminal law, laymen, upon being accorded the benefit of clergy, were burned with a hot iron in the brawn of the left thumb, in order that, being thus marked, they could not again claim their clergy. 4 Bl. Comm. 367.

BURROCHIUM. A burroch, dam, or small wear over a river, where traps are laid for the taking of fish. Cowell.

BURROWMEALIS. In Scotch law. A term used to designate the rents paid into the king’s private treasury by the burgesses or inhabitants of a borough.

BURSA. Lat. A purse.

BURSAR. A treasurer of a college.

BURSARIA. The exchequer of collegiate or conventual bodies; or the place of receiving, paying, and accounting by the bursars. Also stipendary scholars, who live upon the burse, fund, or joint-stock of the college.

BURYING ALIVE. In English law. The ancient punishment of sodomites, and those who contracted with Jews. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 27, § 3.

BURYING-GROUND. A place set apart for the interment of the dead; a cemetery. Appeal Tax Court v. Academy, 50 Md. 333.

BUSCARI. In Saxon and old English law. Seamen or marines. Spelman.

BUSHEL. A dry measure, containing four pecks, eight gallons, or thirty-two quarts. But the dimensions of a bushel, and the weight of a bushel of grain, etc., vary in the different states in consequence of statutory enactments. Richardson v. Spafford, 13 Vt.
BUSINESS. This word embraces everything about which a person can be employed. People v. Comrs of Taxes, 23 N. Y. 242, 244.

That which occupies the time, attention, and labor of men for the purpose of a livelihood or profit. The doing of a single act pertaining to a particular business will not be considered engaging in or carrying on the business; yet a series of such acts would be so considered. Goddard v. Chaffee, 2 Allen (Mass.) 395, 79 Am. Dec. 796; Stetson v. State, 20 Ala. 46.

Labor, business, and work are not synonymous. Labor may be business, but it is not necessarily so; and business is not always labor. Making an agreement for the sale of a chattel is not within a prohibition of labor upon Sunday, though it is (if by a merchant in his calling) within a prohibition upon business. Bloom v. Richards, 2 Ohio St. 337.

BUSINESS HOURS. Those hours of the day during which, in a given community, commercial, banking, professional, public, or other kinds of business are ordinarily carried on.

This phrase is declared to mean not the time during which a principal requires an employee's services, but the business hours of the community generally. Derosia v. Railroad Co., 18 Minn. 133, (Gill. 119.)

BUSINES COMITATUS. In old English law. The barons of a county.

BUSSA. A term used in the old English law, to designate a large and clumsily constructed ship.

BUTLERAGE. A privilege formerly allowed to the king's butler, to take a certain part of every cask of wine imported by an alien.

BUTLER'S ORDINANCE. In English law. A law for the heir to punish waste in the life of the ancestor. "Though it be on record in the parliament book of Edward I., yet it never was a statute, nor ever so received; but only some constitution of the king's council, or lords in parliament, which never obtained the strength or force of an act of parliament." Hale, Hist. Eng. Law, p. 18.

BUTT. A measure of liquid capacity, equal to one hundred and eight gallons; also a measure of land.

BUTTALS. The bounding lines of land at the end; abuttals, which see.

BUTTED AND BOUNDED. A phrase sometimes used in conveyancing, to introduce the boundaries of lands. See Butts and Bounded.

BUTTS. In old English law. Short pieces of land left unplowed at the ends of fields, where the plow was turned about, (otherwise called "headlands,"), as sidellings were similar unplowed pieces on the sides. Burrill.

Also a place where bowmen meet to shoot at a mark.

BUTTS AND BOUNDS. A phrase used in conveyancing, to describe the end lines or circumscribing lines of a certain piece of land. The phrase "metes and bounds" has the same meaning.

BUTTY. A local term in the north of England, for the associate or deputy of another; also of things used in common.

BUY. To acquire the ownership of property by giving an accepted price or consideration therefor; or by agreeing to do so; to acquire by the payment of a price or value; to purchase. Webster.

—Buy in. To purchase, at public sale, property which is one's own or which one has caused or procured to be sold. —Buyer. One who buys; a purchaser, particularly of chattels—Buying titles. The purchase of the rights or claims to real estate of a person who is not in possession of the land or is dispossessed. Void, and an offense, at common law. Whitaker v. Cone, 2 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 59; Brinley v. Whiting, 5 Pick. (Mass.) 356.

BY. This word, when descriptively used in a grant, does not mean "in immediate contact with," but "near" to, the object to which it relates; and "near" is a relative term, meaning, when used in land patents, very unequal and different distances. Wells v. Mfg. Co., 48 N. H. 491.

A contract to complete work by a certain time, means that it shall be done before that time. Rankin v. Woodworth, 3 Penn. & W. (Pa.) 48.

By an acquittance for the last payment all other arrearages are discharged. Noy, 40.

BY-BIDDING. See Bid.

BY BILL, BY BILL WITHOUT WIT. In practice. Terms anciently used to designate actions commenced by original bill, as distinguished from those commenced by original writ, and applied in modern practice to suits commenced by capias ad respondendum. 1 Arch. Pr. pp. 2, 337; Harkness v. Harkness, 5 Hill (N. Y.) 213.

BY ESTIMATION. In conveyancing. A term used to indicate that the quantity of land as stated is estimated only, not exactly measured; has the same meaning and effect as the phrase "more or less." Tarbell v. Bowman, 106 Mass. 341; Mendenhall v. Steckel, 47 Md. 453, 26 Am. Rep. 461; Hays v. Hays, 126 Ind. 92, 25 N. E. 600, 11 L. R. A. 376.

BY GOD AND MY COUNTRY. In old English criminal practice. The established
formula of reply by a prisoner, when arraigned at the bar, to the question, "Culprit, how wilt thou be tried?"

BY-LAWS. Regulations, ordinances, or rules enacted by a private corporation for its own government.

A by-law is a rule or law of a corporation, for its government, and is a legislative act, and the solemnities and sanction required by the charter must be observed. A resolution is not necessarily a by-law though a by-law may be in the form of a resolution. Peck v. Elliott, 79 Fed. 10, 24 C. C. A. 425, 38 L. R. A. 616; Mining Co. v. King, 94 Wis. 439, 69 N. W. 181, 36 L. R. A. 51; Bagley v. Oil Co., 201 Pa. 78, 50 Atl. 700, 50 L. R. A. 194; Dairy Ass'n v. Webb, 40 App. Div. 46, 57 N. Y. Supp. 572.

That the reasonableness of a by-law of a corporation is a question of law, and not of fact, has always been the established rule; but in the case of State v. Overton, 24 N. J. Law, 435, 61 Am. Dec. 671, a distinction was taken in this respect between a by-law and a regulation, the validity of the former being a judicial question, while the latter was regarded as a matter to pass. But although, in one of the opinions read in the case referred to, the view was clearly expressed that the reasonableness of a corporate regulation was properly for the consideration of the jury, and not of the court, yet it was nevertheless stated that the point was not involved in the controversy then to be decided. There is no doubt that the rule thus intimated is in opposition to recent American authorities. Nor have I been able to find in the English books any such distinction as that above stated between a by-law and a regulation of a corporation." Compton v. Van Volkenburgh, 94 N. J. Law, 135.

The word has also been used to designate the local laws or municipal statutes of a city or town. But of late the tendency is to employ the word "ordinance" exclusively for this class of enactments, reserving "by-law" for the rules adopted by private corporations.

BY LAW MEN. In English law. The chief men of a town, representing the inhabitants.

BY-ROAD. The statute law of New Jersey recognizes three different kinds of roads: A public road, a private road, and a by-road. A by-road is a road used by the inhabitants, and recognized by statute, but not laid out. Such roads are often called "driftways." They are roads of necessity in newly-settled countries. Van Blarcom v. Frike, 29 N. J. Law, 516. See, also, Stevens v. Allen, 20 N. J. Law, 68.

An obscure or neighborhood road in its earlier existence, not used to any great extent by the public, yet so far a public road that the public have of right free access to it at all times. Wood v. Hurd, 34 N. J. Law, 89.

BY THE BY. Incidentally; without new process. A term used in former English practice to denote the method of filing a declaration against a defendant who was already in the custody of the court at the suit of a different plaintiff or of the same plaintiff in another cause.

BYE-BIL-WUFFA. In Hindu law. A deed of mortgage or conditional sale.

It was also the letter inscribed on the ballots by which, among the Romans, jurors voted to condemn an accused party. It was the initial letter of condemn, I condemn. Tayl. Civil Law, 192.

C. as the third letter of the alphabet, is used as a numeral, in like manner with that use of A and B, (q. v.)

The letter is also used to designate the third of a series of propositional, sections, etc., as A, B, and the others are used as numerals.

It is used as an abbreviation of many words of which it is the initial letter; such as cases, civil, circuit, code, common, court, criminal, chancellor, crown.

C.—CT.—CTS. These abbreviations stand for "cent" or "cents," and any of them, placed at the top or head of a column of figures, sufficiently indicates the denomination of the figures below. Jackson v. Cummings, 15 Ill. 453; Hunt v. Smith, 9 Kan. 137; Linck v. Litchfield, 141 Ill. 469, 31 N. E. 123.

C. A. V. An abbreviation for curia advisari vult, the court will be advised, will consider, will deliberate.

C. B. In reports and legal documents, an abbreviation for common bench. Also an abbreviation for chief baron.

C. C. Various terms or phrases may be denoted by this abbreviation; such as circuit court, (or city or county court;) criminal cases, (or crown or civil or chancery cases;) civil code; chief commissioner; and the return of cepi corpus.

C. C. P. An abbreviation for Code of Civil Procedure; also for court of common pleas.

C. J. An abbreviation for chief justice; also for circuit judge.

C. L. An abbreviation for civil law.

C. L. P. Common law procedure, in reference to the English acts so entitled.

C. O. D. "Collect on delivery." These letters are not cabalistic, but have a determinate meaning. They import the carrier's liability to return to the consignor either the goods or the charges. U. S. Exp. Co. v. Keffer, 50 Ind. 267; Fleming v. Com., 130 Pa. 138, 18 Atl. 622; Express Co. v. Wolf, 79 Ill. 434.

C. P. An abbreviation for common pleas.

C. R. An abbreviation for curia regis; also for chancery reports.

C. T. A. An abbreviation for cum testamento annexo, in describing a species of administration.

CABAL. A small association for the purpose of intrigue; an intrigue. This name was given to that ministry in the reign of Charles II. formed by Clifford, Ashley, Buckingham, Arlington, and Lauderdale, who concerted a scheme for the restoration of popery. The initials of these five names form the word "cabal:" hence the appellation. Hume, Hist. Eng. ix. 69.

CABALIST. In French commercial law. A factor or broker.

CABALLARIA. Pertaining to a horse. It was a feudal tenure of lands, the tenant furnishing a horseman suitably equipped in time of war, or when the lord had occasion for his service.

CABALLERIA. In Spanish law. An allotment of land acquired by conquest, to a horse soldier. It was a strip one hundred feet wide by two hundred feet deep. The term has been sometimes used in those parts of the United States which were derived from Spain. See 12 Pet. 444, note.

CABALLERO. In Spanish law. A knight. So called on account of its being more honorable to go on horseback (a caballo) than on any other beast.

CABINET. The advisory board or council of a king or other chief executive. In the government of the United States the cabinet is composed of the secretary of state, the secretary of the treasury, the secretary of the interior, the secretary of war, the secretary of the navy, the secretary of agriculture, the secretary of commerce and labor, the attorney general, and the postmaster general.

The select or secret council of a prince or executive government; so called from the apartment in which it was originally held. Webster.

CABINET COUNCIL. In English law. A private and confidential assembly of the most considerable ministers of state, to concert measures for the administration of public affairs; first established by Charles I. Wharton.

CABLE. A large and strong rope or chain, such as is attached to a vessel's anchors, or the traction-rope of a street railway operated by the cable system. (Hooper v. Railway Co., 85 Md. 509, 37 Atl. 359, 38 L. R. A. 506,)
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or used in submarine telegraphy, (see 25 Stat. 41 [U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3386].)

CABLISH. Brush-wood, or more properly windfall-wood.

CACHEPOLUS, or CACHERELLAS. An inferior bailiff, or catchpoll. Jacob.

CACHET, LETTRES DE. Letters issued and signed by the kings of France, and countersigned by a secretary of state, authorizing the imprisonment of a person. Abolished during the revolution of 1789.

CACICAZGOS. In Spanish-American law. Property entailed on the caciques, or heads of Indian villages, and their descendants. Schm. Civil Law, 309.

CADASTRE. In Spanish law. An official statement of the quantity and value of real property in any district, made for the purpose of justly apportioning the taxes payable on such property. 12 Pet. 428, note.

CADASTU. In French law. An official statement of the quantity and value of realty made for purposes of taxation; same as cadastre, (q. v.)


CADERE. Lat. To end; cease; fail. As in the phrases cadit actio, (or brevis) the action (or writ) fails; cadit assisa, the assise abates; cadit questio, the discussion ends, there is no room for further argument.

To be changed; to be turned into. Cadit assisa in juratum, the assise is changed into a jury.

CADET. In the United States laws, students in the military academy at West Point are styled "cadets," students in the naval academy at Annapolis, "cadet midshipmen." Rev. St. §§ 1309, 1512 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, pp. 927, 1042).

In England. The younger son of a gentleman; particularly applied to a volunteer in the army, waiting for some post. Jacob.

CADIL. The name of a Turkish civil magistrate.

CADIT. Lat. It falls, abates, falls, ends, ceases. See Cadere.

CADUCA. In the civil law. Property of an inheritable quality; property such as descends to an heir. Also the lapse of a testamentary disposition or legacy. Also an escheat; escheated property. Bl. Law Dict. (27 Ed.)—11

CADUCARY. Relating to or of the nature of escheat, forfeiture, or confiscation. 2 Bl. Comm. 245.

CÆDAUA. In the civil and old common law. Kept for cutting; intended or used to be cut. A term applied to wood.

CÆSAR. In the Roman law. A cognomen in the gens Julia, which was assumed by the successors of Julius. Tayl. Civil Law, 31.

CÆSAREAN OPERATION. A surgical operation whereby the fetus, which can neither make its way into the world by the ordinary and natural passage, nor be extracted by the attempts of art, whether the mother and fetus be yet alive, or whether either of them be dead, is, by a cautious and well-timed operation, taken from the mother, with a view to save the lives of both, or either of them. This consists in making an incision into the abdomen and uterus of the mother and withdrawing the fetus thereby. If this operation be performed after the mother's death, the husband cannot be tenant by the curtesy; since his right begins from the birth of the issue, and is consumed by the death of the wife; but, if mother and child are saved, then the husband would be entitled after her death. Wharton.

CÆTERUS. Lat. Other; another; the rest.

—Ceteris paribus. Other things being equal.
—Ceteris cæsareis. The others being silent; the other judges expressing no opinion. Comb. 186—Ceterorum. When a limited administration has been granted, and all the property cannot be administered under it, administration ceterorum (as to the residue) may be granted.

CAHIER. In old French law. A list of grievances prepared for deputies in the states-general. A petition for the redress of grievances enumerated.

CAIRNS' ACT. An English statute for enabling the court of chancery to award damages. 21 & 22 Vict. c. 27.

CALABOOSE. A term used vulgarly, and occasionally in judicial proceedings and law reports, to designate a jail or prison, particularly a town or city jail or lock-up. Supposed to be a corruption of the Spanish calaboço, a dungeon. See Gillham v. Wells, 64 Ga. 194.

CALCETUM, CALCEA. A causeway, or common hard-way, maintained and repaired with stones and rubbish.

CALE. In old French law. A punishment of sailors, resembling the modern "keel-hauling."

CALEFAGIUM. In old law. A right to take fuel yearly. Cowell.
CALENDAR

1. The established order of the division of time into years, months, weeks, and days; or a systematized enumeration of such arrangement; an almanac. Rives v. Guthrie, 46 N. C. 86.

—Calendar days. So many days reckoned according to the course of the calendar. For example, a note dated January 1st and payable "thirty calendar days after date," without grace, is payable on the 31st day of January, though it expressed to be payable simply "thir- teen days after date." It would be payable February 1st.—Calendar month. One of the mean months as enumerated in the calendar.—January, February, March, etc.—without reference to the number of days it may contain; as distinguished from a lunar month, of twenty-eight days, or a month for business purposes, which may contain thirty, at whatever part of the year it occurs. Daley v. Anderson, 7 Wyo. 1, 48 Pac. 540, 75 Am. St. Rep. 870; Migotti v. Colvii, 4 C. P. Div. 233; In re Parker's Estate, 14 Wky. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 566.—Calendar year. The calendar year is composed of twelve months, varying in length according to the common or Gregorian calendar. In re Parker's Estate, 14 Wky. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 566.

2. A list or systematic enumeration of causes or motions arranged for trial or hearing in a court.

—Calendar of causes. In practice. A list of the causes instituted in the particular court, and now ready for trial, drawn up by the clerk shortly before the beginning of the term, exhibiting the titles of the suits, arranged in their order for trial, with the nature of each action, the date of issue, and the names of the counsel engaged; designed for the information and convenience of the court and bar. It is sometimes called "the trial list," or "docket."—Calendar of prisoners. In English practice. A list kept by the sheriff containing the names of all the prisoners in their custody, with the several judgments against each in the margin. Staudel, P. C. 128; 53 St. Comm. 402.—Special calendar. A calendar or list of causes containing those set down specially for hearing, trial, or argument.

CALENDARS. Among the Romans the first day of every month, being spoken of by itself, or the very day of the new moon, which usually happen together. And if pridie, the day before, be added to it, then it is the last day of the foregoing month, as pridie calend. September is the last day of August. If any number be placed with it, it signifies that day in the former month which comes so much before the month named, as the tenth calendars of October is the 30th day of September; if one reckons backwards, beginning at October, that 20th day of September makes the 10th day before October. In March, May, July, and October, the calends begin at the sixteenth day, but in other months at the fourteenth; which calends must ever hear the name of the month following, and be numbered backwards from the first day of the said following months. Jacob. See Rives v. Guthrie, 46 N. C. 87.

CALEENDS, GREEK. A metaphorical expression for a time never likely to arrive.

CALL, n. 1. In English law. The election of students to the degree of barrister at law, hence the ceremony or epoch of election, and the number of persons elected.

2. In conveyancing. A visible natural object or landmark designated in a patent, entry, grant, or other conveyance of lands, as a limit or boundary to the land described, with which the points of surveying must correspond. Also the courses and distances designated. King v. Watkins (C. C.) 98 Fed. 222; Stockton v. Morris, 39 W. Va. 432, 10 S. E. 531.

3. In corporation law. A demand made by the directors of a stock company upon the persons who have subscribed for shares, requiring a certain portion or installment of the amount subscribed to be paid in. The word, in this sense, is synonymous with "assessment," (q. v.)

A call is an assessment on shares of stock, usually for unpaid installments of the subscription thereto. The word is said to be capable of three meanings: (1) The resolution of the directors to levy the assessment; (2) its notification to the persons liable to pay; (3) the time when it becomes payable. Railway Co. v. Mitchel, 4 Exch. 543; Hatch v. Dana, 103 U. S. 203, 25 L. Ed. 885; Railroad Co. v. Spreckles, 65 Cal. 193, 8 Pac. 601, 602; Stewart v. Pub. Co., 1 Wash. St. 521, 20 Pac. 805.

4. In the language of the stock exchange, a "call" is an option to claim stock at a fixed price on a certain day. White v. Treat (C. C.) 100 Fed. 290; Lumber Co. v. Whitebread Coal Co., 190 Ill. 85, 43 N. E. 774, 31 L. R. A. 529.

CALL, v. To summon or demand by name; to demand the presence and participation of a number of persons by calling aloud their names, either in a pre-arranged and systematic order or in a succession determined by chance.

—Call of the house. A call of the names of all the members of a legislative body, made by the clerk in pursuance of a resolution requiring the attendance of members. The names of absentees being thus ascertained, they are imperatively summoned (and, if necessary, compelled) to attend the session.—Calling a summons. In Scotch practice. See this described in Bell, Dict.—Calling the docket. The public calling of the docket or list of causes at the commencement of a term of court, for the purpose of disposing of the same with regard to setting a time for trial or entering orders of continuance, default, nonsuit, etc. Blanchard v. Ferdinand, 132 Mass. 391.—Calling the jury. Successively drawing out of a box into which they have been previously put the names of the jurors on the panels annexed to the nisi prius record, and calling them over in the order in which they are so drawn. The twelve persons whose names are first called, and who appear, are sworn as the jury, unless some just cause of challenge or excuse, with respect to any of them, shall have been brought forward.—The plaintiff. In practice. A formal method of causing a nonsuit to be entered. When a plaintiff or his counsel, seeing that sufficient evidence has not been given to maintain the issue, withdraws, the crier is ordered to call or demand the plaintiff, and if neither he, nor any person
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for him appear, he is nonsuited, the jurors are discharged without giving a verdict, the action is at an end, and the defendant recovers his costs.
—Calling to the bar. In English practice, conferring the dignity or degree of barrister at law upon a member of one of the inns of court. Holthouse.—Calling upon a prisoner. When a prisoner has been found guilty on an indictment, the clerk of the court addresses him and calls upon him to say why judgment should not be passed upon him.

CALPES. In Scotch law. A gift to the head of a clan, as an acknowledgment for protection and maintenance.

COLUMNIA. In the civil law. Columnia, mailice, or ill design; a false accusation; a malicious prosecution. Lanning v. Christy, 30 Ohio St. 115, 27 Am. Rep. 431.

In the old common law. A claim, demand, challenge to jurors.

COLUMNIE JURAMENTUM. In the old canon law. An oath similar to the *columnia juro legaliter* (q. v.).

COLUMNIE JURURANDUM. The oath of columnia. An oath imposed upon the parties to a suit that they did not sue or defend with the intention of columnating, (columnis juri animo) i.e., with a malicious design, but from a firm belief that they had a good cause. Inst. 4. 10.

COLUMNIATOR. In the civil law. One who accused another of a crime without cause; one who brought a false accusation. Cod. 2. 43.

COLUMNY. Defamation; slander; false accusation of a crime or offense. See COLUMNIA.

CAMARA. In Spanish law. A treasury. Las Partidas, pt. 6, tit. 3, 1, 2.

CAMBELLANUS, or CAMBELLARIUS. A chamberlain. Spelman.

CAMBIATOR. In old English law. An exchanger. *Cambiator monetae*, exchangers of money; money-changers.


CAMPARTIA. Champerity; from *campo*, a field, and puritas, divided. Spelman.

CAMPBARTICEPS. A champertor.

CAMBIST. In mercantile law. A person skilled in exchanges; one who trades in promissory notes and bills of exchange.

CAMBIUM. In the civil law. Change or exchange. A term applied indiscriminately to the exchange of land, money, or debts.

*Cambius reus* or *manuale* was the term generally used to denote the technical common-law exchange of lands; *cambius loci*, mercantile, or *tractus rei*, was used to designate the modern mercantile contract of exchange, whereby a man agrees, in consideration of a sum of money paid him in one place, to pay a like sum in another place. Potth. de *Change*, n. 12; Story, Bills, § 2, et seq.

CAMERA. In old English law. A chamber, room, or apartment; a judge's chamber; a treasury; a chest or coffer. Also, a stipend payable from vassal to lord; an annuity.

—*Camera regia*. In old English law. A chamber of the king; a place of peculiar privileges especially in a commercial point of view.

—*Camera seacarill*. The old name of the exchequer chamber, (q. v.)—*Camera stellata*. The star chamber, (q. v.)

CAMERALISTICS. The science of finance or public revenue, comprehending the means of raising and disposing of it.

CAMERARIUS. A chamberlain; a keeper of the public money; a treasurer. Also a bailiff or receiver.

CAMINO. In Spanish law. A road or highway. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 2, 1. 6.

CAMPANA. In old European law. A bell. Spelman.

—*Campana bajula*. A small handbell used in the ceremonies of the Roman church; and, among Protestants, by sextons, parish clergymen, and clerks. Cowell.

CAMPANARIUM, CAMPAHILE. A belfry, bell tower, or steeple; a place where bells are hung. Spelman; Townsh. Pl. 191, 213.

CAMPARTUM. A part of a larger field or ground, which would otherwise be in gross or in common.

CAMPBELL'S (LORD) ACTS. English statutes, for amending the practice in prosecutions for libel, 9 & 10 Vict. c. 93; also 6 & 7 Vict. c. 96, providing for compensation to relatives in the case of a person having been killed through negligence; also 20 & 21 Vict. c. 83, in regard to the sale of obscene books, etc.

CAMPERS. A share; a champertor's share; a champertor's division or sharing of land.

CAMPERTUM. A corn-field; a field of grain. Blount; Cowell; Jacob.

CAMPFIGHT. In old English law. The fighting of two champions or combatants in the field; the judicial combat, or duellum. 3 Inst. 221.
CAMPUS. In old European law. An assembly of the people; so called from being ancvntly held in the open air, in some plain capable of containing a large number of persons.

In feudal and old English law. A field, or plain. The field, ground, or lists marked out for the combatants in the duelum, or trial by battle.

_Campus Malti_. The field of May. An anniversary day celebrated by the Saxons, held on May-day, when they confederated for the defense of the kingdom against all its enemies.

_Campus Martii_. The field of March. See _Champ de Mars_.

CANA. A Spanish measure of length varying (in different localities) from about five to seven feet.

Canal. An artificial ditch or trench in the earth, for conveying water to a defined channel, to be used for purposes of transportation.

The meaning of this word, when applied to artificial passages for water, is a trench or excavation in the earth, for conducting water and confining it to narrow limits. It is unlike the words "river," "pond," "lake," and other words used to designate natural bodies of water, the ordinary meaning of which is confined to the water itself; but it includes also the banks, and has reference rather to the excavation or channel as a receptacle for the water; it is an artificial thing. Navigation Co. v. Berkshire County, 11 Pa. 202; Bishop v. Seeley, 18 Conn. 333; Kennedy v. Indianapolis, 103 U. S. 604, 26 L. Ed. 550.

CANCEL. To obliterate, strike, or cross out; to destroy the effect of an instrument by defacing, obliterating, expunging, or erasing it.

In equity. Courts of equity frequently cancel instruments which have answered the end for which they were created, or instruments which are void or voidable, in order to prevent them from being vexatiously used against the person apparently bound by them. _Snell_, Eq. 498.

The original and proper meaning of the word "cancellation" is the defacement of a writing by drawing lines across it in the form of crossbars or lattice work; but the same legal result may be accomplished by drawing lines through any essential part, erasing the signature, writing the word "canceled" on the face of the instrument, tearing off seals, or any similar act which puts the instrument in a condition where the instrument appears on its face. In _re Akers' Will_, 74 App. Div. 461, 77 N. Y. Supp. 642; _Baldwin v. Howell_, 45 N. J. Eq. 519, 15 Atl. 283; _In re Alfrey's Will_, 39 Misc. Rep. 143, 77 N. Y. Supp. 108; _Evans' Appeal_, 58 Pa. 244; _Glass v. Scott_, 14 Colo. App. 377, 60 Pac. 186; _In re Olmstead's Estate_, 122 Cal. 224, 54 Pac. 747; _Doe v. Perkes_, 3 Barn. & Ad. 492. A revenue stamp is canceled by writing on its face the initials of the person using or affixing it. _Spear v. Alexander_, 42 Ala. 535.

There is also a secondary or derivative meaning of the word, in which it signifies annulment or abrogation of the agreement of parties concerned, though without physical defacement. _Golden v. Fowler_, 26 Ga. 464; _Winton v. Spring_, 18 Cal. 453. And "cancel" may sometimes be taken as equivalent to "discharge" or "pay." It is an agreement by one person to cancel the indebtedness of another to a third person. _Auburn City Bank v. Leonard_, 40 Barb. (N. Y.) 119.

SYNONYMS. Cancellation is properly distinguished from obliteration in this, that the former is a crossing out, while the latter is a blotting out; the former leaves the words still legible, while the latter renders them illegible. _Townshend v. Howard_, 86 Me. 285, 29 Atl. 1077. "Spoilation" is the erasure or alteration of a writing by a stranger, and may amount to a cancellation if of such a nature as to invalidate it on its face; but defacement of an instrument is not properly called "spoilation" if performed by one having control of the instrument as its maker or one duly authorized to destroy it. "Revocation" is an act of the mind, of which cancellation may be a physical manifestation; but cancellation does not revoke unless done with that intention. _Dan v. Brown_, 4 Cow. (N. Y.) 490, 15 Am. Dec. 795; _In re Woods' Will (Sur.)_, 11 N. Y. Supp. 157.

CANCELLARIA. Chancery; the court of chancery. _Curae cancellariae_ is also used in the same sense. See 4 Bl. Comm. 46; _Cowell_.

_Cancellarii Anglie dignitas est, ut secundus a rege regno habetur_. The dignity of the chancellor of England is that he is deemed the second from the sovereign in the kingdom. 4 Inst. 73.

CANCELLARIUS. A chancellor; a scrivener, or notary. A janitor, or one who stood at the door of the court and was accustomed to carry out the commands of the judges.

CANCELLATURA. In old English law. A cancelling. _Bract_. 3985.

CANCELLI. The rails or lattice work or balusters inclosing the bar of a court of justice or the communion table. Also, the lines drawn on the face of a will or other writing, with the intention of revoking or annulling it. See _Cancel_.

CANDIDATE. A person who offers himself, or is presented by others, to be elected to an office. Derived from the Latin _candidus_, (white), because in Rome it was the custom for those who sought office to clothe themselves in white garments.

One who seeks or aspires to some office or privilege, or who seeks himself for the same. A man is a candidate for an office when he is seeking such office. It is not necessary that he should have been nominated for the office. _Leonard v. Com_, 112 Pa. 624, 4 Atl. 224. _See State v. Hirsch_, 125 Ind. 207, 24 N. E. 1062, 9 L. R. A. 170.

CANDLES-DAY. In English law. A festival appointed by the church to be observed on the second day of February in every year, in honor of the purification of the Virgin Mary, being forty days after her miraculous delivery. At this festival, form-
erly, the Protestants went, and the Papists now go, in procession with lighted candles; they also consecrate candles on this day for the service of the ensuing year. It is the fourth of the four cross-quarter-days of the year. Wharton.

CANFARA. In old records. A trial by hot iron, formerly used in England. Whishaw.

CANON. 1. A law, rule, or ordinance in general, and of the church in particular. An ecclesiastical law or statute.

—Canon law. A body of ecclesiastical jurisprudence which, in countries where the Roman Catholic church is established, is composed of maxims and rules drawn from patriarchic sources, ordinances and decrees of general councils, and the decreets and bulls of the popes. In England, according to Blackstone, there is a kind of national canon law, composed of legislative and provincial constitutions enacted in England prior to the reformation, and adapted to the exigencies of the English church and kingdom. 1 Bl. Comm. 282. The canon law consists partly of certain rules taken out of the Scripture, partly of the writings of the ancient fathers of the church, partly of the ordinances of general and provincial councils, and partly of the decrees of the popes in former ages; and it is contained in two principal parts—the decrees and the decreets. The decrees are ecclesiastical constitutions made by the popes and cardinals. The decreets are canonical epistles written by the pope, or by the pope and cardinals, at the suit of any person, for the ordering and determining of some matter of controversy, and have the authority of a law. As the decreets set out the origin of the canon law, and the rights, dignities, and decrees of ecclesiastical persons, with their manner of election, ordination, etc., so the decreets contain the law to be used in the ecclesiastical courts. Jacob.—Canon religiosorum. In ecclesiastical records. A book wherein the religious of every greater order had a fair transcript of the rules of their order, frequently read among them as their local statutes. Kennett, Gloss.; Cowell.

2. A system or aggregation of congregated rules, whether of statutory origin or otherwise, relating to and governing a particular department of legal science or a particular branch of the substantive law.

—Canons of construction. The system of fundamental rules and maxims which are recognized as governing the construction or interpretation of written instruments. Canons of descent. The legal rules by which inheritances are regulated, and according to which estates are transmitted by descent from the ancestor to the heir. Canons of inheritance. The legal rules by which inheritances are regulated, and according to which estates are transmitted by descent from the ancestor to the heir. 2 Bl. Comm. 208.

3. A dignitary of the English church, being a prebendary or member of a cathedral chapter.

4. In the civil, Spanish, and Mexican law, an annual charge or rent; an emphyteutic rent.

5. In old English records, a prestation, pension, or customary payment.

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CANONICAL. Pertaining to, or in conformity to, the canons of the church.

—Canonical obedience. That duty which a clergyman owes to the bishop who ordained him, to the bishop in whose diocese he is benefited, and also to the metropolitan of such bishop. Wharton.

CANONICUS. In old English law. A canon. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 69, § 2.

CANONIST. One versed and skilled in the canon law; a professor of ecclesiastical law.

CANNERY. In English ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical benefice, attaching to the office of canon. Holthouse.

CANT. In the civil law. A method of dividing property held in common by two or more joint owners. See Hayes v. Cuny, 9 Mart. O. S. (L.) 87.

CANTEL, or CANTLE. A lump, or that which is added above measure; also a piece of anything, as "cantel of bread," or the like. Blount.

CANTERBURY, ARCHBISHOP OF. In English ecclesiastical law. The primate of all England; the chief ecclesiastical dignitary in the church. His customary privilege is to crown the kings and queens of England; while the Archbishop of York has the privilege to crown the queen consort, and be her perpetual chaplain. The Archbishop of Canterbury has also, by 25 Hen. VIII. c. 21, the power of granting dispensations in any case not contrary to the holy scriptures and the law of God, where the pope used formerly to grant them, which is the foundation of his granting special licenses to marry at any place or time; to hold two livings, which must be confirmed under the great seal; and the like; and on this also is founded the right he exercises of conferring degrees in prejudice of the two universities. Wharton.

CANTRED. A district comprising a hundred villages; a hundred. A term used in Wales in the same sense as "hundred" is in England. Cowell; Termes de la Ley.

CANUM. In feudal law. A species of duty or tribute payable from tenant to lord, usually consisting of produce of the land.


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CAPACITY. Legal capacity is the attribute of a person who can acquire new rights, or transfer rights, or assume duties, according to the mere dictates of his own will, as unencumbered in juristic acts, without any restraint or hindrance arising from his status or legal condition.

Ability; qualification; legal power or right. Applied in this sense to the attribute of persons (natural or artificial) growing out of their status or juristic condition, which enables them to perform civil acts; as capacity to hold lands, capacity to devise, etc. Burnett v. Barrick, 25 Kan. 330; Sargent v. Burdett, 96 Ga. 111, 22 S. E. 667.

CAPAX DOLL. Lat. Capable of committing crime, or capable of criminal intent. The term describes the condition of one who has sufficient intelligence and comprehension to be held criminally responsible for his deeds.

CAPAX NEGOTII. Competent to transact affairs; having business capacity.

CAPE. In English practice. A judicial writ touching a plea of lands or tenements, divided into Cape magnum, or the Grand Cape, which lay before appearance to summon the tenant to answer the default, and also over to the demandant; the Cape ad valentiam was a species of grand cape, and Cape parum, or petit Cape, after appearance or view granted, summoning the tenant to answer the default only. Terms de la Ley; 3 Steph. Comm. 606, note.

—Cape ad valentiam. A species of Cape magnum.—Grand Cape. A judicial writ in the old real actions, which issued for the demandant where the tenant, after being duly summoned, neglected to appear on the return of the writ, or to cast an essoin, or, in case of an essoin being cast, neglected to appear on the adjournment day of the essoin; its object being to compel an appearance. Rosc. Real Act. 165, et seq. It was called a "cape," from the word with which it commenced, and "grand cape" (or Cape magnum) to distinguish it from the petit Cape, which lay after appearance.

CAPELLA. In old records. A box, cabinet, or repository in which were preserved the relics of martyrs. Speelman. A small building in which relics were preserved; an oratory or chapel. 1d.

In old English law. A chapel. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 12, § 1; Speelman; Cowell.

CAPERS. Vessels of war owned by private persons, and different from ordinary privateers only in size, being smaller. Beaues, Lex Merc. 230.

CAPIAS. Lat. "That you take." The general name for several species of writs, the common characteristic of which is that they require the officer to take the body of the defendant into custody; they are writs of attachment or arrest.

In English practice. A capias is the process on an indictment when the person charged is not in custody, and in cases not otherwise provided for by statute. 4 Steph. Comm. 388.

—Capias ad respondendum. A writ issued, in a case of misdemeanor, after the defendant has appeared and is found guilty, to bring him to hear judgment if he is not present when called, 4 Bl. Comm. 388.—Capias ad computandum. In the action of account render, after judgment of quod computa, if the defendant refuses to appear personally before the auditors and make his account, a writ by this name may issue to compel him.—Capias ad suspensum. A writ of execution, (usually termed, for brevity, a "ca. se.") which a party may issue after having recovered judgment against another for certain actions at law. It commands the sheriff to take the party named, and keep him safely, so that he may have his body before the court on a certain day, to satisfy the party with whom it is issued for damages or debt and damages recovered by the judgment. Its effect is to deprive the party taken of his liberty until he makes the satisfaction awarded. 3 Bl. Comm. 414, 415; 2 Tidd, Pr. 903, 1025; Litt. § 504; Co. Litt. 2286b; Strong v. Linn, 5 N. J. Law. 893.—Capias exterior facias. A writ of execution in cases where the defendant is in England against a debtor to the crown, which commands the sheriff to "take" or arrest the body, and "cause to be examined" the lands and goods of the debtor. Man. Exch. Pr. 5.—Capias in withernam. A writ, in the nature of a resipra, which lies for one whose goods or cattle, taken under deposition, are removed from the county, so that they cannot be replevied, commanding the sheriff to seize other goods or cattle of the demandant or equal in value, 3 Bl. Comm. 388 pro fine. (That you take for the fine or in mercy.) Formerly, if the verdict was for the defendant, the plaintiff was adjudged to be amerced for his false claim; but, if the verdict was for the plaintiff, then in all actions vie et armis, or where the defendant, in his pleading, had falsely denied his own deed, the judgment contained an award of a capiatur pro fine; and in all other cases the defendant was adjudged to be amerced. The insertion of the misericordia or of the capiatur in the judgment is now unnecessary. Wharton.—Capias utltagatum. (You take the outlaw.) In English practice. A writ which lies against a person by which the sheriff is commanded to take him, and keep him in custody until the day of the return, and then present him in the court, there to be dealt with for his contempt. Reg. Orig. 1688; 3 Bl. Comm. 254.

CAPIATUR PRO FINE. (Let him be taken for the fine.) In English practice. A clause inserted at the end of old judgment records in actions of debt, where the defendant denied his deed, and it was found against
him upon his false plea, and the jury were troubled with the trial of it. Cro. Jac. 64.

CAPITTA. Heads, and, figuratively, entire bodies, whether of persons or animals. Spelman.

Persons individually considered, without relation to others, (polls;) as distinguished from stirpes or stocks of descent. The term in this sense, making part of the common phrases, in capita, per capita, is derived from the civil law. Inst. 3, 1, 6.

—Capita, per. By heads; by the poll; as individuals. In the distribution of an intestate's personality, the persons legally entitled to take are said to take per capita when they claim, each in his own right, as in equal degree of kindred; in contradistinction to claiming by right of representation, or per stirpes.

CAPITAL, n. In political economy, that portion of the produce of industry existing in a country, which may be made directly available, either for the support of human existence or for the facilitating of production; but, in commerce, it is applied to individuals, it is understood to mean the sum of money which a merchant, banker, or trader adventures in any undertaking, or which he contributes to the common stock of a partnership. Also the fund of a trading company or corporation, in which sense the word "stock" is generally added to it. Pearce v. Augustus, 37 Ga. 599; People v. Feltner, 56 App. Div. 280, 67 N. Y. Supp. 803; Webb v. Armistead (C. C.) 26 Fed. 70.

The actual estate, whether in money or property, which is owned by an individual or a corporation. In reference to a corporation, it is the aggregate of the sum subscribed and paid in, or secured to be paid in, by the shareholders, with the addition of all gains or profits realized in the use and investment of those sums, or, if losses have been incurred, then it is the residue after deducting such losses. See Capital Stock.

When used with respect to the property of a corporation or association, the term has a settled meaning. It applies only to the property or means contributed by the stockholders as the fund or basis for the business or enterprise for which the corporation or association was formed. As to them the term does not embrace temporary loans, though the moneys borrowed be directly appropriated in their business or undertakings. And, when used with respect to the property of individuals in any particular business, the term has substantially the same import; it then means the property taken from other investments or uses and set apart for and invested in the special business, and in the increase, proceeds, or earnings of which property beyond expenditures incurred in its use consist the profits made in the business. It does not, any more than when used with respect to corporations, embrace temporary loans made in the usual course of business. Bailey v. Clark, 21 Wall. 280, 22 L. Ed. 651.

The principal sum of a fund of money; money invested at interest.

Also the political and governmental metropolis of a state or country; the seat of government; the place where the legislative department holds its sessions, and where the chief offices of the executive are located.

CAPITAL, adj. Affecting or relating to the head or life of a person; entailing the ultimate penalty. Thus, a capital crime is one punishable with death. Walker v. State, 28 Tex. App. 635, 13 S. W. 880; Ex parte McCravy, 22 Ala. 72; Ex parte Dusenberg, 97 Mo. 504, 43 S. W. 217. Capital punishment is the punishment of death.

Also principal; leading; chief; as "capital burgess." 10 Mod. 100.

CAPITAL STOCK. The common stock or fund of a corporation. The sum of money raised by the subscriptions of the stockholders, and divided into shares. It is said to be the sum upon which calls may be made upon the stockholders, and dividends are to be paid. Christensen v. Eno, 106 N. Y. 97, 12 N. E. 646, 60 Am. Rep. 429; People v. Com's., 23 N. Y. 219; State v. Jones, 51 Ohio St. 402, 37 N. E. 945; Burrall v. Railroad Co., 75 N. Y. 216.

Originally "the capital stock of the bank" was all the property of every kind, everything, which the bank possessed. And this "capital stock," all of it, in reality belonged to the contributors. It being intrusted to the bank to be used and traded with for their exclusive benefit; and thus the bank became the agent of the contributors, so that the transmission of the money originally advanced by the subscribers into property of other kinds, though it altered the form of the investment, left its beneficial ownership unaffected; and every new acquisition of property, by exchange or otherwise, was an acquisition for the original subscribers or their representatives, their respective interests in it all always continuing in the same proportion as in the aggregate capital originally advanced. So that, whether in the form of money, bills of exchange, or any other property in possession or in action into which the money originally contributed has been changed, or which it has produced, all is, as the original contribution was, the capital stock of the bank, held, as the original contribution was, for the exclusive benefit of the original contributors and those who represent them. The original contributors and those who represent them are the stockholders. New Haven v. City Bank, 31 Conn. 109. Capital stock, as employed in acts of incorporation, is never used to indicate the value of the property of the company. It is very generally, if not universally, used to designate the amount of capital prescribed to be contributed at the outset by the stockholders, for the purposes of the corporation. The value of the corporate assets may be greatly increased by surplus profits, or be diminished by losses, but the amount of the capital stock remains the same. The funds of the company may fluctuate; its capital stock remains invariable, unless changed by legislative authority. Casfield v. Fire Ass'n, 23 N. J. Law, 101.

CAPITALE. A thing which is stolen, or the value of it. Blount.

CAPITALE VIVENS. Live cattle. Blount.

CAPITALIS. In old English law. Chief, principal; at the head. A term applied to
—Capitale custos. Chief warden or magistrate; mayor. Flota, lib. 2, c. 64, § 2.—Capitale debitor. The chief or principal debtor, as distinguished from a surety or pledge. —Capitale dominus. Chief lord. Flota, lib. 1, c. 12, § 4; Id. c. 28, § 5.—Capitale justiciarius. The chief justiciary; the principal minister of state, and guardian of the realm in the king's absence. This office originated under William the Conqueror; but its power was greatly diminished by Magna Charta, and finally distributed among several courts by Edward I. Spelman; 3 Bl. Comm. 38.—Capitale justiciarius ad placita coram rege temenda. Chief justice for holding pleas before the king. The title of the chief justice of the king's bench, first assumed in the latter part of the reign of Henry III. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 91, 283.—Capitale justiciarius banci. Chief justice of the bench. The title of the chief justice of the crown court of common pleas, first mentioned in the first year of Edward I. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 48.—Capitale justiciarius totius angliciae. Chief justice of all England. The title of the presiding justice in the court of aula regia. 3 Bl. Comm. 38; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 45.—Capitale pleius. A chief pledge; a head borough. Townsh. Pl. 35.—Capitale rentis. A chief rent.—Capitale terra. A head-land. A piece of land lying by the head of other land.

Capitaneus. A tenant in capite. He who held his land or title directly from the king himself. A captain; a naval commander.

Capitare. In old law and surveys. To head, front, or abut; to touch at the head, or end.

Capitatum. Lat. By the head; by the poll; severally to each individual.

Capitation tax. One which is levied upon the person simply, without any reference to his property, real or personal, or to any business in which he may be engaged, or to any benefit which he may sustain therefrom. Following: Gardner v. Hall, 61 N. C. 22; Leedy v. Bourbon, 12 Ind. App. 486, 40 N. E. 640; Head Money Cases (C. C) 18 Fed. 139.

A tax or imposition raised on each person in consideration of his labor, industry, office, rank, etc. It is a very ancient kind of tribute, and answers to what the Latins called "tributum," by which taxes on persons are distinguished from taxes on merchandise, called "vexapia." Wharton.

Capite. Lat. By the head. Tenure in capite was an ancient feudal tenure, whereby a man held lands of the king immediately. It was a two sorts, the principal and general, or of the king as the source of all tenure; the other, special and subaltern, or of a particular subject. It is now abolished. Jacob. As to distribution per capita, see Capita.

Capite minutor. In the civil law. One who had suffered capitis diminuto, one who lost status or legal attributes. See Dig. 4, 5.

Capitis diminutio. In Roman law. A diminishing or abridgment of personality. This was a loss or curtailment of a man's status or aggregate of legal attributes and qualifications, following upon certain changes in his civil condition. It was of three kinds, enumerated as follows:

Capitis diminutio maxima. The highest or most comprehensive loss of status. This occurred when a man's condition was changed from one of freedom to one of bondage, when he became a slave. It swept away with it all rights of citizenship and all family rights.

Capitis diminutio media. A lesser or medium loss of status. This occurred where a man lost his rights of citizenship, but without losing his liberty. It carried away also the family rights.

Capitis diminutio minima. The lowest or least comprehensive degree of loss of status. This occurred when a man's family relations alone were changed. It happened upon the arrengement of a person who had been his own master, (sui juris,) or upon the emancipation of one who had been under the patria potestas. It left the rights of liberty and citizenship unaltered. See Inst. 1, 16, pr.; 1, 2, 3; Dig. 4, 5, 11; Mackeld. Rom. Law § 144.

Capititium. A covering for the head, mentioned in St. 1 Hen. IV. and other old statutes, which prescribe what dresses shall be worn by all degrees of persons. Jacob.

Capitula. Collections of laws and ordinances drawn up under heads of divisions. Spelman.

The term is used in the civil and old English law, and applies to the ecclesiastical law also, meaning chapters or assemblies of ecclesiastical persons. Du Cange.

Capitula corone. Chapters or heads of inquiry, resembling the capitula itineris, (infra) but of a more minute character. —Capitula de Judaeis. A register of mortgages made to the Jews. 2 Bl. Comm. 349; Cribb, Eng. Law, 130, et seq. —Capitula itineris. Articles of inquiry which were anciently delivered to the justices in court when they set out on their circuits. These schedules were designed to include all possible varieties of crime. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, p. 4, c. 8. —Capitula ruralis. Assemblies or chapters, held by rural deans and parochial clergy, within the precinct of every deanery; which at first were every three weeks, afterwards once a month, and subsequently once a quarter. Cowell.

Capitulary. In French law. A collection and code of the laws and ordinances promulgated by the kings of the Merovingian and Carolingian dynasties.
CAPITULARY

Any orderly and systematic collection or code of laws.

In ecclesiastical law. A collection of laws and ordinances orderly arranged by divisions. A book containing the beginning and end of each Gospel which is to be read every day in the ceremony of saying mass. Du Cange.

CAPITULATION. In military law. The surrender of a fort or fortified town to a besieging army; the treaty or agreement between the commanding officers which embodies the terms and conditions on which the surrender is made.

In the civil law. An agreement by which the prince and the people, or those who have the right of the people, regulate the manner in which the government is to be administered. Wolffius, § 933.

CAPITULI AGRI. Head-fields; lands lying at the head or upper end of furrows etc.

Capitulum est clericorum congregatio sub uno decano in ecclesia cathedra. A chapter is a congregation of clergy under one dean in a cathedral church. Co. Litt. 93.

CAPPA. In old records. A cap. Cappa honoris, the cap of honor. One of the solemnities or ceremonies of creating an earl or marquis.

CAPTAIN. A head-man; commander; commanding officer. The captain of a war-vessel is the officer first in command. In the United States navy, the rank of "captain" is intermediate between that of "commander" and " commodore." The governor or controlling officer of a vessel in the merchant service is usually styled "captain" by the inferior officers and seamen, but in maritime business and admiralty law is more commonly designated as "master." In foreign jurisprudence his title is often that of "patron." In the United States army (and the militia) the captain is the commander of a company of soldiers, one of the divisions of a regiment. The term is also used to designate the commander of a squad of municipal police.

The "captain of the watch" on a vessel is a kind of foreman or overseer, who, under the supervision of the mate, has charge of one of the two watches into which the crew is divided for the convenience of work. He calls them out and in, and directs them where to store freight, which packages to move, when to go or come ashore, and generally directs their work, and is an "officer" of the vessel within the meaning of statutes regulating the conduct of officers to the seamen. U. S. v. Trice (D. C.) 30 Fed. 491.

CAPTATION. In French law. The act of one who succeeds in controlling the will of another, so as to become master of it; used in an invidious sense. Zereza v. Percival, 46 La. Ann. 590, 15 South. 476.

CAPTATOR. A person who obtains a gift or legacy through artifice.

CAPTIO. In old English law and practice. A taking or seizure; arrest; receiving; holding of court.


When used with reference to an indictment, caption signifies the style or preamble or commencement of the indictment; when used with reference to a commission, it signifies the certificate to which the commissioners' names are subscribed, declaring when and where it was executed. Brown.

The caption of a pleading, deposition, or other paper connected with a case in court, is the heading or introductory clause which shows the names of the parties, name of the court, number of the case on the docket or calendar, etc.

Also signifies a taking, seizure, or arrest of a person. 2 Salk. 498. The word in this sense is now obsolete in English law.

In Scotch law. Caption is an order to incarcerate a debtor who has disobeyed an order, given to him by what are called "letters of horning," to pay a debt or to perform some act enjoined thereby. Bell.

CAPTIVES. Prisoners of war. As in the goods of an enemy. so also in his person, a sort of qualified property may be acquired, by taking him a prisoner of war, at least till his ransom be paid. 2 Bl. Comm. 402.

CAPTOR. In international law. One who takes or seizes property in time of war; one who takes the property of an enemy. In a stricter sense, one who takes a prize at sea. 2 Bl. Comm. 401; 1 Kent, Comm. 98, 99, 103.

CAPTURE. In international law. The taking or wresting of property from one of two belligerents by the other. It occurs either on land or at sea. In the former case, the property captured is called "booty;" in the latter case, "prize."

Capture, in technical language, is a taking by military power; a seizure is a taking by civil authority. U. S. v. Athens Armory, 35 Ga. 444, Fed. Cas. No. 14,473.

In some cases, this is a mode of acquiring property. Thus, every one may, as a general rule, on his own land, or on the sea, capture any wild animal, and acquire a qualified ownership in it by confining it, or absolute ownership by killing it. 2 Steph. Comm. 79.
CAPUT

CAPUT. A head: the head of a person; the whole person; the life of a person; one's personality; status; civil condition.


In the civil law. It signified a person's civil condition or status, and among the Romans consisted of three component parts or elements.—libertas, liberty; civitas, citizenship; and familia, family.

—Capitis estatutio. In Saxon law. The estimation or value of the head, that is, the price or value of a man's life.—Caput annui. The first day of the year.—Caput baronum. The castle or chief seat of a baron.—Caput jejunii. The beginning of the Lent fast, 4, 6. Ash Wednesday.—Caput leci. The head or upper part of a person.—Caput lupinum. In old English law. A wolf's head. An outlawed felon was said to be caput lupinum, and might be knocked on the head, like a wolf.—Caput mortuum. A dead head; dead; obsolete.—Caput portus. In old English law. The head of a port. The town to which a port belongs, and which gives the denomination to the port, and is the head of it. Hale de Jure Mar. pt. 2. (de portibus maris.) c. 2.—Caput prisci, priscum, et famis. The head, beginning, and end. A term applied in English law to the king, as head of parliament. 4 Inst. 3; 1 Bl. Comm. 188.

CAPUTAGIUM. In old English law. Head or poll money, or the payment of it. Cowell; Blount.

CAPUTIUM. In old English law. A head of land; a headland. Cowell.

CARABUS. In old English law. A kind of raft or boat. Spelman.

CARAT. A measure of weight for diamonds and other precious stones, equivalent to three and one-sixth grains Troy, though divided by jewelers into four parts called "diamond grains." Also a standard of fineness of gold, twenty-four carats being conventionally taken as expressing absolute purity, and the proportion of gold to alloy in a mixture being represented as so many carats.

CARCAN. In French law. An instrument of punishment, somewhat resembling a pillory. It sometimes signifies the punishment itself. Biret, Voebm.

CARCANUM. A gaol; a prison.

CARCARE. In old English law. To load; to load a vessel; to freight.

CARCATUS. Loaded; freighted, as a ship.

CARCEL-AGE. Gaol-dues; prison-fees.

CARE

CARE. A prison or gaol. Strictly, a place of detention and safe-keeping, and not of punishment. Co. Litt. 620.

Causa ad homines custodiendos, non ad puniendos, dari debet. A prison should be used for keeping persons, not for punishing them. Co. Litt. 260a.

Causa non supplici causa sed custodi constitutus. A prison is ordained not for the sake of punishment, but of detention and guarding. Loft. 118.

CARDINAL. In ecclesiastical law. A dignitary of the court of Rome, next in rank to the pope.

CARDS. In criminal law. Small paper or pasteboards of an oblong or rectangular shape, on which are printed figures or points, used in playing certain games. See Esries v. State, 2 Humph. (Tenn.) 496; Commonwealth v. Arnold, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 221; State v. Herryford, 19 Mo. 377; State v. Lewis, 12 Wils. 494.

CARE. As a legal term, this word means diligence, prudence, discretion, attentiveness, watchfulness, vigilance. It is the opposite of negligence or carelessness.

There are three degrees of care in the law, corresponding (inversely) to the three degrees of negligence, viz.: slight care, ordinary care, and great care.

The exact boundaries between the several degrees of care, and their correlative degrees of carelessness, or negligence, are not always clearly defined or easily pointed out. We think, however, that by "ordinary care" is meant that degree of care which may reasonably be expected from a person in the party's situation—that is, "reasonable care," and that "gross negligence" is not a malicious intention or design to produce a particular injury, but a thoughtless disregard of consequences, the absence, rather than the actual exercise, of vigilance with reference to results. Neal v. Gillett, 23 Conn. 443.

Slight care is such as persons of ordinary prudence usually exercise about their own affairs of slight importance. Rev. Codes N. D. 1899, § 5169; Rev. St. Okl. 1903, § 2782. Or it is that degree of care which a person exercises about his own concerns, though he may be a person of less than common prudence or of careless and inattentive disposition. Litchfield v. White, 7 N. Y. 442, 67 Am. Dec. 334; Bank v. Gulmarten, 93 Ga. 503, 21 S. E. 55, 44 Am. St. Rep. 182.

Ordinary care is that degree of care which persons of ordinary care and prudence are accustomed to use and employ, under the same or similar circumstances, in order to conduct the enterprise in which they are engaged to a safe and successful termination having due regard to the rights of others and the objects to be accomplished. Gunn v. Railroad Co. 38 W. Va. 105, 14 S. E. 465, 32 Am. St. Rep. 842; Sullivan v. Scripture, 3 Allen (Mass.) 508; Osborn v. Woodford, 21 Kan. 290, 1 Pac. 548; Railroad Co. v. Terry, 8 Ohio St. 570; Railroad Co. v. McCoy, 81 Ky. 403; Railroad Co. v. Howard, 79 Ga. 44, 8 S. E. 426; Paden v. Van Brum, 100 Mo. App. 183, 71 S. W. 124.

Great care is such as persons of ordinary prudence usually exercise about affairs of their
own which are of great importance; or it is that degree of care usually bestowed upon the matter in hand by the most competent, prudent, and careful persons having to do with the particular subject. Railway Co. v. Rollins, 5 Kan. 106. I. Litchfield 54 v. White, 7 N. Y. 442, 37 Am. Dec. 534; Railway Co. v. Smith, 87 Tex. 348, 28 S. W. 520; Telegraph Co. v. Cook, 61 Fed. 628, 9 C. C. A. 680.

Reasonable care is such a degree of care, precaution, or diligence as may fairly and properly be expected or required, having regard to the nature of the action, or of the subject matter, and the circumstances surrounding the transaction. "Reasonable care and skill" is a relative phrase, and, in its application as a rule or measure of duty, will vary in its requirements, according to the circumstances under which the care and skill are to be exerted. See Johnson v. Hudson River R. Co. 6 Duer (N. Y.) 646; Cunningham v. Hall, 4 Allen (Mass.) 276; Dexter v. McCready, 64 Conn. 171, 5 Atl. 854; Amel v. Eaton & Price Co., 97 Mo. App. 428, 71 S. W. 741; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Noble, 142 Ill. 578, 22 N. E. 654.

CARENA. A term used in the old ecclesiastical law to denote a period of forty days.

CARENCE. In French law. Lack of assets; insolvency. A procès-corral de carencé is a document setting out that the huissier attended to issue execution upon a judgment, but found nothing upon which to levy. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 547.

CARETA, (spelled, also, Carreta and Carreta.) A cart; a cart-load.

CARETORIUS, or CARECTARIUS. A carter. Blount.


CARGAIGON. In French commercial law. Cargo; lading.

CARGARE. In old English law. To charge. Spelman.

CARGO. In mercantile law. The load or lading of a vessel; goods and merchandise put on board a ship to be carried to a certain port. The lading or freight of a ship; the goods, merchandise, or whatever is conveyed in a ship or other merchant vessel. Seaman v. Loring, 21 Fed. Cas. 920; Wolcott v. Insurance Co., 4 Pick. (Mass.) 429; Macy v. Insurance Co., 9 Metc. (Mass.) 396; Thwing v. Insurance Co., 103 Mass. 401, 4 Am. Rep. 567.

A cargo is the loading of a ship or other vessel, the bulk of which is to be ascertained from the capacity of the ship or vessel. The word embraces all that the vessel is capable of carrying. Flanagan v. Demarest, 3 Rob. (N. Y.) 172.

The term may be applied in such a sense as to include passengers, as well as freight, but in a technical sense it designates goods only.

CARIAGIUM. In old English law. Carriage; the carrying of goods or other things for the king.

CARISTIA. Dearth, scarcity, dearness. Cowell.

CARR. In old English law. A quantity of wool, whereof thirty make a sarparl. (The latter is equal to 2,240 pounds in weight.) St. 27 Hen. VI. c. 2. Jacob.

CARLISLE TABLES. Life and annuity tables, compiled at Carlisle, England, about 1780. Used by actuaries, etc.

CARMEN. In the Roman law. Literally, a verse or song. A formula or form of words used on various occasions, as of divorce. Tayl. Civil Law, 540.

CARNAL. Of the body; relating to the body; fleshly; sexual.

—Carna knowledge. The act of a man in having sexual bodily connection with a woman. Carnal knowledge and sexual intercourse held equivalent expressions. Noble v. State, 22 Ohio St. 541. From very early times, in the law, as in common speech, the meaning of the words "carnal knowledge" of a woman by a man has been sexual bodily connection; and these words, without more, have been used in that sense by writers of the highest authority on criminal law, when undertaking to give a full and precise definition of the crime of rape, the highest crime of this character. Com. v. Squires, 97 Mass. 61.


CARNALLY KNEW. In pleading. A technical phrase essential in an indictment to charge the defendant with the crime of rape.

CARNO. In old English law. An immunity or privilege. Cowell.

CAROOME. In English law. A license by the lord mayor of London to keep a cart.

CARPEMEALS. Cloth made in the northern parts of England, of a coarse kind, mentioned in 7 Jac. I. c. 16. Jacob.

CARRERA. In Spanish law. A carriage-way; the right of a carriage-way. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 31, l. 3.

CARRIAGE. A vehicle used for the transportation of persons either for pleasure or business, and drawn by horses or other draught animals over the ordinary streets and highways of the country; not including cars used exclusively upon railroads or street railroads expressly constructed for the use of such cars. Snyder v. North Lawrence, 8
CARRIAGE


The act of carrying, or a contract for the transportation of persons or goods.

The contract of carriage is a contract for the conveyance of property, persons, or messages from one place to another. Civ. Code Cal. § 2085; Civ. Code Dek. § 1208.

CARRICEL, or CARRACLE. A ship of great burden.

CARRIER. One who undertakes to transport persons or property from place to place, by any means of conveyance, and with or without compensation.

—Common and private carriers. Carriers are either common or private. Private carriers are persons who undertake for the transportation of goods only, not making it their vocation, nor holding themselves out to the public as ready to act for all who desire their services. Allen v. Sacksteder, 37 N. Y. 522. A person within the description of a common carrier, he must exercise it as a public employment; he must undertake to carry goods for persons generally; and he must hold himself out as ready to transport goods for hire, as a business, not as a casual occupation, and to receive the usual remuneration. Binder v. Hickman, 3 Minn. 540; Bell v. Roeckl, F. D. C. 5 Fed. 624; Wyatt v. Irr. Co., 1 Colo. App. 480, 29 Pac. 906. A common carrier may therefore be defined as one who, by word of mouth or by writing, or by any other method, undertakes to hire to transport persons or commodities from place to place, offering his services to all such as may choose to employ him and pay his charges. Iron Works v. Hurlbut, 13 N. Y. 34, 32 N. E. 635, 70 Am. St. Rep. 432; Dwight v. Brewster, 1 Pick. (Mass.) 53, 11 Am. Dec. 123; Railroad Co. v. Waterbury Button Co., 24 Conn. 470; Fuller v. Bradly, 25 Pa. 120; McDuffee v. Railroad Co., 52 N. H. 257, 13 Am. Rep. 170; Piedmont Mfg. Co. v. Railroad Co., 19 S. C. 364. By statute in several states it is declared that every one who offers to the public to carry persons, property, or messages, excepting on telegraphic messages, is a common carrier of whatever he thus offers to carry. Civ. Code Cal. § 2105; Civil Code Mont. § 2970; Rev. St. Okl. 1903, § 700; Rev. Codes N. D. 1899, § 4224; Civ. Code S. D. 1903, § 1577. Common carriers are of two kinds,—by land, as owners of stunes, stage-wagons, railroad cars, steamers, carriots, draymen, and porters; and by water, as owners of ships, steam-boats, barges, ferrymen, lightermen, and canals boatmen. 2 Kent, Comm. 397.—Common carriers of passengers. Common carriers of passengers are such as undertake for hire to carry all persons indifferent who may apply for passage. Gillingham v. Railroad Co., 35 W. Va. 558, 14 S. E. 245, 14 L. R. A. 798, 29 Am. St. Rep. 827; Electric Co. v. Simon, 20 Okl. 25, 94 Pac. 147, 20 L. R. A. 261, 96 Am. St. Rep. 58; Richmond v. Southern Pac. Co., 41 Or. 54, 67 Pac. 947, 67 L. R. A. 616, 95 Am. St. Rep. 694.

CARRY. To bear, bear about, sustain, transport, remove, or convey.

—Carry away. In criminal law. The act of removal or spoliation, by which the crime of larceny is completed, and which is essential to constitute it. Com. v. Adams, 7 Gray (Mass.) 45; Com. v. Pratt, 132 Mass. 249; Gettinger v. State, 13 Neb. 308, 14 N. W. 403.—Carry arms or weapons. To wear, bear, or carry them upon the person or in the clothing or in a pocket, for the purpose of use, or for the purpose of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in case of conflict with another person. State v. Carter, 36 Tex. 59; State v. Roberts, 30 Mo. App. 47; State v. Murray, 29 Mo. App. 128; Moorefield v. State, 5 Lea (Tenn.) 349; Owen v. State, 31 Ala. 380.

—Carry costs. A verdict is said to carry costs when the party for whom the verdict is given becomes entitled to the payment of his costs as incident to such verdict.—Carry on business. To prosecute or pursue a particular avocation or form of business as a continuous and permanent occupation and substantial employment. A single act or business transaction is not sufficient, but the systematic and habitual repetition of the same act may be. Dry Goods Co. v. Lester, 60 Ark. 120, 29 S. W. 34, 27 L. R. A. 505, 46 Am. St. Rep. 162; State v. Tolman, 106 Lea 652, 31 South. 320; Holmes v. Holmes, 40 Conn. 120; Railroad Co. v. Attalla, 118 Ala. 362, 24 South. 450; Territory v. Harris, 8 Mont. 149, 19 Pac. 296; Sangster v. Marygrove, 388; Watson v. State, 55 Ala. 118; Abel v. State, 90 Ala. 673, 8 South. 700; State v. Shipley, 88 Md. 657, 57 Atl. 12.—Carry stock. To provide funds or credit for its payment for the period agreed upon from the date of purchase. Saltus v. Genin, 16 N. Y. Super. Ct. 291. And see Pickering v. Demerritt, 100 Mass. 421.

CABT. A carriage for luggage or burden, with two wheels, as distinguished from a wagon, which has four wheels. The vehicle in which criminals are taken to execution. This word, in its ordinary and primary acceptation, signifies a carriage with two wheels; yet it has also a more extended significance, and may mean a carriage in general. Favers v. Giass, 22 Ala. 624, 58 Am. Dec. 272.

CABT BOTE. Wood or timber which a tenant is allowed by law to take from an estate, for the purpose of repairing instruments, (including necessary vehicles), of husbandry. 2 Bl. Comm. 35.

CABTA. In old English law. A charter, or deed. Any written instrument.

In Spanish law. A letter; a deed; a power of attorney. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 18, l. 50.

CARTA DE FORESTA. In old English law. The charter of the forest. More commonly called "Charsa de Aoresta." (q. v.)

CARTE. In French marine law. A chart.

CARTE BLANCHE. A white sheet of paper; an instrument signed, but otherwise left blank. A sheet given to an agent, with the principal’s signature appended, to be filled up with any contract or engagement as the agent may see fit. Hence, metaphorically, unlimited authority.

CARTEL. An agreement between two hostile powers for the delivery of prisoners
or deserters. Also a written challenge to fight a duel.

—Carvelship. A vessel commissioned in time of war to exchange the prisoners of any two hostile powers; also to carry any particular proposal from one to another. For this reason, the officer who commands her is particularly ordered to carry no cargo, ammunition, or implements of war, except a single gun for the purpose of signals. Crawford v. The William Penn, 6 Fed. Cas. 778.

CARCAGUE. Carriers who transport goods and merchandise in carts, usually for short distances, for hire.

CARTULARY. A place where papers or records are kept.

CARUCA, or CARUAR. A plow.

CASH. An old English law. A kind of tax or tribute anciently imposed upon every plow, (caruc or plow-land,) for the public service. Spelman.

CARUCATA. A certain quantity of land used as the basis for taxation. As much land as may be tilled by a single plow in a year and a day. Also, a team of cattle, or a cart-load.

CARUCATARIUS. One who held lands in carucage, or plow-tenure. Cowell.

CARUE. A plow of land; plow-land. Brit. c. 84.

CARRAGE. The name as carucage, (q. v.) Cowell.

CARRAGE. In old English law. A caru- cate or plow-land.

CAS FORTUIT. Fr. In the law of insurance. A fortuitous event; an inevitable accident.

CASSATA. In old English law. A house with land sufficient for the support of one family. Otherwise called "hida," a hide of land, and by Bede, "famiglia." Spelman.

CASSATUS. A vassal or feudal tenant possessing a cassata; that is, having a house, household, and property of his own.

CASE. 1. A general term for an action, cause, suit, or controversy, at law or in equity; a question contested before a court of justice; an aggregate of facts which furnishes occasion for the exercise of the jurisdiction of a court of justice. Smith v. Waterbury, 54 Conn. 174, 7 Atl. 17; Kundolf v. Thalheimer, 12 N. Y. 596; Gebhard v. Sattler, 40 Iowa, 156.

—Cases and controversies. This term, as used in the constitution of the United States, embraces claims or contentsions of litigants brought before the court for adjudication by regular proceedings established for the protection or enforcement of rights, or the prevention, redress, or punishment of wrongs; and whenever the claim or contention of a party takes such a form that the judicial power is capable of acting upon it, it has become a case or controversy. In re the German Commercial Company, 140 Penn. 54, U. S. 41, 14 Sup. Ct. 1125, 38 L. Ed. 1047; Smith v. Adams, 130 U. S. 187, 9 Sup. Ct. 544, 33 L. Ed. 939; The German Commercial Co. v. Com'n (C. C.) 32 Fed. 255. But these two terms are to be distinguished; for there may be a "separable controversy" within a "case," which may be removed from the state court to a federal court, though the case as a whole is not removable. Snow v. Smith (C. C.) 88 Fed. 658.

2. A statement of the facts involved in a transaction or series of transactions, drawn up in writing in a technical form, for submission to a court or judge for decision or opinion. Under this meaning of the term are included a "case made" for a motion for new trial, a "case reserved" on the trial of a case, an "agreed case" for decision without trial, etc.

—Case agreed on. A formal written enumeration of the facts in a case, assented to by both parties as correct and complete, and submitted to the court by their agreement, in order that a decision may be rendered without a trial, upon the court's conclusions of law upon the facts as stated.—Case for motion. In English divorce and private practice, when a party desires to make a motion, he must file, among other papers, a case for motion, containing an abstract of the proceedings in the suit or action, a statement of the circumstances on which the motion is founded, and the prayer, or nature of the decree or order desired. Browne, Div. 251; Browne, Practice 208. Case for appeal. In American practice. Before the argument in the appellate court of a case brought there for review, the appellant's counsel prepares a document or brief, bearing this name, for the information of the court, detailing the testimony and the proceedings below. In English practice. The "case on appeal" is not a printed version prepared by each of the parties to an appeal to the house of lords or the privy council, setting out methodically the facts which make his case, with appropriate references to the evidence printed in the "appendix." The term also denotes a written statement, prepared and transmitted by an inferior court or judge raising a question of law for the opinion of a superior court.—Case reserved. A statement in writing of the facts proved on the trial of a cause, drawn up and settled by the attorneys and counsel for the respective parties under the supervision of the judge, for the purpose of having certain points of law, which arose at the trial and could not then be satisfactorily decided, determined upon full argument before the court in banc. This is otherwise called a "special case:" and it is usual for the parties, where the law of the case is doubtful, to agree that the jury shall find a general verdict for the plaintiff, subject to the opinion of the court upon such a case to be made, instead of obtaining from the jury a special verdict. 3 Bl. Comm. 372; 2 Steph. Comm. 31; 8 Steph. Pl. 92, 93; 1 Burrill, Pr. 242, 463.—Case stated. In practice. An agreement in writing, between a plaintiff and defendant, that the facts in dispute between them are as therein agreed upon and set forth. Diehl v. Thrie, 3 Whart. (Pa.) 143. A case agreed upon.—Case to move for new trial. A case prepared by the party against whom a verdict has been given, upon which to move the court to set aside the verdict and grant a new trial.

3. A form of action which lies to recover damages for injuries for which the more au-
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CASH. Ready money; whatever can be used as money without being converted into another form; that which circulates as money, including bank-bills. Hooper v. Flood, 54 Cal. 221; Dazet v. Landry, 21 Nev. 291, 30 Pac. 1064; Blair v. Wilson, 23 Grat. (Va.) 165; Haviland v. Chace, 39 Barb. (N. Y.) 294.

—Cash-account. A record, in book-keeping, of all cash transactions; an account of moneys received and expended.—Cash-book. In book-keeping, an account-book in which is kept a record of all cash transactions, or all cash received and expended. The object of the cash-book is to afford a constant facility to ascertain the true state of a man's cash. Fardessus, n. 87.—Cash-note. In England. A bank-note of a provincial bank or of the Bank of England. Cash-price. A price payable in cash at the time of sale of property, in opposition to a barter or a sale on credit.—Cash value. The cash value of an article or piece of property is the price which it would bring at private sale (as distinguished from a forced or auction sale) the terms of sale requiring the payment of the whole price in ready money, with no deferred payments. Ankeny v. Blakley, 44 Or. 78, 74 Pac. 485; State v. Railway Co., 16 Nev. 68; Tax Comrs. v. Holliday, 150 Ind. 210, 29 N. E. 14, 42 L. R. A. 220; Cummings v. Bank, 101 U. S. 162, 25 L. Ed. 903.

CASHIER, n. An officer of a moneyed institution, or commercial house, or bank, who is intrusted with, and whose duty it is to take cash of, the cash or money of such institution or bank.

The cashier of a bank is the executive officer, through whom the whole financial operations of the bank are conducted. He receives and pays out its moneys, collects and pays its debts, and receives and transfers its commercial securities. Tellers and other subordinate officers may be appointed, but they are under his direction, and are, as were the arms by which designated portions of his various functions are discharged. The directors may limit his authority as they deem proper, but this would not affect those to whom the limitation was unknown. Merchants' Nat. Bank v. State Nat. Bank, 10 Wall. 530, 19 L. Ed. 1008.

CASHIER, v. In military law. To deprive a military officer of his rank and office.

CASHLITE. An amercement or fine; a mulct.

CASSARE. To quash; to render void; to break.

CASSATION. In French law. Annulling; reversing; breaking the force and validity of a judgment. A decision emanating from the sovereign authority, by which a decree or judgment in the court of last resort is broken or annulled. Merl. Repert.

CASSATION, COURT OF. (Fr. cour de cassation.) The highest court in France; so termed from possessing the power to quash (cassar) the decrees of inferior courts. It is a court of appeal in criminal as well as civil cases.

CASSETUR BILIA. (Lat. That the bill be quashed.) In practice. The form of the judgment for the defendant on a plea in abatement, where the action was commenced by bill, (bills.) 3 Bl. Comm. 303; Steph. Pl. 128, 131. The form of an entry made by a plaintiff on the record, after a plea in abatement, where he found that the plea could not be confessed and avoided, nor traversed, nor demurred to; amounting in fact to a discontinuance of the action. 2 Archb. Fr. K. B. 8, 236; 1 Tidd. Pr. 683.

Cassetur breve. (Lat. That the writ be quashed.) In practice. The form of the judgment for the defendant on a plea in abatement, where the action was commenced by original writ, (breve.) 3 Bl. Comm. 303; Steph. Pl. 107, 108.

CASSOCK, or CASSULA. A garment worn by a priest.

CAST, v. In old English practice. To allege, offer, or present; to proffer by way of excuse, (as to "cast an essoin").

This word is now used as a popular, rather than a technical, term, in the sense of to overcome, overthrew, or defeat in a civil action at law.

—Cast away. To cast away a ship is to do such an act upon or in regard to it as causes it to perish or be lost, so as to be irrecoverable by ordinary means. The term is synonymous with "destroy," which means to unfit a vessel for service beyond the hope of recovery by ordinary means. U. S. v. Johns, 26 Fed. Cas. 616; U. S. v. Vanrannst, 28 Fed. Cas. 369.

CAST, p. p. Overthrown, worsted, or defeated in an action.

CASTEL, or CASTLE. A fortress in a town; the principal mansion of a nobleman. 3 Inst. 31.

CASTELLAIN. In old English law. The lord, owner, or captain of a castle; the constable of a fortified house; a person having the custody of one of the crown mansions; an officer of the forest.

CASTELLANUS. A castellan; the keeper or constable of a castle. Spelman.

CASTELLARUM, CASTELLATUS. In old English law. The precent or jurisdiction of a castle. Blount.
CASTELLORUM OPERATIO. In Sax-
on and old English law. Castle work. Serv-
vice and labor done by inferior tenants for
the building and upholding castles and pub-
lic places of defense. One of the three nec-
cessary charges, (trinoda necessitas,) to which
all lands among the Saxons were expressly
subject. Cowell.

CASTIGATORY. An engine used to
punish women who have been convicted of
being common scolds. It is sometimes called
the "trebucket," "tumbrel," "ducking-stool,"
or "cucking-stool." U. S. v. Royall, 27 Fed.
Cas. 907.

CASTING. Offering; alleging by way of
excuse. Casting an essom was alleging an
excuse for not appearing in court to answer
an action. Holthouse.

CASTING VOTE. Where the votes of a
deliberative assembly or legislative body are
equally divided on any question or motion,
it is the privilege of the presiding offi-
cer to cast one vote (if otherwise he would
not be entitled to any vote) on either side,
or to cast one additional vote, if he has al-
ready voted as a member of the body. This
is called the "casting vote."

By the common law, a casting vote sometimes
signifies the single vote of a person who never
votes; but, in the case of an equality, some-
times the double vote of a person who first votes
with the rest, and then, upon an equality, cre-
ates a majority by giving a second vote. People
v. Church of Atonement, 48 Barb. (N. Y.) 600;
Brown v. Foster, 88 Me. 49, 33 Atl. 622, 31 L.
R. A. 116; Wooster v. Mullins, 64 Conn. 340,
30 Atl. 144, 25 L. R. A. 894.

CASTLEGUARD. In feudal law. An
imposition anciently laid upon such persons
as lived within a certain distance of any
castle, towards the maintenance of such as
watched and warded the castle.

—Castleguard rents. In old English law.
Rents paid by those that dwelt within the pre-
cincts of a castle, towards the maintenance of
such as watched and warded it.

CASTRENSIS. In the Roman law. Re-
lating to the camp or military service.

Castrense pecculum, a portion of property
which a son acquired in war, or from his
connection with the camp. Dig. 49, 17.

CASTRUM. Lat. In Roman law. A
camp.

fol. 69b. A castle, including a manor. 4
Coke. 88.

CASU CONSIMILL. In old English
law. A writ of entry, granted where tenant
by the curtesy, or tenant for life, alienated
in fee, or in tail, or for another's life, which
was brought by him in reversion against the
party to whom such tenant so alienated to
his prejudice, and in the tenant's life-time.
Termes de la Ley.

CASU PROVISO. A writ of entry
framed under the provisions of the statute
of Gloucester, (6 Edw. I.) c. 7, which lay for
the benefit of the reversioner when a ten-
ant in dower aliened in fee or for life.

CASUAL. That which happens accident-
ally, or is brought about by causes un-
known; fortuitous; the result of chance.
Lewis v. Lodgey, 92 Ga. 504, 19 S. E. 57.

—Casual ejector. In practice. The nominal
defendant in an action of ejectment; so called
because, by a fiction of law peculiar to that ac-
tion, he is supposed to come casually or by ac-
cident upon the premises, and to turn out or
eject the lawful possessor. 3 Bl. Comm. 203;
3 Steph. Comm. 670; French v. Robb, 67 N. J.
Law. 293, 51 Atl. 500, 57 L. R. A. 366, 91 Am.
St. Rep. 433.—Casual evidence. A phrase
used to denote (in contradistinction to "preap-
pointed evidence") all such evidence as happens
to be added as the result of a fact or event, but
which was not prescribed by statute or otherwise ar-
 ranged beforehand to be the evidence of the
fact or event. Grove v. Grove.—Casual poor.
In English law. Those who are not set-
tled in a parish. Such poor persons as are
suddenly reduced to distress, or meet with any
accident, when away from home, and who are thus
providentially thrown upon the charities of
those among whom they happen to be. Force

CASUALTY. Inevitable accident; an
event not to be foreseen or guarded against.
A loss from such an event or cause; as by
fire, shipwreck, lightning, etc. Story, Ballm.
§ 240; Gill v. Fugate, 117 Ky. 257, 78 S. W.
101; McCarty v. Railroad Co., 30 Pa. 251;
 Ct. 490, 55 L. Ed. 97; Ennis v. Bidg. Ass'n,
102 Iowa, 620, 71 N. W. 428; Anthony v. Korbach,
Neb. 500, 90 N. W. 243, 97 Am.
St. Rep. 692.

—Casualties of superiority. In Scotch
law. Payments from an inferior to a superior,
that is, from a tenant to his lord, which arise
upon uncertain events, as opposed to the pay-
ment of rent at fixed and stated times. Hel.
—Casualties of wards. In Scotch law. The
malls and duties due to the superior in ward-
holdings.

CASUS. Lat. Chance; accident; an
event; a case; a case contemplated.

—Casus bellii. An occurrence giving rise to
or justifying war.—Casus foederis. In inter-
national law. The case of the treaty. The par-
ticular event or situation contemplated by the
treaty, or stipulated for, or which comes within
its terms. In commercial law. The case or
 event contemplated by the parties to an
individual contract or stipulated for by it, or com-
ing within its terms.—Casus fortuitus. An
inevitable accident, a chance occurrence, or for-
tuitous event. A loss happening in spite of all
human effort and sagacity. 3 Kent. Comm. 217,
300; Whart. Neg. §§ 113, 553. The Majestic,
24 U. S. 375, 17 Sup. Ct. 597, 41 L. Ed. 1069.
—Casus major. In the civil law. A casual-
ty; an extraordinary casualty, as fire, ship-

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wreck, etc. Dig. 44, 7, 1, 4.—Casus omissus. A case omitted; an event or contingency for which no provision is made; particularly a case not provided for by the statute on the general subject, and which is therefore left to be governed by the common law.

Casus fortuitus non est sperandus, et nemo tenetur devinare. A fortuitous event is not to be expected, and no one is bound to foresee it. 4 Coke, 66.

Casus fortuitus non est supponendum. A fortuitous event is not to be presumed. Hardr. 82, arg.

Casus omissus et oblivioni datus dispositionis juris communis relinquitur. A case omitted and given to oblivion (forgotten) is left to the disposal of the common law. 5 Coke, 38. A particular case, left unprovided for by statute, must be determined by the courts of according to the law as it existed prior to such statute. Broom, Max. 46.

Casus omissus pro omisso habendus est. A case omitted is to be held as (intentionally) omitted. Tray. Lat. Max. 67.

CAT. An instrument with which criminals are dogged. It consists of nine lashes of whip-cord, tied on to a wooden handle.

CATAALLA. In old English Law. Chattels. The word among the Normans primarily signified only beasts of husbandry, or, as they are still called, "cattle," but, in a secondary sense, the term was applied to all movables in general, and not only to these, but to whatever was not a fief or feud. Wharton.

—Cataalla otoa. Dead goods or chattels, as distinguished from animals. Idle cattle, that is, such as were not used for working, as distinguished from beasts of the plow; called also animalia otoa. Bract. fol. 217, 2178; 3 Bl. Comm. 9.


Cataula reputatur inter minima in leges. Chattels are considered in law among the least things. Jenk. Cent. 52.

CATAALLIS CAPTIS NOMINE DISTRICTIOHIS. An obsolete writ that lay where a house was within a borough, for rent issuing out of the same, and which warranted the taking of doors, windows, etc., by way of distress.

CATAALLIS REDDENDIS. For the return of the chattels; an obsolete writ that lay where goods delivered to a man to keep till a certain day were not upon demand re-delivered at the day. Reg. Orig. 39.

CATAALLUM. A chattel. Most frequently used in the plural form, cataalla, (q. v.)

CATAALS. Goods and chattels. See CATALLA.

CATANEUS. A tenant in capite. A tenant holding immediately of the crown. Speelman.

CATASCOOPUS. An old name for an archdeacon.

CATCHING BARGAIN. See BARGAIN

CATCHINGS. Things caught, and in the possession, custody, power, and dominion of the party, with a present capacity to use them for his own purposes. The term includes blubber, or pieces of whale flesh cut from the whale, and stowed on or under the deck of a ship. A policy of insurance upon outfits, and catchings substituted for the outfits, in a whaling voyage, protects the blubber. Rogers v. Insurance Co., 1 Story, 603; Fed. Cas. No. 12,016; 4 Law Rep. 297.

CATCHLAND. Land in Norfolk, so called because it is not known to what parish it belongs, and the minister who first selzes the tithes of it, by right of preoccupation, enjoys them for that year. Cowell.

CATCHPOL1. A name formerly given to a sheriff's deputy, or to a constable, or other officer whose duty it is to arrest persons. He was a sort of serjeant. The word is not now in use as an official designation. Mineshew.

CATER COUSIN. (From Fr. Quatro-cousin.) A cousin in the fourth degree; hence any distant or remote relative.

CATHEDRAL. In English ecclesiastical law. The church of the bishop of the diocese, in which is his cathedral, or throne; and his special jurisdiction; in that respect the principal church of the diocese.

—Cathedral preferments. In English ecclesiastical law. All deaneries, archdeaconries, and canoniery, and generally all dignities and offices in any cathedral or collegiate church, below the rank of a bishop.

CATHEDRATIC. In English ecclesiastical law. A sum of 2s. paid to the bishop by the inferior clergy; but from its being usually paid at the bishop's synod, or visitation, it is commonly named synodals. Wharton.

CATHOLIC CREDITOR. In Scotch law. A creditor whose debt is secured on all or several distinct parts of the debtor's property. Bell.

CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION ACT. The statute of 10 Geo. IV. c. 7, by which Roman Catholics were restored, in general, to the full enjoyment of all civil rights, except that of holding ecclesiastical offices, and certain high appointments in the state. 3 Steph. Comm. 100.
CATONIANA REGULA

In Roman law. The rule which is commonly expressed in the maxim, *Quod ab initio non valet tractus temporis non convalebit*, meaning that what is at the beginning void by reason of some technical (or other) legal defect, will not become valid merely by length of time. The rule applied to the institution of *haretida*, the bequest of legacies, and such like. The rule is not without its application also in English law; *e.g.*, a married woman's will (being void when made) is not made valid merely because she lives to become a widow. Brown.

**CATTOLE.** A term which includes the domestic animals generally; all the animals used by man for labor or food. Animals of the bovine genus. In a wider sense, all domestic animals used by man for labor or food, including sheep and hogs. Mathews v. State, 39 Tex. Cr. R. 553, 47 S. W. 647; State v. Brookhouse, 10 Wash. 87, 33 Pac. 502; State v. Creddle, 91 N. C. 440; State v. Groves, 119 N. C. 822, 25 S. E. 819; First Nat. Bank v. Home Sav. Bank, 21 Wall. 296, 22 L. Ed. 569; U. S. v. Mattock, 26 Fed. Cas. 1208.

-Cattle-gate. In English law. A right to pasture cattle in the land of another. It is a distinct and several interest in the land, passing by lease and release. 13 East, 150; 5 Taunt. 811. -Cattle-guard. A device to prevent cattle from straying along a railroad-track or highway-crossing. Heskett v. Railway Co., 61 Iowa, 467, 16 N. W. 523; Railway Co. v. Mans. 31 Kan. 337, 2 Pac. 800.

**CAUDA TERRE.** A land's end, or the bottom of a ridge in arable land. Cowell.

-CAULCOES. Highroads or ways pitched with flint or other stones.

-CAUPO. In the civil law. An innkeeper. Dig. 4, 9, 4, 5.

-CAUPONA. In the civil law. An inn or tavern. Inst. 4, 5, 3.

-CAUPONES. In the civil law. Innkeepers. Dig. 4, 9; Id. 47, 5; Story, Ag. § 458.

-CAURSINES. Italian merchants who came into England in the reign of Henry III., where they established themselves as money lenders, but were soon expelled for their usury and extortion. Cowell; Blount.

-CAUcus. A meeting of the legal voters of any political party assembled for the purpose of choosing delegates or for the nomination of candidates for office. Pub. St. N. H. 1901, p. 140. c. 78, § 1; Rev. Laws Mass. 1902, p. 104, c. 11, § 1.

-CAUSA. Lat. 1. A cause, reason, occasion, motive, or inducement.

2. In the civil law and in old English law. The word signified a source, ground, BL.LAW DICT.(2d Ed.)—12

or mode of acquiring property; hence a title; one's title to property. Thus, "*Titulus est justa causa possidendi id quod nostrum est*," title is the lawful ground of possessing that which is ours. Coke, 153. See Mackeil. Rom. Law, §§ 242, 263.

3. A condition; a consideration; motive for performing a juristic act. Used of contracts, and found in this sense in the Scotch law also. Bell.


5. In old European law. Any movable thing or article of property.

6. Used with the force of a preposition, it means by virtue of, on account of. Also with reference to; in contemplation of. Causa mortis, in anticipation of death.

---Causa causans. The immediate cause; the last link in the chain of causation. *Causa data et non secuta.* In the civil law. Consideration given and not followed, that is, by the event upon which it was given. The name of an action by which a thing given in the view of a certain event was reclaimed if that event did not take place. Dig. 12, 4; Cod. 4, 6.

---Causa hospitandi. For the purpose of being entertained as a guest. 4 Maule & S. 310.

---Causa iactationis maritagli. A form of action which anciently lay against a party who boasted or made out that he or she was married to the plaintiff, whereby a common reputation of their marriage might ensue. 3 Bl. Comm. 535. Causa matrimonii praecludi. A writ lying where a woman has given lands to a man in fee-simple with the intention that he shall marry her, and he refuses so to do within a reasonable time, upon suitable request. Cowell. Now obsolete. 3 Bl. Comm. 183, note.

---Causa mortis. In contemplation of approaching death. In view of death. Commonly occurring in the phrase *donatio causa mortis*, (q. v.)-Causa patet. The reason is open, obvious, plain, clear, or manifest. A common expression in old writers. Perk. c. 1, Hl. 11. § 97. Causa proxima. The immediate, nearest, or latest cause. Causa rel. In the civil law. The accessions, appurtenances, or fruits of a thing; comprising all that the claimant of a principal thing can demand from a defendant in addition thereto, and especially what he would have had, if the thing had not been withheld from him. Inst. 4, 17, 3; Mackeil. Rom. Law, § 166. Causa remota. A remote or mediate cause; a cause operating indirectly by the intervention of other causes. Causa scientiae patet. The reason of the knowledge is evident. A technical phrase in Scotch practice, used in depositions of witnesses.-Causa sine qua non. A necessary or inevitable cause; necesse, without which the effect in question could not have happened. Hayes v. Railroad Co., 111 U. S. 229, 4 Sup. Ct. 509, 28 L. Ed. 410. Causa turpis. A base (immoral or illegal) cause of consideration.

Causa causa est causa causati. The cause of a cause is the cause of the thing caused. 12 Mod. 639.

THE CAUSE OF THE EFFECT IS TO BE CONSIDERED AS THE CAUSE OF THE EFFECT ALSO.

Causa causantis, causa est causati. The cause of the thing causing is the cause
of the effect. 4 Camp. 284; Marble v. City of Worcester, 4 Gray (Mass.) 398.

Causa ecclesiae publicis equiperatur; et summa est ratio quae pro religione factit. The cause of the church is equal to public cause; and paramount is the reason which makes for religion. Co. Litt. 341.

Causa et origo est materia negotii. The cause and origin is the substance of the thing; the cause and origin of a thing are a material part of it. The law regards the original act. 1 Coke, 99.

Causa proxima, non remota, spectatur. The immediate, not the remote, cause, is looked at, or considered. 12 East. 648; 3 Kent, Comm. 302; Story, Ballin. § 515; Bac. Max. reg. 1.

Causa vaga et incerta non est causa rationabilis. 5 Coke, 57. A vague and uncertain cause is not a reasonable cause.


CAUSAM NOBIS SIGNIFICET QUARE. A writ addressed to a mayor of a town, etc., who was by the king's writ commanded to give seisin of lands to the king's grantee, on his delaying to do it, requiring him to show cause why he so delayed the performance of his duty. Blount; Cowell.

CAUSEBARE. In the civil and old English law. To be engaged in a suit; to litigate; to conduct a cause.

CAUSATOR. In old European law. One who manages or litigates another's cause Spelman.

CAUSE. That which produces an effect; whatever moves, impels, or leads. The origin or foundation of a thing, as of a suit or action; a ground of action. Corning v. McCullough, 1 N. Y. 47, 40 Am. Dec. 257; State v. Dougherty, 4 Or. 203.

The consideration of a contract, that is, the inducement to it, or motive of the contracting party for entering into it, is, in the civil and Scotch law, called the "cause."

The civilians use the term "causae;" in relation to obligations, in the same sense as the word "consideration" is used in the jurisprudence of England and the United States. It means the motive, the inducement to the agreement,—id quod inducit ad contraheendum. In contracts of mutual interest, the cause of the engagement is the thing given or done, or engaged to be given or done, or the risk incurred by one of the parties. Mouton v. Noble, 1 La. Ann. 102.

In pleading. Reason; motive; matter of excuse or justification.

In practice. A suit, litigation, or action. Any question, civil or criminal, contested before a court of justice.

Cause imports a judicial proceeding entire, and is nearly synonymous with lex in Latin, or suit in English. Although allied to the word "case," it differs from it in the application of its meaning. A cause is pending, postponed, appealed, gained, lost, etc.; whereas a cause is made, rested, argued, decided, etc. Case is of a more limited significance, importing a collection of facts, with the conclusion of law thereon. Both terms may be used with propriety in the same sentence; e.g., on the trial of the case, the plaintiff introduced certain evidence, and there rested his case. See Shirrs v. Irons, 47 Ind. 445; Blyew v. U. S., 18 Wall. 581, 20 L. Ed. 638; Erwin v. U. S., 37 Fed. 470, 2 L. R. A. 229.

A distinction is sometimes taken between "cause" and "action." Burritt observes that a cause is not, like an action or suit, said to be commenced, nor is an action, like a cause, said to be tried. But, if there is any substantial difference between these terms, it must lie in the fact that "action" refers more peculiarly to the legal procedure of a controversy; "cause" to its subject or the state of facts involved. Thus, we cannot say "the cause should have been removed." Nor would it be correct to say "the plaintiff pleaded his own action."

As to "Probable Cause" and "Proximate Cause," see those titles. As to challenge "for cause," see "Challenge."

CAUSE-BOOKS. Books kept in the central office of the English supreme court, in which are entered all writs of summons issued in the office. Rules of Court, 8 8.

CAUSE LIST. In English practice. A printed roll of actions, to be tried in the order of their entry, with the names of the solicitors for each litigant. Similar to the calendar of causes, or docket, used in American courts.

CAUSE OF ACTION. Matter for which an action may be brought. The ground on which an action may be sustained. The right to bring a suit.

Cause of action is properly the ground on which an action can be maintained; as when we say that such a person has no cause of action. But the phrase is often used to signify the matter of the complaint or claim on which a given action is in fact grounded, whether or not legally maintainable. Mosley & Whitley.

It sometimes means a person having a right of action. Thus, where a legacy is left to a married woman, and she and her husband bring an action to recover it, she is called in the old books the "meritorious cause of action." 1 H. Bl. 108.

The term is synonymous with right of action, right of recovery. Graham v. Scripture, 26 How. Proc. (N. Y.) 601.

Cause of action is not synonymous with cause in action; the latter includes debts, etc., not due, and even stocks. Bank of Commerce v. Rutland & W. R. Co., 10 How. Proc. (N. Y.) 1.

CAUSES CÉLÈBRES. Celebrated cases. A work containing reports of the decisions of interest and importance in French courts in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Secondarily a single trial or decision is
often called a "cause célèbre," when it is remarkable on account of the parties involved or the unusual, interesting, or sensational character of the facts.

CAUSIDICUS. In the civil law. A pleader; one who argued a cause ore tenus.

CAUTELA. Lat. Care; caution; vigilance; prevision.

CAUTIO. In the civil and French law. Security given for the performance of any thing; bail; a bond or undertaking by way of surety. Also the person who becomes a surety.

In Scotch law. A pledge, bond, or other security for the performance of an obligation, or completion of the satisfaction to be obtained by a judicial process. Bell.

—Cautio dēsînsorīs. Security by means of bonds or pledges entered into by third parties. Du Cange.—Cautio Mucdana. Security given by an heir or legatee, in order to obtain immediate possession of the inheritance or legacy, binding him and his surety for his observance of a condition annexed to the bequest, where the act which is the object of the condition is one which he must avoid committing during his whole life, e. g., that he will never marry, never leave the country, never engage in a particular trade, etc. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 706.—Cautio pignoratīs. Security given by pledge, or deposit, as plate, money, or other goods.—Cautio pro expensis. Security for costs, charges, or expenses.—Cautio usufruc-tuāris. Security, which tenants for life give, to preserve the property rented free from waste and injury. Ersk. Inst. 2, 9, 50.

CAUTION. In Scotch law, and in admiralty law. Surety; security; bail; an undertaking by way of surety. 6 Mod. 162. See CAUTIO.

—Cautio jurotriasi. In Scotch law. Security given by oath. That which a suspender swears is the best he can afford in order to obtain a suspension. Ersk. Pract. 4, 3, 6.

CAUTONARI. In Scotch law. An instrument in which a person binds himself as surety for another.

CAUTEONE ADMITTENDA. In English ecclesiastical law. A writ that lies against a bishop who holds an excommunicated person in prison for contempt, notwithstanding he offers sufficient caution or security to obey the orders and commandments of the church for the future. Reg. Orig. 66; Cowell.

CAUTIONER. In Scotch law. A surety; a bondsman. One who binds himself in a bond with the principal for greater security. He is still a cautioner whether the bond be to pay a debt, or whether he undertake to produce the person of the party for whom he is bound. Bell.

CAUTIONEMENT. In French law. The same as becoming surety in English law.

CAUTIONRY. In Scotch law. Suretyship.

CAVEAT. Lat. Let him beware. A formal notice or warning given by a party interested to a court, judge, or ministerial officer against the performance of certain acts within his power and jurisdiction. This process may be used in the proper courts to prevent (temporarily or provisionally) the proving of a will or the grant of administration, or to arrest the enrollment of a decree in chancery when the party intends to take an appeal, to prevent the grant of letters patent, etc. It is also used, in the American practice, as a kind of equitable process, to stay the granting of a patent for land. Wilson v. Gaston, 92 Pa. 207; Slocum v. Grandin, 38 N. J. Eq. 485; Ex parte Crafts, 28 S. C. 251, 6 S. E. 718; In re Miller's Estate, 166 Pa. 97, 31 Atl. 55.

In patent law. A caveat is a formal written notice given to the officers of the patent-office, requiring them to refuse letters patent on a particular invention or device to any other person, until the party filing the caveat (called the "cavester") shall have an opportunity to establish his claim to priority of invention.

CAVEAT ACTOR. Let the doer, or actor, beware.

CAVEAT EMDTOR. Let the buyer take care. This maxim summarizes the rule that the purchaser of an article must examine, judge, and test it for himself, being bound to discover any obvious defects or imperfections. Miller v. Tiffany, 1 Wall. 306, 17 L. Ed. 540; Barnard v. Kellogg, 10 Wall. 388, 19 L. Ed. 987; Slaughter v. Gerson, 12 Wall. 383, 20 L. Ed. 627; Hargous v. Stone, 5 N. Y. 82; Wissler v. Craig, 80 Va. 32; Wright v. Hart, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 453.

Caveat emtor, qui ignorare non debuit. Hob. 99. Let a purchaser beware, who ought not to be ignorant that he is purchasing the rights of another.

CAVEAT VENDITOR. In Roman law. A maxim, or rule, casting the responsibility for defects or deficiencies upon the seller of goods, and expressing the exact opposite of the common law rule of caveat emptor. See Wright v. Hart, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 449.

In English and American jurisprudence. Caveat venditor is sometimes used as expressing, in a rough way, the rule which governs all those cases of sales to which caveat emptor does not apply.

CAVEAT VIATOR. Let the traveler beware. This phrase has been used as a concise expression of the duty of a traveler on the highway to use due care to detect and avoid
CAVEATOR. One who files a caveat.


CAVERE. Lat. In the civil and common law. To take care; to exercise caution; to take care or provide for; to provide by law; to provide against; to forbid by law; to give security; to give caution or security on arrest.

CAVERS. Persons stealing ore from mines in Derbyshire, punishable in the bergh-mote or miners' court; also officers belonging to the same mines. Wharton.

CAYA. In old English law. A quay, kay, key, or wharf. Cowell.

CAYAGIUM. In old English law. Cayage or kayage; a toll or duty anciently paid for landing goods at a quay or wharf. Cowell.

CEAP. A bargain; anything for sale; a chattel; also cattle, as being the usual medium of barter. Sometimes used instead of ceapgild, (q. v.)

CEAPGILD. Payment or forfeiture of an animal. An ancient species of forfeiture.

CEDE. To yield up; to assign; to grant. Generally used to designate the transfer of territory from one government to another. Goetz v. United States (C. C.) 103 Fed. 72; Baltimore v. Turnpike Road, 80 Md. 335, 31 Atl. 420; Somers v. Pierson, 16 N. J. Law, 181.

CEDENT. In Scotch law. An assignor. One who transfers a chose in action.

CEDO. I grant. The word ordinarily used in Mexican conveyances to pass title to lands. Mulford v. Le Franc, 26 Cal. 88, 108.

CEDULA. In old English law. A schedule.

In Spanish law. An act under private signature, by which a debtor admits the amount of the debt, and binds himself to discharge the same on a specified day or on demand. Also the notice or citation affixed to the door of a fugitive criminal requiring him to appear before the court where the accusation is pending.


CELATION. In medical jurisprudence. Concealment of pregnancy or delivery.

CELTRA. In old English law, a chaldron. In old Scotch law, a measure of grain, otherwise called a "chaldier." See 1 Kames, Eq. 215.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE. The formal act by which a man and woman take each other for husband and wife, according to law; the solemnization of a marriage. The term is usually applied to a marriage ceremony attended with ecclesiastical functions. See Pearson v. Howey, 11 N. J. Law, 19.

CELICACY. The condition or state of life of an unmarried person.

CELLERARIUS. A butler in a monastery; sometimes in universities called "manciple" or "caterer."

CEMETERY. A place of burial, differing from a churchyard by its locality and incidents—by its locality, as it is separate and apart from any sacred building used for the performance of divine service; by its incidents that, inasmuch as no vault or burying-place in an ordinary churchyard can be purchased for a perpetuity, in a cemetery a permanent burial place can be obtained. Wharton. See Whetstone v. State, 9 Ind. 174; Cemetery Ass'n v. Board of Assessors, 37 La. Ann. 35; Jenkins v. Andover, 103 Mass. 104; Cemetery Ass'n v. New Haven, 43 Conn. 243, 21 Am. Rep. 643.

Six or more human bodies being buried at one place constitutes the place a cemetery. Pol. Code Cal. § 3106.

CENDULE. Small pieces of wood laid in the form of tiles to cover the roof of a house; shingles. Cowell.

CENGILD. In Saxon law. An explanatory nuict or fine paid to the relations of a murdered person by the murderer or his relations. Spelman.

CENELLE. In old records. Acorns.

CENNINGA. A notice given by a buyer to a seller that the things which had been sold were claimed by another, in order that he might appear and justify the sale. Blount; Whishaw

CENS. In French Canadian law. An annual tribute or due reserved to a seignior or lord, and imposed merely in recognition of his superiority. Guyot, Inst. c. 9.

CENSARIA. In old English law. A farm, or house and land let at a standing rent. Cowell.

CENSARI. In old English law. Farmers, or such persons as were liable to pay a census, (tax) Blount; Cowell.
CENSERE. In the Roman law. To ordain; to decree. Dig. 50, 10, 111.

CENSITAI RE. In Canadian law. A tenant by censa, (q. v.)

CENSIVE. In Canadian law. Tenure by censa, (q. v.)

CENSO. In Spanish and Mexican law. An annuity. A ground rent. The right which a person acquires to receive a certain annual pension, for the delivery which he makes to another of a determined sum of money or of an immovable thing. Civ. Code Mex. art. 3206. See Schm. Civil Law, 149, 309; White, New Recop. bk. 2, c. 7, § 4.

—Censo al quitar. A redeemable annuity; otherwise called "censo redimible." Trevino v. Fernandez, 13 Tex. 630.—Censo consignativo. A censo (q. v.) is called "consignativo" when he who receives the money assigns for the payment of the pension (annuity) the estate the fee in which he reserves. Civ. Code Mex. art. 3207.—Censo enajentutivo. In Spanish and Mexican law. An emphyteutic annuity. That species of censo (annuity) which exists where there is a right to require of another a certain canon or pension annually, on account of having transferred to that person forever certain real estate, but reserving the fee in the land. The owner who thus transfers the land is called the "cenisalario," and the person who pays the annuity is called the "cenisario." Hall, Mex. Law, § 756; Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 557.

CENSUALES. In old European law. A species of oblati or voluntary slaves of churches or monasteries; those who, to procure the protection of the church, bound themselves to pay an annual tax or quit-rent only of their estates to a church or monastery.

CENSUERE. In Roman law. They have decreed. The term of art, or technical term for the judgment, resolution, or decree of the senate. Tayl. Civil Law, 506.

CENSUMETHIDUS, or CENSU-MORTHIDUS. A dead rent, like that which is called "mortmain." Blount; Cowell.

CENSURE. In ecclesiastical law. A spiritual punishment, consisting in withdrawing from a baptized person (whether belonging to the clergy or the laity) a privilege which the church gives him, or in wholly expelling him from the Christian communion. The principal varieties of censures are admonition, degradation, deprivation, excommunication, penance, sequestration, suspension. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1367.

A custom observed in certain manors in Devon and Cornwall, where all persons above the age of sixteen years are cited to swear fealty to the lord, and to pay 11d. per poll, and 1d. per annum.

CENSUS. The official counting or enumeration of the people of a state or nation, with statistics of wealth, commerce, education, etc. Huntington v. Cast, 149 Ind. 255, 48 N. E. 1025; Republic v. Paris, 10 Hawaii, 581.

In Roman law. A numbering or enrollment of the people, with a valuation of their fortunes.


CENSUS REGALIS. In English law. The annual revenue or income of the crown.

CENT. A coin of the United States, the least in value of those now minted. It is the one-hundredth part of a dollar. Its weight is 72 gr., and it is composed of copper and nickel in the ratio of 88 to 12.

CENTENA. A hundred. A district or division containing originally a hundred free men, established among the Goths, Germans, Franks, and Lombards, for military and civil purposes, and answering to the Saxon "hundred." Spelman; 1 Bl. Comm. 115.

Also, in old records and pleadings, a hundred weight.

CENTENARI. Petty judges, under-sheriffs of counties, that had rule of a hundred, (centena,) and judged smaller matters among them. 1 Vent. 211.

CENTENI. The principal inhabitants of a centena, or district composed of different villages, originally in number a hundred, but afterwards only called by that name.

CENTESIMA. In Roman law. The hundredth part. Urbaria centesima. Twelve per cent. per annum; that is, a hundredth part of the principal was due each month,—the month being the unit of time from which the Romans reckoned interest. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note.

CENTIME. The name of a denomination of French money, being the one-hundredth part of a franc.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT. An English court, having jurisdiction for the trial of crimes and misdemeanors committed in London and certain adjoining parts of Kent, Essex, and Sussex, and of such other criminal cases as may be sent to it out of the king's bench, though arising beyond its proper jurisdiction. It was constituted by the acts 4 & 5 Wm. IV. c. 38, and 19 & 20 Vict. c. 16, and superseded the "Old Bailey."

CENTRAL OFFICE. The central office of the supreme court of judicature in England is the office established in pursuance of the recommendation of the legal depart-
CENITALIZATION. This word is used to express the system of government prevailing in a country where the management of local matters is in the hands of functionaries appointed by the ministers of state, paid by the state, and in constant communication and under the constant control and inspiration of the ministers of state, and where the funds of the state are largely applied to local purposes. Wharton.

CENTUMVIRI. In Roman law. The name of an important court consisting of a body of one hundred and five judges. It was made up by choosing three representatives from each of the thirty-five Roman tribes. The judges sat as one body for the trial of certain important or difficult questions, (called, "causa centumvirates," but ordinarily they were separated into four distinct tribunals.

CENTURY. One hundred. A body of one hundred men. The Romans were divided into centuries, as the English were divided into hundreds. Also a cycle of one hundred years.

CEORL. In Anglo Saxon law. The free men were divided into two classes, - thanes and ceorls. The thanes were the proprietors of the soil, which was entirely at their disposal. The ceorls were men personally free, but possessing no landed property. Guizot, Rep. Govt.

A tenant at will of free condition, who held land of the thane on condition of paying rent or services. Cowell.

A Freeman of inferior rank occupied in husbandry. Spelman.

CEPI. Lat. I have taken. This word was of frequent use in the returns of sheriffs when they were made in Latin, and particularly in the return to a writ of copias.

The full return (in Latin) to a writ of copias was commonly made in one of the following forms: Cepi corpus, I have taken the body, i. e., arrested the body of the defendant; Cepi corpus et boud, I have taken the body and released the defendant on a bail-bond; Cepi corpus et committitur, I have taken the body and he has been committed (to prison); Cepi corpus et est in custodia, I have taken the defendant and he is in custody; Cepi corpus et est languard, I have taken the defendant and he is sick, i. e., so sick that he cannot safely be removed from the place where the arrest was made; Cepi corpus et paratum habeo, I have taken the body and have it (him) ready, i.e., in custody and ready to be produced when ordered.

CEPIT. In civil practice. He took. This was the characteristic word employed in (Latin) writs of trespass for goods taken, and in declarations in trespass and reprieve.

Replevin in the cepit is a form of reprieve which is brought for carrying away goods merely. Wills, Repl. § 33.

In criminal practice. This was a technical word necessary in an indictment for larceny. The charge must be that the defendant took the thing stolen, i. e., an animal. - Cepit et aspervavit. He took and carried away. Applicable in a declaration in trespass or an indictment for larceny where the defendant has carried away goods without right. 4 Bl. Comm. 223. - Cepit in illo loco. In pleading. A plea in replevin, by which the defendant alleges that he took the thing reprieved in another place than that mentioned in the declaration. 1 Chit. Pl. 490.

CEPAGIUM. In old English law. The stumps or roots of trees which remain in the ground after the trees are felled. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 41, § 24.

CERA, or CERE. In old English law. Wax; a seal.

CERA IMPRESSA. Lat. An impressed seal. It does not necessarily refer to an impression on wax, but may include an impression made on wafers or other adhesive substances capable of receiving an impression, or even paper. Pierce v. Indseth, 106 U. S. 546, 1 Sup. Ct. 418, 27 L. Ed. 234.

CERAGRUM. In old English law. A payment to provide candles in the church. Blount.

CEREVERISIA. In old English law. Ale or beer.

CERT MONEY. In old English law. Head money or common fine. Money paid yearly by the residents of several manors to the lords thereof, for the certain keeping of the leet, (for certo leto;) and sometimes to the hundred. Blount; 6 Coke, 78.

Certa debet esse intentio, et narratio, et certum fundamentum, et certa res
CERTA DEBET ESSE INTENTIO

is a like writ to certify a statute-merchant,
and in divers other cases. Reg. Orig. 148, 151, 152.

CERTIFICATE. A written assurance, or official representation, that some act has or has not been done, or some event occurred, or some legal formality been complied with. Particularly, such written assurance made or issuing from some court, and designed as a notice of things done therein, or as a warrant or authority, to some other court, judge, or officer. People v. Foster, 27 Misc. Rep. 576, 58 N. Y. Supp. 574; U. S. v. Ambrose, 108 U. S. 336, 2 Sup. Ct. 662, 27 L. Ed. 744; Ti-
conic Bank v. Stackpole, 41 Me. 305.

A document in use in the English custom-
house. No goods can be exported by certifi-
cate, except when goods formerly imported, on
which the whole or a part of the customs
paid on importation is to be drawn back.
Wharton.

Certificate for costs. In English practice. A certificate or memorandum drawn up and signed by the judge before whom a case was tried, setting out certain facts the existence of which must be thus proved before the party is
entitled, under the statutes, to recover costs.

Certificate into chancery. In English practice. A certificate or document, setting forth the opinion of the common-law judges on a ques-
tion of law submitted to them for their deci-
dion by the chancery court. Certificate of
acknowledgment. The certificate of a
notary public, justice of the peace, or other au-
thorized officer, attached to a deed, mortgage, or
other instrument, setting forth that the par-
ties thereto personally appeared before him on
such a date and acknowledged the instrument to
be their free and voluntary act and deed. Read v. Loan Co., 68 Ohio, St. 280, 67 N. E. 729,
62 L. R. A. 790, 96 Am. St. Rep. 683.—Cer-
tificate of deposit of the proceeds of banks.
This is a writing acknowledging that the
person named has deposited in the bank a spec-
ified sum of money, and that the same is held
subject to be drawn out on his own check or
order, or that of some other person named in
the instrument as payee. Murphy v. Pacific
Bank, 130 Cal. 542, 62 Pac. 1050. First Nat.
Bank v. Greenville Nat. Bank, 84 Tex. 40, 19
S. W. 334; Neall v. U. S., 118 Fed. 706, 66
C. C. A. 31; Hotchkiss v. Mosher, 48 N. Y.
452.—Certificate of holder of preferred property. A certificate required by statute, in
some states, to be given by a third person who is
found in possession of property subject
to an attachment in the sheriff's hands, setting
forth the amount and character of such property
and the nature of the defendant's interest
of incorporation. The instrument by which
a private corporation is formed, under general
statutes, enforced by several persons as incor-
porators, and setting forth the name of the
proposed corporation, the objects for which it
is formed, and such other particulars as may
be required or authorized by law, and filed in
some designated public office as evidence of the
corporate existence. This is properly distin-
guished from a "certificate of incorporation," which is a con-
lative grant of corporate existence and powers
to named individuals; but practically the cer-
tificate of incorporation or "charter" will contain the same enumeration of corporate powers and description of objects and purposes as a charter.—Certificate of in-
debtedness. A form of obligation issued by public or private corporations having
practically the same force and effect as a bond,
though not usually secured on any specific prop-
CERTIFICATE. Christie v. Duluth, 82 Minn. 262. 84 N. W. 754—Certificate of purchase. A certificate issued by the proper public officer to the successful bidder at a judicial sale (such as a tax sale) setting forth the facts and details of his purchase, and which will entitle him to receive a deed upon confirmation of the sale by the court, or (as the case may be) if the land is not redeemed within the time limited for that purpose. Lightcap v. Bradley, 186 Ill. 510, 58 N. E. 221; Taylor v. Weston, 77 Cal. 534, 20 Pac. 62—Certificate of registry. In maritime law. A certificate of the registration of a vessel according to the registry acts, for the purpose of giving her a national character. 3 Steph. Comm. 274; 3 Kent, Comm. 159-150.—Certificate of sale. The same as "certificate of purchase," supra, (q. c.)—Certificate of stock. A certificate of a corporation or joint stock company that the person named is the owner of a designated number of shares of its stock; given when the subscription is fully paid and the "scrip-certificate" taken up. Gibbons v. Mahon, 136 U. S. 549, 10 Sup. Ct. 1057, 34 L. Ed. 525; Merritt v. Barge Co., 29 Fed. 225, 24 C. C. A. 530.—Certificate, trial by. This is a mode of trial now little in use; it is resorted to in cases where the fact in issue lies out of the cognizance of the court, and the judge, in order to determine the question, are obliged to rely upon the solemn averment or information of persons in such a station as affords them the clearest and most competent knowledge of the truth. Brown.

CERTIFICATION. In Scotch practice. This is the assurance given to a party of the course to be followed in case he does not appear or obey the order of the court.

CERTIFICATION OF ASSISE. In English practice. A writ anciency granted for the re-examining or retrial of a matter passed by assize before justices, now entirely superseded by the remedy afforded by means of a new trial.

CERTIFICATS DE CÔTUME. In French law. Certificates given by a foreign lawyer, establishing the law of the country to which he belongs upon one or more fixed points. These certificates can be produced before the French courts, and are received as evidence in suits upon questions of foreign law. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 648.

CERTIFIED CHECK. In the practice of bankers. This is a depositor's check recognized and accepted by the proper officer of the bank as a valid appropriation of the amount specified to the payee named, and as drawn against funds of such depositor held by the bank. The usual method of certification is for the cashier or teller to write across the face of the check, over his signature, a statement that it is "good when properly indorsed" for the amount of money written in the body of the check.

CERTIFIED COPY. A copy of a document, signed and certified as a true copy by the officer to whose custody the original is intrusted. Dorennus v. Smith, 4 N. J. Law, 143; People v. Foster, 27 Misc. Rep. 576, 58 N. Y. Supp. 574; Nelson v. Blakely, 54 Ind. 36.

CERTIORARI. Lat. (To be informed of, to be made certain in regard to.) The name of a writ issued by a superior court directing an inferior court to send up to the former some pending proceeding, or all the record and proceedings in a case before verdict, with its certificate to the correctness and completeness of the record, for review or trial; or it may serve to bring up the record of a case already terminated below, if the inferior court is one not of record, or in cases where the procedure is not according to the course of the common law. State v. Sullivan (C. C.) 50 Fed. 593; Dean v. State, 63 Ala. 154; Railroad Co. v. Trust Co. (C. C.) 78 Fed. 601; Fowler v. Lindsey, 3 Dall. 415, 1 L. Ed. 658; Basin v. Jacksonville, 18 Fla. 526; Walpole v. Ink, 9 Ohio, 144; People v. Livingston County, 43 Barb. (N. Y.) 234.

Originally, and in English practice, a certiorari is an original writ, issuing out of the court of chancery or the king's bench, and directed in the king's name to the judges or officers of inferior courts commanding them to certify or to return the records or proceedings in a cause depending before them, for the purpose of a judicial review of their action. Jacob.

In Massachusetts it is defined by statute as a writ issued by the supreme judicial court to any inferior tribunal, commanding it to certify and return to the supreme judicial court its records in a particular case, in order that any errors or irregularities which appear in the proceedings may be corrected. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1288.

CERTIORARI, BILL OF. In English chancery practice. An original bill praying relief. It was filed for the purpose of removing a suit pending in some inferior court of equity into the court of chancery, on account of some alleged incompetency or inconvenience.

Certum est quod certum reddi potest. That is certain which can be rendered certain. 9 Coke, 47; Broom, Max. 623.

CERURA. A mound, fence, or inclosure.

CERVISARI. In Saxon law. Tenants who were bound to supply drink for their lord's table. Cowell.

CERVISIA. Ale, or beer. Sometimes spelled "cercista."

CERVISIARIUS. In old records. An ale-house keeper. A beer or ale brewer. Blount.

CERVUS. Lat. A stag or deer.

CESIONARIO. In Spanish law. An assignee. White, New Recop. b. 5, tit. 10, c. 1, § 3.

CESS. v. In old English law. To cease, stop, determine, fail.
CESS, n. An assessment or tax. In Ireland, it was ancetly applied to an exaction of victuals, at a certain rate, for soldiers in garrison.

Cessa regnare, si non vis judicare. Cease to reign, if you wish not to adjudicate. Hob. 155.

Cessante causa, cessat effectus. The cause ceasing, the effect ceases. Broom, Max. 190.

Cessante ratione legis, cessat et ipsa lex. The reason of the law ceasing, the law itself ceases also. Co. Litt. 70b; 2 Bl. Comm. 390, 391; Broom, Max. 159.

Cessante statu primitivo, cessat derivatius. When the primitive or original estate determines, the derivative estate determines also. 8 Coke, 34; Broom, Max. 495.

CESSARE. L. Lat. To cease, stop, or stay.

CESSAVIT PER BIENNII. In practice. An obsolete writ, which could formerly have been sued out when the defendant had for two years ceased or neglected to perform such service or to pay such rent as he was bound to do by his tenure, and had not upon his lands sufficient goods or chattels to be distrained. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 208. It also lay where a religious house held lands on condition of performing certain spiritual services which it failed to do. 3 Bl. Comm. 232. Emig v. Cunningham, 62 Md. 460.

CESSAE. (1) An assessment or tax; (2) a tenant of land was said to cease when he neglected or ceased to perform the services due to the lord. Co. Litt. 373a, 380b.

CESSER. Neglect; a ceasing from, or omission to do, a thing. 3 Bl. Comm. 232.

The determination of an estate. 1 Coke, 34; 4 Kent, Comm. 33, 90, 105, 295.

The "cessor" of a term, annuity, or the like, takes place when it determines or comes to an end. The expression is chiefly used in (England) with reference to long terms of a thousand years or some similar period, created by a settlement for the purpose of securing the income, portions, etc., given to the objects of the settlement. When the truster of a term of this kind are satisfied, it is desirable that the term should be put an end to, and with this object it was formerly usual to provide in the settlement itself that, as soon as the trust of the term had been satisfied, it should cease and determine. This was called a "proviso for cesser." Sweet.

—Cesser, proviso for. Where terms for years are raised by settlement, it is usual to introduce a proviso that they shall cease when the trust ends. This proviso generally expresses three events: (1) The trusts never arising; (2) their becoming unnecessary or incapable of taking effect; (3) the performance of them. Sugh. Vend. (14th Ed.) 621—623.

CESSSET EXECUTIO. (Let execution stay.) In practice. A stay of execution; or an order for such stay; the entry of such stay on record. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1104.

CESSSET PROCESSUS. (Let process stay.) A stay of proceedings entered on the record

CESSIO. Lat. A cession; a giving up, or relinquishment; a surrender; an assignment.

CESSIO BONORUM. In Roman law. Cession of goods. A surrender, relinquishment, or assignment of all his property and effects made by an insolvent debtor for the benefit of his creditors. The effect of this voluntary action on the debtor's part was to secure him against imprisonment or any bodily punishment, and from infamy, and to cancel all debts to the extent of the property ceded. It much resembled our voluntary bankruptcy or assignment for creditors. The term is commonly employed in modern continental jurisprudence to designate a bankrupt's assignment of property to be distributed among his creditors, and is used in the same sense by some English and American writers, but here rather as a convenient than as a strictly technical term. See 2 Bl. Comm. 473; 1 Kent, Comm. 247, 422; Ersk. Inst. 4, 3, 26.

CESSIO IN JURE. In Roman law. A fictitious suit, in which the person who was to acquire the thing claimed (indiciabat) the thing as his own, the person who was to transfer it acknowledged the justice of the claim, and the magistrate pronounced it to be the property (addiciabat) of the claimant. Sandars' Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 80, 122.

CESSIO. The act of ceding; a yielding or giving up; surrender; relinquishment of property or rights.

In the civil law. An assignment. The act by which a party transfers property to another. The surrender or assignment of property for the benefit of one's creditors.

In ecclesiastical law. A giving up or vacating a benefice, by accepting another without a proper dispensation. 1 Bl. Comm. 392; Latch. 234.

In public law. The assignment, transfer, or yielding up of territory by one state or government to another.

CESSION DES BIENS. In French law. The surrender which a debtor makes of all his goods to his creditors, when he finds himself in insolvent circumstances. It is of two kinds, either voluntary or compulsory (judiciaire) corresponding very nearly to liquidation by arrangement and bankruptcy in English and American law.
CESSION OF GOODS. The surrender of property; the relinquishment that a debtor makes of all his property to his creditors, when he finds himself unable to pay his debts. Civil Code La. art. 2170.

CESSIONARY. In Scotch law. An assignee. Bell.

CESSIONARY BANKRUPT. One who gives up his estate to be divided among his creditors.

CESSION. An assessment, or tax.

CESSOR. One who ceases or neglects so long to perform a duty that he thereby incurs the danger of the law. O. N. B. 136.

CESSURE. L Fr. A receiver; a bailiff. Kelham.

C'EST ASCAVOIR. L Fr. That is to say, or to-wit. Generally written as one word, cestascavoir, cestascavoir.

C'est le crime qui fait la honte, et non pas l'echafaud. Fr. It is the offense which causes the shame, and not the scaffold.

CESTUI, CESTUY. He. Used frequently in composition in law French phrases.

—Cestui que trust. He who has a right to a beneficial interest in and out of an estate the legal title to which is vested in another. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 193. The person who possesses the equitable right to property and receives the rents, issues, and profits thereof, the legal estate of which is vested in a trustee. It has been proposed to substitute for this uncouth term the English word "beneficiary," and the latter, though still far from universally adopted, has come to be quite frequently used. It is equal in precision to the antiquated and unwieldy Norman phrase, and far better adapted to the genius of our language.—Cestui que use. He for whose use and benefit lands or tenements are held by another. The cestui que use has the right to receive the profits and benefits of the estate, but the legal title and possession (as well as the duty of defending the same) reside in the other.—Cestui que vie. He whose life is the measure of the duration of an estate. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 88. The person for whose life any lands, tenements, or hereditaments are held.

Cestuy que doit inheriter al père doit inheriter al fils. He who would have been heir to the father of the deceased shall also be heir of the son. Fitzh. Abr. "Descent," 2; 2 Bl. Comm. 239, 250.

CF. An abbreviated form of the Latin word confer, meaning "compare." Directs the reader's attention to another part of the work, to another volume, case, etc., where contrasted, analogous, or explanatory views or statements may be found.

CH. This abbreviation most commonly stands for "chapter," or "chancellor," but it may also mean "chancery," or "chief."

CHACE. L Fr. A chase or hunting ground.

CHACEA. In old English law. A station of game, more extended than a park, and less than a forest; also the liberty of chasing or hunting within a certain district; also the way through which cattle are driven to pasture, otherwise called a "droweway." Blount.


CHACEABLE. L Fr. That may be chased or hunted.

CHACER. L Fr. To drive, compel, or oblige; also to chase or hunt.

CHACURUS. L Lat. A horse for the chase, or a hound, dog, or courser.

CHAFFEWAX. An officer in the English chancery whose duty was to fit the wax to seal the writs, commissions, and other instruments thence issuing. The office was abolished by St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 87, § 23.

CHAFFERS. An ancient term for goods, wares, and merchandise.

CHAFFERY. Traffic; the practice of buying and selling.

CHAIN. A measure used by engineers and surveyors, being twenty-two yards in length.

CHAIN OF TITLE. A term applied metaphorically to the series of conveyances, or other forms of alienation, affecting a particular parcel of land, arranged consecutively, from the government or original source of title down to the present holder, each of the instruments included being called a "link." Payne v. Markle, 80 Ill. 69.

CHAIRMAN. A name given to the presiding officer of an assembly, public meeting, convention, deliberative or legislative body, board of directors, committee, etc.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE. In English parliamentary practice. In the commons, this officer, always a member, is elected by the house on the assembling of every new parliament. When the house is in committee on bills introduced by the government, or in committee of ways and means, or supply, or in committee to consider preliminary resolutions, it is his duty to preside.

CHALDRON, CHALDERN, or CHALDER. Twelve sacks of coals, each holding three bushels, weighing about a ton and a half. In Wales they reckon 12 barrels or
pitchers a ton or chaldron, and 29 cwt. of 120 lbs. to the ton. Wharton

**CHALLENGE.** 1. To object or except to; to prefer objections to a person, right, or instrument; to formally call into question the capability or a person for a particular function, or the existence of a right claimed, or the sufficiency of an instrument.

2. As a noun, the word signifies the objection or exception so advanced.

3. An exception taken against legal documents, as a declarative, covenant or writ. But this use of the word is now obsolescent.

4. An exception or objection preferred against a person who presents himself at the polls as a voter, in order that his right to cast a ballot may be inquired into.

5. An objection or exception to the personal qualification of a judge or magistrate about to preside at the trial of a cause; as on account of personal interest, his having been of counsel, bias, etc.

6. An exception or objection taken to the jurors summoned and returned for the trial of a cause, either individually, (to the polls,) or collectively, (to the array.) People v. Travers, 88 Cal. 233, 26 Pac. 88; People v. Fitzpatrick, 1 N. Y. Cr. R. 425.

At common law. The causes for principal challenges fall under four heads: (1) Propriety honoris respectum. On account of respect for the party's social rank. (2) Propriety affectum. On account of some legal disqualification, such as infancy or alienage. (3) Propriety materiae. On account of partiality; that is, either expressed or implied bias or prejudices. (4) Propriety detestum. On account of crime; that is, disqualification arising from the conviction of an infamous crime.

—Challenge for cause. A challenge to a juror for which some cause or reason is alleged. Termes de la Ley; 4 Bl. Comm. 353. Thus distinguished from a personal challenge. Turner v. State, 114 Ga. 421, 40 S. E. 308; Cr. Code N. Y. 1803, § 374.—Challenge proprie materiae. A challenge interposed on account of an ascertained or suspected bias or partiality, and which may be either a principal challenge or a challenge to the favor. Harrisburg Bank v. Forster, 8 Watts (Pa.) 395; State v. Sawtelle, 60 N. H. 488, 32 Atl. 381; Jewell v. Jewell, 84 Me. 304, 24 Atl. 858, 13 L. R. A. 473.—Challenge to the array. An exception to the whole panel in which the jury are arrayed, or set in order by the sheriff in his return, upon account of partiality, or some defect in the sheriff, coroner, or other officer who arrayed the panel or made the return. 3 Bl. Comm. 359; Co. Lit. 1505; Moore v. Guano Co., 130 N. C. 229, 41 S. E. 230; Thompson v. State, 106 Ga. 272, 34 S. E. 534; Durrah v. State, 140 Ga. 724, 78 S. E. 531. Challenge to the favor. Is where the party has no principal challenge, but objects only some probable circumstance as affecting his cause, and the like, the validity of which must be left to the determination of trial, whose office it is to decide whether the juror be favorable or unfavorable. 3 Bl. Comm. 363; 4 Bl. Comm. 253; Thompson v. State, 109 Ga. 272, 34 S. E. 570; State v. Sawtelle, 60 N. H. 488, 32 Atl. 381; People v. Baldwin, 3 Maine Const. (3 S.) 222.—Challenge to the panel. The same as a challenge to the array. See supra. and see Pen. Code Cal. § 1033.—Challenge to the polls. A challenge made separately to an individual juror; as distinguished from a challenge to the array. Harrisburg Bank v. Forster, 8 Watts (Pa.) 395.—General challenge. A species of challenge for cause, being an objection to a particular juror, to the effect that the juror is disqualified from serving in any case. Pen. Code Cal. § 1071.—Peremptory challenge. In criminal practice. A species of challenge which a prisoner is allowed to have against a certain number of jurors, without assigning any cause. Lewis v. U. S., 146 U. S. 370, 13 Sup. Ct. 136, 36 L. Ed. 1011; Surpin v. State, 55 Md. 462; Leary v. Railway Co., 69 N. J. Law. 67, 54 Atl. 527; State v. Hays, 23 Mo. 287.—Principal challenge. A challenge of a juror for a cause which carries with it, prima facie, evident marks of suspicion either of malice or favor; as that a juror is of kin to either party within the ninth degree; that he has an interest in the cause, etc. 3 Bl. Comm. 363. A species of challenge to the array made on account of partiality or some defect in the sheriff or his under-officer who arrayed the panel.

**CHALLENGE TO FIGHT.** A summons or invitation, given by one person to another, to engage in a personal combat; a request to fight a duel. A criminal offense. See Steph. Crim. Dig. 40; 3 East, 581; State v. Perkins, 6 Blackf. (Ind.) 20.

**CHAMBER.** A room or apartment in a house. A private repository of money; a treasury. Sometimes used to designate a court, a commission, or an association of persons habitually meeting together in an apartment, e. g., the "star chamber," "chamber of deputies," "chamber of commerce."

**CHAMBER OF ACCOUNTS.** In French law. A sovereign court, of great antiquity. In France, which took cognizance of and registered the accounts of the king's revenue; nearly the same as the English court of exchequer. Enc. Brit.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.** An association (which may or may not be incorporated) comprising the principal merchants, manufacturers, and traders of a city, designed for convenience in buying, selling, and exchanging goods, and to foster the commercial and industrial interests of the place.

**CHAMBER, WIDOW'S.** A portion of the effects of a deceased person, reserved for the use of his widow, and consisting of her apparel, and the furniture of her bed-chamber, is called in London the "widow's chamber." 2 Bl. Comm. 518.

**CHAMBER BUSINESS.** A term applied to all such judicial business as may properly be transacted by a judge at his chambers or elsewhere, as distinguished from such as must be done by the court in session. In re Neagle (C. C.) 39 Fed. 855. 5 L. R. A. 78.
CHAMBER SURVEYS. At an early day in Pennsylvania, surveyors often made drafts on paper of pretended surveys of public lands, and returned them to the land office as duly surveyed, instead of going on the ground and establishing lines and marking corners; and these false and fraudulent pretenses of surveys never actually made were called "surveyers." Schraeder Min. & Mfg. Co. v. Packer, 129 U. S. 688, 9 Sup. St. 385, 32 L. Ed. 760.

CHAMBERDEKINS, or CHAMBER DEACONS. In old English law. Certain poor Irish scholars, clothed in mean habit, and living under no rule; also beggars banished from England. (1 Hen. V. cc. 7, 8.) Wharton.

CHAMBERLAIN. Keeper of the chamber. Originally the chamberlain was the keeper of the treasure chamber (camera) of the prince or state; otherwise called "treasurer." Cowell.

The name of several high officials of state in England, as lord great chamberlain of England, lord chamberlain of the household, chamberlain of the exchequer. Cowell; Blount.

The word is also used in some American cities as the title of an officer corresponding to "treasurer."

CHAMBERLARIAN. Chamberlainship; the office of a chamberlain. Cowell.

CHAMBERS. In practice. The private room or office of a judge; any place in which a judge hears motions, signs papers, or does other business pertaining to his office, when he is not holding a session of court. Business so transacted is said to be done "in chambers." In re Neagle (C. C.) 39 Fed. 825, 5 L. R. A. 78; Von Schultitz v. Wilder, 99 Cal. 511, 34 Pac. 100; Hascnins v. Baxter, 64 Minn. 226, 66 N. W. 969. The term is also applied, in England, to the private office of a barrister.

In international law. Portions of the sea cut off by lines drawn from one promontory to another, or included within lines extending from the point of one cape to the next, situate on the sea-coast of the same nation, and which are claimed by that nation as asylum for merchant vessels, and exempt from the operations of belligerents.

CHAMBIUM. In old English law. Change, or exchange. Bract. fols. 117, 118.

CHAMBER DEPEINTE. A name anciently given to St. Edward's chamber, called the "Painted Chamber," destroyed by fire with the houses of parliament.

CHAMP DE MAB. (Lat. Campus Martii.) The field or assembly of May. The national assembly of the Franks, held in the month of May.

CHAMP DE MAR. (Lat. Campus Martii.) The field or assembly of March. The national assembly of the Franks, held in the month of March, in the open air.

CHAMPERTART. In French law. The grant of a piece of land by the owner to another, on condition that the latter would deliver to him a portion of the crops. 18 Toullier, n. 182.

CHAMPERTY. In old English law. A share or division of land; champerty.

In old Scotch law. A gift or bribe, taken by any great man or judge from any person, for delay of just actions, or furthering of wrongful actions, whether it be lands or any goods movable. Skene.

CHAMPERTOR. In criminal law. One who makes pleas or suits, or causes them to be moved, either directly or indirectly, and sues them at his proper costs, upon condition of having a part of the gain. One guilty of champerty. St. 33 Edw. I. c. 2.

CHAMPERTOUS. Of the nature of champerty; affected with champerty.

CHAMPERTY. A bargain made by a stranger with one of the parties to a suit, by which such third person undertakes to carry on the litigation at his own cost and risk, in consideration of receiving, if he wins the suit, a part of the land or other subject sought to be recovered by the action. Small v. Mott, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 405; Jewel v. Neldy, 61 Iowa, 298, 16 N. W. 141; Weakly v. Hall, 13 Ohio, 173, 42 Am. Dec. 794; Poe v. Davis, 29 Ala. 489; Gillman v. Jones, 87 Ala. 621, 5 South. 785; 7 South. 48, 4 L. R. A. 113; Torrence v. Shedd, 112 Ill. 466; Casseleigh v. Wood, 119 Fed. 308, 56 C. C. A. 212.

The purchase of an interest in a thing in dispute, with the object of maintaining and taking part in the litigation. 7 Bing. 378.

The act of assisting the plaintiff or defendant in a legal proceeding in which the person giving the assistance has no valuable interest, on an agreement that, if the proceeding is successful, the proceeds shall be divided between the plaintiff or defendant, as the case may be, and the assisting person. Sweet.

Champerty is the carrying on a suit in the name of another, but at one's own expense, with the view of receiving as compensation a certain share of the avails of the suit. Ogden v. Des Arts, 4 Duer (N. Y.) 275.

The distinction between champerty and maintenance lies in the interest which the interfering party is to have in the issue of the suit. In the former case, he is to receive a share or portion of what may be recovered; in the latter case, he is in no way benefited by the success of the party aided, but simply
CHAMPION

intermeddles officiously. Thus every cham-
perty includes maintenance, but not every
maintenance is champerty. See 2 Inst. 208;
Stotensburg v. Marks, 79 Ind. 196; Lytle v.
State, 17 Ark. 624.

CHAMPION. A person who fights a com-
bat in his own cause, or in place of another.
The person who, in the trial by balel, fought
either for the tenant or demandant. 3 Bl.
Comm. 339.

—Champion of the king or queen. An
adjective applied to any person who de-
clared esp. the king or queen, and con-
dered as the champion of the king or
queen, he is there ready to defend it in
single combat. The king drank to him, and
sent him a gilt cup, covered, full of wine, which
the champion drank, retaining the cup for his
fee. This ceremony, long discontinued, was
revived at the coronation of George IV., but not
afterwards. Wharton.

CHANCE. In criminal law. An acci-
dent; an unexpected, unforeseen, or un-
tended consequence of an act; a fortuitous
event. The opposite of intention, design, or
contrivance.

There is a wide difference between chance and
casual. The one is the intervention of some
unlooked-for circumstance to prevent an ex-
pected result; the other is the uncalculated ef-
fact of mere luck. The shot discharged at ran-
dom strikes its mark. Lord Coke: that which
is turned aside from its well-directed aim by
some unforeseen circumstance misses its mark
by accident. Pure chance consists in the en-
tire absence of all the means of calculating re-
results: accident, in the unusual prevention of
an effect naturally resulting from the means

—Chance verdict. One determined by hazard
or lot, and not by the deliberate understanding
and agreement of the jury. Goodman v. Cody,
1 Wash. D. 333; 34 Am. Rep. 100; Nichols v.
Plains, 98 Cal. 384, 33 Pac. 268, 20 L. R. A.
608, 35 Am. St. Rep. 190; Improvement Co.

CHANCE-MEDLEY. In criminal law.
A sudden affray. This word is sometimes
applied to any kind of homicide by misad-
vventure, but in strictness it is applicable to
such killing only as happens in defending
one's self. 4 Bl. Comm. 184.

CHANCEL. In ecclesiastical law. The
part of a church in which the communion
table stands; it belongs to the rector or the
impropriator. 2 Broom & Hall. Comm. 420.

CHANCELLOR. In American law, this
is the name given in some states to the
judge (or the presiding judge) of a court of
chancery. In England, besides being the
designation of the chief judge of the court of
chancery, the term is used as the title of
several judicial officers attached to bishops
or other high dignitaries and to univer-
sities. (See infra.) In Scotch practice. It
denotes the foreman of an assize or jury.

—Chancellor of a cathedral. In English
ecclesiastical law. One of the quattuor
persona, or four chief dignitaries of the cathedrals of the
old foundations. They have duties in the office by the statutes of the different chapters
vary, but they are chiefly of an educational character, with a special reference to the cul-
tivation of the doctrine of the chancellor. 3 Bl.
Comm. 382; 2 Steph. Comm. 672—Chancellor of a
university. In English law. The official head
of a university. His principal prerogative is
to hold a certain type of jurisdiction over the
members of the university, in which court the vice-
chancellor presides. The office is for the most
part honorary, the chancellor of the duke of
Lancaster. In English law. An officer before
whom, or his deputy, the court of the duchy
chamber of Lancaster is held. This is a special
jurisdiction concerning all manner of equity re-
lying to lands helden of the king in right of
the duchy of Lancaster. Hob. 77; 3 Bl. Comm.
78—Chancellor of the exchequer. In Eng-
lish law. A high officer of the crown, who
formerly sat in the exchequer court, and,
together with the regular judges of the court,
saw that things were conducted to the king's
benefit. In modern times, however, his duties
are not of a judicial character, but such as per-
tain to a supervision of the state charity and
management of the national revenue and ex-
penditure. —Chancellor of the order of the
garter, and other military orders, in England.
An officer who sees the commissions and the
mandates of the chapter and assembly of the
knights, keeps the register of their proceedings,
and delivers them to the officers under the
charge of their order. —Chancellor, the lord high.
In Eng-
land, this is the highest judicial functionary in
the kingdom, and superior, in point of precedence,
the sovereign, his majesty. He is appointed to
the delivery of the king's great seal into his
custody. He may not be a Roman Catholic.
He is a cabinet minister, a privy councillor,
and prolocutor of the house of lords by prescrip-
tion, (but not necessarily, though usually, a
peer of the realm.) and vacates his office with
the ministry by which he was appointed, as
him belongs the appointment of all justices of
the peace throughout the kingdom. Being, in
the earlier periods of English history, usually
an ecclesiastic, (for none else were then capable
of an office so conversant in writings) and
presiding over the royal chapel, he became keeper
of the sovereign's conscience, supreme court
of the crown, of the hospitals and colleges of
royal foundation, and patron of all the crown
livings under the value of twenty pounds an
annum in the king's books. He is the general
guardian of all infants, idiots, and lunatics, and
has the general superintendent of all charitable
uses, and all this, over and above the vast and
extensive jurisdiction which he exercises in his
judicial capacity in the supreme court of judi-
cature, of which he is the head. Wharton—
Vice-chancellor. In English law. A judge of the
court of chancery, acting as assistant
to the lord chancellor, and holding a separate
court from whose judgment an appeal lay to
the chancellor. 3 Steph. Comm. 418.

CHANCELLOR'S COURTS IN THE
TWO UNIVERSITIES. In English law.
Courts of local jurisdiction in and for the
two universities of Oxford and Cambridge in
England.

CHANCERY. Equity; equitable jurisdic-
tion; a court of equity; the system of ju-
risprudence administered in courts of equity.
Kenyon v. Kenyon, 3 Utah, 431, 24 Pac. 529; Sul-
vian v. Thomas, 3 Rich. (S. C.) 531. See
COURT OF CHANCERY.
CHANGE

1. An alteration; substitution of one thing for another. This word does not connote either improvement or deterioration as a result. In this respect it differs from amendment, which, in law, always imports a change for the better.

2. Exchange of money against money of a different denomination. Also small coin. Also an abbreviation of exchange.

—Change of venue. Properly speaking, the removal of a suit begun in one county or district to another county or district for trial, though it is also sometimes applied to the removal of a suit from one court to another court of the same county or district. Dudley v. Power Co., 189 Ala. 453, 36 South. 700; Felts v. Railroad Co., 195 Pa. 21, 46 Atl. 493; State v. Wofford, 119 Mo. 375, 24 S. W. 764.

CHANGER. An officer formerly belonging to the king's mint, in England, whose business was chiefly to exchange coin for bullion brought in by merchants and others.

CHANNEL. This term refers rather to the bed in which the main stream of a river flows than to the deep water of the stream as followed in navigation. Bridge Co. v. Dubuque County, 56 Iowa, 553, 8 N. W. 443. See The Oliver (D. C.) 22 Fed. 849; Iowa v. Illinois, 147 U. S. 1, 13 Sup. Ct. 239, 57 L. Ed. 55; Cesselli v. State, 40 Ark. 504.

The "main channel" of a river is that bed of the river over which the principal volume of water flows. Many great rivers discharge themselves into the sea through more than one channel. They all, however, have a main channel, through which the principal volume of water passes. Packet Co. v. Bridge Co. (C. C.) 31 Fed. Rep. 797.

—Natural channel. The channel of a stream as determined by the natural conformation of the country through which it flows; that is, the bed over which the water of the stream flows when not in any manner diverted or interfered with by man. See Larrabee v. Cleverdale, 131 Cal. 96, 63 Pac. 143.

CHANTER. The chief singer in the choir of a cathedral. Mentioned in 13 Eliz. c. 10.

CHANTRY. A church or chapel endowed with lands for the maintenance of priests to say mass daily for the souls of the donors. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

CHAPEL. A place of worship; a lesser or inferior church, sometimes a part of or subordinate to another church. Webster. Rex v. Nixon, 7 Car. & P. 442.

—Chapel of ease. In English ecclesiastical law. A chapel founded in general at some period later than the parochial church itself, and designed for the accommodation of such of the parishioners as, in course of time, had begun to fix their residence at some distance from its site; and so termed because built at or in aid of the original church. 3 Steph. Comm. 151.—Private chapel. Chapels owned by private persons, and used by themselves and their families, are called "private," as opposed to chapels of ease, which are built for the accommodation of particular districts within a parish, in ease of the original parish church. 2 Steph. Comm. 745.—Proprietary chapels. In English law.

Those belonging to private persons who have purchased or erected them with a view to profit or otherwise.—Public chapels. In English law, are chapels founded at some period later than the church itself. They were designed for the accommodation of such of the parishioners as in course of time had begun to fix their residence at a distance from its site; and chapels so circumstanced were described as "chapels of ease," because built in aid of the original church. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 745.

CHAPELRY. The precinct and limits of a chapel. The same thing as a chapel as a parish is to a church. Cowell; Blount.

CHAPERON. A hood or bonnet anciently worn by the Knights of the Garter, as part of the habit of that order; also a little escutcheon fixed in the forehead of horses drawing a hearse at a funeral. Wharton.

CHAPITRE. A summary of matters to be inquired of or presented before justices in eyre, justices of assize, or of the peace, in their sessions. Also articles delivered by the justice in his charge to the inquest. Brit. c. Ill.

CHAPLAIN. An ecclesiastic who performs divine service in a chapel; but it more commonly means one who attends upon a king, prince, or other person of quality, for the performance of clerical duties in a private chapel. 4 Coke, 56.

A clergyman officially attached to a ship of war; an army, (or regiment,) or to some public institution, for the purpose of performing divine service. Webster.

CHAPMAN. An itinerant vendor of small wares. A trader who trades from place to place. Say. 191, 192.

CHAPTER. In ecclesiastical law. A congregation of ecclesiastical persons in a cathedral church, consisting of canons, or prebendaries, whereof the dean is the head, all subordinate to the bishop, to whom they act as assistants in matters relating to the church, for the better ordering and disposing the things thereof, and the confirmation of such leases of the temporalty and offices relating to the bishopric, as the bishop shall make from time to time. And they are termed "capitulum," as a kind of head, instituted not only to assist the bishop in manner aforesaid, but also anently to rule and govern the diocese in the time of vacation. Burn, Dict.

CHARACTER. The aggregate of the moral qualities which belong to and distinguish an individual person; the general result of the one's distinguishing attributes. That moral predisposition or habit, or aggregate of ethical qualities, which is believed to attach to a person, on the strength of the common opinion and report concerning him. The opinion generally entertained of a per-
son derived from the common report of the people who are acquainted with him. Smith v. State, 88 Ala. 73, 7 South. 52; State v. Turner, 36 S. C. 534, 15 S. E. 602; Fahnstock v. State, 23 Ind. 238; State v. Parker, 90 Mo. 382, 9 S. W. 728; Sullivan v. State, 68 Ala. 48; Kimmel v. Kimmel, 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 337, 8 Am. Dec. 672.

Character and reputation are not synonymous terms. Character is what a man or woman is morally, while reputation is what he or she is reputed to be. Yet reputation is the estimate which the community has of the character; and it is the belief that moral character is wanting in an individual that renders him unworthy of belief; that is to say, that reputation is evidence of character, and if the reputation is bad for truth, or reputation is bad in other respects affecting the moral character, then the jury may infer that the character is bad and the witness not reliable. General character has always been proved by proving general reputation. Leverich v. Frank, 6 Or. 213.

The word "character" no doubt has an objective and subjective import, which are quite distinct. As to the object, character is its quality. As to the man, it is the quality of his mind, and his affections, his capacity and temperament. But as a subjective term, certainly in the minds of others, one's character is the aggregate, or the abstraction of other men's opinions of one. And in this sense when a witness speaks of the character of another witness for truth, he does not speak of his memory alone, but his judgment also. It is the conclusion of the mind of the witness, in summing up the amount of all the reports he has heard of the man, and declaring his character for truth, as held in the minds of his neighbors and acquaintances, and in this sense character, general character, and general report or reputation are the same, as held in the books. Powers v. Leach, 20 Vt. 278.

CHARGE, n. To impose a burden, obligation, or lien; to create a claim against property; to claim, to demand; to accuse; to instruct a jury on matters of law.

In the first sense above given, a jury in a criminal case is "charged" with the duty of trying the prisoner (or, as otherwise expressed, with his fate or his "deliverance") as soon as they are impaneled and sworn, and at this moment the prisoner's legal "jeopardy" begins. This is altogether a different matter from "charging" the jury in the sense of giving them instructions on matters of law, which is a function of the court. Tomason v. State, 112 Tenn. 596, 79 S. W. 803.

CHARGE, n. In general. An incumbrance, lien, or burden; an obligation or duty; a liability; an accusation. Darling v. Rogers, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 491.

In contracts. An obligation, binding upon him who enters into it, which may be removed or taken away by a discharge. Terme de la Ley.

An undertaking to keep the custody of another person's goods. State v. Clark, 86 Me. 194, 29 Atl. 684.

An obligation entered into by the owner of an estate, which binds the estate for its performance. Com. Dig. "Rent," c. 6; 2 Ball & B. 223.

In the law of wills. A responsibility or liability imposed by the testator upon a devisee personally, or upon the land devised.

In equity pleading. An allegation in the bill of matters which disprove or avoid a defense which it is alleged the defendant is supposed to pretend or intend to set up. Story, Eq. Pl. § 31.

In equity practice. A paper presented to a master in chancery by a party to a cause, being a written statement of the items with which the opposite party should be debited or should account for, or of the claim of the party making it. It is more comprehensive than a claim, which implies only the amount due to the person producing it, while a charge may embrace the whole liabilities of the accounting party. Hoff. Mast. 36.

In common-law practice. The final address made by a judge to the jury trying a case, before they make up their verdict, in which he sums up the case, and instructs the jury as to the rules of law which apply to its various issues, and which they must observe, in deciding upon their verdict, when they shall have determined the controverted matters of fact. The term also applies to the address of the court to a grand jury, in which the latter are instructed as to their duties.

In Scotch law. The command of the king's letters to perform some act; as a charge to enter heir. Also a messenger's execution, requiring a person to obey the order of the king's letters; as a charge on letters of horning, or a charge against a superior. Bell.

—General charge. A charge or instruction by the court to the jury upon the case as a whole, or upon its general features or characteristics. Special charge. A charge or instruction given by the court to the jury, upon some particular point or question involved in the case, and usually in response to counsel's request for such instruction.

CHARGE AND DISCHARGE. Under the former system of equity practice, this phrase was used to characterize the usual method of taking an account before a master. After the plaintiff had presented his "charge," a written statement of the items of account for which he asked credit, the defendant filed a counter-statement, called a "discharge," exhibiting any claims or demands he held against the plaintiff. These served to define the field of investigation, and constituted the basis of the report.

CHARGE DES AFFAIRES, or CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES. The title of a diplomatic representative of inferior rank. He has not the title or dignity of a minister, though he may be charged with the functions and offices of the latter, either as a temporary substitute for a minister or at a court to which his government does not accredit a minister. In re Balz, 135 U. S. 408, 10 Sup.
CHARITY

CHARITABLE. Having the character or purpose of a charity, (q. v.)

—Charitable institution. One administering a public or private charity: e.g. a charitable institution. See People v. Fitch, 16 Misc. Rep. 494, 39 N. Y. Supp. 929; Balch v. Shaw, 174 Mass. 144, 54 N. E. 490; People v. New York Soc., etc., 162 N. Y. 429, 56 N. E. 1064; In re Vineland Historical, etc., Soc., 60 N. J. Eq. 291, 56 Atl. 1040.—Charitable uses or purposes. Originally those enumerated in the statute 43 Eliz. c. 4, and afterwards those which, by analogy, come within its spirit and purpose. In its present usage, the term is so broad as to include everything which tends to promote the physical or moral welfare of men, provided only the distribution of benefits is to be free and not a source of profit. In respect to gifts and devises, and in respect to freedom from taxation, charitable uses and purposes may include not only the relief of poverty by alms-giving and the relief of the indigent sick and of homeless persons by means of hospitals and asylums, but also religious instruction and the support of churches, the dispensation of knowledge by means of schools and colleges, libraries, scientific academies, and museums of natural history, and the medical care of criminals and of prisoners and released convicts, the benefit of handicraftsmen, the erection of public buildings, and the reformation of criminals in penitentiaries and reformatories. Hence the word "charitable" in this connection is not to be understood as strictly equivalent to "eleeomosny."—Philanthropic. See also "philanthropic."—Philanthropy. Beckwith v. Pariah, 69 Ga. 609; Price v. Maxwell, 28 Pa. 23; Webster v. Suggs, 78 Ga. 380, 45 Atl. 139; 111 L. R. A. 100; Jackson v. Phillips, 14 Allen (Mass.) 539; Harrington v. Pier, 105 Wis. 485, 82 N. W. 345, 50 L. R. A. 197, 76 Am. St. Rep. 924; Historical Soc. v. Academy of Science, 94 Mo. 450, 5 S. W. 346; Ould v. Hospital, 55 U. S. 308, 24 L. Ed. 450; Academy v. Taylor, 150 Pa. 565, 25 Atl. 55; Gerke v. Purcell, 23 Ohio St. 229: Philadelphia Library Co. v. Donohugh, 12 Phila. (Pa.) 284: Stuart v. Easton, 14 Fed. 852, 21 C. C. A. 146; Siste v. County of San Francisco, 73 Cal. 405, 10 Cal. Rep. 451; Gladding v. Church, 25 R. I. 628, 57 Atl. 890, 65 L. R. A. 225, 105 Am. St. Rep. 904.

CHARITY. Subjectively, the sentiment or motive of benevolence and philanthropy; the disposition to relieve the distressed. Objectively, alms-giving; acts of benevolence; relief, assistance, or services accorded to the needy without return. Also gifts for the promotion of philanthropic and humanitarian purposes. Jackson v. Phillips, 14 Allen (Mass.) 559; Vidal v. Girard, 2 How. 127, 11 L. Ed. 205; Historical Soc. v. Academy of Science, 94 Mo. 459, 8 S. W. 346.

The meaning of the word "charity," in its legal sense, is different from the signification which it ordinarily bears. In its legal sense, it includes not only gifts for the benefit of the poor, but endowments for the advancement of learning, or institutions for the encouragement of science and art, and, it is said, for any other useful and public purpose. Gerke v. Purcell, 23 Ohio St. 245.

Charity, in its general sense, denotes all the good affections men ought to bear towards each other; in a restricted and common sense, relief of the poor. Morice v. Bishop of Durham, 9 Ves. 399.

Charity, as used in the Massachusetts Sunday law, includes whatever proceeds from a sense of moral duty or a feeling of kindness and humanity, and is intended wholly for the purpose of the relief or comfort of another, and not for one's own benefit or pleasure. Doyle v. Railroad Co., 118 Mass. 195, 197, 19 Am. Rep. 431.

—Foreign charity. One created or endowed in a state or country foreign to that of the domicile of the benefactor. Taylor's Exrs v. Trustees of Bryn Mawr College, 34 N. J. Eq. 101.—Public charity. In this sense, the word "public," used not in the sense that it must be executed openly and in public, but in the sense of being so general and indefinite in its object as to be in the public mind and public benefit. Each individual immediately benefited may be private, and the charity may be distributed to private and by a private hand, for the public and general in its scope and purpose, and becomes definite and private only after the individual objects have been selected. See People v. Sanders, 212 N. Y. 435.—Pure charity. One which is entirely gratuitous, and which dispenses its benefits without any charge or consideration. See In re Kechee's Estate (Surr.) 7 N. Y. Supp. 331; In re Lenox's Estate (Surr.) 9 N.
CHARRE OF LEAD. A quantity consisting of 36 pigs of lead, each pig weighing about 70 pounds.

CHART. The word "chart," as used in the copyright law, does not include sheets of paper exhibiting tabulated or methodically arranged information. Taylor v. Gilman (C. C.) 24 Fed. 532.

CHARTA. In old English law. A charter or deed; an instrument written and sealed; the formal evidence of conveyances and contracts. Also any signal or token by which an estate was held. The term came to be applied, by way of eminence, to such documents as proceeded from the sovereign, granting liberties or privileges, and either where the recipient of the grant was the whole nation, as in the case of Magna Charta, or a public body, or private individual, in which it corresponded to the modern word "charter."

In the civil law. Paper, suitable for the inscription of documents or books; hence, any instrument or writing. See Dig. 32, 52, 6; Nov. 44, 2.

—Charta communis. In old English law. A common or mutual charter or deed; one containing mutual covenants, or involving mutuality of obligation; one to which both parties might have occasion to refer, to establish their respective rights. Bract. fol. 338, 34.—Charta cyrographata. In old English law. A charographed charter; a charter executed in two parts, and cut through the middle, (scinditur per medium,) where the word "cyrographum," or "chirographum," was written in large letters. Bract. fol. 34; Flata, lib. 3, c. 14, § 3.—Charta de foresta. A collection of the laws of the forest, made in the 9th Hen. III. and said to have been originally a part of Magna Charta.—Charta de una parte. A deed-poll.—Charta-partita. (Literally, a deed divided.) A charter-party. 3 Kent. Comm. 201.

Charta non est nisi vestimentum donationis. A deed is nothing else than the vestment of a gift. Co. Litt. 36.

CHARTER LIBERTATUM. The charters (grants) of liberties. These are Magna Charta and Charta de Foresta.

Chartarum super 5dem, mortuis testibus, ad patriam de necessitudine resurrendum est. Co. Litt. 36. The witnesses being dead, the truth of charters must of necessity be referred to the country, & e., a jury.

CHARTER. Fr. A chart, or plan, which mariners use at sea.

CHARTER-PARTIE. Fr. In French marine law. A charter-party.

CHARTER. A challenge to a single combat; also an instrument or writing between BL. LAW DICT. (2 Ed.)—13 two states for settling the exchange of prisoners of war.

CHARTER, v. In mercantile law. To hire or lease a vessel for a voyage. A "chartered" is distinguished from a "seeking" ship. 7 East. 24.

CHARTER, a. An instrument emanating from the sovereign power, in the nature of a grant, either to the whole nation, or to a class or portion of the people, or to a colony or dependency, and assuring to them certain rights, liberties, or powers. Such was the "Great Charter" or "Magna Charta," and such also were the charters granted to certain of the English colonies in America. See Story, Const. § 161.

An act of the legislative department of government, creating a corporation, is called the "charter" of the corporation. Merrick v. Van Santvoord, 34 N. Y. 214; Bent v. Underdown, 156 Ind. 516, 60 N. E. 307; Morris & E. R. Co. v. Com'r, 57 N. J. Law, 237.

In old English law. The term denoted a deed or other written instrument under seal; a conveyance, covenant, or contract.

In old Scotch law. A disposition made by a superior to his vassal, for something to be performed or paid by him. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, b. 2, c. 1, tit. 1. A writing which contains the grant or transmission of the feudal right to the vassal. Ersk. Inst. 2, 3, 19.

—Charter of pardon. In English law. An instrument under the great seal, by which a pardon is granted to a man for a felony or other offense.—Charter of the forest. See CHARTA DE FORESTA.—Charter rolls. Ancient English records of royal charters, granted between the years 1199 and 1516.

CHARTER-HOUSE. Formerly a convent of Carthusian monks in London; now a college founded and endowed by Thomas Sutton. The governors of the charter-house are a corporation aggregate without a head, president, or superior, all the members being of equal authority. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 14, 97.

CHARTER-LAND. Otherwise called "book-land," is property held by deed under certain rents and free services. It, in effect, differs nothing from the free socage lands, and hence have arisen most of the freehold tenants, who hold of particular manors, and owe suit and service to the same. 2 Bl. Comm. 90.

CHARTER-PARTY. A contract by which an entire ship, or some principal part thereof, is let to a merchant for the conveyance of goods on a determined voyage to one or more places. The Harvey and Henry, 86 Fed. 656, 30 C. C. A. 530; The New York (D. C.) 93 Fed. 497; Vandewater v. The Yankee Blade, 28 Fed. Cas. 980; Spring v. Gray, 6 Pet. 151, 3 L. Ed. 352; Fish v. Sullivan, 40
CHARTER-PARTY
La. Ann. 193, 3 South. 730; Drinkwater v. The Spartan, 7 Fed. Cas. 1085. A contract of affrighment in writing, by which the owner of a ship lets the whole or a part of her to a merchant, for the conveyance of goods on a particular voyage, in consideration of the payment of freight. 3 Kent, Comm. 201.

A written agreement, not usually under seal, by which a ship-owner lets an entire ship, or a part of it, to a merchant for the conveyance of goods, binding himself to transport them to a particular place for a sum of money which the merchant undertakes to pay as freight for their carriage. Maude & P. Mer. Shipp. 227.

The contract by which a ship is let is termed a "charter-party." By it the owner may either let the capacity or burden of the ship, continuing the employment of the owner's master, crew, and equipments, or may surrender the entire ship to the charterer, who then provides them himself. The master or part owner may be a charterer. Civil Code Cal. § 1859; Civil Code Dak. § 1127.

CHARTERED SHIP. A ship hired or freighted; a ship which is the subject-matter of a charter-party.

CHARTERER. In mercantile law. One who charters (i. e., hires or engages) a vessel for a voyage; a freighter. 2 Steph. Comm. 194: 3 Kent, Comm. 137; Turner v. Cross, 83 Tex. 216, 13 S. W. 578, 15 L. R. A. 262.

CHARTIS REDDENDIS. (For returning the charters.) An ancient writ which lay against one who had charters of foemint intrusted to his keeping and refused to deliver them. Reg. Orig. 159.

CHARTOPHYLAX. In old European law. A keeper of records or public instruments; a chartulary; a registrar. Spelman.

CHARVE. In old English law. A plow. Bestes des charues; beasts of the plow.

CHASE. The liberty or franchise of hunting, one's self, and keeping protected against all other persons, beasts of the chase within a specified district, without regard to the ownership of the land. 2 Bl. Comm. 414-416.

A privileged place for the preservation of deer and beasts of the forest, of a middle nature between a forest and a park. It is commonly less than a forest, and not endowed with so many liberties, as officers, laws, courts; and yet it is of larger compass than a park, having more officers and game than a park. Every forest is a chase, but every chase is not a forest. It differs from a park in that it is not inclosed, yet it must have certain metes and bounds, but it may be in other men's grounds, as well as in one's own. Marwood, 49.

—Common chase. In old English law. A place where all alike were entitled to hunt wild animals.


—Chaste character. This term, as used in statutes, means actual personal virtue, and not reputation or good name. It may include the character of one who was formerly unchaste but is reformed. Kenyon v. People, 26 N. Y. 268, 84 Am. Dec. 177; Baek v. State, 5 Iowa, 493; People v. Weeden, 153 N. Y. 90; 46 N. E. 1046; 60 Am. St. Rep. 592; People v. Mills, 94 Mich. 660, 54 N. W. 488.

CHATELL. An article of personal property; any species of property not amounting to a freehold or fee in land. People v. Holbrook, 13 Johns. (N. Y.) 94; Hornblower v. Froud, 2 Barn. & Ald. 335; State v. Bartlett, 55 Me. 211; State v. Brown, 9 Bant. (Tenn.) 64, 40 Am. Rep. 81.

The same given to things which in law are deemed personal property. Chattels are divided into chattels real and chattels personal; chattels real being interests in land which devolve after the manner of personal estate, as leaseholds. As opposed to freeholds, they are regarded as personal estate. But, as being interests in real estate, they are called "chattels real," to distinguish them from movables, which are called "chattels personal." Mosley & Whitely.

Chattels personal are movables only; chattels real as savor only as savor only as savor only as savor only. Putnam v. Westcott, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 73; Hawkins v. Trust Co. (C. C.) 79 Fed. 50; Insurance Co. v. Haven, 95 U. S. 261, 24 L. Ed. 473; Knapp v. Jones, 145 Ill. 375, 35 N. E. 382.

The term "chattels" is a more comprehensive one than "goods," as it includes animate as well as inanimate property. 2 Chit. Bl. Comm. 383, note. In a devise, however, they seem to be of the same import. Slep. Touch. 447; 2 Fonbl. Eq. 335.

—Chattel interest. An interest in corporeal hereditaments less than a freehold. 2 Kent, Comm. 342.—Personal chattels. Things movable which may be annexed to or attendant on the person of the owner and carried about with him from one part of the world to another. 2 Bl. Comm. 387.—Real chattels. Such as concern, or savor of, the realty, such as leasehold estates; interests issuing out of, or annexed to, real estate; such chattel interests as devolve after the manner of reality. 2 Bl. Comm. 380.

CHATELL MORTGAGE. An instrument of sale of personality conveying the title of the property to the mortgagee with terms of defeasance; and, if the terms of redemption are not complied with, then, at common law, the title becomes absolute in the mort-
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Chantry rents. Money paid to the crown by the servants or purchasers of channtry-lands. See Chantry.

Cheat. Swindling; defrauding. "Decentful practices in defrauding or endavoring to defraud another of his known right, by some willful device, contrary to the plain rules of common honesty." Hawk. P. C. b. 2, c. 23, § 1. "The fraudulent obtaining of the property of another by any deceitful and ille- gal practice or token (short of felony) which affects or may affect the public." Steph. Crim. Law, 93.

Checks, punishable at common law, are such cheats (not amounting to felony) as are ef- fected by deceitful or illegal symbols or tokens which may affect the public at large, and against which common prudence could not have guarded. 2 Whart. Crim. Law, § 1116; 2 East, P. C. 818; People v. Babcock, 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 201. 5 Am. Dec. 256; Von Mumm v. Frash (C. C.) 56 Fed. 836; State v. Parker, 43 N. H. 85.

Cheaters, or escheatators, were officers appointed to look after the king's escheats, a duty which gave them great oppor- tunities of fraud and oppression, and in conse- quence many complaints were made of their misconduct. Hence it seems that a cheaster came to signify a fraudulent person, and hence the verb to cheat was derived. Wharton.

CHECK, v. To control or restrain; to hold within bounds. To verify or audit. Particularly used with reference to the control or supervision of one department, bureaum, or office over another.

Check-roll. In English law. A list or book, containing the names of such as are attendants on, or in the pay of, the queen or other great personages, as their household servants.

Check, a. A draft or order upon a bank or banking-house, purporting to be drawn upon a deposit of funds, for the payment at all events of a certain sum of money to a certain person therein named, or to him or his order, or to bearer, and payable instantly on demand. 2 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 1566; Bank v. Patton, 109 Ill. 484; Douglass v. Wilkeson, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 643; Thompson v. State, 49 Ala. 18; Bank v. Wheaton, 4 R. I. 33.

A check is a bill of exchange drawn upon a bank or banker, or a person described as such upon the face thereof, and payable on demand, without interest. Civ. Code Cal. § 3254; Civ. Code Dak. § 1933.

A check differs from an ordinary bill of ex- change in the following particulars: (1) It is drawn on a bank or bankers, and is payable immediately on presentment, without any days of grace. (2) It is payable immediately on present- ment, and no acceptance as distinct from pay- ment is required. (3) By its terms it is sup- posed to be drawn upon a previous deposit of funds, and is an absolute appropriation of so
much money in the hands of the bankers to the honor of the check to remain there until called for, and cannot after notice be withdrawn by the drawer. Merchants' Nat. Bank v. State Nat. Bank, 10 Wall. 647, 19 L. Ed. 1008; In re Brown, 4 Fed. Cas. 342; People v. Compton, 123 Cal. 403, 56 Pac. 44.

—Check-book. A book containing blank checks on a particular bank or banker, with an inner margin, called a "stub," on which to note the number of each check, its amount and date, and the payee's name, and a memorandum of the balance in bank.—Crossed check. A check crossed with two lines, between which are either the name of a bank or the words "and company," in full or abbreviated. In the former case, the banker on whom it is drawn must not pay the money for the check to any other than the banker named; in the latter case, he must not pay it to any other than a banker. 2 Steph. Comm. 118, note c.—Memorandum check. A check given by a borrower to a lender, for the amount of a short loan, with the understanding that it is not to be presented at the bank, but will be redeemed by the maker himself when the loan falls due. This understanding is evidenced by writing the word "Hew." on the check. This is not usual among merchants. See L. S. v. Is- ham, 17 Wall. 502, 21 L. Ed. 728; Turnbull v. Osborne, 12 Abb. Prac. (N. S.) (N. Y.) 202; Franklin Bank v. Freeman, 18 Pick. (Mass.) 539.

CHECKER. The old Scotch form of exchequer.

CHEFE. In Anglo-Norman law. Were or weregild; the price of the head or person, (capitis pratum.)

CHEMERAGE. In old French law. The privilege or prerogative of the eldest. A provincial term derived from chemier, (g. c.)


CHEMIN. Fr. The road wherein every man goes; the king's highway.

CHEMIS. In old Scotch law. A chief dwelling or mansion house.

CHEVAGE. A sum of money paid by villeins to their lords in acknowledgment of their bondage. Chevage seems also to have been used for a sum of money yearly given to a man of power for his countenance and protection as a chief or leader. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

CHEVANTIA. In old records. A loan or advance of money upon credit. Cowell.

CHEVISANCE. An agreement or composition; an end or order set down between a creditor or debtor; an indirect gain in point of usage, etc.; also an unlawful bargain or contract. Wharton.

CHEVITIZE. In old records. Pieces of ground, or heads at the end of plowed lands. Cowell.

CHEZÉ. A homestead or housesfall which is accessory to a house.

CHICANE. Swindling; shrewd cunning. The use of tricks and artifice.

CHIEF. Principal; leading; head; eminent in power or importance; the most important or valuable of several.

Declaration in chief is a declaration for the principal cause of action. 1 Tidd, Pr. 419.

Examination in chief is the first examination of a witness by the party who produces him. 1 Greenl. Br. § 445.

Chief baron. The presiding judge of the English court of exchequer; answering to the chief justice of other courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 44; 8 Steph. Comm. 401.—Chief Clerk. The principal clerical officer of a bureau or department, who is generally charged, subject to the direction of his superior officer, with the supervision and direction of the administration of the business of the office.—Chief judge. The judge of the London bankruptcy court is so called. In general, the term is used in reference to "presiding magistrate."贝 v. Loryea, 81 Cal. 151, 22 Pac. 518.—Chief justice. The presiding, chief, or principal judge of the high court of justice.—Chief justice of England. The presiding judge in the king's bench division of the high court of justice, and, in the absence of the lord chancellor, president of the high court, and also an ex officio judge of the court of appeals. The full title is "Lord Chief Justice of England."—Chief Justice of the common pleas. In England. The presiding judge in the court of common pleas, and afterwards in the common pleas division of the high court of justice, and one of the ex officio judges of the high court of appeal.—Chief justiciar. In old English law. A high judicial officer and special magistrate, who presided over the asla reips of the Norman kings, and who was also the principal minister of state, the second man in the kingdom, and, by virtue of his office, guardian of the realm in the king's absence. 3 Bl. Comm. 33.—Chief lord. The immediate lord of the fee, to whom the tenants were directly and personally responsible.—Chief magistrate. The head of the executive department of government of a nation, state, or municipal corporation. McIntire v. Ward, 3 Yeates (Pa.) 424.—Chief pledge. The bondholder, or chief of the borough. Spelman.—Chief rents. In English law. Were the annual payments of freeholders of manors; and were also called "quit-rents," because by paying them the tenant was freed from all other rents or services. 2 Bl. Comm. 42.—Chief, tenant in. In English feudal law. All the land in the kingdom was supposed to be held mediate-ly or immediately of the king, who was styled the "Lord Paramount," or "Lord Above All;" and those that held immediately under him, in right of his crown and dignity, his tenants "in capite" or "in chief," which was the most honorable species of tenure, but at the same time subjected the tenant to greater and more burdensome services than inferior tenures did. Brown.

CHIEFRIE. In feudal law. A small rent paid to the lord paramount.

CHIL. This word has two meanings in law: (1) In the law of the domestic relations, and as to descent and distribution, it is used strictly as the correlative of "parent," and means a son or daughter considered as in relation with the father or mother. (2) In the law of negligence, and in laws for the protection of children, etc., it is used as the
opposite of "adult." and means the young of the human species, (generally under the age of puberty,) without any reference to parentage and without distinction of sex. Miller v. Finesgan, 26 Fla. 29, 7 South. 140, 6 L. R. A. 813.

—Child's part. A "child's part," which a widow, by statute in some states, is entitled to take in lieu of dower or the provision made for her by will, is a full share to which a child of the decedent would be entitled, subject to the debts of the estate and the cost of administration up to and including lawyer's fees. Bleed v. Kilmarth, 46 Fla. 335, 35 South. 84.—Natural child. A bastard; a child born out of lawful wedlock. But in a statute including not adopted shall have all the rights of "natural" children, the word "natural" was used in the sense of "legitimate." Barns v. Allen, 9 Am. Law Reg. (O. S.) 747. In Louisiana, illegitimate children who have been adopted by the father. Civ. Code La. art. 220. In the civil law, a child by natural relation or process is a child by blood and distinguishes from child by adoption. Inst. 1, 11, pr.; Id. 3, 1, 2; Id. 3, 8, pr. A child by concubinage, in contradiction to a child by marriage. Code. 5, 278. In law a posthumous child. In the civil law, one who, born during the life of his grandfather or other male ascendant, was not his heir at the time he made his testament, but who by the death of his father became his heir in his lifetime. Inst. 2, 13, 2; Dig. 28, 3, 13.


The general rule is that "children." in a bequest or devise, means legitimate children. Under a devise or bequest to children, as a class, descend child in a not included, unless the testator's intention to include them is manifest, either by express designation or necessary implication. Heater v. Van Auker, 14 N. J. Eq. 150; Gegg v. Pepin, 2 Paig. (N. Y.) 11.

In deeds, the word "children" signifies the immediate descendants of a person, in the ordinary sense of the word, as distinguished from issue; unless there is some accompanying expression, evidencing that the word is used in an enlarged sense. Lewis, Perp. 186.

In wills, there is greater latitude of construction is allowed, in order to effect the obvious intention of the testator, the meaning of the word has sometimes been extended, so as to include grandchildren, and it has been held that they are synonymous with issue. Lewis, Perp. 195, 196; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. pp. 38, 39, §§ 988, 995; 4 Kent, Comm. 344, 345, note.

The word "heirs," in its natural signification, is a word of limitation; and it is presumed to be used in that sense, unless a contrary intention appears. But the term "children," in its natural sense, is a word of purchase, and is to be taken to have been used as such, unless there are other expressions in the will showing that the testator intended to use it as a word of limitation only. Sanders, Matter of, 4 Paige (N. Y.) 203; Rogers v. Rogers, 3 Wend. (N. Y.) 505, 21 Am. Dec. 718.

In the natural and primary sense of the word "children," it implies immediate offspring, and, in its legal acceptance, is not a word of limitation, unless it is absolutely necessary so to construe it in order to give effect to the testator's intention. Echols v. Jordan, 39 Ala. 24.

"Children" is ordinarily a word of description, limited to persons standing in the same relation, and has the same effect as if all the names were given, but heirs, in the absence of controlling or explanatory words, include more remote descendants, and is to be applied per stirpes. Balcom v. Haynes, 14 Allen (Mass.) 204.

CHILDWIT. In Saxon law. The right which a lord had of taking a fine of his bondwoman gotten with child without his license. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

CHILTERN HUNDREDS. In English law. The stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds is a nominal office in the gift of the crown, usually accepted by members of the house of commons desirous of vacating their seats. By law a member once duly elected to parliament is compelled to discharge the duties of the trust conferred upon him, and is not enabled at will to resign it. But by statute, if any member accepts any office of profit from the crown, (except officers in the army or navy accepting a new commission,) his seat is vacated. If, therefore, any member wishes to retire from the representation of the county or borough by which he was sent to parliament, he applies to the lords of the treasury for the stewardship of one of the Chiltern Hundreds, which having received, and thereby accomplished his purpose, he again resigns the office. Brown.

CHIMIN. In old English law. A road, way, highway. It is either the king's highway (chiminus regis) or a private way. The first is that over which the subjects of the realm, and all others under the protection of the crown, have free liberty to pass, though the property in the soil itself belong to some private individual; the last is that in which one person or more have liberty to pass over the land of another, by prescription or charter. Wharton.

CHIMINAGE. A toll for passing on a way through a forest; called in the civil law "pedagium." Cowell.

CHIMINUS. The way by which the king and all his subjects and all under his protection have a right to pass, though the property of the soil of each side where the way lies may belong to a private man. Cowell.

CHIMNEY MONEY, or HEARTH MONEY. A tax upon chimneys or hearths; an ancient tax or duty upon houses in England, now repealed.

CHIPPINGAVEL. In old English law. A tax upon trade; a toll imposed upon traffic, or upon goods brought to a place to be sold.

CHIRGEMOT, CHIRGEMOT. In Saxon law. An ecclesiastical assembly or court. Spelman. A synod or meeting in a church or vestry. 4 Inst. 321.

CHIROGRAPH. In old English law. A deed or indenture; also the last part of a fine of land.

An instrument of gift or conveyance attested by the subscription and crosses of the witnesses, which was in Saxon times called
“chirographum,” and which, being somewhat changed in form and manner by the Normans, was by them styled “charta.” Anciently when they made a chirograph or deed which required a counterpart, as we call it, they engrossed it twice upon one piece of parchment contrariwise, leaving a space between, in which they wrote in capital letters the word “chirograph,” and then cut the parchment in two through the middle of the word, giving a part to each party. Cowell.

In Scotch law. A written voucher for a debt. Bell.

In civil and canon law. An instrument written out and subscribed by the hand of the party who made it, whether the king or a private person. Cowell.

CHIROGRAPH. In Roman law. Writings emanating from a single party, the debtor.

CHIROGRAPHER OF FINES. In English law. The title of the officer of the common pleas who engrossed fines in that court so as to be acknowledged into a perpetual record. Cowell.

CHIROGRAPHUM. In Roman law. A handwriting; that which was written with a person’s own hand. An obligation which a person wrote or subscribed with his own hand; an acknowledgment of debt, as of money received, with a promise to repay. An evidence or voucher of debt; a security for debt. Dig. 23, 7, 57, pr.

A right of action for debt.

Chirographum apud debitorem repertum presumitur solutum. An evidence of debt found in the debtor’s possession is presumed to be paid. Halk. Max. 20; Bell, Dict.

Chirographum non extans presumitur solutum. An evidence of debt not existing is presumed to have been discharged. Tray. Lat. Max. 73.

CHIRURGEON. The ancient denomination of a surgeon.

CHIVALRY. In feudal law. Knight-service. Tenure in chivalry was the same as tenure by knight-service. 2 Bl. Comm. 61, 62.

CHIVALRY, COURT OF. In English law. The name of a court anciently held as a court of honor merely, before the earl-marshals, and as a criminal court before the lord high constable, jointly with the earl-marshall. It had jurisdiction as to contracts and other matters touching deeds of arms or war, as well as pleas of life or member. It also corrected encroachments in matters of coat-armour, precedence, and other distinctions of families. It is now grown entirely out of use, on account of the feebleness of its jurisdiction and want of power to enforce its judgments, as it could neither fine nor imprison, not being a court of record. 3 Bl. Comm. 68; 4 Broom & H. Comm. 300, note.

CHOP-CHURCH. A word mentioned in 9 Hen. VI. c. 65, by the sense of which it was in those days a kind of trade, and by the judges declared to be lawful. But Brooke, in his abridgment, says it was only permissible by law. It was, without doubt, a nickname given to those who used to change benefites, as to “chop and change” is a common expression. Jacob.


CHORAL. In ancient times a person admitted to sit and worship in the choir; a chorister.

CHOREPISCOPI. In old European law. A rural bishop, or bishop’s vicar. Spelman; Cowell.

CHOOSE. Fr. A thing; an article of property. A chose is a chattel personal, (Williams, Pers. Prop. 4) and is either in possession or in action. See the following titles.

—Choose local. A local thing; a thing annexed to a place, as a mill. Kitchin, fol. 18; Cowell; Blount.—Choose transitory. A thing which is movable, and may be taken away or carried from place to place. Cowell; Blount.

CHOOSE IN ACTION. A right to personal things of which the owner has not the possession, but merely a right of action for their possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 389, 397; 1 Chit. Fr. 99.

A right to receive or recover a debt, demand, or damages on a cause of action or contract, or for a tort connected with contract, but which cannot be made available without recourse to an action. Bushnell v. Kennedy, 9 Wall. 300, 10 L. Ed. 736; Turner v. State, 1 Ohio St. 426; Sheldon v. Sill, 8 How. 441, 12 L. Ed. 1147; People v. Trego Common Pleas, 19 Wend. (N. Y.) 73; Sterling v. Sims, 72 Ga. 53; Bank v. Holland, 99 Va. 495, 39 S. E. 123, 55 L. R. A. 155, 86 Am. St. Rep. 893.

Personality to which the owner has a right of possession in future, or a right of immediate possession, wrongfully withheld, is termed by the law a “chose in action.” Code Ga. 1882, § 2239.

Chose in action is a phrase which is sometimes used to signify a right of bringing an action, and, at others, the thing itself which forms the subject-matter of that right, or with regard to which that right is exercised; but it more properly includes the idea both of the thing itself and of the right of action as annexed to it. Thus, when it is said that a debt is a chose in action, the phrase conveys the idea, not only of the thing itself, i.e., the debt, but also of the right of action or of recovery possessed by the
person to whom the debt is due. When it is said that a chose in action cannot be assigned, it means that a thing to which a right of action is annexed cannot be transferred to another, together with such right. Brown.

A chose in action is any right to damages, whether arising from the commission of a tort, the omission of a duty, or the breach of a contract. Pitts v. Curtis, 4 Ala. 330; Magee v. Teland, 8 Port. ( Ala.) 40.

CHOSE IN POSSESSION. A thing in possession, as distinguished from a thing in action. Sterling v. Sims, 72 Ga. 353; Vawter v. Griffin, 40 Ind. 601. See Chose in Action. Taxes and customs, if paid, are a chose in possession; if unpaid, a chose in action. 2 Bl. Comm. 408.

CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. Under the municipal organization of the state of New Jersey, each county has a board of officers, called by this name, composed of representatives from the cities and townships within its limits, and charged with administering the revenues of the county. They correspond to the "county commissioners" or "supervisors" in other states.

CHOUT. In Hindu law. A fourth, a fourth part of the sum in litigation. The "Mahratta chout" is a fourth of the revenues exacted as tribute by the Mahrattas.

CHRENOCRUDA. Under the Salic law. This was a ceremony performed by a person who was too poor to pay his debt or fine, whereby he applied to a rich relative to pay it for him. It consisted (after certain preliminaries) in throwing green herbs upon the party, the effect of which was to bind him to pay the whole demand.

CHRISTIAN. Pertaining to Jesus Christ or the religion founded by him; professing Christianity. The adjective is also used in senses more remote from its original meaning. Thus a "court Christian" is an ecclesiastical court; a "Christian name" is that conferred upon a person at baptism into the Christian church. As a noun, it signifies one who accepts and professes to live by the doctrines and principles of the Christian religion. Hale v. Everett, 53 N. H. 53, 36 Am. Rep. 82; State v. Buswell, 40 Neb. 158, 58 N. W. 728, 24 L. R. A. 88.

—Christian name. The baptismal name distinct from the surname. Stratton v. Foster, 11 Me. 467. It has been said from the bench that a Christian name may consist of a single letter. Wharton.

CHRISTIANITATIS CURIA. The court Christian. An ecclesiastical court, as opposed to a civil or lay tribunal. Cowell.


CHRISTMAS-DAY. A festival of the Christian church, observed on the 25th of December, in memory of the birth of Jesus Christ.

CHURCH. In its most general sense, the religious society founded and established by Jesus Christ, to receive, preserve, and propagate his doctrines and ordinances.

A body or community of Christians, united under one form of government by the profession of the same faith, and the observance of the same ritual and ceremonies.

The term may denote either a society of persons who, professing Christianity, hold certain doctrines or observances which differentiate them from other like groups, and who use a common discipline, or the building in which such persons habitually assemble for public worship. Baker v. Fules, 16 Mass. 496; Tate v. Lawrence, 11 Helsk. (Tenn.) 531; In re Zinzow, 18 Misc. Rep. 653, 43 N. Y. Supp. 714; Neale v. St. Paul's Church, 8 Gill (Md.) 116; Gaff v. Greer, 88 Ind. 122, 45 Am. Rep. 449; Jossy v. Trust Co., 100 Ga. 608, 32 S. E. 628.

The body of communicants gathered into church order, according to established usage in any town, parish, precinct, or religious society, established according to law, and actually connected and associated therewith for religious purposes. The purpose being, as a public body, is called the church of such society, as to all questions of property depending upon that relation. Stebbins v. Jennings, 10 Pick. (Mass.) 199.

A congregational church is a voluntary association of Christians united for discipline and worship, connected with, and forming a part of, some religious society, having a legal existence. Anderson v. Brock, 3 Me. 248.

In English ecclesiastical law. An institution established by the law of the land in reference to religion. 3 Steph. Comm. 54. The word "church" is said to mean, in strictness, not the material fabric, but the cure of souls and the right of tithes. 1 Mod. 201.

—Church building acts. Statutes passed in England in and since the year 1818, with the object of extending the accommodation afforded by the national church, so as to make it more commensurate with the wants of the people. 3 Steph. Comm. 192-194.—Church discipline act. The statute 3 & 4 Vict. c. 53, containing regulations for trying clerks in holy orders charged with offenses against ecclesiastical law, and for enforcing sentences pronounced in such cases. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1314.—Church of England. The church of England is a distinct branch of Christ's church, and is also an insti-
tution of the state, (see the first clause of Magna Charta,) of which the sovereign is the supreme head by act of parliament, (C. 57. Hen. VIII. c. 1.) but in what sense is not agreed. The sovereign must be a member of the church, and every subject is in theory a member. Wharton, Pawlet v. Clark, 9 Cranch, 222, 3 L. Ed. 725.


—Church-seat. In old English law. Customary obligations paid to the parish priest; from which duties the religious sometimes purchased an exemption for themselves and their tenants.

—Church wardens. A species of ecclesiastical officers who are intrusted with the care and guardianship of the church building and property. These, with the rector and vestry, represent the parish in its corporate capacity.—Churchyard. See CEMETERY.

CHURCHESSET. In old English law. A certain portion or measure of wheat, annual or dividedly paid to the church on St. Martin's day; and which, according to Fleta, was paid as well in the time of the Britons as of the English. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 47, § 28.

CHURL. In Saxon law. A freeman of inferior rank, chieflly employed in husbandry.

1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 5. A tenant at will of free condition, who held land from a thane, on condition of rents and services. Cowell. See CEORL.

Ci. Fr. So; here. Ci Dicit vous eyde, so help you God. Ci devunt, heretofore. Ci bien, as well.

CIBARIA. Lat. In the civil law. Food; victuals. Dig. 34, 1.

CICATRIX. In medical jurisprudence. A scar; the mark left in the flesh or skin after the healing of a wound, and having the appearance of a seam or of a ridge of flesh.

CINQUE PORTS. Five (now seven) ports or havens on the south-east coast of England, towards France, formerly esteemed the most important in the kingdom. They are Dover, Sandwich, Romney, Hastings, and Hythe, to which Winchelsea and Rye have been since added. They had similar franchises, in some respects, with the counties palatine, and particularly an exclusive jurisdiction, (before the mayor and jurats, corresponding to aldermen, of the ports,) in which the king's ordinary writ did not run. 3 Bl. Comm. 79.

The 18 & 19 Vict. c. 48, (amended by 20 & 21 Vict. c. 1,) abolishes all jurisdiction and authority of the lord warden of the Cinque Ports and constable of Dover Castle, in or in relation to the administration of justice in actions, suits, or other civil proceedings at law or in equity.

CIPPI. An old English law term for the stocks, an instrument in which the wrists or ankles of petty offenders were confined.

CIRCADA. A tribute annually paid to the bishop or archbishop for visiting churches. Du Fresne.

CIRCAR. In Hindu law. Head of affairs; the state or government; a grand division of a province; a headman. A name used by Europeans in Bengal to denote the Hindu writer and accountant employed by themselves, or in the public offices. Wharton.

Circuit. A division of the country, appointed for a particular judge to visit for the trial of causes or for the administration of justice. Bouvier.

Circuits, as the term is used in England, may be otherwise defined to be the periodical progresses of the judges of the superior courts of common law, through the several counties of England and Wales, for the purpose of administering civil and criminal justice.


—Circuit justice. In federal law and practice. The justice of the supreme court who is allotted to a given circuit. U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 456—Circuit paper. In English practice. A paper containing a statement of the time and place at which the several assises will be held, and other statistical information connected with the assises. Holthouse.

CIRCUIT COURTS. The name of a system of courts of the United States, invested with general original jurisdiction of such matters and causes as are of Federal cognizance, except the matters specially delegated to the district courts.

The United States circuit courts are held by one of the justices of the supreme court appointed for the circuit, (and bearing the name, in that capacity, of circuit justice,) together with the circuit judge and the district judge of the district in which they are held. Their business is not only the supervision of trials of issues in fact, but the hearing of causes as a court in banc; and they have equity as well as common—law jurisdiction, together with appellate jurisdiction from the decrees and judgments of the district courts. 1 Kent, Comm. 301—303.

In several of the states, circuit court is the name given to a tribunal, the territorial jurisdiction of which comprises several counties or districts, and whose sessions are held in such counties or districts alternately. These courts usually have general original jurisdiction. In re Johnson, 12 Kan. 102.

CIRCUIT COURTS OF APPEALS. A system of courts of the United States (one in each circuit) created by act of congress of March 3, 1891 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 4889), composed of the circuit justice, the circuit judge, and an additional circuit judge appointed for each such court, and having appellate jurisdiction from the circuit and district courts except in certain specified classes of cases.
CIRCUITUS EST EVITANDUS

Circuitus est evitandus; et boni judiciis est lites dirimere, non ex lite origin.
5 Coke, 31. Circuity is to be avoided; and it is the duty of a good judge to determine litigations, lest one lawsuit arise out of another.

CIRCUITY OF ACTION. This occurs where a litigant, by a complex, indirect, or roundabout course of legal proceeding, makes two or more actions necessary, in order to effect that adjustment of rights between all the parties concerned in the transaction which, by a more direct course, might have been accomplished in a single suit.

CIRCULAR NOTES. Similar instruments to "letters of credit." They are drawn by resident bankers upon their foreign correspondent in payment of goods ordered to be shipped abroad. The correspondents must be satisfied of the identity of the applicant, before payment; and the requisite proof of such identity is usually furnished, upon the applicant's producing a letter with his signature, by a comparison of the signatures.

Brown.

CIRCULATION. As used in statutes providing for taxes on the circulation of banks, this term includes all currency or circulating notes or bills, or certificates or bills intended to circulate as money. U. S. v. White (C. C.) 19 Fed. 723; U. S. v. Wilson, 106 U. S. 620, 2 Sup. Ct. 85, 27 L. Ed. 310.

—Circulating medium. This term is more comprehensive than the term "money," as it is the medium of exchanges, or purchases and sales, whether it be gold or silver coin or any other article.

CIRCUMDUCtion. In Scotch law. A closing of the period for lodging papers, or doing any other act required in a cause. Paters. Comp.

—Circumduction of the term. In Scotch practice, the sentence of a judge, declaring the time elapsed within which a proof ought to have been led, and precluding the party from bringing forward any further evidence. Bell.

CIRCUMSPECTE AGATIS. The title of a statute passed 13 Edw. 1. A. D. 1255, and so called from the initial words of it, the substance of which was to ascertain the boundaries of ecclesiastical jurisdiction in some particulars, or, in other words, to regulate the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical and temporal courts. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 215, 216.

CIRCUMSTANCES. A principal fact or event being the object of investigation, the circumstances are the related or accessory facts or occurrences which attend upon it, which closely precede or follow it, which surmount and accompany it, which depend upon it, or which support or qualify it. Pfaffenbach v. Railroad, 142 Ind. 246, 41 N. E. 530; Clare v. People, 9 Colo. 122, 10 Pac. 799.

The terms "circumstance" and "fact" are, in many applications, synonymous, but the true distinction is the "circumstance" is its relative character. "Any fact may be a circumstance with reference to any other fact." 1 Benth. Jud. Evid. 42; note; Id. 142.

Thrift, integrity, good repute, business capacity, and stability of character, for example, are "circumstances" which may be very properly considered in determining the question of "adequate security." Martin v. Duke, 5 Redf. Sur. (N. Y.) 600.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE. Evidence directed to the attending circumstances; evidence which inferentially proves the principal fact by establishing a condition of surrounding and limiting circumstances, whose existence is a premise from which the existence of the principal fact may be concluded by necessary laws of reasoning.
State v. Avery, 113 Mo. 475, 21 S. W. 138; Howard v. State, 34 Ark. 433; State v. Evans, 1 Marvel (Del.) 477, 41 Atl. 136; Comm. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 319, 52 Am. Dec. 711; Gardner v. Preston, 2 Day (Conn.) 205, 2 Am. Dec. 91; State v. Miller, 9 Houst. (Del.) 564, 32 Atl. 137.

When the existence of any fact is attested by witnesses, as having come under the cognizance of their senses, or is stated in documents, the genuineness and veracity of which there seems no reason to question, the evidence of that fact is said to be direct or positive. When, on the contrary, the existence of the principal fact is only inferred from one or more circumstances which have been established directly, the evidence is said to be circumstantial. And when the existence of the principal fact does not follow from the evidentiary facts as a necessary consequence of the law of nature, but is deduced from them by a process of probable reasoning, the evidence and proof are said to be presumptive. Best, Pres. 246; id. 12.

All presumptive evidence is circumstantial, because necessarily derived from or made up of circumstances, but all circumstantial evidence is not presumptive, that is, it does not operate in the way of presumption, being sometimes of a higher grade, and leading to necessary conclusions, instead of probable ones. Burrill.

CIRCUMSTANTIBUS, TALES DE
See Tales.

CIRCUMVENTION. In Scotch law. Any act of fraud whereby a person is reduced to a deed by decree. It has the same sense in the civil law. Diz. 50, 17, 49, 155. And see Oregon v. Jennings, 119 U. S. 74, 7 Sup. Ct. 124, 30 L. Ed. 323.

CIRIG. In Anglo-Saxon and old English law, a church.

—Circa-brisce. Any violation of the privileges of a church. Circa secut. Church-act, or shot; an ecclesiastical due, payable on the day of St. Martin, consisting chiefly of corn.

CIRLISCUS. A ceorl. (q. v.)

CISTA. A box or chest for the deposit of charters, deeds, and things of value.
CITATION. In Spanish law. Citation; summons; an order of a court requiring a
person against whom a suit has been brought to
appear and defend within a given time.

CITATIO. Lat. A citation or summons
to court.
—Citation ad ressumendam causam. A
summons to take up the cause. A process,
in the civil law, which issued when one of the
parties to a suit died before its determination,
for the plaintiff against the defendant's heir,
or for the plaintiff's heir against the defendant,
as the case might be; analogous to a modern
bill of revivor.

Citation est de iure naturali. A summons
is by natural right. Cases in Banco
Regis Wm. III. 453.

CITATION. In practice. A writ is-
issued out of a court of competent jurisdiction,
commanding a person therein named to
appear on a day named and do something
therein mentioned, or show cause why he
The act by which a person is so summoned
or cited.

It is used in this sense, in American law,
in the practice upon writs of error from the
United States supreme court, and in the
proceedings of courts of probate in many of
193; State v. McCann, 67 Me. 374; Schwartz
v. Lake, 109 La. 1081, 34 South. 96; Cohen
v. Virginia, 6 Wheat. 410, 5 L. Ed. 257.

This is also the name of the process used
in the English ecclesiastical, probate, and
divorce courts to call the defendant or re-
spondent before them. 3 Bl. Comm. 100; 3

In Scotch practice. The calling of a
party to an action done by an officer of the
court under a proper warrant.
The service of a writ or bill of summons.
Paters. Comp.

CITATION OF AUTHORITIES. The
reading of, or reference to, legal authorities
and precedents, (such as constitutions, stat-
tutes, reported cases, and elementary trea-
tises,) in arguments to courts, or in legal
text-books, to establish or fortify the propo-
sitions advanced.

Law of citations. See Law.

Citationes non concedantur priscam
exprimatur super qua re fieri debet ci-
tatio. Citations should not be granted be-
fore it is stated about what matter the cita-
tion is to be made. A maxim of ecclesiasti-
cal law. 12 Coke, 44.

CITE. L. Fr. City; a city. Cite de
Loundri, city of London.

CITE. To summon; to command the
presence of a person; to notify a person of
legal proceedings against him and require
his appearance thereto.

To read or refer to legal authorities, in an
argument to a court or elsewhere, in support
of propositions of law sought to be estab-
lished.

CITIZEN. In general. A member of
a free city or jurid society, (cités.) possess-
ing all the rights and privileges which can
be enjoyed by any person under its constit-
tution and government, and subject to the
Corresponding duties.

In American law. One who, under the
constitution and laws of the United States,
or of a particular state, and by virtue of
birth or naturalization within the jurisdic-
tion, is a member of the political community,
owing allegiance and being entitled to the
enjoyment of full civil rights. U. S. v.
Cruikshank, 92 U. S. 542, 23 L. Ed. 588;
White v. Clements, 39 Ga. 259; Amy v.
Smith, 3 Kent. (Ky.) 331; State v. County
Court, 9 Mo. 465; 2 S. W. 788; Minor v.
Happersett, 21 Wall. 162, 22 L. Ed. 627;

The term "citizen" has come to us derived
from antiquity. It appears to have been used
in the Roman government to designate a per-
son who had the freedom of the city, and the
right to exercise all political and civil privi-
leges of the government. There was also, at
Rome, a partial citizenship, including civil, but
not political, rights. Complete citizenship em-
braced both. Thomasson v. State, 15 Ind.
451.

All persons born or naturalized in the
United States, and subject to the jurisdic-
tion thereof, are citizens of the United
States and of the state wherein they reside.
Amend. XIV, Const. U. S.

There is in our political system a government
of each of the several states, and a govern-
ment of the United States. Each is distinct from the
others, and a citizen of its own, who owe its
allegiance, and whose rights, within its juris-
diction, it must protect. The same person may
be at the same time a citizen of the United
States and a citizen of a state; but his rights
of citizenship under one of these governments
will be different from those he has under the
other. The government of the United States,
although it is, within the scope of its powers,
supreme and beyond the states, can neither
grant nor secure to its citizens rights or privi-
leges which are not expressly or by implication
placed under its jurisdiction. All that cannot
be so granted or secured are left to the exclu-
sive protection of the states. U. S. v.
Cruikshank, 92 U. S. 542, 23 L. Ed. 588.

"Citizen" and "inhabitant" are not syno-
ymous. One may be a citizen of a state without
being an inhabitant, or an inhabitant without
being a citizen. Quilty v. Duncan, 4 Har.
(Del.) 383.

"Citizen" is sometimes used as synonymous
with "resident:" as in a statute authorizing
funds to be distributed among the religious so-
cieties of a township, proportionally to the
number of those citizens who are members of
the township. State v. Trustees, 11 Ohio, 24.

In English law. An inhabitant of a city.
1 Rolle, 138. The representative of a city,
in parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 174. It will be
perceived that, In the English usage, the
word adheres closely to its original meaning, as shown by its derivation, \textit{citizen}, a free inhabitant of a city.\) When it is designed to designate an inhabitant of the \textit{country}, or one amenable to the laws of the nation, "subject" is the word there employed.

\textbf{CITIZENSHIP.} The status of being a citizen, \textit{(q. v.)}

\textbf{CITY. In England.} An incorporated town or borough which is or has been the see of a bishop. Co. Litt. 108; 1 Bl. Comm. 114; Cowell. State v. Green, 126 N. C. 1032, 35 S. E. 462.


\textbf{In America.} A city is a municipal corporation of a larger class, the distinctive feature of whose organization is its government by a chief executive (usually called "mayor") and a legislative body, composed of representatives of the citizens, (usually called a "council" or "board of aldermen," and others officers having special functions. Wight Co. v. Wolff, 112 Ga. 169, 37 S. E. 395.

\textbf{CITY OF LONDON COURT.} A court having a local jurisdiction within the city of London. It is to all intents and purposes a county court, having the same jurisdiction and procedure.

\textbf{CIUDADES.} Sp. In Spanish law, cities; distinguished from towns (pueblos) and villages (villas). Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 537.

\textbf{CIVIL.} In its original sense, this word means pertaining or appropriate to a member of a \textit{citizens} or free political community; natural or proper to a \textit{citizen}. Also, relating to the community, or to the policy and government of the citizens and subjects of a state.

In the language of the law, it has various significations. In contradistinction to \textit{barbarous} or \textit{savage}, it indicates a state of society reduced to order and regular government; thus, we speak of civil life, civil society, civil government, and civil liberty. In contradistinction to \textit{criminal}, it indicates the private rights and remedies of men, as members of the community, in contrast to those which are public and relate to the government; thus, we speak of civil process and criminal process, civil jurisdiction and criminal jurisdiction.

It is also used in contradistinction to \textit{military} or \textit{ecclesiastical}, to \textit{natural} or \textit{foreign}; thus, we speak of a civil station, as opposed to a military or an ecclesiastical station; a civil death, as opposed to a natural death; a civil war, as opposed to a foreign war. Story, Const. § 701.

\textbf{Civil responsibility.} The liability to be called upon to respond to an action at law for an injury caused by a delict or crime, as opposed to criminal responsibility, or liability to be proceeded against in a criminal tribunal. \textit{Civil} and \textit{criminal}.

When the same court has jurisdiction of both civil and criminal matters, proceedings of the first class are often said to be on the civil side; those of the second, on the criminal side.


\textbf{CIVIL ACTION. In the civil law.} A personal action which is instituted to compel payment, or the doing some other thing which is purely civil.

At \textit{common law}. As distinguished from a \textit{criminal} action, it is one which seeks the establishment, recovery, or redress of private and civil rights.

Civil suits relate to and affect, as to the parties against whom they are brought, only individual rights which are within their individual control, and which they may part with at their pleasure. The design of such suits is the enforcement of merely private obligations and duties. Criminal prosecutions, on the other hand, involve public wrongs, or a breach and violation of public rights and duties, which affect the whole community, considered as such in its social and aggregate capacity. The end they have in view is the prevention of similar offenses, not atonement or expiration for crime committed. Cancemi v. People, 18 N. Y. 125.

Civil cases are those which involve disputes or contests between man and man, and which only terminate in the adjustment of the rights of plaintiffs and defendants. They include all cases which cannot legally be denominated "criminal cases." Fenstermacher v. State, 19 Or. 504, 25 Pac. 142.

\textbf{In code practice.} A civil action is a proceeding in a court of justice in which one party, known as the "plaintiff," demands against another party, known as the "defendant," the enforcement or protection of a private right, or the prevention or redress of a private wrong. It may be also brought for the recovery of a penalty or forfeiture. Rev. Code Iowa 1880. § 2205.

The distinction between actions at law and suits in equity, and the forms of all such actions and suits, heretofore existing, is abolished; and there shall be in this state, hereafter, but one form of action for the enforcement or protection of private rights and the redress of private wrongs, which shall be denominated a "civil action." Code N. Y. § 69.

\textbf{CIVIL BILL COURT.} A tribunal in Ireland with a jurisdiction analogous to that of the county courts in England. The judge of it is also chairman of quarter sessions, (where the jurisdiction is more extensive than in England,) and performs the duty of revising barrister. Wharton.

\textbf{CIVIL DAMAGE ACTS.} Acts passed in many of the United States which provide an action for damages against a vendor of intoxicating liquors, and, in some states, against his lessor, on behalf of the wife or family of a person who has sustained injuries by rea-
CIVIL LAW. The "Roman Law" and the "Civil Law" are convertible phrases, meaning the same system of jurisprudence; it is now frequently denominated the "Roman Civil Law."

The word "civil," as applied to the laws in force in Louisiana, before the adoption of the Civil Code, is not used in contradistinction to the word "criminal," but must be restricted to the Roman law. It is used in contradistinction to the laws of England and those of the respective states. Jennison v. Warmack, 5 La. 483.

1. The system of jurisprudence held and administered in the Roman empire, particularly as set forth in the compilation of Justinian and his successors,—comprising the Institutes, Code, Digest, and Novels, and collectively denominated the "Corpus Juris Civilis,"—as distinguished from the common law of England and the canon law.

2. That rule of action which every particular nation, commonwealth, or city has established peculiarly for itself; more properly called "municipal" law, to distinguish it from the "law of nature," and from international law.

The law which a people enacts is called the "civil law" of that people, but that law which natural reason appoints for all mankind is called the "law of nations," because all nations use it. Bowyer, Mod. Civil Law, 19.

3. That division of municipal law which is occupied with the exposition and enforcement of civil rights, as distinguished from criminal law.

CIVIL LIST. In English public law. An annual sum granted by parliament, at the commencement of each reign, for the expense of the royal household and establishment, as distinguished from the general exigencies of the state, being a provision made for the crown out of the taxes in lieu of its proper patrimony, and in consideration of the assignment of that patrimony to the public use. 2 Steph. Comm. 591; 1 Bl. Comm. 332.

CIVIL SERVICE. This term properly includes all functions under the government, except military functions. In general it is confined to functions in the great administrative departments of state. See Hope v. New Orleans, 106 La. 345, 30 South. 842; People v. Cram, 29 Misc. Rep. 350, 61 N. Y. Supp. 853.

CIVILIAN. One who is skilled or versed in the civil law. A doctor, professor, or student of the civil law. Also a private citizen, as distinguished from such as belong to the army and navy or (in England) the church.

CIVILIS. Lat. Civil, as distinguished from criminal. Civis actio, a civil action. Bract. fol. 101b.

CIVILISTA. In old English law. A civil lawyer, or civilian. Dyer, 267.

CIVILITER. Civilly. In a person's civil character or position, or by civil (not criminal) process or procedure. This term is used in distinction or opposition to the word "criminaliter,"—criminality,—to distinguish civil actions from criminal prosecutions.

—Civiliter mortuus. Civilly dead; dead in the view of the law. The condition of one who has lost his civil rights and capacities, and is accounted dead in law.

CIVILIZATION. In practice. A law; an act of justice, or judgment which renders a criminal process civil; performed by turning an information into an inquest, or the contrary. Wharton.

In public law. This is a term which covers several states of society; it is relative, and has not a fixed sense, but it implies an improved and progressive condition of the people, living under an organized government, with systematized labor, individual ownership of the soil, individual accumulations of property, humane and somewhat cultivated manners and customs, the institutions of the family, with well-defined and respected domestic and social relations, institutions of learning, intellectual activity, etc. Roche v. Washington, 19 Ind. 56, 81 Am. Dec. 376.

CIVIS. Lat. In the Roman law. A citizen; as distinguished from incolae, (an inhabitant;) origin or birth constituting the former, domicile the latter. Code, 19, 40, 7. And see U. S. v. Rhodes, 27 Fed. Cas. 788.

CIVITAS. Lat. In the Roman law. Any body of people living under the same laws; a state. Jus civitatis, the law of a state; civil law. Inst. 1, 2, 1, 2. Civitates foderatae, towns in alliance with Rome, and considered to be free. Butl. Hor. Jur. 29. Citizenship; one of the three status, conditions, or qualifications of persons. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 131.

Civitas et urbs in hoc different, quod incolis dicuntur civitates, urbs vero compositur miliea. Co. Litt. 409. A city and a town differ. In this: that the inhabitants are called the "city," but town includes the buildings.

CLAIM, v. To demand as one's own; to assert a personal right to any property or any right; to demand the possession or enjoyment of something rightfully one's own, and wrongfully withheld. Hill v. Henry, 68 N. J. Eq. 150, 57 Atl. 555.
CLAIM


A claim is a right or title, actual or supposed, to a debt, privilege, or other thing in the possession of another; not the possession, but the means by or through which the claimant obtains the possession or enjoyment. Lawrence v. Miller, 2 N. Y. 245, 254.

A claim is, in a just, juridical sense, a demand of some matter as of right made by one person upon another, to do or to forbear to do some act or thing as a matter of duty. A more limited, but at the same time an equally express, definition was given by Lord Dyer, that a claim is a challenge by a man of the property or ownership of a thing, which he has not in possession but which wrongly withheld from him. Frigg v. Pennsylvania, 18 Pet. 615, 10 L. Ed. 1060.

“Claim” has generally been defined as a demand on the owner of which, or an interest in which, is in the claimant, but the possession of which is wrongfully withheld by another. But a broader meaning must be accorded to it. A demand for damages for criminal conversation with plaintiff’s wife is a claim; but it would be doing violence to language to say that such damages are property of plaintiff which defendant withholds. In common parlance the noun “claim” means an assertion, a pretension; and the verb is often used (not quite correctly) as a synonym for “state,” “urge,” “insist,” or “assert.” In a statute authorizing the courts to order a bill of particulars of the “claim” of either party, “claim” is co-extensive with “case,” and embraces all causes of action and all grounds of defense, the pleas of both parties, and pleas in confession and avoidance, no less than complaints and counter-claims. It warrants the court in requiring a defendant who justifies in a libel suit to furnish particulars of the facts relied upon in justification. Utica v. Jennings, 6 Daily (N. Y.) 446.

2. Under the mechanic’s lien law of Pennsylvania, a demand put on record by a mechanic or material-man against a building for work or material contributed to its erection is called a “claim.”

3. Under the land laws of the United States, the tract of land taken up by a preemptor or other settler (and also his possession of the same) is called a “claim.” Railroad Co. v. Ablinlk, 14 Neb. 95; 15 N. W. 317; Bowman v. Torr, 3 Iowa 673.

4. In patent law, the claim is the specification by the applicant for a patent of the particular things in which he insists his invention is novel and patentable; it is the clause in the application in which the applicant defines precisely what his invention is. White v. Dunbar, 119 U. S. 47, 7 Sup. Ct. 72; 15 U. S. 383; Brammer v. Schroeder, 106 Fed. 900, 46 C. C. A. 41.

—ADVERSE CLAIM. A claim set up by a stranger to goods upon which the sheriff has levied an execution or attachment. —CLAIM AND DELIVERY. An action at law for the recovery of specific personal chattels wrongfully taken and detained, with damages which the wrongful taking or detention has caused; in substance a modern modification of the common-law action of replevin. Frederick v. Tracy, 95 Cal. 653, 33 Pac. 750; Railroad Co. v. Gila County, 8 Ariz. 252, 71 Pac. 913.

—CLAIM IN EQUITY. In English practice. In simple cases, where there was not any great conflict as to facts, and a discovery from a defendant was not sought, but a reference to chambers was nevertheless necessary before final decree, which would be as of course, all parties being before the court, the summary proceeding by claim was sometimes adopted, thus obviating the recourse to plenary and protracted pleadings. This summary practice was created by orders 22d April, 1850, which came into operation on the 22d May following. See Smith, Ch. Pr. 964. By Consolid, Ord. 1850, viii, r. 4, claims were abolished. Wharton. —CLAIM OF CONSTRUCTION. In practice. An intervention by a third person in a suit, claiming that he has rightful jurisdiction of the cause which the plaintiff has commenced out of the claimant’s court. Now obsolete. 2 Wils. 409; 8 Bl. Comm. 229. General character of the word. In English practice. A suit or petition to the queen, in the court of exchequer, to have liberties and franchises confirmed there by the attorney general. Clandestine. A claim set up and urged by the defendant in opposition to or reduction of the claim presented by the plaintiff. See, more fully, COUNTER-CLAIM.

CLAIMANT. In Admiralty practice. The name given to a person who lays claim to property seized on a libel in rem, and who is authorized and admitted to defend the action. The Conqueror, 166 U. S. 110, 17 Sup. Ct. 510, 41 L. Ed. 857.

CLAM. Let. In the civil law. Coverly; secretly.

—CLAM, vi, ait procerio. A technical phrase of the Roman law, meaning by force, stealth, or importunity.

Clam delinquens magis punimatur quam palam. 8 Coke, 127. Those sinning secretly are punished more severely than those sinning openly.

CLAMAEA ADMITTENDA IN ITINERE PER ATTORNATUM. An ancient writ by which the king commanded the justices in eyre to admit the claim by attorney of a person who was in the royal service, and could not appear in person. Reg. Orig. 10.

CLAMOR. In old English law. A claim or complaint; an outcry; clamor.

In the civil law. A claimant. A debt; anything claimed from another. A proclamation; an accusation. Du Cange.

CLANDESTINE. Secret; hidden; concealed. The "clandestine importation" of goods is a term used in English statutes as equivalent to "smuggling." Keck v. U. S., 172 U. S. 454, 19 Sup. Ct. 254, 43 L. Ed. 505. A clandestine marriage is (legally) one contracted without observing the formalities precedent prescribed by law, such as publication of banns, procuring a license, or the like.
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CLARE CONSTAT. (It clearly appears.) In Scotch law. The name of a precept for giving seizin of lands to an heir; so called from its initial words. Ersk. Inst. 3, & 71.

CLAREMETHEN. In old Scotch law. The warranty of stolen cattle or goods; the law regulating such warranty. Skene.

CLARENDON, CONSTITUTIONS OF. The constitutions of Clarendon were certain statutes made in the reign of Henry II. of England, at a parliament held at Clarendon, (A.D. 1164,) by which the king checked the power of the pope and his clergy, and greatly narrowed the exemption they claimed from secular jurisdiction. 4 Bl. Comm. 422.

CLARIFICATIO. Lat. In old Scotch law. A making clear; the purging or clearing (clenching) of an assise. Skene.

CLASS. The order or rank according to which persons or things are arranged or assorted. Also a group of persons or things, taken collectively, having certain qualities in common, and constituting a unit for certain purposes; e. g., a class of legatees. In re Harpke, 113 Fed. 227, 54 C. C. A. 97; Swarts v. Bank, 117 Fed. 1, 54 C. C. A. 357; Farnam v. Farnam, 53 Conn. 261, 2 Atl. 325, 5 Atl. 682; Dulany v. Middleton, 72 Md. 67, 19 Atl. 140; In re Russell, 168 N. Y. 169, 61 N. E. 166.

—CLASS legislation. A term applied to statutory enactments which divide the people or subjects of legislation into classes, with reference either to the grant of privileges or the imposition of burdens, upon an arbitrary, unjust, or invidious principle of division, or which, though the principle of division may be sound and justified, make arbitrary discriminations between those persons or things coming within the same class. State v. Garbuski, 111 Iowa, 496, 82 N. W. 950; State v. R. A. 570, 82 Am. St. Rep. 524; In re Hang Kil, 60 Cal. 149, 10 Pac. 327; Hawkins v. Roberts, 122 Ala. 130, 27 South. 327; State v. Cooley, 50 Minn. 540, 58 N. W. 138; State v. Milwaukee County, 112 Wis. 601, 88 N. W. 577; State v. Brewing Co., 104 Tenn. 715, 59 S. W. 1033, 78 Am. St. Rep. 941.

CLASSIARIUS. A seaman or soldier serving at sea.

CLASSICI. In the Roman law. Persons employed in servile duties on board of vessels. Cod. 11, 12.

CLASSIFICATION. In the practice of the English chancery division, where there are several parties to an administration action, including those who have been served with notice of the decree or judgment, and it appears to the judge (or chief clerk) that any of them form a class having the same interest, (e. g., residuary legatees,) he may require them to be represented by one solicitor, in order to prevent the expense of each of them attending by separate solicitors. This is termed "classifying the interests of the parties attending," or, shortly, "classifying," or "classification." In practice the term is also applied to the directions given by the chief clerk as to which of the parties are to attend on each of the accounts and inquiries directed by the judgment. Sweet.

CLAUSE. A single paragraph or subdivision of a legal document, such as a contract, deed, will, constitution, or statute. Sometimes a sentence or part of a sentence. Appeal of Miles, 68 Conn. 237, 36 Atl. 39, 36 L. R. A. 176; Eschbach v. Collins, 61 Md. 496, 48 Am. Rep. 123.

—Clause irritant. In Scotch law. By this clause, in a deed or settlement, the acts or deeds of a tenant for life or other proprietor, contrary to the conditions of his right, become null and void; and by the "resolutive" clause such right becomes resolved and extinguished. Bell—Clause potestative. In French law. The name given to the clause whereby one party to a contract reserves to himself the right to annul it.—Clause rolls. In English law. Rolls which contain all such matters of record as were committed to close writs; these rolls are preserved in the Tower.

CLAUSULA. A clause; a sentence or part of a sentence in a written instrument or law.

Clausula generalis de residuo non ea complicitus quia non ejusdem sint generalis cum ilium quae speculant dieta fess rant. A general clause of remainder does not embrace those things which are not of the same kind with those which had been specially mentioned. Loft, Appendix, 410.

Clausula generalis non referitur ad expressa. 8 Coke, 154. A general clause does not refer to things expressed.

Clausula quae abrogacionem exulcidat ab initio non valet. A clause [in a law] which precludes its abrogation is void from the beginning. Bac. Max. 77.

Clausula vel dispositio inutilis per presumptionem remotam, vel causam ex post facto non suletur. A useless clause or disposition [one which expresses no more than the law by intendment would have supplied] is not supported by a remote presumption, [or foreign intendment of some purpose, in regard whereof it might be material] or by a cause arising afterwards, [which may induce an operation of those idle words.] Bac. Max. 82, regula 21.

Clausulae inconcussae semper inducent suspicionem. Unusual clauses [in an instrument] always induce suspicion. 3 Coke. 81.

CLAUSUM. Lat. Close, closed up, sealed. Inclosed, as a parcel of land.

CLAUSUM FREGIT. L. Lat. (He broke the close.) In pleadiug and practice. Technical words formerly used in certain actions.
of trespass, and still retained in the phrase quare clausum fremit, (q. v.)

CLAUSUM PASCHILE. In English law. The morrow of the sate, or eight days of Easter, the end of Easter; the Sunday after Easter-day. 2 Inst. 107.

CLAUSURA. In old English law. An inclosure. Clausura hoca, the inclosure of a hedge. Cowell.

CLAVES CURIE. The keys of the court. They were the officers of the Scotch courts, such as clerk, doorman, and serjeant. Burrill.

CLAVES INSULAE. In Manx law. The keys of the Island of Man, or twelve persons to whom all ambiguous and weighty causes are referred.

CLAVIA. In old English law. A club or mace; tenure per serjeantiam clavic, by the serjeantry of the club or mace. Cowell.

CLAVIGERATUS. A treasurer of a church.

CLAWA. A close, or small inclosure. Cowell.

CLEAN. Irreproachable; innocent of fraud or wrongdoing; free from defect in form or substance; free from exceptions or reservations. See examples below.

—Clean bill of health. One certifying that no contagious or infectious disease exists, or certifying as to healthy conditions generally without exception or reservation.—Clean bill of lading. One without exception or reservation as to the place or manner of stowage of the goods, and importing that the goods are to be (or have been) safely and properly stowed under deck. 1 Delaware, 14 Wall. 596, 20 L. Ed. 779; The Kirkhill, 99 Fed. 573, 39 C. C. A. 656; The Wellington, 29 Fed. Cas. 626.

—Clean hands. It is a rule of equity that a plaintiff must come with "clean hands," i.e., he must be free from reproach in his conduct. But there is this limitation to the rule: that his conduct can only be excepted to in respect to the subject-matter of his claim; everything else is immaterial. American Ass'n v. Inns, 109 Ky. 590, 60 S. W. 583.

CLEAR. Plain; evident; free from doubt or conjecture; also, uncumbered; free from deductions or draw-backs.

—Clear annual value. The net yearly value to the possessor of the property, over and above taxes, interest on mortgages, and other charges and deductions. Grotton v. Boxborough, 6 Mass. 56; Marsh v. Hammond, 103 Mass. 149; Shelton v. Campbell, 109 Tenn. 690, 72 S. W. 122.—Clear annuity. The devise of an annuity, "annuity free from taxes" (Hodgworth v. Crawley, 2 Atl. 376) or free or clear of legacy or inheritance taxes. In re Bingham's Estate, 24 Wky. Notes Cas. (P. A.) 70.—Clear days. If a certain number of clear days be given for the doing of any act, the time is to be reckoned exclusively, as well of the last day as the last. Rex v. Justices, 3 Barn. & Ad. 581; Hodgins v. Hancock. 14 Me. & W. 120; State v. Marvin, 12 Iowa, 502.—Clear evidence or proof. Evidence which is positive, precise and explicit, as opposed to ambiguous, equivocal, or contradictory proof, and which tends directly to establish the point to which it is adduced, instead of leaving it a matter of conjecture or presumption, and is sufficient to make out a prima facie case. Mortgage Co. v. Pace, 23 Tex. Civ. App. 222, 56 S. W. 377; Reynolds v. Blaisdell, 23 B. I. 16, 29 Atl. 42; Ward v. Waterman, 85 Cal. 488, 24 Pac. 533; Jernyn v. McClure, 136 Pa. 245, 45 Atl. 938; Winston v. Burnell, 44 Kan. 387, 24 Pac. 477, 21 Am. St. Rep. 289; Spencer v. Colt. 89 Pa. 318; People v. Wreden, 59 Cal. 306.—Clear title. One which is not subject to any incumbrance. Roberts v. Bassett, 106 Mass. 409.

CLEARANCE. In maritime law. A document in the nature of a certificate given by the collector of customs to an outward-bound vessel, to the effect that she has complied with the law, and is duly authorized to depart.

CLEARING. The departure of a vessel from port, after complying with the customs and health laws and like local regulations.

In mercantile law. A method of making exchanges and settling balances, adopted among banks and bankers.


CLEMENTINES. In canon law. The collection of decreets or constitutions of Pope Clement V., made by order of John XXII, his successor, who published it in 1317.

CLEMENT'S INN. An inn of chancery. See INNS OF CHANCERY.

CLENGE. In old Scotch law. To clear or acquit of a criminal charge. Literally, to cleanse or clean.

CLEP AND CALL. In old Scotch practice. A solemn form of words prescribed by law, and used in criminal cases, as in pleas of wrong and unlaw.

CLERGY. The whole body of clergy, or ministers of religion. Also an abbreviation for "benefit of clergy." See BENEFIT.

—Regular clergy. In old English law. Monks who lived secundum regulas (according to the rule) of their respective houses or societies were so denominated, in contradistinction to the parochial clergy, who performed their ministry in the world, in seculum, and who from thence were called "secular" clergy. 1 Chit. Bl. 387, note.

CLERGYABLE. In old English law. Admitting of clergy, or benefit of clergy. A
clergyable felony was one of that class in which clergy was allowable. 4 Bl. Comm. 371-373.

CLERICAL. Pertaining to clergymen; or pertaining to the office or labor of a clerk.

—CLERICAL error. A mistake in writing or copying; the mistake of a clerk or writer. 1 Ld. Raym. 183.—Clerical tonsure. The having the head shaven, which was formerly peculiar to clerks, or persons in orders, and which the clofs worn by serjeants at law are supposed to have been introduced to conceal. 1 Bl. Comm. 24, note t; 4 Bl. Comm. 367.

CLERICALE PRIVILEGIUM. In old English law. The clerical privilege; the privilege or benefit of clergy.

CLERICI DE CANCELLARIA. Clerks of the chancery.

CLERICI NOMEN PONANTUR IN OBLITIS. Co. Litt. 96. Clergymen should not be placed in offices; 4, e., in secular offices. See Loftt, 508.

CLERICI PRENOTARI. The six clerks in chancery. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 251.

CLERICO ADMITTENDO. See ADMITTENDO CLERICO.

CLERICO CAPTO PER STATUTUM MERCATORUM. A writ for the delivery of a clerk out of prison, who was taken and incarcerated upon the breach of a statute merchant. Reg. Orig. 147.

CLERICO CONVICTO COMISSO GAOLE IN DEFECTU ORDINARI DELIBERANDO. An ancient writ, that lay for the delivery to his ordinary of a clerk convicted of felony, where the ordinary did not challenge him according to the privilege of clerks. Reg. Orig. 69.

CLERICO INFRA SACROS ORDINES CONSTITUTO, NON ELIGENDO IN OFFICIO. A writ directed to those who had thrust a bailiff or other office upon one in holy orders, charging them to release him. Reg. Orig. 145.

CLERICUS. In Roman law. A minister of religion in the Christian church; an ecclesiastic or priest. Cod. 1, 3; Nov. 3, 123, 137. A general term, including bishops, priests, deacons, and others of inferior order. Brist. Ann. 113.

In old English law. A clerk or priest; a person in holy orders; a secular priest; a clerk of a court. An officer of the royal household, having charge of the receipt and payment of moneys, etc. Fleta enumerates several of them, with their appropriate duties; as clericus coquinus, clerk of the kitchen; clericus panetrie et buiheir, clerk of the pantry and buttery. Lib. 2, cc. 18, 19.


CLERICI ET AGRICOLA ET MERCATOR, TEMPORE BELLII, UT ORAT, COLAT, ET COMMUTET, PACEM FRUNTUR. 2 Inst. 68. Clergymen, husbandsmen, and merchants, in order that they may preach, cultivate, and trade, enjoy peace in time of war.

CLERICI NON CONANNUERIT IN DABUS ECCLESIAR. 1 Rolle. A clergymen should not be appointed to two churches.

CLERIGOS. In Spanish law. Clergy; men chosen for the service of God. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, ch. 4.

CLERK. In ecclesiastical law. A person in holy orders; a clergymen; an individual attached to the ecclesiastical state, and who has the clerical tonsure. See 4 Bl. Comm. 366, 367.

In practice. A person employed in a public office, or as an officer of a court, whose duty is to keep records or accounts.

In commercial law. A person employed by a merchant, or in a mercantile establishment, as a salesman, book-keeper, accountant, amanuensis, etc., invested with more or less authority in the administration of some branch or department of the business, while the principal himself superintends the whole. State v. Barter, 58 N. H. 604; Hamuel v. State, 5 Mo. 264; Railroad Co. v. Trust Co., 82 Md. 535, 34 Atl. 778, 38 L. R. A. 97.

—CLERK of arraigns. In English law. An assistant to the clerk of assise. His duties are in the coroners' court on circuits. He is called an assise. In English law. Officers who officiate as associates on the circuits. They record all judicial proceedings done by the judges on the circuit. Clerk of court. An officer of a court of justice who has charge of the clerical part of its business, who keeps its records and seal, issues process, enters judgments and orders, gives certified copies from the records, etc. Peterson v. State, 45 Wis. 540; Ross v. Heathcock, 57 Wis. 89, 15 N. W. 9; Gordon v. State, 2 Tex. App. 154; U. S. v. Warren, 12 Okl. 350, 71 Pac. 686.—CLERK of enrollments. In English law. The former chief officer of the English enrollment office, (q. v.) He now forms part of the staff of the central office. Clerk of the crown in chancery. See Crown Officers in Chancery—Clerk of the house of commons. An important officer of the English house of commons. He is appointed by the crown as under-clerk of the parliament to attend upon the commons. He makes a declaration, on entering upon his office, to make true entries, remembrances, and journals of the things done and passed in the house. He signs all orders of the house, indorses the bills sent or returned to the lords, and reads whatever is required to be read in the house. He keeps the custody of all records and other documents. May, Parl. Pr. 236.—CLERK of the market. The overseer or superintendent of a public market. In old English law, he was a quasi judicial officer, having power to settle controversies arising in the
market between persons dealing there. Called "clerics mercati." 4 Bl. Comm. 275.—Clerk of the parliaments. One of the chief officers of the house of lords. He is appointed by the king by letters patent and, on entering office, he makes a declaration to make true entries and records of the things done and passed in the parliaments, and to keep secret all such matters as shall be treated therein. May Parl. Pr. 238.—Clerk of the peace. In English law. An officer whose duties are to officiate at sessions of the peace, to prepare indictments, and to record the proceedings of the justices, and to perform a number of special duties in connection with the affairs of the county.—Clerk of the petty bag. See PETTY BAG. —Clerk of the privy seal. There are four of these officers, who attend the lord privy seal, or the keeper of the seal, the principal secretary of state. Their duty is to write and make out all things that are sent by warrant from the signet to the privy seal, and which are to be passed to the great seal; and also to make out privy seals (as they are termed) upon any special occasion of his majesty's affairs, as for the loan of money and such like purposes. Cowell.—Clerk of the signet. An officer, in England, whose duty it is to attend on the king's principal secretary, who always has the custody of the privy signet, as well for the purpose of sealing his majesty's private letters, as also grants which pass his majesty's hand; by bill signed by four of these officers. Cowell.—Clerks of indictments. Officers attached to the central criminal court in England, and to each circuit. They prepare and settle indictments against offenders, and assist the clerk of array. —Clerks of the exchequer. Formerly attached to the English court of chancery, whose duties consisted principally in sealing bills of complaint and writs of execution, filing affidavits, keeping a record of suits, and certifying office copies of pleadings and affidavits. They were three in number, and the business was distributed among them according to the letters of the alphabet. By the judicature acts, 1873, 1875, they were transferred to the chancery division of the high court. Now, by the judicature (officers') act, 1879, they have been transferred to the central office of the supreme court, under the title of "Masters of the Supreme Court," and the officers of clerks of records and writs has been abolished. Sweet.—Clerks of seats, in the principal registry of the probate division of the English high court, discharged the duty of preparing and causing the grant of probate and letters of administration, under the supervision of the registrars. There are ten clerks in the business of writing, regulated by an alphabetical arrangement, and each seat has four clerks. They have to take bonds from administrators, and to receive oaths against a grant being made in a case where a will is contested. They also draw the "acts," i. e., a short summary of each grant made, containing the name of the deceased, amount of assets, and other particulars. Sweet.

Clerkship. The period which must be spent by a law-student in the office of a practising attorney before admission to the bar. 1 Tid. Pr. 61, et seq. In re Dunn, 43 N. J. 456. The period should be three years. 10 Cush. 596. In old English practice, the art of drawing pleadings and entering them on record in Latin, in the ancient court hand; otherwise called "skill of pleading in actions at the common law."

Clients. Lat. In the Roman law. A client or dependent. One who depended upon another as his patron or protector, advisor.

CLOSE. or defender. In suits at law and other difficulties; and was bound, in return, to pay him all respect and honor, and to serve him with his life and fortune in any extremity. Dionys. ii. 10; Adams, Rom. Ant. 33.

CLIENT. A person who employs or retains an attorney, or counsellor, to appear for him in courts, advise, assist, and defend him in legal proceedings, and to act for him in any legal business. McCreary v. Hoopes, 25 Miss. 428; McFarland v. Crary, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 287; Cross v. Riggins, 50 Mo. 335.

CLIENTELA. In old English law. Clientship, the state of a client; and, correlative, protection, patronage, guardianship.

CLIFFORD'S INN. An inn of chancery. See INNS OF CHANCERY.

CLITIO. In Saxon law. The son of a king or emperor. The next heir to the throne; the Saxon adeling. Spelman.

CLOSE. A gno; a prison or dungeon.


To shut up, so as to prevent entrance or access by any person; as in statutes requiring saloons to be "closed" at certain times, which further implies an entire suspension of business. Kuritz v. People, 38 Mich. 282; People v. Janis, 100 Mich. 222, 59 N. W. 236; Harvey v. State, 65 Ga. 570; People v. Cummerford, 58 Mich. 328, 25 N. W. 203.

CLOSE, n. A portion of land, as a field, inclosed, as by a hedge, fence, or other visible inclosure. 3 Bl. Comm. 209. The interest of a person in any particular piece of ground, whether actually inclosed or not. Locklin v. Casler, 50 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 44; Meade v. Watson, 67 Cal. 591, 8 Pac. 311; Matthews v. Treat, 75 Me. 650; Wright v. Bennett, 4 III. 285; Blakney v. Blakney, 6 Port. (Ala.) 115, 30 Am. Dec. 574.

The noun "close," in its legal sense, imports a portion of land inclosed, but not necessarily inclosed by actual or visible barriers. The invisible, ideal boundary, founded on limit of title, which surrounds every man's land, constitutes it his close, irrespective of walls, fences, ditches, or the like.

In practice. The word means termination; winding up. Thus the close of the pleadings is where the pleadings are finished, i. e., when issue has been joined.

CLOSE, adj. In practice. Closed or sealed up. A term applied to writs and letters,
as distinguished from those that are open or patent.

—Close copies. Copies of legal documents which might be written closely or loosely at pleasure; as distinguished from office copies, which were to contain only a prescribed number of words on each sheet. —Close corporations. One in which the directors and officers have the power to fill vacancies in their own number, without allowing to the general body of stockholders any choice or vote in their election. McKim v. Odum, 3 Bla (Md.) 416. —Close calls. Rolls containing the record of the close writs (itera clausae) and grants of the king, kept with the public records. 2 Bl. Comm. 346. —Close season. In game and fish laws, this term means the season of the year in which the taking of particular game or fish is prohibited, or in which all hunting or fishing is forbidden by law. State v. Therriault, 70 Vt. 617, 41 Atl. 1030, 43 L. R. A. 290, 67 Am. St. Rep. 695. —Close writs. In English law. Certain letters of the king, sealed with his great seal, and directed to particular persons and for particular purposes, which, not being proper for public inspection, are closed up and sealed on the outside, and are therefore called "writs close." 2 Bl. Comm. 346; Sewell, Sheriff, 372. Writs directed to the sheriff, instead of to the lord. 3 Reeves, Eng. Law, 45.

CLOSE-HAULED. In admiralty law, this nautical term means the arrangement or trim of a vessel's sails when she endeavors to make a progress in the nearest direction possible towards that point of the compass from which the wind blows. But a vessel may be considered as close-hauled, although she is not quite so near to the wind as she could possibly lie. Chadwick v. Packet Co., 5 El. & Bl. 771.

CLOTURE. The procedure in deliberative assemblies whereby debate is closed. Introduced in the English parliament in the session of 1882.

CLOUD ON TITLE. An outstanding claim or incumbrance which, if valid, would affect or impair the title of the owner of a particular estate, and which apparently and on its face has an effect, but which can be shown by extrinsic proof to be invalid or inapplicable to the estate in question. A conveyance, mortgage, judgment, tax-levy, etc., may all, in proper cases, constitute a cloud on title. Pixley v. Huggins, 15 Cal. 133; Schenck v. Wicks, 23 Utah, 576, 65 Pac. 782; Lick v. Ray, 43 Cal. 87; Stoddard v. Prescott, 68 Mich. 542, 25 N. W. 508; Phelps v. Harris, 101 U. S. 370, 25 L. Ed. 835; Fonda v. Sears, 48 N. Y. 181; Rigdon v. Shindler, 147 Ill. 411, 19 N. E. 698; Bissell v. Kellogg, 50 Barb. (N. Y.) 617; Bank v. Lawler, 46 Conn. 245.

CLOUGH. A valley. Also an allowance for the turn of the scale, on buying goods wholesale by weight.

CLUB. A voluntary, unincorporated association of persons for purposes of a social, literary, or political nature, or the like. A club is not a partnership. 2 Mees. & W. 172.

The word "club" has no very definite meaning. Clubs are formed for all sorts of purposes, and there is no uniformity in their constitutions and rules. It is well known that clubs exist which limit the number of the members and select them with great care, which own considerable property in common, and in which the furnishing of food and drink to the members for money is but one of many conveniences which the members enjoy. Com. v. Pomfret, 137 Mass. 567, 50 Am. Rep. 340.

CLUB-LAW. Rule of violence; regulation by force; the law of arms.


CO. A prefix to words, meaning "with" or "in conjunction" or "joint;" e.g., co-trustees, co-executors. Also an abbreviation for "county," (Gillman v. Sheets, 78 Iowa, 496, 43 N. W. 296) and for "company," (Railroad Co. v. People, 155 Ill. 299, 40 N. E. 509.)

COACH. Coach is a generic term. It is a kind of carriage, and is distinguished from other vehicles, chiefly, as being a covered box, hung on leathers, with four wheels. Turnpike Co. v. Neil, 9 Ohio, 12; Turnpike Co. v. Frink, 15 Pick. (Mass.) 444.

COADJUTOR. An assistant, helper, or ally; particularly a person appointed to assist a bishop who from age or infirmity is unable to perform his duty. Ollcott v. Ga- bert, 96 Tex. 121, 23 S. W. 985. Also an overseer (coadjutor of an executor,) and one who disseales a person of land not to his own use, but to that of another.

CO-ADMINISTRATOR. One who is a joint administrator with one or more others.

Coadunatio. A uniting or combining together of persons; a conspiracy. 9 Coke, 58.

COAL NOTE. A species of promissory note, formerly in use in the port of London, containing the phrase "value received in coals." By the statute 3 Geo. II. c. 26, §§ 7, 8, these were to be protected and noted as inland bills of exchange. But this was repealed by the statute 47 Geo. III. sess. 2, c. 63, § 28.

COALITION. In French law. An unlawful agreement among several persons not to do a thing except on some conditions agreed upon; particularly, industrial combinations, strikes, etc.; a conspiracy.

CO-ASSIGNEE. One of two or more assignees of the same subject-matter.

COAST. The edge or margin of a country bounding on the sea. It is held that the term includes small islands and reefs naturally connected with the adjacent land, and rising above the surface of the water, although their composition may not be sufficiently firm and stable to admit of their be-
ing inhabited or fortified; but not shoals which are perpetually covered by the water.

This word is particularly appropriate to the navigation of the seas, while "shore" may be used of the margins of inland waters.

—Coast waters. Tide waters navigable from the ocean by sea-going craft, the term embracing all waters opening directly or indirectly into the ocean and navigable by ships coming in from the ocean of draft as great as that of the larger ships which traverse the open seas. The Britannia, 153 U. S. 130, 14 Sup. Ct. 795, 35 L. Ed. 690; The V. F. 55 Fed. 636; The Garden City (D. C.) 26 Fed. 773.

—Coaster. A term applied to vessels plying exclusively between domestic ports, and usually to those engaged in domestic trade, as distinguished from vessels engaged in foreign trade and plying between a port of the United States and a port of a foreign country; not including pleasure yachts. Beiden v. Chase, 150 U. S. 674, 14 Sup. Ct. 264, 37 L. Ed. 1218—Coastwise trade. In maritime law. Commerce and navigation between different places along the coast of the United States, as distinguished from commerce with ports in foreign countries. Commercial intercourse carried on in different districts in different states, different districts in the same state, or different places in the same district. A coastwise trade on a navigable river. Steamboat Co. v. Livingston, 3 Cow. (N. Y.) 747; San Francisco v. California Steam Nav. Co. 10 Cal. 507; U. S. v. Pope, 22 Fed. Cas. 630; Ravesies v. U. S. (D. C.) 35 Fed. 919—Coastwise. Vessels "plying coastwise" are those which are engaged in the domestic trade, or plying between port and port in the United States, as contradistinguished from those engaged in the foreign trade, or plying in a port of a foreign country.

COAST-GUARD. In English law. A body of officers and men raised and equipped by the Crown for the purpose of the defense of the coasts of the realm, and for the more ready manning of the navy in case of war or sudden emergency, as well as for the protection of the revenue against smugglers. Mozley & Whitley.

COAT ARMOR. Heraldic ensigns, introduced by Richard I. from the Holy Land, where they were first invented. Originally they were painted on the shields of the Christian knights who went to the Holy Land during the crusades, for the purpose of identifying them, some such contrivance being necessary in order to distinguish knights when clad in armor from one another. Wharton.

COBRA-VENOM REACTION. In medical jurisprudence. A method of serum-diagnosis of insanity from hemolysis (breaking up of the red corpuscles of the blood) by injections of the venom of cobras or other serpents. This test for Insanity has recently been employed in Germany and some other European countries and in Japan.

COCKBILL. To place the yards of a ship at an angle with the deck. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1288.

COCKET. In English law. A seal belonging to the custom-house, or rather a scroll of parchment, sealed and delivered by the officers of the custom-house to merchants, as a warrant that their merchandises are entered; likewise a sort of measure. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 10.

COCKPIT. A name which used to be given to the judicial committee of the privy council, the council-room being built on the old cockpit of Whitehall Place.

COCKSETUS. A boatman; a cockswain. Cowell.


The collection of laws and constitutions made by order of the Emperor Justinian is distinguished by the appellation of "The Code," by way of eminence. See CODE or JUSTINIAN.

A body of law established by the legislative authority, and intended to set forth, in generalized and systematic form, the principles of the entire law, whether written or unwritten, positive or customary, derived from enactment or from precedent. Abbott.

A code is to be distinguished from a digest. The subject-matter of the latter is usually reported decisions of the courts. But there are also digests of statutes. These consist of an orderly collection and classification of the existing statutes of a state or nation, while a code is promulgated as one new law covering the whole field of jurisprudence.

—Code civil. The code which embodies the civil law of France. Framed in the first instance by a commission of jurists appointed in 1800. This code, after having passed both the tribunate and the legislative body, was promulgated in 1804 as the "Code Civil des Frisons." When Napoleon became emperor, the name was changed to that of "Code Napoleon," by which it is still often designated, though it is now officially styled by its original name of "Code Civil."—Code de commerce. A French code, enacted in 1807, as a supplement to the Code Napoleon, regulating commercial transactions, the laws of business, bankruptcies, and the jurisdiction and procedure of the courts dealing with these subjects. —Code de procédure civi-


nian. The Code of Justinian (Code Justinianae) was a collection of imperial constitutions, compiled, by order of that emperor, by a commission of ten jurists, including Tribonian, and promulgated A. D. 529. It comprised twelve books, and was the first of the four
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Compilations of law which make up the Corpus Juris Civilis. This name is often met in a connection indicating that the entire Corpus Juris Civilis is intended, or, sometimes, the Digest.; but its use should be confined to the Code. — Code penal. The penal or criminal code of France, enacted in 1810. — Codification. The process of collecting and arranging the laws of a country or state into a code, i. e., into a complete system of positive law, scientifically ordered, and promulgated by legislative authority.

Codex. Lat. A code or collection of laws; particularly the Code of Justinian. Also a roll or volume, and a book written on paper or parchment.

— Codex Gregoriano. A collection of imperial constitutions made by Gregory, a Roman jurist of the fifth century, about the middle of the century. It contained the constitutions from Hadrian down to Constantine. MacKeld. Rom. Law, § 63. — Codex Hermogenianus. A collection of imperial constitutions made by Hermogenes, a jurist of the fifth century. It was nothing more than a supplement to the Codex Gregoriano, (supra,) containing the constitutions of Diocletian and Maximilian. MacKeld. Rom. Law, § 63.

— Codex Justinianus. A collection of imperial constitutions, made by a commission of ten persons appointed by Justinian. A. D. 528. — Codex repetitum praesidenciae. The new code of Justinian; or the new edition of the first or old code, promulgated A. D. 554, being the one now extant. MacKeld. Rom. Law, § 78. — Tayl. Civil Law, 22. — Codex Theodosianus. A code compiled by the emperor Theodosius the younger, A. D. 438, being the methodical collection, in sixteen books, of all the imperial constitutions then in force. It was the only body of civil law publicly received as authentic in the western part of Europe till the twelfth century, the use and authority of the Code of Justinian being during that interval confined to the Estat. 1 Bl. Comm. 81. — Codex vetus. The old code. The first edition of the Code of Justinian; now lost. MacKeld. Rom. Law, § 70.

Codicil. A testamentary disposition subsequent to a will, and by which the will is altered, explained, added to, or qualified, but in no way totally revoked. Lamb v. Lamb, 11 Pick. (Mass.) 376; Dunham v. Averill, 45 Conn. 70, 29 Am. Rep. 642; Green v. Lane, 45 N. C. 113; Grimball v. Patton, 70 Ala. 631; Proctor v. Clarke, 3 Redf. Sur. (N. Y.) 448.

A codicil is an addition or supplement to a will, either added to, or taken from, or alter the provisions of the will. It must be executed with the same formality as a will, and, when admitted to probate, forms a part of the will. Code Ga. 1852, § 2504.

Codicillus. In the Roman law. A codicillus; an informal and inferior kind of will, in use among the Romans.

Coemption. Mutual purchase. One of the modes in which marriage was contracted among the Romans. The man and the woman delivered to each other a small piece of money. The man asked the woman whether she would become to him a materfamilias, (mistress of his family,) to which she replied that she would. In her turn she asked the man whether he would become to her a paterfamilias, (master of a family.) On his replying in the affirmative, she delivered her piece of money and herself into his hands, and so became his wife. Adams, Rom. Ant. 501.

Co-emption. The act of purchasing the whole quantity of any commodity. Wharton.

Coercion. Compulsion; force; duress. It may be either actual, (direct or positive,) where physical force is put upon a man to compel him to do an act against his will, or implied, (legal or constructive,) where the relation of the parties is such that one is under subjection to the other, and is thereby constrained to do what his free will would refuse. State v. Darlington, 153 Ind. 1, 53 N. E. 925; Chappell v. Trent, 90 Va. 549, 19 S. E. 314; Radich v. Hutchinson, 95 U. S. 213, 24 L. Ed. 409; Peyser v. New York, 70 N. Y. 497, 26 Am. Rep. 624; State v. Boyle, 13 R. I. 538.

Co-executor. One who is a joint executor with one or more others.


Coff erer of the Queen's Household. In English law. A principal officer of the royal establishment, next under the controller, who, in the King's house and elsewhere, had a special charge and oversight of the other officers, whose wages he paid.

Cognitionis remanem nemo patitur. No one is punished for his thoughts. Dig. 48, 19, 18.


Cognati. Lat. In the civil law. Cognates; relations by the mother's side. 2 Bl. Comm. 255. Relations in the line of the mother. Hale, Com. Law, c. xi. Relations by or through females.

Cognatio. Lat. In the civil law. Cognition. Relationship, or kindred generally. Dig. 38, 10, 4, 2; Inst. 3, 6, pr. Relationship through females, as distinguished from agnatio, or relationship through males. Agnatio a patre sit, cognatio a matre. Inst. 3, 5, 4. See Agnatio.

In canon law. Consanguinity, as distinguished from affinity. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 56-58. Consanguinity, as including affinity. Id.
COGNATION. In the civil law. Signifies generally the kindred which exists between two persons who are united by ties of blood or family, or both.

COGNATUS. Lat. In the civil law. A relation by the mother's side; a cognate. A relation, or kinsman, generally.

COGNITIO. In old English law. The acknowledgment of a fine; the certificate of such acknowledgment.

In the Roman law. The judicial examination or hearing of a cause.

COGNITIONES. Ensigns and arms, or a military coat painted with arms. Mat. Par. 1250.

COGNITIONIBUS MITTENDIS. In English law. A writ to a justice of the common pleas, or other, who has power to take a fine, who, having taken the fine, defers to certify it, commanding him to certify it. Now abolished. Reg. Orig. 68.

COGNITIONIS CAUSA. In Scotch practice. A name given to a judgment or decree pronounced by a court, ascertaining the amount of a debt against the estate of a deceased landed proprietor, on cause shown, or after a due investigation. Bell.

COGNITOR. In the Roman law. An advocate or defender in a private cause; one who defended the cause of a person who was present. Calvin. Lex. Jurid.

COGNIZANCE. In old practice. That part of a fine in which the defendant acknowledged that the land in question was the right of the complainant. From this the fine itself derived its name, as being sur cognizance de droit, etc., and the parties their titles of cognizor and cognizee.

In modern practice. Judicial notice or knowledge; the judicial hearing of a cause; jurisdiction, or right to try and determine causes; acknowledgment; confession; recognition.

Of pleas. Jurisdiction of causes. A privilege granted by the king to a city or town to hold pleas within the same.

Claim of cognizance (or of cognizance) is an intervention by a third person, demanding judicature in the cause against the plaintiff, who has chosen to commence his action out of claimant's court. 2 Wils. 409; 2 Bl. Comm. 350, note.

In pleading. A species of answer in the action of replevin, by which the defendant acknowledges the taking of the goods which are the subject-matter of the action, and also that he has no title to them, but justifies the taking on the ground that it was done by the command of one who was entitled to the property.

In the process of levy of a fine, it is an acknowledgment by the deforciant that the lands in question belong to the complainant.

In the language of American jurisprudence, this word is used chiefly in the sense of jurisdiction, or the exercise of jurisdiction; the judicial examination of a matter, or power and authority to make it. Webster v. Com., 5 Cush. (Mass.) 400; Clarion County v. Hoepfiaal, 111 Pa. 338, 3 Atl. 97.

Judicial cognizance is judicial notice, or knowledge upon which a judge is bound to act without having it proved in evidence.

—Cognizee. The party to whom a fine was levied. 2 Bl. Comm. 351.—Cognizor. In old conveyancing. The party levying a fine. 2 Bl. Comm. 350, 351.

COGNOMEN. In Roman law. A man's family name. The first name (prænomen) was the proper name of the individual; the second (nomen) indicated the gens or tribe to which he belonged; while the third (cognomen) denoted his family or house.

In English law. A surname. A name added to the nomen proper, or name of the individual; a name descriptive of the family.

Cognomen majorum est ex sanguine tractatum, hoc intra seum est; agnomen extrinsecum ab eventu. 6 Coke, 65. The cognomen is derived from the blood of ancestors, and is intrinsic; an agnomen arises from an event, and is extrinsic.

COGNOVIT ACTIONEM. (He has confessed the action.) A defendant's written confession of an action brought against him, to which he has no available defense. It is usually upon condition that he shall be allowed a certain time for the payment of the debt or damages, and costs. It is supposed to be given in court, and it impliedly authorizes the plaintiff's attorney to sign judgment and issue execution. Mallory v. Kirkpatrick, 54 N. J. Eq. 50, 33 Atl. 205.

COHABITATION. Living together; living together as husband and wife.

Cohabitation means having the same habitation, not a sojourn, a habit of visiting or remaining for a time; there must be something more than mere meretricious intercourse. In re Yardley's Estate, 75 Pa. 211; Cox v. State, 117 Ala. 103, 23 South. 806, 41 La. R. A. 760, 47 Am. St. Rep. 166; Turney v. State, 60 Ark. 270, 29 S. W. 865; Com. v. Lucas, 138 Mass. 81, 32 N. E. 1035; Jones v. Com, 80 Va. 20; Brincke v. Brincke, 12 Phila. (Pa.) 234.

Coheredes una persona censeatur, propter unitatum juris quod habent. Co. Litt. 163. Co-heirs are deemed as one person, on account of the unity of right which they possess.

COHÆRES. Lat. In civil and old English law. A co-heir, or joint heir.
CO-HEIR. One of several to whom an inheritance descends.

CO-HEIRESS. A joint heirress. A woman who has an equal share of an inheritance with another woman.

COHUAGIUM. A tribute made by those who meet promiscuously in a market or fair. Du Cange.

COIFF. A title given to serjeants at law, who are called "serjeants of the coiff," from the coiff they wear on their heads. The use of this coiff at first was to cover the clerical tonsure, many of the practising serjeants being clergymen who had abandoned their profession. It was a thin linen cover, gathered together in the form of a skull or helmet; the material being afterwards changed into white silk, and the form eventually into the black patch at the top of the forensic wig, which is now the distinguishing mark of the degree of serjeant at law. (Cowell; Foss, Judg.; 3 Steph. Comm. 272, note.) Brown.

COIN, n. To fashion pieces of metal into, a prescribed shape, weight, and degree of fineness, and stamp them with prescribed devices, by authority of government, in order that they may circulate as money. Legal Tender Cases, 12 Wall. 484, 20 L. Ed. 237; Thayer v. Hedges, 22 Ind. 301; Bank v. Van Dyck, 27 N. Y. 490; Borie v. Trott, 5 Phila. (Pa.) 403; Latham v. U. S., 1 Ct. Cl. 154; Hague v. Powers, 39 Barb. (N. Y.) 468.

COIN, n. Pieces of gold, silver, or other metal, fashioned into a prescribed shape, weight, and degree of fineness, and stamped, by authority of government, with certain marks and devices, and put into circulation as money at a fixed value. Com. v. Galagher, 16 Gray (Mass.) 240; Latham v. U. S., 1 Ct. Cl. 150; Borie v. Trott, 5 Phila. (Pa.) 403.

Strictly speaking, coin differs from money, as the species differs from the genus. Money is any matter, whether metal, paper, beads, shells, etc., which has currency as a medium in commerce. Coin is a particular species, always made of metal, and struck according to a certain process called "coinage." Wharton.

COINAGE. The process or the function of coining metallic money; also the great mass of metallic money in circulation. Meyer v. Roosevelt, 22 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 105; U. S. v. Otey (C. C.) 81 Fed. 70.

COITUS. In medical jurisprudence; sexual intercourse; carnal copulation.

COJUDGES, Lat. In old English law. Associate judges having equality of power with others.

COLD WATER ORDEAL. The trial which was ancienly used for the common sort of people, who, having a cord tied about them under their arms, were cast into a river; if they sank to the bottom until they were drawn up, which was in a very short time, then were they held guiltless; but such as did remain upon the water were held culpable, being, as they said, of the water rejected and kept up. Wharton.

COLLIERTUS. In feudal law. One who, holding in free socage, was obliged to do certain services for the lord. A middle class of tenants between servile and free, who held their freedom of tenure on condition of performing certain services. Said to be the same as the conditionales. Cowell.

COLLATERAL. By the side; at the side; attached upon the side. Not linear, but upon a parallel or diverging line. Additional or auxiliary; supplementary; co-operating.

Collateral act. In old practice. The name "collateral act" was given to any act (except the paying of interest on money) for the production of which a bond, recognizance, etc., was given as security.—Collateral ancestors. A phrase sometimes used to designate uncles and aunts, and other collateral ancestors, who are not strictly ancestors. Banks v. Walker, 3 Barb. Ch. (N. Y.) 434, 446.—Collateral assurance. That which is made over and above the principal assurance or deed itself.—Collateral attack. See "Collateral impeachment," infra.—Collateral facts. Such as are outside the controversy and are not directly connected with the principal matter or issue in dispute. Summour v. Felker, 102 Ga. 254, 29 S. E. 448; Garner v. State, 73 Miss. 513, 23 South. 352.—Collateral impeachment. A collateral impeachment of a judgment or decree is an attempt made to destroy or debase its effect as an estoppel, by reopening the merits of the cause or by showing reasons why the judgment should not have been rendered or should not have a conclusive effect, but not from one another.—Collateral inheritance tax. A tax levied upon the collateral devolution of property by will or under the intestate law. In re Bittin- ger Estate, 129 Pa. 338, 18 Atl. 132; Strode v. Com., 52 Pa. 181.—Collateral kinshen. Those who descend from one and the same common ancestor, but not from one another.—Collateral security. A security given in addition to the direct security, and subordinate to it, intended to guaranty its validity or convertibility or insure its performance; so that, if the direct security fails, the creditor may fall back upon the collateral security. Butler v. Rockwell, 14 Colo. 125, 23 Pac. 462; Com- mick v. Bank (C. C.) 57 Fed. 110; Munu v. McDonald, 10 Watts (Pa.) 278; In re Wad- del-Erks Co., 67 Conn. 324, 33 Atl. 257. Collateral security, in bank phraseology, means some security additional to the personal obligations of the borrower. Shoemaker v. Bank, 2 Abb. (5th) 423, Fed. Cas. No. 12380.—Collateral undertaking. "Collateral" and "original" have become the technical terms whereby
to distinguish promises that are within, and such as are not within, the statute of frauds. Elder v. Wardell, 7 Har. & J. (Md.) 391.


COLLATERALIS ET SOCI. The ancient title of masters in chancery.

COLLATIO BONORUM. Lat. A joining together or contribution of goods into a common fund. This occurs where a portion of money, advanced by the father to a son or daughter, is brought into hotchpot, in order to have an equal distributory share of his personal estate at his death. See COLLATION.

COLLATIO SIGNORUM. In old English law. A comparison of marks or seals. A mode of testing the genuineness of a seal, by comparing it with another known to be genuine. Adams. See Bract. fol. 389b.

COLLATION. In the civil law. The collation of goods is the supposed or real return to the mass of the succession which an heir makes of property which he received in advance of his share or otherwise, in order that such property may be divided together with the other effects of the succession. Civ. Code La. art. 1227; Miller v. Miller, 106 La. 257, 29 South. 802.

The term is sometimes used also in common-law jurisdictions in the sense given above. It is synonymous with “hotchpot.” Moore v. Freeman, 50 Ohio St. 592, 55 N. E. 502.

In practice. The comparison of a copy with its original to ascertain its correctness; or the report of the officer who made the comparison.

COLLATION OF SEALS. When upon the same label one seal was set on the back or reverse of the other. Wharton.

COLLATION TO A BENEFICE. In ecclesiastical law. This occurs where the bishop and patron are one and the same person, in which case the bishop cannot present the clergyman to himself, but does, by the one act of collation or conferring the benefice, the whole that is done in common cases both by presentation and institution. 2 Bl. Comm. 22.

COLLATIONE FACTÀ UNI POST MORTEM ALTERIUS. A writ directed to justiciary of commons pleas, commanding them to issue their writ to the bishop, for the admission of a clerk in the place of another presented by the crown, where there had been a demise of the crown during a suit; for judgment once passed for the king’s clerk, and he dying before admittance, the king may bestow his presentation on another. Reg. Orig. 31.

COLLATIONES HEREDITAGIN. In old English law. A writ whereby the king conferred the keeping of an hermitage upon a clerk. Reg. Orig. 303, 308.

COLLECT. To gather together; to bring scattered things (assets, accounts, articles of property) into one mass or fund.

To collect a debt or claim is to obtain payment or liquidation of it, either by personal solicitation or legal proceedings. White v. Case, 13 Wend. (N. Y.) 544; Ryan v. Tudor, 31 Kan. 366, 2 Pac. 797; Purdy v. Independence, 75 Iowa, 356, 39 N. W. 641; McInerney v. Reed, 23 Iowa, 414; Taylor v. Kearney County, 35 Neb. 851, 33 N. W. 211.

—Collect on delivery. See C. O. D.—Collector. One authorized to receive taxes or other impositions; an ac]lector of taxes. A person appointed by a private person to collect the credits due him.—Collector of decedent’s estate. A person temporarily appointed by the probate court to collect rents, assets, interest, bills receivable, etc., of a decedent’s estate, and act for the estate in all financial matters requiring immediate settlement. Such collector is usually appointed when there is protracted litigation as to the probate of the will, or as to the person to take out administration, and his duties cease as soon as an executor or administrator is qualified.—Collector of the customs. An officer of the United States, appointed for a term of four years. Act May 13, 1820, § 1, 3 Story U. S. Laws, 1790.—Collection. Indorsement “for collection.” See FOR COLLECTION.

COLLEGA. In the civil law. One invested with joint authority. A colleague; an associate.

COLLEGARITUS. Lat. In the civil law. A co-legatee. Inst. 2, 20, 8.

COLLEGATORY. A co-legatee; a person who has a legacy left to him in common with other persons.

COLLEGE. An organized assembly or collection of persons, established by law, and empowered to co-operate for the performance of some special function or for the promotion of some common object, which may be educational, political, ecclesiastical, or scientific in its character.

The assembling of the cardinals at Rome is called a “college.” So, in the United States, the body of presidential electors is called the “electoral college.”

In the most common use of the word, it designates an institution of learning (usually incorporated) which offers instruction in the liberal arts and humanities and in scientific branches, but not in the technical arts or those studies preparatory to admission to the professions. Com. v. Banks, 296 Pa. 397, 48 Atl. 277; Cheguray v. New York, 13 N. Y. 229; Northampton County v. Lafayette College, 128 Pa. 132, 18 Atl. 516.

In England, it is a civil corporation, com-
pany or society of men, having certain privileges, and endowed with certain revenues, founded by royal license. An assemblage of several of these colleges is called a "university."—Wharton.

COLLEGIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A word having various meanings; e. g., an assembly, society, or company; a body of bishops; an army; a class of men. But the principal idea of the word was that of an association of individuals of the same rank and station, or united for the pursuit of some business or enterprise. Sometimes, a corporation, as in the maxim "tres faciant collegium" (1 Bl. Comm. 460), though the more usual and proper designation of a corporation was "universitas."

—Collegium amasiriatatis. The college or society of the admiralty—Collegium illisium. One which abused its right, or assembled for any other purpose than that expressed in its charter.—Collegium Batrum. An assemblage or society of men united for some useful purpose or business, with power to act like a single person. 2 Kent, Comm. 269.

Collegium est societas plurium corporum simul habitantium. Jenk. Cent. 229. A college is a society of several persons dwelling together.

COLLIERY. This term is sufficiently wide to include all contiguous and connected veins and seams of coal which are worked as one concern, without regard to the closeness or pieces of ground under which they are carried, and apparently also the engines and machinery in such contiguous and connected veins. MacSwln. Mines, 25. See Carey v. Bright, 58 Pa. 85.

COLLIGENDUM BONA DEFUNCTI. See AD COLLIGENDUM, etc.

COLLISION. In maritime law. The act of ships or vessels striking together.

In its strict sense, collision means the impact of two vessels both moving, and is distinguished from allision, which designates the striking of a moving vessel against one that is stationary. But collision is used in a broad sense, to include allision, and perhaps other species of encounters between vessels. Wright v. Brown, 4 Ind. 97, 58 Am. Dec. 622; London Assur. Co. v. Companhia De Moagens, 68 Fed. 258, 15 C. C. A. 370; Towing Co. v. Ettna Ins. Co., 23 App. Div. 152, 45 N. Y. Supp. 327.

The term is not inapplicable to cases where a stationary vessel is struck by one under way, strictly termed "allision;" or where one vessel is brought into contact with another by swinging at anchor. And even an injury received by a vessel at her moorings, in consequence of being violently rubbed or pressed against by a second vessel lying along-side of her, in consequence of a collision against such second vessel by a third one under way, may be compensated for under the general head of "collision," as well as an injury which is the direct result of a "blow," properly so called. The Moxey, Abb. Adm. 73, Fed. Cas. No. 9,894.

COLLISTRIGIUM. The plillery.

COLLITIGANT. One who litigates with another.

COLLOBIUM. A hood or covering for the shoulders, formerly worn by serjeants at law.

COLLOCATION. In French law. The arrangement or marshaling of the creditors of an estate in the order in which they are to be paid according to law. Merl. Repert.

COLLOQUIUM. One of the usual parts of the declaration in an action for slander. It is a general averment that the words complained of were spoken "of and concerning the plaintiff," or concerning the extrinsic matters alleged in the inducement, and its office is to connect the whole publication with the previous statement. Van Vechten v. Hopkins, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 220, 4 Am. Dec. 339; Lukehart v. Byerly, 53 Pa. 421; Squires v. State, 39 Tex. Cr. R. 96, 45 S. W. 147, 73 Am. St. Rep. 904; Vanderlip v. Roe, 23 Pa. 82; McClaughry v. Wetmore, 6 Johns. (N. Y.) 82, 5 Am. Dec. 164.

An averment that the words in question are spoken of or concerning some usage, report, or fact which gives to words otherwise indifferent the peculiar defamatory meaning assigned to them. Carter v. Andrews, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 6.

COLLUSION. A deceitful agreement or compact between two or more persons, for the one party to bring an action against the other for some evil purpose, as to defraud a third party of his right. Cowell.

A secret arrangement between two or more persons, whose interests are apparently conflicting, to make use of the forms and proceedings of law in order to defraud a third person, or to obtain that which justice would not give them, by deceiving a court or its officers. Baldwin v. New York, 45 Barb. (N. Y.) 530; Belt v. Blackburn, 28 Md. 225; Railroad Co. v. Gay, 86 Tex. 571, 28 S. W. 509, 25 L. R. A. 52; Balch v. Beach, 110 Wis. 77, 95 N. W. 132.

In divorce proceedings, collusion is an agreement between husband and wife that
one of them shall commit, or appear to have committed, or be represented in court as having committed, acts constituting a cause of divorce, for the purpose of enabling the other to obtain a divorce. Civil Code Cal. § 114. But it also means connivance or conspiracy in initiating or prosecuting the suit, as where there is a compact for mutual aid in carrying it through to a decree. Beard v. Beard, 65 Cal. 354, 4 Pac. 229; Pohlman v. Pohlman, 60 N. J. Eq. 28, 48 Atl. 658; Drytou v. Drytou, 54 N. J. Eq. 238, 38 Atl. 25.

COLLYBISTA. In the civil law. A money-changer; a dealer in money.

COLLYBUM. In the civil law. Exchange.

COLNE. In Saxon and old English law. An account or calculation.

COLONY. A dependent political community, consisting of a number of citizens of the same country who have emigrated therefrom to people another, and remain subject to the mother-country. U. S. v. The Nancy, 3 Wash. C. C. 287, Fed. Cas. No. 15,554.

A settlement in a foreign country possessed and cultivated, either wholly or partially, by immigrants and their descendants, who have a political connection with and subordination to the mother-country, whence they emigrated. In other words, it is a place peopled from some more ancient city or country. Wharton.

-Colonial laws. In America, this term designates the body of law in force in the thirteen original colonies before the Declaration of Independence. In England, the term signifies the laws enacted by Canada and the other present British colonies.—Colonial office. In the English government, this is the department of state through which the sovereign appoints colonial governors, etc., and communicates with them. Until the year 1864, the secretary for the colonies was also secretary for war.

COLONUS. In old European, law. A husbandman; an inferior tenant employed in cultivating the lord's land. A term of Roman origin, corresponding with the Saxon coerl. 1 Spence, Ch. 51.

COLOR. An appearance, semblance, or simulacrum, as distinguished from that which is real. A prima facie or apparent right. Hence, a deceptive appearance; a plausible, assumed exterior, concealing a lack of reality; a disguise or pretext. Railroad Co. v. Allfree, 64 Iowa, 500, 20 N. W. 779; Berks County v. Railroad Co., 167 Pa. 102, 31 Atl. 474; Broughton v. Haywood, 61 N. C. 353.

In pleading. Ground of action admitted to subsist in the opposite party by the pleading of one of the parties to an action, which is so set out as to be apparently valid, but which is in reality legally insufficient. This was a term of the ancient rhetoric, and early adopted into the language of pleading. It was an apparent or prima facie right; and the meaning of the rule that pleadings in confession and avoidance should give color was that they should confess the matter adversely alleged, to such an extent, at least, as to admit some apparent right in the opposite party, which required to be encountered and avoided by the allegation of new matter. Color was either express, i. e., inserted in the pleading, or implied, which was naturally inherent in the structure of the pleading. Steph. Pl. 233; Merten v. Bank, 5 Okl. 585, 49 Pac. 913.

The word also means the dark color of the skin showing the presence of negro blood; and hence it is equivalent to African descent or parentage.

COLOR OF AUTHORITY. That semblance or presumption of authority sustaining the acts of a public officer which is derived from his apparent title to the office or from a writ or other process in his hands apparently valid and regular. State v. Oates, 86 Wis. 634, 57 N. W. 296, 39 Am. St. Rep. 912; Wyatt v. Monroe, 27 Tex. 268.


COLOR OF OFFICE. An act unjustly done by the countenance of an office, being grounded upon corruption, to which the office is as a shadow and color. Plow. 64.


The phrase implies, we think, some official power vested in the actor,—he must be at least officer de facto. We do not understand that an act of a mere pretender to an office, or false impersonator of an officer, is said to be done by color of office. And it implies an illegal claim of authority, by virtue of the office, to do the act or thing in question. Buell v. Ackr., 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 606, 35 Am. Dec. 582.

COLOR OF TITLE. The appearance, semblance, or simulacrum of title. Any fact, extraneous to the act or mere will of the claimant, which has the appearance, on its face, of supporting his claim of a present title to land, but which, for some defect, in reality fails short of establishing it. Wright v. Mattison, 18 How. 56. 15 L. Ed. 280; Cameron v. U. S., 148 U. S. 301, 13 Sup. Ct.
COLOR OF TITLE

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696, 37 L. Ed. 450; Saltmarsh v. Crommelon, 24 Ala. 352.

"Color of title is anything in writing purporting to convey title to the land, which defines the extent of the claim, it being immaterial how defective or imperfect the writing may be, so that it is a sign, semblance, or color of title." Veal v. Robinson, 70 Ga. 806.

Color of title is that which the law considers prima facie a good title, but which, by reason of some defect not appearing on its face, does not in fact amount to title. An absolute nullity, as a void deed, judgment, etc., will not constitute color of title. Bernal v. Gleim, 33 Cal. 498.

"Any instrument having a grantor and grantee, and containing a description of the lands intended to be conveyed, and apt words for their conveyance, gives color of title to the lands described. Such an instrument purports to be a conveyance of the title, and because it does not, for some reason, have that effect, it passes only color or the semblance of a title." Brooks v. Bruya, 35 Ill. 302.

It is not synonymous with "claim of title." To the former, a paper title is requisite; but the latter may exist wholly in parol. Hamilton v. Wright, 39 Iowa, 480.

COLORABLE. That which has or gives color. That which is in appearance only, and not in reality, what it purports to be.

COLORABLE alteration. One which makes no real or substantial change, but is introduced only as a subterfuge or means of evading the patent or copyright law. Colorable imitation. In the law of trade-marks, this phrase denotes such a close or ingenious imitation as to be calculated to deceive ordinary persons.

COLORABLE pleading. The practice of giving color in pleading.

COLORE OFFICII. Lat. By color of office.

COLORED. By common usage in America, this term, in such phrases as "colored persons," "the colored race," "colored men," and the like, is used to designate negroes or persons of African race, including all persons of mixed blood descended from negro ancestry. Van Camp v. Board of Education, 9 Ohio St. 411; U. S. v. La Coste, 26 Fed. Cas. 829; Jones v. Com., 80 Va. 542; Heim v. Bridault, 37 Miss. 222; State v. Chavers, 50 N. C. 15; Johnson v. Norwich, 29 Conn. 407.

COLPICES. Young poles, which, being cut down, are made levers orlifters. Blount.

COLPINCH. In old Scotch law. A young beast or cow, of the age of one or two years; in later times called "cowdash."

COLT. An animal of the horse species, whether male or female, not more than four years old. Mallory v. Berry, 16 Kan. 295; Pulvin v. State, 11 Tex. App. 91.

COM. An abbreviation for "company," exactly equivalent to "Co." Keith v. Sturges, 51 Ill. 142.

COMBARONES. In old English law. Fellow-barons; fellow-citizens. The citizens or freemen of the Cluche Ports being anciently called "barons;" the term "combarones" is used in this sense in a grant of Henry III. to the barons of the port of Fowreham. Cowell.

COMBAT. A forcible encounter between two or more persons; a battle; a duel. Trial by battle.

Mutual combat is one into which both the parties enter voluntarily; it implies a common intent to fight but not necessarily an exchange of blows. State v. Bunting, 30 Miss. 220; Tate v. State, 46 Ga. 158.

COMBATERE. A valley or piece of low ground between two hills. Kennett, Gloss.

COMBE. A small or narrow valley.

COMBINATION. A conspiracy, or confederation of men for unlawful or violent deeds.


Combination in restraint of trade. A trust, pool, or other association of two or more individuals or corporations having for its object to monopolize the manufacture or traffic in a particular commodity, to regulate or control the output, restrict the sale, establish and maintain the price, stifle or exclude competition, or otherwise to interfere with the normal course of trade under conditions of free competition. Northern Securities Co. v. U. S., 193 U. S. 197, 24 Sup. Ct. 436, 48 L. Ed. 679; U. S. v. Knight Co., 156 U. S. 1, 15 Sup. Ct. 249, 59 L. Ed. 325; Texas Brick Co. v. Templeman, 90 Tex. 271, 88 S. W. 21; U. S. v. Patterson (C. C.) 56 Fed. 603; State v. Continental Tobacco Co., 177 Mo. 1, 75 S. W. 737.

COMBUSTIO. Burning. In old English law. The punishment inflicted upon apostates.

Combustio domorum. Houseburning; arson. 4 Bl. Comm. 272—Combustio pecuniae. Burning of money; the ancient method of testing mixed and corrupted money, paid into the exchequer, by melting it down.

COME. To present oneself; to appear in court. In modern practice, though such presence may be constructive only, the word is still used to indicate participation in the proceedings. Thus, a pleading may begin, "Now comes the defendant," etc. In case of a default, the technical language of the record is that the party "comes not, but makes default." Horner v. O'Laughlin, 29 Md. 472.

COMES, n. A word used in a pleading to indicate the defendant's presence in court. See Comx.

COMES, n. Lat. A follower or attendant; a count or earl.
COMES AND DEFENDS. This phrase, formerly used in the language of pleading, and still surviving in some jurisdictions, occurs at the commencement of a defendant's plea or demurrer; and of its two verbs the former signifies that he appears in court, the latter that he defends the action.

COMINUS. Lat. Immediately; hand-to-hand; in personal contact.

COMITAS. Lat. County, courtesy, civility. Comitas inter communitates; or comitas inter gentes; comity between communities or nations; comity of nations. 2 Kent, Comm. 457.

COMITATU COMMISSO. A writ or commission, whereby a sheriff is authorized to enter upon the charges of a county. Reg. Orig. 285.

COMITATU ET CASTRO COMMISSO. A writ by which the charge of a county, together with the keeping of a castle, is committed to the sheriff.

COMITATUS. In old English law, a county or shire; the body of a county. The territorial jurisdiction of a comes, i.e., count or earl. The county court, a court of great antiquity and of great dignity in early times. Also, the retinue or train of a prince or high governmental official.

COMITES. Counts or earls. Attendants or followers. Persons composing the retinue of a high functionary. Persons who are attached to the suite of a public minister.

COMITES PALEYS. Counts or earls paleatin; those who had the government of a county paleatin.

COMITIA. In Roman law. An assembly, either (1) of the Roman curia, in which case it was called the “comitia curiata vel calata”; or (2) of the Roman centuries, in which case it was called the “comitia centuriata”; or (3) of the Roman tribes, in which case it was called the “comitia tributa.” Only patricians were members of the first comitia, and only plebeians of the last; but the comitia centuriata comprised the entire populace, patricians and plebeians both, and was the great legislative assembly passing the leges, properly so called, as the senate passed the senatus consultum, and the comitia tributa passed the plebiscita. Under the Lex Hortensia, 257 B.C., the plebiscitum acquired the force of a lex. Brown.

COMITISSA. In old English law, a countess; an earl’s wife.

COMITIVA. In old English law. The dignity and office of a comes, (count or earl;) the same with what was afterwards called “comitatus.” Also a companion or fellow-traveler; a troop or company of robbers. Jacob.

COMITY. Courtesy; complaisance; respect; a willingness to grant a privilege, not as a matter of right, but out of deference and good will.

—Comity of nations. The most appropriate phrase to express the true foundation and extent of the obligation of the laws of one nation within the territories of another. It is derived altogether from the voluntary consent of the latter, and it is inadmissible when it is contrary to its known policy, or prejudicial to its interests. In the silence of any positive rule affirming or denying or restraining the operation of foreign laws, courts of justice presume the tacit adoption of them by their own government, unless repugnant to its policy, or prejudicial to its interests. It is not the comity of the courts, but the comity of the nation, which is administered and ascertained in the same way, and guided by the same reasoning, by which all other principles of the municipal law are ascertained and guided. Story, Confl. Laws, § 38. The comity of nations (comitias gentium) is that body of rules which states observe towards one another from courtesy or mutual convenience, although they do not form part of international law. Holtz, Enc. Nat. 85; Webster, Law of Nations, 189; 16 Sup. Ct. 130; 40 U. S. 208; Fisher v. Fielding, 67 Conn. 91, 34 Atl. 714, 32 L. R. A. 236, 52 Am. St. Rep. 276; People v. Martin, 173 N. Y. 515, 67 N. E. 683, 96 Am. St. Rep. 628—Judicial comity. The principle in accordance with which the courts of one state or jurisdiction will give effect to the laws and judicial decisions of another, not as a matter of obligation, but out of deference and respect. Franzen v. Zimmer, 90 Hun. 105, 35 N. Y. Sup. 278; Stowe v. Gale, 92 Fed. 96; Mast v. Mfg. Co., 177 U. S. 485, 20 Sup. Ct. 708, 44 L. Ed. 806; Conklin v. Shipbuilding Co. (C. C.) 123 Fed. 316.


COMMANDEMENT. In French law. A writ served by the hutesir pursuant to a judgment or to an executory notarial deed. Its object is to give notice to the debtor that if he does not pay the sum to which he has been condemned by the judgment, or which he engaged to pay by the notarial deed, his property will be seized and sold. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 550.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. By article 2, § 2, of the constitution it is declared that the president shall be commander in chief of the army and navy of the United States. The term implies supreme control of military operations during the progress of a war, not only on the wider strategy and tactics, but also in reference to the political and international aspects of the war. See Fleming v. Page, 9 How. 603, 13 L. Ed. 276; Prize Cases, 2 Black, 635, 17 L. Ed. 459; Swalm v. U. S., 28 Ct. Cl. 178.

COMMANDERY. In old English law. A manor or chief messuage with lands and tenements thereto appertaining, which belonged to the priory of St. John of Jerusalem, in England; he who had the government of such a manor or house was styled the “com-
mander," who could not dispose of it, but to the use of the priory, only taking thence his own sustenance, according to his degree. The mansions and lands belonging to the priory of St. John of Jerusalem were given to Henry the Eighth by 32 Hen. VIII. c. 20, about the time of the dissolution of abbeys and monasteries; so that the name only of commanderies remains, the power being long since extinct. Wharton.

COMPANIES. Special partners; partners en commandité. See Commandité.

COMMANDITÉ. In French law. A special or limited partnership, where the contract is between one or more persons who are general partners, and jointly and severally responsible, and one or more other persons who merely furnish a particular fund or capital stock, and thence are called "commanditaires," or "commanditaires," or "partners en commandité;" the business being carried on under the social name or firm of the general partners only, composed of the names of the general or complementary partners, the partners in commandité being liable to losses only to the extent of the funds or capital furnished by them. Story, Partn. § 78; 3 Kent, Comm. 34.

COMMANDMENT. In practice. An authoritative order of a judge or magisterial officer.

In criminal law. The act or offense of one who commands another to transgress the law, or do anything contrary to law, as theft, murder, or the like. Particularly applied to the act of an accessory before the fact, in inciting, procuring, setting on, or stirring up another to do the fact or act. 2 Inst. 182.

COMMARCHIO. A boundary; the confines of land.

COMMENCE. To commence a suit is to demand something by the institution of process in a court of justice. Cohens v. Virginia, 6 Wheat. 408, 5 L. Ed. 257. To "bring" a suit is an equivalent term; an action is "commenced" when it is "brought," and vice versa. Goldenberg v. Murphy, 108 U. S. 162, 2 Sup. Ct. 388, 27 L. Ed. 693.

COMMODA. In French law. The delivery of a benefice to one who cannot hold the legal title, to keep and manage it for a time limited and render an account of the proceeds. Guyot, Rép. Univ.

In mercantile law. An association in which the management of the property was intrusted to individuals. Troub. Lim. Partn. c. 3, § 27.

Commenda est faculta recepienti et retinendi beneficium contra jus positivum à suprema potestate. Moore, 905. A commenda is the power of receiving and retaining a benefice contrary to positive law, by supreme authority.

COMMENDAM. In ecclesiastical law. The appointment of a suitable clerk to hold a void or vacant benefice or church living until a regular pastor be appointed. Hob. 144; Latch, 236.

In commercial law. The limited partnership (or Société en commandité) of the French law has been introduced into the Code of Louisiana under the title of "Partnership in Commandam." Civil Code La. art. 2810.

COMMENDATIO. In the civil law. Commendation, prayer, or recommendation, as in the maxim "simplicem commendatio non obligat," meaning that mere recommendation or prayer of an article by the seller of it does not amount to a warranty of its qualities. 2 Kent, Comm. 485.

COMMENDATION. In feudal law. This was the act by which an owner of alienated land placed himself and his land under the protection of a lord, so as to constitute himself his vassal or feudal tenant.

COMMENDATORS. Secular persons upon whom ecclesiastical benefices were bestowed in Scotland; called so because the benefices were commended and intrusted to their supervision.

COMMENDATORY. He who holds a church living or prebend in commendam.

COMMENDATORY LETTERS. In ecclesiastical law. Such as are written by one bishop to another on behalf of any of the clergy, or others of his diocese traveling thither, that they may be received among the faithful, or that the clerk may be promoted, or necessaries administered to others, etc. Wharton.

COMMENDATUS. In feudal law. One who intrusts himself to the protection of another. Spelman. A person who, by voluntary homage, put himself under the protection of a superior lord. Cowell.

COMMERCE. Intercourse by way of trade and traffic between different peoples or states and the citizens or inhabitants thereof, including not only the purchase, sale, and exchange of commodities, but also the instrumentalities and agencies by which it is promoted and the means and appliances by which it is carried on, and the transportation of persons as well as of goods, both by land and by sea. Brennan v. Titusville, 183 U. S. 229, 14 Sup. Ct. 829, 38 L. Ed. 719; Railroad Co. v. Fuller, 17 Wall. 568, 21 L. Ed. 710; Winder v. Caldwell, 14 How. 444, 14 L. Ed. 487; Cooley v. Board of Wardens.
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Commerce is a term of the largest import. It includes all intercourse for the purpose of trade in any and all its forms, including the transportation, purchase, sale, and exchange of commodities between the citizens of one country and the citizens or subjects of other countries, and between the citizens of different states. The power to regulate it embraces all the instruments by which such trade may be conducted. Welton v. Missouri, 91 U. S. 275, 23 L. Ed. 347.

The words "commerce" and "trade" are synonymous, but not identical. They are often used interchangeably; but, strictly speaking, commerce relates to intercourse or dealings with foreign nations, states, or political communities, while trade denotes business intercourse or mutual traffic within the limits of a state or nation, or the buying, selling, and exchanging of articles between members of the same community. See Hooker v. Vandewater, 4 Denio (N. Y.) 320, 47 Am. Dec. 236; Jacob; Wharton.

—Commerce with foreign nations. Commerce with the inhabitants of the United States and citizens or subjects of foreign governments; commerce which, either immediately or at some stage of its progress, is extraterritorial. U. S. v. Holliday, 3 Wall. 406, 18 L. Ed. 182; Veszly v. Moor, 14 How. 573, 14 L. Ed. 545; Lord v. Steamship Co., 102 U. S. 564, 26 L. Ed. 224. The same as "foreign commerce," which see infra.—Commerce with Indian tribes. Commerce with individuals belonging to such tribes, in the nature of buying, selling, and exchanging commodities, without reference to the locality where carried on, though it be within the limits of a state. U. S. v. Holiday, 3 Wall. 407, 18 L. Ed. 182; U. S. v. Cisna, 25 Fed. Cas. 424.—Domestic commerce. Commerce carried on wholly within the limits of the United States, as distinguished from foreign commerce. Also, commerce carried on within the limits of a single state, as distinguished from inter.state commerce. U. S. v. Leali, 13 & N. R. Co. v. Tennessee R. R. Com'n (C. C.) 19 Fed. 701.—Foreign commerce. Commerce or trade between the United States and foreign countries. Com. v. Maustonic R. Co., 143 Mass. 204, 9 N. E. 547; Foster v. New Orleans, 94 U. S. 246, 24 L. Ed. 122. The term is sometimes applied to commerce between ports of two sister states not lying on the same coast, e. g., New York and San Francisco.—Internal commerce. Such as is carried on between individuals within the same state, or between different parts of the same state. Lehigh Valley R. Co. v. Pennsylvania, 145 U. S. 192, 12 Sup. Ct. 565, 36 L. Ed. 231; Stearns v. Virginia, 145 U. S. 713. Now more commonly called "intrastate" commerce.—International commerce. Commerce between states or nations entirely foreign to each other. Louisiana & N. R. Co. v. Tennessee R. R. Com'n (C. C.) 19 Fed. 701.—Interstate commerce. Such as is carried on by a merchant who resides in different states of the Union or between points lying in different states. See Interstate Commerce.—Intrastate commerce. Such as is begun, carried on, and completed wholly within the limits of a single state. Contrasted with "interstate commerce," (q. v.)

COMMERCIA L BELL. War contracts. Compacts entered into by belligerent nations to secure a temporary and limited peace. 1 Kent, Comm. 159. Contracts between nations at war, or their subjects.


—Commercial agency. The same as a "mercantile" agency. In re United States Mercantile Reporting, etc., Co., 52 HUD, 611, 4 N. Y. Sup. 916. See MERCANTILE.—Commercial agent. An officer in the consular service of the United States, of rank inferior to a consul. Also used as equivalent to "commercial broker," see infra.—Commercial broker. One who negotiates the sale of merchandise without having the possession or control of it, being distinguished in the latter particular from a commission merchant. Adkins v. Richmond, 98 Va. 91, 34 L. Ed. 967, 47 L. R. A. 583, 81 Am. St. Rep. 705; In re Wilson, 19 D. C. 349, 12 L. R. A. 624; Henderson v. Com., 78 Va. 459. —Commercial certificating. The term engaged in commerce in the broadest sense of that term; hence including a railroad company. Swope v. Broad Road Co., 225 U. S. 390, 583.—Commercial domicile. See Domicile.—Commercial insurance. See INSURANCE.—Commercial law is that part of substantive law which deals with a code of principles to designate the rights and obligations between the parties engaged in commerce, and the relations between the parties engaged in commerce, and the merchants or mercantile pursuits. It is not a body of scientific or accurate term. As foreign commerce is carried on by means of shipping, the term has come to be used occasionally as synonymous with "maritime law"; but, in strictness, the phrase "commercial law" is wider, and includes many transactions or legal questions which have nothing to do with shipping or its incidents. Watson v. Tarpley, 15 How. 521, 15 L. Ed. 509; Williams v. Gold Hill Min. Co. (C. C.) 96 Fed. 492; Com. v. French, 96 Fed. 492. In French law. A trade-mark is specially or purely the mark of the manufacturer or producer of the article, while a "commercial" mark is that of the dealer or merchant who supplies the product to consumers or the trade. La Republique Francaise v. Schultz (C. C.) 57 Fed. 41. —Commercial paper "commercial paper" means bills of exchange, promissory notes, bank-checks, and other negotiable instruments for the payment of money, which, by the laws of a state, are declared to be such instruments as are, by the law merchant, recognized as falling under the designation of "commercial instruments." See Mut. Assur. Soc. v. Ben. 35, 12 Fed. Cas.
12. Commercial paper means negotiable paper given in due course of business, whether the element of negotiability be given it by the law-merchant or by statute. A note given by a merchant for money lent is within the meaning. In re Sykes, 5 Biss. 113, Fed. Cas. No. 13,706.—Commercial traveler. Where an agent simply exhibits samples of goods kept for sale by his principal, and takes orders from purchasers for such goods, which goods are afterwards to be delivered by the principal to the purchasers, and payment for the goods is to be made by the purchasers to the principal on such delivery, such agent is generally called a "drummer" or "commercial traveler." Kansas City v. Collins, 34 Kan. 434, 8 Pac. 865; Olney v. Todd, 47 Ill. App. 440; Ex parte Taylor, 58 Miss. 451. 38 Am. Rep. 336; State v. Miller, 36 N. C. 511, 83 Am. Rep. 469.

COMMERCIIUM. Lat. In the civil law. Commerce; business; trade; dealings in the nature of purchase and sale; a contract.

Commercialium jure gentium commune esse debet, et non in monopolium et privatum panarium quantum conversionemquis. 3 Inst. 181. Commerce, by the law of nations, ought to be common, and not converted to monopoly and the private gain of a few.

COMMINALITY. The commonalty or the people.

COMMUNITORIUM. In old practice. A clause sometimes added at the end of writs, admonishing the sheriff to be faithful in executing them. Bract. fol. 398.

COMMISE. In old French law. Forfeiture; the forfeiture of a [eaf]; the penalty attached to the ingratitude of a vassal. Guyot, Inst. Feod. c. 12.

COMMISSAIRE. In French law. A person who receives from a meeting of shareholders a special authority, viz., that of checking and examining the accounts of a manager or of valuing the apports en nature, (q. v.) The name is also applied to a judge who receives from a court a special mission, e. g., to institute an inquiry, or to examine certain books, or to supervise the operations of a bankruptcy. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 551.

COMMISSAIRES - PRISEURS. In French law. Auctioneers, who possess the exclusive right of selling personal property at public sale in the towns in which they are established; and they possess the same right concurrently with notaries, greffiers, and auteurs, in the rest of the arrondissements. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 551.

COMMISSARIAT. The whole body of officers who make up the commissaries' department of an army.

COMMISSARY. In ecclesiastical law. One who is sent or delegated to execute some office or duty as the representative of his superior; an officer of the bishop, who exercises spiritual jurisdiction in distant parts of the diocese.

In military law. An officer whose principal duties are to supply an army with provisions and stores.

COMMISSARY COURT. A Scotch ecclesiastical court of general jurisdiction, held before four commissioners, members of the Faculty of Advocates, appointed by the crown.

COMMISSION. A warrant or authority or letters patent, issuing from the government, or one of its departments, or a court, empowering a person or persons named to do certain acts, or to exercise jurisdiction, or to perform the duties and exercise the authority of an office, (as in the case of an officer in the army or navy.) Bledsoe v. Colgan, 138 Cal. 54, 70 Pac. 624; U. S. v. Planter, 27 Fed. Cas. 359; Dow v. Judges, 8 Hen. & M. (Va.) 1, 3 Am. Dec. 639; Scottell v. Lounsberry, 8 Conn. 109.

Also, in private affairs, it signifies the authority or instructions under which one person transacts business or negotiates for another.

In a derivative sense, a body of persons to whom a commission is directed. A board or committee officially appointed and empowered to perform certain acts or exercise certain jurisdiction of a public nature or relation; as a "commission of assise."

In the civil law. A species of bailment, being an undertaking, without reward, to do something in respect to an article bailed; equivalent to "mandate."

In commercial law. The recompense or reward of an agent, factor, broker, or balle, when the same is calculated as a percentage on the amount of his transactions or on the profit to the principal. But in this sense the word occurs more frequently in the plural. Jackson v. Stanfield, 137 Ind. 592; 37 N. E. 14. 23 L. R. A. 588; Ralston v. Kohl, 30 Ohio St. 98; Whitaker v. Guano Co., 123 N. C. 368, 31 S. E. 629.


In practice. An authority or writ issuing from a court, in relation to a cause before it, directing and authorizing a person or persons named to do some act or exercise some special function; usually to take the depositions of witnesses.

A commission is a process issued under the seal of the court and the signature of the clerk, directed to some person designated as commissioner, authorizing him to examine the witness upon oath on interrogatories annexed thereto, to take and certify the deposition of the witness, and to return it according to the directions.
given with the commission. Pen. Code Cal. § 1361.

Commission day. In English practice. The opening day of the assises.-Commission de lunatico inquirendo. The same as a commission of lunacy, (see infr.) In re Miss, 15, 35 At. 2 Comm. 1.-Commission del credere, in commercial law, is where an agent of a seller undertakes to guaranty to his principal the payment of the debt due by the debtor, a phrase which is borrowed from the Italian language, in which its signification is equivalent to our word “guaranty.” Storrs Comm. 120 Mo. 12, 25 S. W. 346; Perkins v. State, 50 Ala. 154; White v. Com., 78 Va. 484.-Commission of anticipatation. In English law. An assurance or the great seal or a seal or a subsidy before the day.-Commission of appraisement and sale. Where property has been arrested in an admiralty action (in rem) by a court of admiralty, the order is carried out by a commission of appraisement and sale; in some cases (as where the property is to be released by an order (in rem) and the value is disputed) a commission of appraisement only is required. Sweet.-Commission of array. In English law. A commission issued to send into every county sheriff to muster or set in military order the inhabitants. The introduction of commissions of lieutenancy, which contained, in substance, the same powers as these commissions, superseded them. 2 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 582.-Commission of asias. Those issued to judges of the high court or court of appeal, authorizing them to sit at the assises for the trial of civil actions.-Commission of bankrupt. A commission or authority formerly granted by the lord chancellor to such persons as he should think proper, to examine the bankrupt in all matters relating to his trade and effects, and to perform various other important duties connected with bankruptcy matters. But now, under St. 1 & 2 Wm. IV. c. 56, § 12, a flat issue instead of such commission is a commission of bankrupts' uses. This commission issues out of chancery to the bishop and others, where lands given to charitable uses are misapplied, or there is any fraud. In the case concerning the inquire of and redress the same, et cetera.-Commission of delegates. When any sentence was given in any ecclesiastical cause by the archbishop, this commission, under the great seal, was directed to certain persons, usually lords, bishops, and judges of the law, to sit and hear an appeal of the same to the king, in the court of chancery. But latterly the judicial committee of the privy council has supplied the place of this commission. Brown.-Commission of lunacy. A writ issued out of chancery, or the court of common pleas, as the case may be, requiring the sheriff of the county to take into his charge all lunatic or notamn, upon immediate observance of the court, and to cause them to be examined and treated by the officers of the asylum or such other bodies as may be directed in the commission. In re Moore, 68 Cal. 251, 9 Pac. 164.-Commission of partition. In the former English equity practice, this was a commission of authority issued to certain persons, to effect a division of lands held by tenants in common desiring a partition; when the commission was executed, the parties were ordered to execute mutual conveyances to confirm the division.-Commission of rebellion. In English law. An attaching process, formerly issued against those who incurred a process or decree, abolished by order of 26th August, 1841.-Commission of review. In English ecclesiastical law. A commission formerly sometimes granted in extraordinary cases, to revise the sentence of the court of delegates. 3 Bi. Comm. 67. Now out of use, the privy council granting a substitute for the court of delegates, as the great court of appeal in all ecclesiastical causes. 3 Steph. Comm. 432.-Commission of the peace. In English law. A commission from the crown, appointing certain persons therein named, jointly and severally, to keep the peace, etc. Justices of the peace are always appointed by special commission under the great seal, the form of which was settled by all the judges, A. D. 1550, and continues with little alteration to this day. 1 Bi. Comm. 351; 3 Steph. Comm. 39, 40.-Commission of treaty with foreign princes. Leagues and arrangements made between states and kingdoms, by the ambassadors and ministers, for the mutual advantage of the kingdoms in alliance. Wharton.-Commission of unliability. In an action in the English admiralty division, where it is necessary to have the cargo in a ship unladen in order to have it appraised, a commission of unliability is issued and executed by the marshal. Williams & B. Adm. Jur. 233.-Commission to examine witnesses. In practice. A commission issued out of the court in which an action is pending, to direct the taking of the depositions of witnesses who are beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the court. -Commission to take deposits. A written authority issued by a court of justice, giving power to take the testimony of witnesses who cannot be personally produced in court. Tracy v. Suydam, 80 Barb. (N. Y.) 110.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS. In the United States army and navy and marine corps, those who hold their rank and office under commissions issued by the president, as distinguished from non-commissioned officers (in the army, including sergeants, corporals, etc.) and warrant officers (in the navy, including boatswains, gunners, etc.) and from privates or enlisted men. See Babbitt v. U. S., 18 Ct. Cl. 202.


In the governmental system of the United States, this term denotes an officer who is charged with the administration of the laws relating to some particular subject-matter, or the management of some bureau or agency of the government. Such are the commissioners of education, of patents, of pensions, of fisheries, of the general land-office, of Indian affairs, etc.

In the state governmental systems, also, and in England, the term is quite extensively used as a designation of various officers having a similar authority and similar duties.

Commissioner of patents. An officer of the United States government, being at the head of the bureau of the patent-office. Commissioners of bankruptcy. An officer of the U. S. District Court having the recognizances of bail in civil cases. Commissioners of bankrupts. The name given, under the former English practice, to benamen of the persons appointed under the great seal to
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execute a commission of bankruptcy, (q. v.)—Commissioners of circuit courts. Officers appointed by and attached to the circuit courts of the United States, performing functions partly ministerial and partly judicial. To a certain extent they function in his absence. In the examination of persons arrested for violations of the laws of the United States they have the powers of committing magistrates. They also take bail, recognizances, affidavits, etc., and hear preliminary proceedings for foreign extradition. In re Comrs. of Circuit Court (C. C.).—Code 317. —Commissioners of deeds. Officers empowered by the government of one state to reside in another state, and there take acknowledgments of deeds and other papers which are to be used as evidence or put on record in the former state.—Commissioners of highways. Officers appointed in each county or township, in many of the states, with power to take charge of the altering, opening, repair, and vacating of highways within such county or township.—Commissioners of sewers. In English law, Commissioners appointed under the great seal, and constituting a court of special jurisdiction; which is to overlook the repairs of the banks and walls of the sea-coast and navigable rivers, or, with consent of a certain proportion of the owners and occupiers, to make new ones, and to cleanse such rivers, and also other terms communicating therewith. St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 22, § 10; 3 Steph. Comm. 442. —County commissioners. See COUNTY.

COMMISSIONS. The compensation or reward paid to a factor, broker, agent, baillee, executor, trustee, receiver, etc., when the same is calculated as a percentage on the amount of his transactions or the amount received or expended. See COMMISSION.

COMMISIVE. Caused by or consisting in acts of commission, as distinguished from neglect, sufferance, or toleration: as in the phrase "commisive waste," which is contrasted with "permissive waste." See WASTE.

COMMISSORIA LEX. In Roman law. A clause which might be inserted in an agreement for a sale upon credit, to the effect that the vendor should be freed from his obligation, and might rescind the sale, if the vendee did not pay the purchase price at the appointed time. Also a similar agreement between a debtor and his pledgee that, if the debtor did not pay at the day appointed, the pledge should become the absolute property of the creditor. This, however, was abolished by a law of Constantine. Cod. § 35, 3. See Dig. 18, 3; MacKeld. Rom. Law, §§ 417, 491; 2 Kent, Comm. 553.

COMMIT. In practice. To send a person to prison by virtue of a lawful authority, for any crime or contempt, or to an asylum, workhouse, reformatory, or the like, by authority of a court or magistrate. People v. Beach, 122 Cal. 37, 54 Pac. 369; Cummington v. Wareham, 9 Cush. (Mass.) 585; French v. Bankort, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 502; People v. Warden, 73 App. Div. 174, 76 N. Y. Supp. 728. —Commit to the custody of the sheriff or marshal. In his surrender by his bail. 1 Tidd, Pr. 285, 237.

COMMITMENT. In practice. The warrant or mittimus by which a court or magistrate directs an officer to take a person to prison.


COMMITTEE. In practice. An assembly or board of persons to whom the consideration or management of any matter is committed or referred by some court. Lloyd v. Hart, 2 Pa. 473, 45 Am. Dec. 612; Farrar v. Eastman, 5 Me. 345.

An individual or body to whom others have delegated or committed a particular duty, or who have taken on themselves to perform it, in the expectation of their act being confirmed by the body they profess to represent or act for. 15 Mees. & W. 529.

The term is especially applied to the person or persons who are invested, by order of the proper court, with the guardianship of the person and estate of one who has been adjudged a lunatic.

In parliamentary law. A portion of a legislative body, comprising one or more members, who are charged with the duty of examining some matter specially referred to them by the house, or of deliberating upon it, and reporting to the house the result of their investigations or recommending a course of action. A committee may be appointed for one special occasion, or it may be appointed to deal with all matters which may be referred to it during a whole session or during the life of the body. In the latter case, it is called a "standing committee." It is usually composed of a comparatively small number of members, but may include the whole house.

Joint committee. A joint committee of a legislative body comprising two chambers is a committee consisting of representatives of each of the two houses, meeting and acting together as one committee.—Secret committee. A secret committee of the house of commons is a committee specially appointed to investigate a certain matter, and to which secrecy being deemed necessary in furtherance of its objects, its proceedings are conducted with closed doors, to the exclusion of all persons not members of the committee. All other committees are open to members of the house, although they may not be serving upon them. Brown.

COMMITTING MAGISTRATE. See MAGISTRATE.

COMMITTITUR. In practice. An order or minute, setting forth that the person named in it is committed to the custody of the sheriff.

-Committitur plaque. An instrument in writing on paper or parchment, which charges a person, already in prison, in execution at the suit of the person who arrested him. 2 Chit. Archb. Pr. (12th Ed.) 1208.
COMMIXTIO. In the civil law. The mixing together or confusion of things, dry or solid, belonging to different owners, as distinguished from confusio, which has relation to liquids.

COMMODATE. In Scotch law. A gratuitous loan for use. Ersk. Inst. 3, 1, 20. Closely formed from the Lat. commodatum, (q. v.)

COMMODATI ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. An action of loan; an action for the recovery of a thing loaned, (commodatum,) and not returned to the lender. Inst. 3, 15, 2; id. 4, 1, 16.

COMMODATO. In Spanish law. A contract by which one person lends gratuitously to another some object not consumable, to be restored to him in kind at a given period; the same contract as commodatum, (q. v.)

COMMODATUM. In the civil law. He who lends to another a thing for a definite time, to be enjoyed and used under certain conditions, without any pay or reward, is called "commodans," the person who receives the thing is called "commodatarius," and the contract is called "commodatum." It differs from locatio and conductio, in this: that the use of the thing is gratuitous. Dlg. 13, 6; Inst. 3, 2, 14; Story, Ballim. § 221. Coggins v. Bernard, 2 Id. Raym. 969; Adams v. Mortgage Co., 82 Miss. 203, 34 South. 482, 17 L. R. A. (N. S.) 138, 100 Am. St. Rep. 633; World's Columbian Exposition Co. v. Republic of France, 96 Fed. 688, 38 C. C. A. 483.


Commendum ex injuriā sua nemo habere debet. Jenk. Cent. 161. No person ought to have advantage from his own wrong.

COMMON, n. An incorporeal hereditament which consists in a profit which one man has in connection with one or more others in the land of another. Trustees v. Robinson, 12 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 51; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 647; 25 Am. Dec. 532; Watts v. Coffin, 11 Johns. (N. Y.) 498.

Common, in English law, is an incorporeal right which lies in grant, originally commencing on some agreement between lords and tenants, which by time has been formed into prescription, and continues good, at

Bl. Law Dict. (2d Ed.)—15 though there be no deed or instrument to prove the original contract. 4 Coke, 37; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 258, § 288.

Common, or a right of common, is a right or privilege which several persons have to the produce of the lands or waters of another. Thus common of pasture is a right of feeding the beasts of one person on the lands of another. Common of easements is the right a tenant has of taking necessary wood and timber from the woods of the lord for fuel, fencing, etc. Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 647.


—Common appellant. A right annexed to the possession of arable land, by which the owner is entitled to feed his beasts on the lands of another, usually of the owner of the manor of which the lands entitled to common are a part. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; Smith v. Floyd, 18 Barb. (N. Y.) 527; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 645. —Common appurtenant. A right of feeding one's beasts on the land of another. (In common with the owner or with others) which is founded on a grant, or a prescription. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; Smith v. Floyd, 18 Barb. (N. Y.) 527. —Chief, Real Prop. p. 264, § 277. This kind of common arises from no connection of tenure, and is against common right; it may commute by grant within time of memory, or, in other words, may be created at the present day; it may be claimed as annexed to any kind of land, and may be claimed for beasts not comnonsable, as well as those that are. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 649; St. Claire v. Floyd, 18 Barb. (N. Y.) 527.

—Common because of vicinage is where the inhabitants of two townships which lie contiguous to each other have usually intercommunicated with one another, and the beasts of the one tribe straying mutually into the other's fields, without any molestation from either. This is, indeed, only a permissive right, intended to excuse what, in strictness, is a trespass in both, to prevent a multiplicity of suits and, therefore either township may inclose and bar out the other, though the right be of common right and is of bad nature. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; Co. Litt. 122a. —Common in gross, or at large. A species of common which is neither appurtenant nor appurtenant to land, but is annexed to a man's person, being granted to him and his heirs by deed; or it may be claimed by prescriptive right, as by a person of a church or the like corporation sole. 2 Bl. Comm. 34. It is a separate inheritance, entirely distinct from any other land, or property, vested in the person to whom the common right belongs. 2 Steph. Comm. 4; Mitchell v. D'Olier, 6 N. J. Law, 375, 53 Atl. 467, 39 L. R. A. 949. —Common of digging. Common of digging, or common in the soil, is the right to take for one's own use part of the soil or minerals in another's land; the most usual subjects of the right are sand, gravel, stones, and clays. It consists of a natural right common to estovers and of turbary. Elton, Com. 109. —Common of estovers. A liberty of taking necessary wood for the use or furniture of a house or farm from off another's estate, in common with the owner or with others. 2 Bl. Comm. 35. It may be claimed, like common of pasture, either by grant or prescription. 2 Steph. Comm. 10; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff.
cliff. 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 648.—Common of fish-
ery. The same as Common of piscary. See in-
tra.—Common of fowling. In some parts of the coun-
yry, to kill birds or wild animals (such as coies or wildfowl) from the land of another has been found to exist; in the case of wildfowl, it is called a "common of fowling." 

COMMON BARRISTERS. The right or liberty of pasturing one's cattle upon another man's land. It may be either append-
ant, appurtenant, great, or minor. See Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 647.—Common of piscary. The right or liberty of fishing in another man's water, in common with or over the person. 2 Bl. Comm. 34. A liberty or right of fishing in the water covering the soil of another person, or in a river running through another's land. 2 Bl. Comm. 406. Hardin v. Jordan, 140 U. S. 371, 11 Sup. Ct. 508, 35 L. Ed. 428; Albright v. Park Com'n, 68 N. J. Law, 523, 53 Atl. 612; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 640. It is quite different from a common fishery, with which, however, it is fre-
quently confounded. —Common of shack. A spe-
cial kind of common by vicinage prevailing in the counties of Norfolk, Lincoln, and Yorkshire, in Eng-
land; being the right of persons occupying land in the same common field to turn out their cattle after harvest to feed promiscuously in that field. 2 Steph. Comm. 6, 7; 5 Coke, 63.—Common of turbergy. Com-
munity rights in its modern signification is the rights of taking peat or turf from the waste land of another, for fuel in the commoner's house. Wil-
liams, Common, 1; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 647.—Common sans nombre. Common without number, that is, without limit as to the number of cattle which may be turned on: otherwise called "common without stint." Bract. fols. 533, 2222; 2 Steph. Comm. 6, 7; 2 Bl. Comm. 34.—Com-
mon, tenants in. See Tenants in COMMON.

COMMON. As an adjective, this word denotes usual, ordinary, accustomed; shared amongst several; owned by several jointly. State v. O'Conner, 49 Me. 598; Koen v. State, 35 Neb. 676, 53 N. W. 595, 17 L. R. A. 821; Aymette v. State, 2 Humph. (Tenn.) 154.

Common assurces. The several modes or instruments of conveyance established or authorized by the law of England. Called "common" because thereby every man's estate is as-
sured to him. 2 Bl. Comm. 294. The legal evidence of the translation of property, whereby every person's estate is assured to him, and all controversies, doubts, and difficulties are either prevented or removed. Wharton.—Com-
mon fine. In old English law. A certain sum of money which the residents in a lea paid to the lord of the leet, otherwise called "head silver," "ert money," (q. v.) or "serius lete." Termes de la Ley : Cowell. A sum of money paid by the inhabitants of a manor to their lord, towards the charge of holding a court leet. —Common lease. A will is said to be proved in common form when the executor proves it on his own oath; as distin-
guished from "proof by witnesses," which is necessary when the paper propounded as a will is disputed. Hubbard v. Hubbard, 7 Or. 42; Richardson v. Green, 61 Fed. 423, 9 C. C. A. 590; In re, 43 N. Y. 204, 4 Atl. 419; Sutton v. Hancock, 118 Ga. 436, 45 S. E. 504.—Common hall. A court in the city of London, and in all the cities, or such as are free of the city, have a right to attend. —Com-
mon learning. Familiar law or doc-
tree. Dyer, 278, 33.—Common place. A list of English cases. Common pleas is sometimes so called in the old books.—Com-
mon prayer. The liturgy, or public form of

prayer prescribed by the Church of England to be used in all churches and chapels, and which the clergy are enjoined to use under a certain penalty. Notwithstanding the prevailing belief in a given community as to the existence of a certain fact or aggregation of facts. Brown v. Foster, 41 S. C. 118, 19 S. E. 290.

COMMON SELLER. A name applied to those and

people with whom the law has to deal. They have, as shown in the com-
mon law, law of goods, and in many states, one who is sold, the price, and customarily, or habitually; in some states, one who is known to have made a certain number of sales, either three or five. State v. O'Con-
ner, 49 Me. 598; State v. Nutt, 28 Vt. 598; Moundville v. Fountain, 27 W. Va. 194; Com. v. Tubbs, 1 Cush. (Mass.) 2.—Common sense. Sound practical judgment; that de-
gree of intelligence and reason, as exercised up-
on the relations of persons and things, and the ordinary affairs of life, which is possessed by the generality of mankind, and which would suffice to direct the conduct and actions of the individual, and which it is common to agree with the be-

havior of ordinary persons. —Common thief. One who by practice and habit is a thief; or, in some states, one who has been of three distinct larcenies at the same time of court. World v. State, 50 Md. 54; Com. v. Hope, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 1; Stevens v. Com., 4 Meta. (Mass.) 304.—Common weigh. The public or common good or welfare.

As to common "Ball," "Barretor," "Car-
rrier," "Chase," "Councell," "Counte," "Dil-
gence," "Day," "Debtor," "Drunkard," "Er-
verse," "Voucher," "Wall," see those titles. For Commons, House of, see House or Com-
mons.

COMMON BAR. In pleading. (Other-
wise called "blank bar"). A plea to compel the plaintiff to assign the particular place where the trespass has been committed. Steph. Pl. 256.

COMMON BENCH. The English court of common pleas was formerly so called. Its original title appears to have been simply "The Bench," but it was designated "Common Bench" to distinguish it from the "King's Bench," and because in it were tried and determined the causes of common persons, i. e., causes between subject and subject, in which the crown had no interest.

COMMON LAW. 1. As distinguished from the Roman law, the modern civil law, the canon law, and other systems, the com-
mon law is that body of law and juristic theory which was originated, developed, and formulated and is administered in England, and has obtained among most of the states and peoples of Anglo-Saxon stock. Lux v. Hagrin, 49 Cal. 255, 10 Fac. 674.

2. As distinguished from law created by the enactment of legislatures, the common
COMMON LAW comprises the body of those principles and rules of action, relating to the government and security of persons and property, which derive their authority solely from usage and customs, or from the judgments and decrees of the courts recognizing, affirming, and enforcing such usages and customs; and, in this sense, particularly the ancient unwritten law of England. Western Union Tel. Co. v. Call Pub. Co., 181 U. S. 92, 21 Sup. Ct. 561, 45 L. Ed. 765; State v. Buchanan, 5 Har. & J. (Md.) 365, 9 Am. Dec. 534; Lux v. Haggin, 69 Cal. 255, 10 Pac. 674; Barry v. Port Jervis, 64 App. Div. 268, 72 N. Y. Supp. 104.

3. As distinguished from equity law, it is a body of rules and principles, written or unwritten, which are of fixed and immutable authority, and which must be applied to controversies rigorously and in their entirety, and cannot be varied or qualified in peculiars of a specific case, or colored by any judicial discretion, and which rests confessedly upon custom or statute, as distinguished from any claim to ethical superiority. Klever v. Seawall, 65 Fed. 396, 12 C. C. A. 661.

4. As distinguished from ecclesiastical law, it is the system of jurisprudence administered by the purely secular tribunals.

5. As concerns its force and authority in the United States, the phrase designates that portion of the common law of England (including such acts of parliament as were applicable) which had been adopted and was in force here at the time of the Revolution. This, so far as it has not since been expressly abrogated, is recognized as an organic part of the jurisprudence of most of the United States. Browning v. Browning, 3 N. M. 371, 9 Pac. 677; Guardians of Poor v. Greene, 5 Bln. (Pa.) 537; U. S. v. New Bedford Bridge, 27 Fed. Cas. 107.

6. In a wider sense than any of the foregoing, the “common law” may designate all that part of the positive law, juristic theory, and ancient custom of any state or nation which is of general and universal application, thus marking off special or local rules or customs.

As a compound adjective “common-law” is understood as contrasted with or opposed to “statutory,” and sometimes also to “equitable” or to “criminal.” See examples below.

—Common-law action. A civil suit, as distinguished from a criminal prosecution or a proceeding to enforce a penalty or a police regulation; not necessarily an action which would lie at common law. Kirby v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 106 Fed. 551; U. S. v. Block, 24 Fed. Cas. 3174.—Common-law assignments. Such forms of assignments for the benefit of creditors as were due to the common law and distinguished from such as are of modern invention or authorized by statute. Ontario Bank v. Hurnit, 103 Fed. 251, 43 C. C. A. 199. —Common-law cheat. The obtaining of money or property by means of a false token, symbol, or device; this being the definition of a cheat or “cheating” at common law. State v. Wilson, 72 Minn. 522, 75 N. W. 715; State v. Henick, 33 Or. 584, 56 Pac. 275, 44 L. R. A. 296, 72 Am. St. Rep. 753.—Common-law crime. Any punishable by the common law, as distinguished from crimes created by statute. In re Greene (C. C.) 62 Fed. 104.—Common-law jurisdiction. Jurisdiction of a court to try and decide such cases as were cognizable by the courts of law under the English common law; the jurisdiction of those courts while they exercises their jurisdiction according to the course of the common law. People v. McGowan, 77 Ill. 644, 20 Am. Rep. 524; In re Common, 29 Cal. 96, 2 N. Y. Rep. 430; U. S. v. Power, 27 Fed. Cas. 607.—Common-law lien. One known to or granted by the common law, as distinguished from statutory, equitable, and maritime liens; also one arising by implication of law, as distinguished from one created by the agreement of the parties. The Menominee (D. C.) 36 Fed. 197; Tobacco Warehouse Co. v. Trustee, 117 Ky. 478, 78 S. W. 413, 64 L. R. A. 219.—Common-law marriage. One not solemnized in the ordinary way, but created by an agreement to marry, followed by cohabitation; a consummated agreement to marry, between a man and a woman, performed without the presence of witnesses, and cohabitation. Taylor v. Taylor, 16 Colo. App. 303, 50 Pac. 1049; Cuneo v. De Cuneo, 24 Tex. Civ. App. 436, 69 S. W. 294; Morrill v. Palmer, 65 Vt. 1, 39 Atl. 825, 33 L. R. A. 411.—Common-law mortgage. One possessing the characteristics or fulfilling the requirements of a mortgage at common law; any mortgage in Louisiana, where the civil law prevails; but such a mortgage made in another state and affecting lands in Louisiana, will be given effect there as a “mortgage for title” mortgage, affecting third persons after due inscription. Gates v. Gaither, 46 La. Ann. 296, 15 South. 50.—Common-law procedure acts. Those acts of parliament, passed in the years 1852, 1854, and 1860, respectively, for the amendment of the procedure in the common-law courts. The common-law procedure act of 1852 is in St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 76, that of 1854, St. 17 & 18 Vict. c. 25, and that of 1860, St. 25 & 24 Vict. c. 126. Mosley & Whittle.—Common-law wife. A woman who was party to a “common-law marriage,” as above defined; or one who, having lived with a man in a relation of conjugal cohabitation after his death, shall have been his wife according to the requirements of the common law. In re Brush, 22 Conn. 410, 49 N. Y. 577.—Common lawyer. A lawyer learned in the common law.


COMMON PLEAS. The name of a court of record having general original jurisdiction in civil suits.

Common causes or suits. A term anciently used to denote civil actions, or those depending between subject and subject, as distinguished from pleas of the crown. Dallott v. Feltings, 7 Phila. (Pa.) 627.

COMMON PLEAS, THE COURT OF. In English law. (So called because its original jurisdiction was to determine controversies between subject and subject.) One of the three superior courts of common law at Westminster, presided over by a lord chief
COMMON RECOVERY. In conveyancing. A species of common assurance, or mode of conveying lands by matter of record, formerly in frequent use in England. It was in the nature and form of an action at law, carried regularly through, and ending in a recovery of the lands against the tenant of the freehold; which recovery, being a supposed adjudication of the right, bound all persons, and vested a free and absolute fee-simple in the recoverer. 2 Bl. Comm. 337. Christy v. Burch, 25 Fla. 942, 2 South. 258. Common recoveries were abolished by the statutes 5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 74.

COMMONABLE. Entitled to common. Commonable beasts are either beasts of the plough, as horses and oxen, or such as manure the land, as kine and sheep. Beasts not commonable are swine, goats, and the like. Co. Litt. 122b; 2 Bl. Comm. 33.

COMMIONAGE. In old deeds. The right of common. See Common.

COMMONALITY. In English law. The great body of citizens; the mass of the people, excluding the nobility.

In American law. The body of people composing a municipal corporation, excluding the corporate officers.

COMMONANCE. The commoners, or tenants and inhabitants, who have the right of common or commoning in open field. Cowell.

COMMONERS. In English law. Persons having a right of common. So called because they have a right to pasture on the waste, in common with the lord. 2 H. Bl. 389.

COMMONS. 1. The class of subjects in Great Britain exclusive of the royal family and the nobility. They are represented in parliament by the house of commons.

2. Part of the demesne land of a manor, (or land the property of which was in the lord,) which, being uncultivated, was termed the "lord's waste," and served for public roads and for common of pasture to the lord and his tenants. 2 Bl. Comm. 90.

COMMONS HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT. In the English parliament. The lower house, so called because the commons of the realm, that is, the knights, citizens, and burgesses returned to parliament, representing the whole body of the commons, sit there.

COMMONTY. In Scotch law. Land possessed in common by different proprietors, or by those having acquired rights of servitude. Bell.

COMMONWEALTH. The public or common weal or welfare. This cannot be regarded as a technical term of public law, though often used in political science. It generally designates, when so employed, a republican frame of government,—one in which the welfare and rights of the entire mass of people are the main consideration, rather than the privileges of a class or the will of a monarch; or it may designate the body of citizens living under such a government. Sometimes it may denote the corporate entity, or the government, of a jural society (or state) possessing powers of self-government in respect of its immediate concerns, but forming an integral part of a larger government, (or nation.) In this latter sense, it is the official title of several of the United States, (as Pennsylvania and Massachusetts,) and would be appropriate to them all. In the former sense, the word was used to designate the English government during the protectorate of Cromwell. See Government; Nation; State. (State v. Lumbert, 44 W. Va. 308, 28 S. E. 930.)

COMROMANCY. The dwelling in any place as an inhabitant; which consists in usually lying there. 4 Bl. Comm. 273. In American law it is used to denote a mere temporary residence. Ames v. Winsor, 19 Pick. (Mass.) 248; Pullen v. Monk, 82 Me. 412, 19 Atl. 909; Gilman v. Inman, 85 Me. 105, 26 Atl. 1049.

COMMORANT. Staying or abiding; dwelling temporarily in a place.

COMMORIENTES. Several persons who perish at the same time in consequence of the same calamity.

COMMORTH, or COMMORT. A contribution which was gathered at marriages, and when young priests said or sung the first masses. Prohibited by 26 Hen. VIII. c. 6. Cowell.

COMMOTEE. Half a hundred or hundred in Wales, containing fifty villages. Also a great seignory or lordship, and may include one or divers manors. Co. Litt. 5.

COMMOTION. A "civil commotion" is an insurrection of the people for general purposes, though it may not amount to re-

COMMUNE, n. A self-governing town or village. The name given to the committee of the people in the French revolution of 1793; and again, in the revolutionary uprising of 1871. It signified the attempt to establish absolute self-government in Paris, or the mass of those concerned in the attempt. In old French law, it signified any municipal corporation. And in English law, the commonality or common people. 2 Co. Inst. 540.

COMMUNE, adj. Lat. Common.

—Commune concilium regni. The common council of the realm. One of the names of the English parliament.—Commune forum. The common place of justice. The seat of the principal courts, especially those that are fixed.—Commune placitum. In old English law. A common plea or civil action, such as an action of debt.—Commune vinclum. A common or mutual bond. Applied to the common stock of consanguinity, and to the feudal bond of fealty, as the common bond of union between lord and tenant. 2 Bl. Comm. 230; 3 Bl. Comm. 230.

COMMUNI CUSTODIA. In English law. An obsolete writ which anciently lay for the lord, whose tenant, holding by knight's service, died, and left his eldest son under age, against a stranger that entered the land, and obtained the ward of the body. Reg. Orig. 161.

COMMUNI DIVIDUNDI. In the civil law. An action which lies for those who have property in common, to procure a division. It lies where parties hold land in common but not in partnership. Calvin.

COMMUNIA. In old English law. Common things, res communia. Such as running water, the air, the sea, and sea shores. Bract. fol. 7b.

COMMUNIA PLACITA. In old English law. Common pleas or actions; those between one subject and another, as distinguished from pleas of the crown.

COMMUNIA PLACITA NON TEN- ENDA IN SCACCARIO. An ancient writ directed to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer, forbidding them to hold pleas between common persons (i.e., not debtors to the king, who alone originally sued and were sued there) in that court, where neither of the parties belonged to the same. Reg. Orig. 187.

COMMUNE. In feudal law on the continent of Europe, this name was given to towns enfranchised by the crown, about the twelfth century, and formed into free corporations by grants called "charter of community."

COMMUNIBUS ANNIS. In ordinary years; on the annual average.

COMMUNICATION. Information given; the sharing of knowledge by one with another; conference; consultation or bargaining preparatory to making a contract. Also intercourse; connection.

In French law. The production of a merchant's books, by delivering them either to a person designated by the court, or to his adversary, to be examined in all their parts, and as shall be deemed necessary to the suit. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 532.

—Confidential communications. These are certain classes of communications, passing between persons who stand in a confidential or fiduciary relation to each other, (or who, on account of their relative situation, are under a special duty of secrecy and fidelity,) which the law will not permit to be divulged, or allow them to be inquired into in a court of justice, for the sake of public policy and the good order of society. Examples of such privileged relations are those of husband and wife and attorney and client. Hatton v. Robinson, 14 Pick. (Mass.) 416, 25 Am. Dec. 416; Parker v. Carter, 4 Munf. (Va.) 287, 8 Am. Dec. 513; Chirag v. Reinicker, 11 Wheat. 280, 6 L. Ed. 474; Parkhurst v. Berdell, 110 N. Y. 386, 18 N. E. 123, 6 Am. St. Rep. 354.—Privileged communication. In the law of evidence. A communication made to a counsel, solicitor, or attorney, in professional confidence, and which he is not permitted to divulge; otherwise called a "confidential communication." 1 Starkie, Ev. 351. In the law of libel and slander. A defamatory statement made to another in pursuance of a duty, political, judicial, social, or personal, so that an action for libel or slander will not lie, though the statement be false, unless in the last two cases actual malice be proved in addition. Bacon v. Railroad Co., 66 Mich. 166, 33 N. W. 181.

COMMUNINGS. In Scotch law. The negotiations preliminary to the entering into a contract.

COMMUNIO BORORUM. In the civil law. A term signifying a community (q. e.) of goods.

COMMUNIO DE GODDS. In Scotch law. The right enjoyed by married persons in the movable goods belonging to them. Bell.


COMMUNIS OPINIO. Common opinion; general professional opinion. According to Lord Coke, (who places it on the footing of observance or usage,) common opinion is good authority in law. Co. Litt. 180a.
COMMUNIS PARIUM. In the civil law.
A common or party wall. Dig. 8, 2, 8, 13.

COMMUNIS RIXATRIX. In old English law. A common scold, (q. v.) 4 Bl. Comm. 188.

COMMUNIS SCRIPTURA. In old English law. A common writing; a writing common to both parties; a chirograph. Gian. lib. 8, c. 1.

COMMUNIS STIPES. A common stock of descent; a common ancestor.

COMMUNISM. A name given to proposed systems of life or social organization based upon the fundamental principle of the non-existence of private property and of a community of goods in a society.

An equality of distribution of the physical means of life and enjoyment as a transition to a still higher standard of justice that all should work according to their capacity and receive according to their wants. 1 Mill, Pol. Ec. 243.


In the civil law. A corporation or body politic. Dig. 3, 4.

In French law. A species of partnership which a man and a woman contract when they are lawfully married to each other.

—Community debt. One chargeable to the community (of husband and wife) rather than to either of the parties individually. Calhoun v. Leary, 6 Wash. 17, 32 Pac. 1070.—Community of profits. This term, as used in the definition of a partnership, (to which a community of profits is essential) means a proprietorship in the profits as distinguished from a personal claim upon them as associates, a property right in them from the start in one associate as much as in the other. Bradley v. Ely, 24 Ind. App. 2, 56 N. E. 44, 79 Am. St. Rep. 251; Moore v. Williams, 26 Tex. Civ. App. 142, 62 S. W. 977.—Community property. Community property is property acquired by husband and wife, or either, during marriage, when not acquired as the separate property of either. In re Lums Estate, 114 Cal. 73, 45 Pac. 1022; Mitchell v. Mitchell, 80 Tex. 101, 15 S. W. 705; Ames v. Hubby, 49 Tex. 705; Holyoke v. Maltby, 5 Wash. T. 235, 3 Pac. 541; Civ. Code Cal. § 687. This partnership or community consists of the profits of all the effects of which the husband has the administration and enjoyment, either of right or in fact, of the produce of the reciprocal industry and labor of both husband and wife, and of the estates which they may acquire during the marriage, either by donations made jointly to them both, or by purchase, or in any other similar way, even although the purchase be only in the name of one of the spouses, and not of both, because in that case the period of time when the purchase is made is alone attended to, and not the person who made the purchase. Civ. Code La. art. 2402.

COMMUTATION. In criminal law. Change; substitution. The substitution of one punishment for another, after conviction of the party subject to it. The change of a punishment from a greater to a less; as from hanging to imprisonment.

Commutation of a punishment is not a conditional pardon, but the substitution of a lower for a higher grade of punishment, and is presumed to be for the culprit's benefit. In re Victor, 31 Ohio St. 207; Ex parte James, 1 Nev. 321; Rich v. Chamberlain, 107 Mich. 851, 65 N. W. 233.

In civil matters. The conversion of the right to receive a variable or periodical payment into the right to receive a fixed or gross payment. Commutation may be effected by private agreement, but it is usually done under a statute.

—Commutation of taxes. Payment of a designated lump sum (permanent or annual) for the privilege of exemption from taxes, or the settlement in advance of a specific sum in lieu of an ad valorem tax. Cotton Mfg. Co. v. New Orleans, 31 La. App. 440.—Commutation of tithes. Signifies the conversion of tithes into a fixed payment in money. —Commutation ticket. A railroad ticket giving the holder the right to travel at a certain rate for a limited number of trips (or for an unlimited number within a certain period of time) for a less amount than would be paid in the aggregate for so many separate trips. Interstate Commerce Com'n v. Baltimore & O. R. Co. (C. C.) 42 Fed. 50.

COMMUTATIVE CONTRACT. See CONTRACT.

COMMUTATIVE JUSTICE. See JUSTICE.

COMPACT. An agreement or contract. Usually applied to conventions between nations or sovereign states.

A compact is a mutual consent of parties concerned respecting some property or right that is the object of the stipulation, or something that is to be done or forborne. Chesapeake & O. Canal Co. v. Baltimore & O. R. Co., 4 Gill & J. (Md.) 1.

The terms “compact” and “contract” are synonymous. Green v. Biddle, 3 Wheat. 1, 92, 5 L. Ed. 547.

COMPANAGE. All kinds of food, except bread and drink. Spelman.

COMPANIES CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION ACT. An English statute, (8 Vict. c. 16) passed in 1845, which consolidated the clauses of previous laws still remaining in force on the subject of public companies. It is considered as incorporated into all subsequent acts authorizing the execution of
undertakings of a public nature by companies, unless expressly excepted by such later acts. Its purpose is declared by the preamble to be to avoid repeating provisions as to the constitution and management of the companies, and to secure greater uniformity in such provisions. Wharton.

COMPANION OF THE GARTER. One of the knights of the Order of the Garter.

COMPANIONS. In French law. A general term, comprehending all persons who compose the crew of a ship or vessel. Poth. Mar. Cont. no. 163.

COMPANY. A society or association of persons in considerable number, interested in a common object and engaged for the prosecution of some commercial or industrial undertaking, or other legitimate business. Mills v. State, 23 Tex. 305; Smith v. Janesville, 52 Wis. 680, 9 N. W. 789.

The proper signification of the word "company," when applied to persons engaged in trade, done that united for the same purpose or in a joint concern. It is so commonly used in this sense, or as indicating a partnership, that few persons accustomed to purchase goods at a shop, where they are sold by retail, would misapprehend that such was its meaning. Palmer v. Pinkham, 33 Me. 32.

Joint stock companies. Joint stock companies are those having a joint stock or capital, which is divided into numerous transferable shares, or consists of transferable stock. Lindl. Partn. 6.

The term is not identical with "partnership," although every unincorporated society is, in its legal relations, a partnership. In common use a distinction is made, the name "partnership" being reserved for business associations of a limited number of persons (usually not more than four or five) trading under a name composed of their individual names set out in succession; while "company" is appropriated as the designation of a society comprising a larger number of persons, with greater capital, and engaged in more extensive enterprises, and trading under a title not disclosing the names of the individuals. See Allen v. Long, 50 Tex. 261, 16 S. W. 43, 26 Am. St. Rep. 735; Adams Exp. Co. v. Schofield, 111 Ky. 832, 64 S. W. 903; Koszakowski v. People, 177 Ill. 563, 53 N. E. 115; In re Jones, 28 Misc. Rep. 356, 59 N. Y. Supp. 983; Attorney General v. Mercantile Marine Ins. Co., 121 Mass. 525.

Sometimes the word is used to represent those members of a partnership whose names do not appear in the name of the firm. See 12 Toullier, 37.

Identified company. A company in which the liability of each shareholder is limited by the number of shares he has taken, so that he cannot be called on to contribute beyond the amount of his shares. In England, the memorandum of association of such company may provide that the liability of the directors, manager, or managers of the company shall be unlimited. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 131; 1 Lindl. Partn. 383;

Mesley & Whitley.—Public company. In English law. A business corporation; a society of persons joined together for carrying on some commercial or industrial undertaking.

COMPARATIO LITERARUM. In the civil law. Comparison of writings, or handwritings. A mode of proof allowed in certain cases.

COMPARATIVE. Proceeding by the method of comparison; founded on comparison; estimated by comparison.

—Comparative Interpretation. That method of interpretation which seeks to arrive at the meaning of a statute or other writing by comparing its several parts and also by comparing it as a whole with other like documents proceeding from the same source and referring to the same general subject. Glenn v. York County, 6 Rich. (S. C.) 412—Comparative Jurisprudence. The study of the principles of legal science by the comparison of various systems of law.—Comparative Negligence. That doctrine in the law of negligence by which the negligence of the parties is compared, in the degrees of "slight," "ordinary," and "gross" negligence, and a recovery permitted, notwithstanding the contributory negligence of the plaintiff, when the negligence of the plaintiff is slight and the negligence of the defendant gross, but refused when the plaintiff has been guilty of a want of ordinary care, thereby contributing to his injury, or when the negligence of the defendant is not gross, but only ordinary or slight, when compared, under the circumstances of the case, with the contributory negligence of the plaintiff. S. Amer. & Eng. Law, 237; Steel v. Colwell, 215, 3 N. E. 456; Railroad Co. v. Ferguson, 115 Ga. 708, 69 S. E. 306, 54 L. R. A. 802; Strauss v. Railroad Co., 75 Mo. 185; Hurt v. Railroad Co., 94 Mo. 255, 7 S. W. 1, 4 Am. St. Rep. 374.

COMPARISON OF HANDWRITING. A comparison by the juxtaposition of two writings, in order, by such comparison, to ascertain whether both were written by the same person.

A method of proof resorted to where the genuineness of a written document is disputed; it consists in comparing the handwriting of the disputed paper with that of another instrument which is proved or admitted to be in the writing of the party sought to be charged, in order to infer, from their identity or similarity in this respect, that they are the work of the same hand. Johnson v. Insurance Co., 105 Iowa, 273, 75 N. W. 101; Rowly v. Kille, 1 Leigh (Va.) 216; Travis v. Brown, 45 Pa. 9, 82 Am. Dec. 540.

COMPASCUM. Belonging to commonage. Jus compascuum, the right of common of pasture.

COMPASS, THE MARINER'S. An instrument used by mariners to point out the course of a ship at sea. It consists of a magnetized steel bar called the "needle," attached to the under side of a card, upon which are drawn the points of the compass, and supported by a fine pin, upon which it turns freely in a horizontal plane.
COMPASSING. Imagining or contriving, or plotting. In English law, “compassing the king’s death” is treason. 4 Rl. Comm. 76.

COMPATERNITAS. In the canon law. A kind of spiritual relationship contracted by baptism.

COMPATERNITY. Spiritual affinity, contracted by sponsorship in baptism.

COMPATIBILITY. Such relation and consistency between the duties of two offices that they may be held and filled by one person.

COMPPEAR. In Scotch law. To appear.

COMPPEARANCE. In Scotch practice. Appearance; an appearance made for a defendant; an appearance by counsel. Bell.

COMPPELLATIVUS. An adversary or accuser.

Compedia sunt dispedia. Co. Litt. 305. Abbreviations are detriments.

COMPENDIUM. An abridgment, synopsis, or digest.

COMPENSACION. In Spanish law. Compensation; set-off. The extinction of a debt by another debt of equal dignity.

COMPENSATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Compensation, or set-off. A proceeding resembling a set-off in the common law, being a claim on the part of the defendant to have an amount due to him from the plaintiff deducted from his demand. Dig. 18, 2; Inst. 4, 6, 30, 39; 3 Bl. Comm. 395.

—Compensatio criminalis. (Set-off of crime or guilt.) In practice. The plea of recrimination in a suit for a divorce; that is, that the complainant is guilty of the same kind of offense with which the respondent is charged.

COMPENSATION. Indemnification; payment of damages; making amends; that which is necessary to restore an injured party to his former position. An act which a court orders to be done, or money which a court orders to be paid, by a person whose acts or omissions have caused loss or injury to another, in order that thereby the person dammified may receive equal value for his loss, or be made whole in respect of his injury. Railroad Co. v. Denman, 10 Minn. 280 (Gil. 208).

Also that equivalent in money which is paid to the owners and occupiers of lands taken or injuriously affected by the operations of companies exercising the power of eminent domain.

In the constitutional provision for “just compensation” for property taken under the power of eminent domain, this term means a payment in money. Any benefit to the remaining property of the owner, arising from public works for which a part has been taken, cannot be considered as compensation. Railroad Co. v. Burkett, 42 Ala. 83.

As compared with consideration and damages compensation, in its most careful use, seems to be between them. Consideration is the sesame for something given by consent, or by the owner’s choice. Damages are the compensation exacted from a wrong-doer for a tort. Compensation is the consideration for something which was taken without the owner’s choice, yet without compensation of a tort. Thus, one should say, compensation for land sold; compensation for land taken for a railway; damages for a trespass. But such distinctions are not uniform. Land damages is a common expression for compensation for lands taken for public use. Abbott.

The word also signifies the remuneration or wages given to an employe or officer. But it is not exactly synonymous with “salary.” See People v. Wemple, 115 N. Y. 302, 22 N. E. 272; Com. v. Carter, 55 S. W. 701, 21 Ky. Law Rep. 1509; Crawford County v. Lindsay, 11 Ill. App. 261; Kilgore v. People, 76 Ill. 543.

In the civil, Scotch, and French law. Recoupment; set-off. The meeting of two debts due by two parties, where the debtor in the one debt is the creditor in the other; that is, to say, where one person is both debtor and creditor to another, and therefore, to the extent of what is due to him, claims allowance out of the sum that he is due. Bell; 1 Kames, Eq. 395, 396.

Compensation is of three kinds—legal, or by operation of law; compensation by way of exception; and by reconvention. Stewart v. Harper, 18 LA. Ann. 181.

—Compensatory damages. See DAMAGES.

COMPERENDINATIO. In the Roman law. The adjournment of a cause, in order to hear the parties or their advocates a second time; a second hearing of the parties to a cause. Calvin.

COMPETURIA. In the civil law. A judicial inquest made by delegates or commissioners to find out and relate the truth of a cause.

COMPETITIO. In the civil law. A plea in an action of debt on a bail bond that the defendant appeared at the day required.

COMPETENCY. In the law of evidence. The presence of those characteristics, or the absence of those disabilities, which render a witness legally fit and qualified to give testimony in a court of justice. The term is also applied, in the same sense, to documents or other written evidence.

Competency differs from credibility. The former is a question which arises before considering the evidence given by the witness; the latter concerns the degree of credit to be
given to his story. The former denotes the personal qualification of the witness; the latter his veracity. A witness may be competent, and yet give incredible testimony; he may be incompetent, and yet his evidence, if received, be perfectly credible. Competency is for the court; credibility for the jury. Yet in some cases the term "credible" is distinct from the term "competent." Thus, in a statute relating to the execution of wills, the term "credible witness" is held to mean one who is entitled to be examined and to give evidence in a court of justice; not necessarily one who is personally worthy of belief, but one who is not disqualified by imbecility, interest, crime, or other cause. 1 Jarm. Wills, 124; Smith v. Jones, 68 Vt. 132, 34 Atl. 424; Com. v. Holmes, 127 Mass. 424, 34 Am. Rep. 581.

In French law. Competency, as applied to a court, means its right to exercise jurisdiction in a particular case.

COMPETENT. Duly qualified; answering all requirements: adequate; suitable; sufficient; capable; legally fit. Levee Dist. v. Jamison, 176 Mo. 557, 75 S. W. 679.

—Competent and omitted. In Scotch practice. A term applied to a plea which might have been urged by a party during the dependence of a cause, but which had been omitted. Bell.—Competent authority. As applied to courts and public officers, this term imports jurisdiction and due legal authority to deal with the particular matter in question. Mitchel v. U. S., 9 Pet. 735; 9 L. Ed. 253; Charles v. Charles, 41 Minn. 201, 42 N. W. 935.—Competent evidence. That which the very nature of the thing to be proven requires, as the production of a writing where its contents are the subject of inquiry. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 2; Chapman v. Mcdanda, 1 Lea (Tenn.) 509; Horbach v. State, 45 Tex. 242; Porter v. Valentine, 18 Misc. Rep. 215, 41 N. Y. Supp. 507.—Competent witness. One who is legally qualified to be a witness on the particular cause in question. Hogan v. Sherman, 5 Mich. 60; People v. Compton, 123 Cal. 405, 56 Pac. 44; Com. v. Mullen, 97 Mass. 545. See COMPETENCY.

COMPETITION. In Scotch practice. The contest among creditors claiming on their respective dilies, or creditors claiming on their securities. Bell.

—Unfair competition in trade. See UNFAIR.

COMPILE. To compile is to copy from various authors into one work. Between a compilation and an abridgment there is a clear distinction. A compilation consists of selected extracts from different authors; an abridgment is a condensation of the views of one author. Story v. Holcombe, 4 McLean, 306, 314, Fed. Cas. No. 13,497.

—Compilation. A literary production, composed of the works of others and arranged in a methodical manner.—Compiled statutes. A collection of the statutes existing and in force in a given state, all laws and parts of laws relating to each subject-matter being brought together, and the whole arranged systematically in one book, either under an alphabetical arrangement or some other plan of classification. Such a collection of statutes differs from a code in this, that none of the laws so compiled deriving any new force and undergoing any modification in its relation to other statutes in pari materia from the fact of the compilation, while a code is a reorganization of the whole body of the positive law and is to be read and interpreted as one entire and homogeneous whole. Railway Co. v. State, 104 Ga. 831, 34 S. E. 511; Black, Interp. Laws, p. 369.

COMPLAINANT. In practice. One who applies to the courts for legal redress; one who exhibits a bill of complaint. This is the proper designation of one suing in equity, though "plaintiff" is often used in equity proceedings as well as at law. Benefit Ass'n v. Robinson, 147 Ill. 138, 35 N. E. 168.

COMPLAINANT. In civil practice. In those states having a Code of Civil Procedure, the complaint is the first or introductory pleading on the part of the plaintiff in a civil action. It corresponds to the declaration in the common-law practice. Code N. Y. § 141; Sharon v. Sharon, 67 Cal. 185, 7 Pac. 496; Railroad Co. v. Young, 104 Ind. 24, 55 N. E. 863; McMahan v. Parsons, 24 Minn. 246, 2 N. W. 703.

The complaint shall contain: (1) The title of the cause, specifying the name of the court in which the action is brought, the name of the county in which the trial is required to be had, and the names of the parties to the action, plaintiff and defendant. (2) A plain and concise statement of the facts constituting a cause of action, without unnecessary repetition; and each material allegation shall be distinctly numbered. (3) A demand of the relief to which the plaintiff supposes himself entitled. If the recovery of money be demanded, the amount thereof must be stated. Code N. C. 1883, § 223.

—Cross-complaint. In code practice. Whenever the defendant seeks affirmative relief against any party, relating to or depending upon the contract or transaction upon which the action is brought, or affecting the property to which the action relates, he may, in addition to his answer, file at the same time, or by permission of the court, a cross-complaint. The cross-complaint must be served upon the parties affected thereby, and such parties may demur or answer thereto as to the original complaint. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 442; Stanley v. Insurance Co., 95 Ind. 254; Harrison v. McCormick, 69 Cal. 616, 11 Pac. 456; Bank v. Ridpath, 29 Wash. 267, 70 Pac. 139.

In criminal law. A charge, preferred before a magistrate having jurisdiction, that a person named (or an unknown person) has committed a specified offense, with an offer to prove the facts to the end that a prosecution may be instituted. It is a technical term, descriptive of proceedings before a magistrate. Hobbs v. Hill, 157 Mass. 556, 32 N. E. 862; Com. v. Davis, 11 Pick. (Mass.) 436; U. S. v. Collins (D. C.) 79 Fed. 66; State v. Dodge Co., 20 Neb. 593, 31 N. W. 117.

The complaint is an allegation, made before a proper magistrate, that a person has been guilty of a designated public offense. Code Ala. 1896, § 4225.
COMPLETE, adj. 1. Full; entire; including every item or element of the thing spoken of, without omissions or deficiencies; as, a "complete" copy, record, schedule, or transcript. Yeager v. Wright, 112 Ind. 290, 18 N. B. 207; Anderson v. Ackerman, 88 Ind. 490; Bailey v. Martin, 119 Ind. 103, 21 N. E. 346.

2. Perfect; consummate; not lacking in any element or particular; as in the case of a "complete legal title" to land, which includes the possession, the right of possession, and the right of property. Dinger v. Paxton, 60 Miss. 1054; Ehele v. Quackenboss, 6 III (N. Y.) 537.

COMPLICE. One who is united with others in an ill design; an associate; a confederate; an accomplice.

COMPOS MENTIS. Sound of mind. Having use and control of one's mental faculties.

COMPOS SUI. Having the use of one's limbs, or the power of bodily motion. Sunt uta compos sui quod itinerare potuit de loco in locum, if he had so far the use of his limbs as to be able to travel from place to place. Bract. fol. 14b.

COMPOSITIO MENSURARUM. The ordinance of measures. The title of an ancient ordinance, not printed, mentioned in the statute 23 Hen. VIII. c. 4: establishing a standard of measures. 1 Bl. Comm. 275.

COMPOSITIO ULNARUM ET PERTICARUM. The statute of ells and perches. The title of an English statute establishing a standard of measures. 1 Bl. Comm. 275.

COMPOSITION. An agreement, made upon a sufficient consideration, between an insolvent or embarrassed debtor and his creditors, whereby the latter, for the sake of immediate payment, agree to accept a dividend less than the whole amount of their claims, to be distributed pro rata, in discharge and satisfaction of the whole. Bank v. Mc gooch, 92 Wis. 286, 96 N. W. 606; Crossley v. Moore, 40 N. J. Law, 27; Crawford v. Krueger, 201 Pa. 348, 50 Atl. 361; In re Merriman's Estate, 17 Fed. Cas. 131; Chapman v. Mc x Co., 77 Me. 210; In re Adler (D. C.) 105 Fed. 444.

"Composition" should be distinguished from "accord." The latter properly denotes an arrangement between a debtor and a single creditor for a discharge of the obligation by a part payment or on different terms. The former designates an arrangement between a debtor and the whole body of his creditors (or at least a considerable proportion of them) for the liquidation of their claims by the dividend offered.

In ancient law. Among the Franks, Goths, Burgundians, and other barbarous peoples, this was the name given to a sum of money paid, as a satisfaction for a wrong or personal injury, to the person harmed, or to his family if he died, by the aggressor. It was originally made by mutual agreement of the parties, but afterwards established by law, and took the place of private physical vengeance.

—Composition deed. An agreement embodying the terms of a composition between a debtor and his creditors. —Composition in bankruptcy. An arrangement between a bankrupt and his creditors, whereby the amount he can be expected to pay is liquidated, and he is allowed to retain his assets upon condition of his making the payments agreed upon. —Composition of matters. In patent law. A mixture or chemical combination of materials. Good year v. Railroad Co., 10 Fed. Cas. 604; Cahill v. Brown, 4 Fed. Cas. 1005; Jacobs v. Baker, 7 Wall. 293, 19 L. Ed. 200. —Composition of tithe, or real composition. This arises in English ecclesiastical law, when an agreement is made between the owner of lands and the incumbent of a benefice, with the consent of the ordinary and the patron, that the lands shall, for the future, be discharged from payment of tithes, by reason of some land or other real recompense given in lieu and satisfaction thereof. 2 Bl. Comm. 28; 3 Stepb. Comm. 129.

COMPTARIUS. In old English law. A party accounting. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 71, § 17.

COMPOUND, v. To compromise; to effect a composition with a creditor; to obtain discharge from a debt by the payment of a smaller sum. Bank v. Malheur County, 30 Or. 420, 45 Pac. 781, 35 L. R. A. 141; Haskins v. Newcomb, 2 Johns. (N. Y.) 405; Pennell v. Rhodes, 9 Q. B. 114.

COMPOUND INTEREST. Interest upon interest, i. e., when the interest of a sum of money is added to the principal, and then bears interest, which thus becomes a sort of secondary principal. Camp v. Bates, 11 Conn. 497; Woods v. Rankin, 2 Helsk. (Tenn.) 46; U. S. Mortg. Co. v. Sperry (C. C.) 26 Fed. 730.

COMPOUNDER. In Louisiana. The maker of a composition, generally called the "amicable compounder."

COMPOUNDING A FELONY. The offense committed by a person who, having been directly injured by a felony, agrees with the criminal that he will not prosecute him, on condition of the latter's making repair, or on receipt of a reward or bribe not to prosecute.

The offense of taking a reward for forbearing to prosecute a felony; as where a party robbed takes his goods again, or other amends, upon an agreement not to prosecute. Watson v. Statte, 29 Ark. 299; Com. v. Pease, 16 Mass. 91.

COMBRA Y VENTA. In Spanish law. Purchase and sale.
COMPRINT. A surreptitious printing of another book-seller's copy of a work, to make gain thereby, which was contrary to common law, and is illegal. Wharton.

COMPRIVIGNI. In the civil law. Children by a former marriage, (individually called "privigni," or "privigna," considered relatively to each other. Thus, the son of a husband by a former wife, and the daughter of a wife by a former husband, are the comprivigni of each other. Inst. 1, 10, 8.

COMPROMISE. An arrangement arrived at, either in court or out of court, for settling a dispute upon what appears to the parties to be equitable terms, having regard to the uncertainty they are in regarding the facts, or the law and the facts together. Colburn v. Groton, 66 N. H. 151, 23 Atl. 95, 22 L. R. A. 763; Tretiak v. Grain Co., 10 Neb. 358, 1 N. W. 427; Attrill v. Patterson, 59 Md. 226; Bank v. McGeoch, 92 Wls. 256, 96 N. W. 606; Rivers v. Blom, 163 Mo. 442, 63 S. W. 812.

An agreement between two or more persons, who, for preventing or putting an end to a lawsuit, adjust their difficulties by mutual consent in the manner which they agree on, and which every one of them prefers to the hope of gaining, balanced by the danger of losing. Sharp v. Knox, 4 La. 456.

In the civil law. An agreement whereby two or more persons mutually bind themselves to refer their legal dispute to the decision of a designated third person, who is termed "umpire" or "arbitrator." Dig. 4, 8; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 471.


COMPROMISSARIUS. In the civil law. An arbitrator.

COMPROBATION. A submission to arbitration.


COMPTÉ ARRÊTÉ. Fr. An account stated in writing, and acknowledged to be correct on its face by the party against whom it is stated. Paschal v. Union Bank of Louisiana, 9 La. Ann. 484.

COMPTER. In Scotch law. An accounting party.

COMPTROLLER. A public officer of a state or municipal corporation, charged with certain duties in relation to the fiscal affairs of the same, principally to examine and audit the accounts of collectors of the public money, to keep records, and report the financial situation from time to time. There are also officers bearing this name in the treasury department of the United States.

-Comptroller in bankruptcy. An officer in England, whose duty it is to receive from the trustee in each bankruptcy his accounts and periodical statements showing the proceedings in the bankruptcy, and also to call the trustee to account for any misfeasance, neglect, or omission in the discharge of his duties. Robs. Bankr. 33; Bankr. Act 1889, § 106.—Comptrollers of the hanaper. In English law. Officers of the court of chancery; their offices were abolished 1795, 15 & 16 Vict. c. 76. A comptroller. A supervising officer of revenue in a state government, whose principal duty is the final auditing and settling of all claims against the state. State v. Doron, 9 Nev. 412.


COMPELLARY, n. In ecclesiastical procedure, a compellary is a kind of writ to compel the attendance of a witness, to undergo examination. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1258.

COMPELLARY, adj. Involuntary; forced; coerced by legal process or by force of statute.

-Compellary arbitration. That which takes place when the consent of one of the parties is enforced by statutory provisions. Wood v. Seattle, 23 Wash. 1, 62 Pac. 335, 52 L. R. A. 369.—Compellary non-suit. An involuntary nonsuit. See Nonsuit.—Compellary payment. One not made voluntarily, but exacted by duress, threats, the enforcement of legal process, or unconscionably taking advantage of another. Shaw v. Woodcock, 7 Harr. & C. 73; Beckwith v. Frisbee, 32 Vt. 595; State v. Nelson, 41 Minn. 25, 42 N. W. 548, 4 L. R. A. 367; Mahar v.burger v. Butler, 59 La. 581, 13 Sup. Ct. 656, 37 L. Ed. 569.—Compellary process. Process to compel the attendance in court of a person wanted there as a witness or otherwise: including not only the ordinary subpoena, but also a warrant of arrest or attachment if needed. Powers v. Com., 24 Ky. Law Rep. 1007, 70 S. W. 444; Graham v. State, 50 Ark. 161, 6 S. W. 721; State v. Nathaniel, 52 La. Ann. 558, 26 South. 1006.—Compellary sale or purchase. A term sometimes used to characterize the transfer of title to property under the exercise of the power of eminent domain. In re Barre Water Co., 62 Vt. 27, 20 Atl. 109, 5 L. R. A. 199.

COMPURGATOR. One of several neighbors of a person accused of a crime, or charged as a defendant in a civil action, who appeared and swore that they believed him on his oath. 3 Bl. Comm. 341.

COMPUTO. Lat. To compute, reckon, or account. Used in the phrases insinul computassest, "they reckoned together," (see INSIMUL;) plene computavit, "he has fully accounted," (see Plene;) quod computet, "that he account," (see Quod Computet.)

COMPUTATION. The act of computing, numbering, reckoning, or estimating.
The account or estimation of time by rule of law, as distinguished from any arbitrary construction of the parties. Cowell.

**COMPUTUS.** A writ to compel a guardian, bailiff, receiver, or accountant to yield up his accounts. It is founded on the statute Westm. 2, c. 12; Reg. Orig. 155.

**COMTE.** Fr. A count or earl. In the ancient French law, the comte was an officer having jurisdiction over a particular district or territory, with functions partly military and partly judicial.

**CON BUENA FE.** In Spanish law. With (or in) good faith.

**CONACRED.** In Irish practice. The payment of wages in land, the rent being worked out in labor at a money valuation. Wharton.

Conatus quid sit, non definitur in jure. 2 Bulst. 277. What an attempt is, is not defined in law.

**CONCEAL.** To hide; secrete; withhold from the knowledge of others.

The word "conceal," according to the best lexicographers, signifies to withhold or keep secret mental facts from another's knowledge, as well as to hide or secrete physical objects from sight or observation. Gerry v. Dunham, 57 Me. 339.

Concealed. The term "concealed" is not synonymous with "lying in wait." If a person conceals himself for the purpose of shooting another unwares, he is lying in wait; but a person may, while concealed, shoot another without committing the crime of murder. People v. Miles, 55 Cal. 257. The term "concealed weapons" means weapons willfully or knowingly covered or kept from sight. Owen v. State, 31 Ala. 387.—Concealment. In old English law. Such as find out concealed lands; that is, lands privity kept from the king by common persons having nothing to show for them. They are called "a troublesome, turbulent sort of men; turbulent persons." Cowell.—Concealment. The improper suppression or disguising of a fact, circumstance, or qualification which rests within the knowledge of one of the parties to a contract, but which ought in fairness and good faith to be communicated to the other, whereby the party so concealing draws the other into an engagement which he would not make but for his ignorance of the fact concealed. A neglect to communicate that which a party knows, and ought to communicate, is called a "concealment." Civ. Code Cal. § 2501. The terms "misrepresentation" and "concealment" have a known and definite meaning in the law of insurance. Misrepresentation is the statement of something as fact which is untrue in fact, and which the assured knows, knowing it to be not true, with an intent to deceive the underwriter, or which he states positively as true, without knowing it to be true, and which has a tendency to mislead, such fact in either case being material to the risk. Concealment is the designed and intentional withholding of any fact material to the risk, which the assured, in honesty and good faith, ought to communicate to the underwriter; mere silence on the part of the assured, especially as to some matter of fact which he does not consider it important for the underwriter to know, is not to be considered as such concealment. If the fact so untruly stated or purposely suppressed is not material, that is, if the knowledge or ignorance of it would not naturally influence the judgment of the underwriter in making the contract, or in estimating the degree and character of the risk, or in fixing the rate of the premium, it is not a "misrepresentation" or "concealment," within the clause of the conditions annexed to policies. Daniels v. Insurance Co., 12 Cush. (Mass.) 416, 59 Am. Dec. 192.

**CONCEDER.** Fr. In French law. To grant. See Concession.

**CONCEDO.** Lat. I grant. A word used in old Anglo-Saxon grants, and in statutes merchant.

**CONCEPTION.** In medical jurisprudence, the beginning of pregnancy, (q. v.)

**CONCEPTUM.** In the civil law. A theft (furtheum) was called "conceptum," when the thing taken was searched for, and found upon some person in the presence of witnesses. Inst. 4, 1, 4.


**CONCESSI.** Lat. I have granted. At common law, in a feoffment or estate of inheritance, this word does not imply a warranty; it only creates a covenant in a lease for years. Co. Litt. 394a. See Kinney v. Watts, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 40; Koch v. Husits, 113 Wis. 500. 37 N. W. 834; Burwell v. Jackson, 9 N. Y. 535.

**CONCESSIMUS.** Lat. We have granted. A term used in conveyances, the effect of which was to create a joint covenant on the part of the grantees.

**CONCESSIO.** In old English law. A grant. One of the old common assurances, or forms of conveyance.

Concessio per regem fieri debet de certitudine. 9 Coke, 46. A grant by the king ought to be made from certainty.

Concessio versus concedentem latam interpretationem habere debet. A grant ought to have a broad interpretation (to be liberally interpreted) against the grantor. Jenk. Cent. 279.

**CONCESSION.** A grant; ordinarily applied to the grant of specific privileges by a government; French and Spanish grants in Louisiana. See Western M. & M. Co. v. Peyton Coal Co., 8 W. Va. 444.
CONCESSIT SOLVERE. (He granted and agreed to pay.) In English law. An act of debt upon a simple contract. It lies by custom in the mayor's court, London, and Bristol city court.

CONCESSOR. In old English law. A grantor.

CONCESSUM. Accorded; conceded. This term, frequently used in the old reports, signifies that the court admitted or assented to a point or proposition made on the argument.

CONCESSUS. A grantee.

CONCILLIABULUM. A council house.

CONCILIATION. In French law. The formality to which Intending litigants are subjected in cases brought before the juge de paix. The judge convenes the parties and endeavors to reconcile them. Should he not succeed, the case proceeds. In criminal and commercial cases, the preliminary of conciliation does not take place. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 552.

CONCILIUM. Lat. A council. Also argument in a cause, or the sitting of the court to hear argument; a day allowed to a defendant to present his argument; an impalement.

—Concilium ordinarium. In Anglo-Norman times. An executive and residuary judicial committee of the Aula Regis. (q. v.)—Concilium regis. An ancient English tribunal, existing during the reigns of Edward I. and Edward II., to which was referred cases of extraordinary difficulty. Co. Litt. 304.

CONCIONATOR. In old records. A common council man; a freeman called to a legislative hall or assembly. Cowell.

CONCLUDE. To finish; determine; to estop; to prevent.

CONCLUDED. Ended; determined; estopped; prevented from.

CONCLUSION. The end; the termination; the act of finishing or bringing to a close. The conclusion of a declaration or complaint is all that part which follows the statement of the plaintiff's cause of action. The conclusion of a plea is its final clause, in which the defendant either "puts himself upon the country" (where a material averment of the declaration is traversed and issue tendered) or offers a verification, which is proper where new matter is introduced. State v. Waters, 1 Mo. App. 7.

In trial practice. It signifies making the final or concluding address to the jury or the court. This is, in general, the privilege of the party who has to sustain the burden of proof.

Conclusion also denotes a bar or estoppel; the consequence, as respects the individual, of a judgment upon the subject-matter, or of his confession of a matter or thing which the law thenceforth forbids him to deny.

—Conclusion against the form of the statute. The proper form for the conclusion of an indictment for an offense created by statute is the technical phrase "against the form of the statute in such case made and provided;" or, in Latin, contra formam statutui.

—Conclusion of fact. An inference drawn from the subordinate or evidentiary facts.

—Conclusion of law. Within the rule that pleadings should contain only facts, and not conclusions of law, this means a proposition not arrived at by any process of natural reasoning from a fact or combination of facts stated, but by the application of the artificial rules of law to the facts pleaded. Levine v. Hovegone, 71 Cal. 273, 12 Pac. 161; Iron Co. v. Vandervort, 104 Pa. 572, 30 Atl. 491; Clark v. Railway Co., 26 Minn. 68, 9 N. W. 73.

—Conclusion to the country. In pleading. The tender of an issue to be tried by jury. Steph. Pl. 230.

CONCLUSIVE. Shutting up a matter; shutting out all further evidence; not admitting of explanation or contradiction; putting an end to inquiry; final; decisive. Hoadley v. Hammond, 63 Iowa, 509, 10 N. W. 794; Joslyn v. Rockwell, 59 Hun, 123, 13 N. Y. Supp. 311; Appeal of Bixler, 59 Cal. 590.

—Conclusive evidence. See Evidence.—Conclusive presumption. See Presumption.

CONCORD. In the old process of levying a fine of lands, the concord was an agreement between the parties (real or seignior) in which the defraucnt (or he who keeps the other out of possession) acknowledges that the lands in question are the right of complainant; and, from the acknowledgment or admission of right thus made, the party who levies the fine is called the "cognizer," and the person to whom it is levied the "cognizee." 2 Bl. Comm. 350.

The term also denotes an agreement between two persons, one of whom has a right of action against the other, settling what amends shall be made for the breach or wrong; a compromise or an accord.

In old practice. An agreement between two or more, upon a trespass committed, by way of amends or satisfaction for it. Plowd. 5, 6, 8.

Concordare leges legibus est optimus interpretandi modus. To make laws agree with laws is the best mode of interpreting them. Halk. Max. 70.

CONCORDAT. In public law. A compact or convention between two or more independent governments.

An agreement made by a temporal sovereign with the pope, relative to ecclesiastical matters.

In French law. A compromise effected by a bankrupt with his creditors, by virtue
of which he engages to pay within a certain time a certain proportion of his debts, and by which the creditors agree to discharge the whole of their claims in consideration of the same. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 553.

CONCORDIA. Lat. In old English law. An agreement, or concord. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 3, § 5. The agreement or unanimity of a jury. Compellere ad concordiam. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 9, § 2.

CONCORDIA Discordantium Canonum. The harmony of the discordant canons. A collection of ecclesiastical constitutions made by Gratian, an Italian monk, A. D. 1151; more commonly known by the name of "Decretum Gratiani."

Concordia parva res crescent et opulentia litum. 4 Inst. 74. Small means increase by concord and litigations by opulence.

CONCUBARIA. A fold, pen, or place where cattle live. Cowell.

CONCUBEANT. Lying together, as cattle.

CONCURGINE. A species of loose or informal marriage which took place among the ancients, and which is yet in use in some countries. See CONCUBINATUS.


An exception against a woman suing for dower, on the ground that she was the concubine, and not the wife, of the man of whose land she seeks to be endowed. Britt. c. 107.

CONCUBINATUS. In Roman law. An informal, unsanctioned, or "natural" marriage, as contradistinguished from the justa nuptia, or justum matrimonium, the civil marriage.

CONCUBINE. (1) A woman who cohabits with a man to whom she is not married. (2) A sort of inferior wife, among the Romans, upon whom the husband did not confer his rank or quality.

CONCURE. To agree; accord; consent. In the practice of appellate courts, a "concurring opinion" is one filed by one of the judges or justices, in which he agrees with the conclusions or the result of another opinion filed in the case (which may be either the opinion of the court or a dissenting opinion) though he states separately his views of the case or his reasons for so concurring.

In Louisiana law. To join with other claimants in presenting a demand against an insolvent estate.

CONCURRATOR. In the civil law. A joint or co-curator, or guardian.

CONCURRENCE. In French law. The possession, by two or more persons, of equal rights or privileges over the same subject-matter.

-Concurrence deloyale. A term of the French law nearly equivalent to "unfair trade competition;" and used in relation to the infringement of rights secured by trade-marks, etc. It signifies a dishonest, pernicious, or treacherous rivalry in trade, or any manœuvre calculated to prejudice the good will of a business or the value of the name of a property or its credit or renown with the public, to the injury of a business competitor. Simmons Medicine Co. v. Mansfield Drug Co., 93 Tenn. 84, 23 S. W. 165.

CONCURRENT. Having the same authority; acting in conjunction; agreeing in the same act; contributing to the same event; contemporaneous.

As to concurrent "Covenants," "Jurisdiction," "Insurance," "Lease," "Lien," and "Writs," see those titles.

CONCURSO. In the law of Louisiana, the name of a suit or remedy to enable creditors to enforce their claims against an insolvent or failing debtor. Schroeder v. Nicholson, 2 La. 335.

CONCURSUS. In the civil law. (1) A running together; a collision, as concursum creditorum, a conflict among creditors. (2) A concurrence, or meeting, as concursum actionem, concurrence of actions.

CONCUSS. In Scotch law. To coerce.

CONCUSSIO. In the civil law. The offense of extortion by threats of violence. Dig. 47. 15.

CONCUSION. In the civil law. The unlawful forcing of another by threats of violence to give something of value. It differs from robbery, in this: That in robbery the thing is taken by force, while in concussion it is obtained by threatened violence. Helne. Elem. § 1071.

In medical jurisprudence. Concussion of the brain is a jarring of the brain substance, by a fall, blow, or other external injury, without laceration of its tissue, or with only microscopic laceration. Maynard v. Railroad Co., 43 Or. 63, 72 Pac. 590.

CONDEDIT. In ecclesiastical law. The name of a plea entered by a party to a libel filed in the ecclesiastical court, in which it is pleaded that the deceased made the will which is the subject of the suit, and that he was of sound mind. 2 Eng. Ecc. R. 438; 6 Eng. Ecc. R. 431.
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CONDEMN. To find or adjudge guilty. 3 Leon. 68. To adjudge or sentence. 3 Bl. Comm. 291. To adjudge (as an admiralty court) that a vessel is a prize, or that she is unfit for service. 1 Kent, Comm. 102; 3 Esp. 65. To set apart or expropriate property for public use, in the exercise of the power of eminent domain. Wuizen v. San Francisco, 101 Cal. 15, 35 Pac. 353, 40 Am. St. Rep. 17.

CONDEMNATION. In admiralty law. The judgment or sentence of a court having jurisdiction and acting in rem, by which (1) it is declared that a vessel which has been captured at sea as a prize was lawfully so seized and is liable to be treated as prize; or (2) that property which has been seized for an alleged violation of the revenue laws, neutrality laws, navigation laws, etc., was lawfully so seized, and is, for such cause, forfeited to the government; or (3) that the vessel which is the subject of inquiry is unfit and unsafe for navigation. Gallagher v. Murray, 9 Fed. Cas. 1087.

In the civil law. A sentence or judgment which condemns some one to do, to give, or to pay something, or which declares that his claim or pretensions are unfounded. Lockwood v. Saffold, 1 Ga. 72.


CONDEMNATION MONEY. In practice. The damages which the party failing in an action is adjudged or condemned to pay; sometimes simply called the "condemnation." As used in an appeal-bond, this phrase means the damages which should be awarded against the appellant by the judgment of the court. It does not embrace damages not included in the judgment. Doe v. Daniels, 6 Blackf. (Ind.) 8; Hayes v. Weaver, 61 Ohio St. 55, 55 N. E. 172; Maloney v. Johnson-McLean Co., 72 Neb. 340, 100 N. W. 424.

CONDESCENDENCE. In the Scotch law. A part of the proceedings in a cause, setting forth the facts of the case on the part of the pursuer or plaintiff. Condescend.

CONDICTIO. In Roman law. A general term for actions of a personal nature, founded upon an obligation to give or do a certain and defined thing or service. It is distinguished from vindicatio rei, which is an action to vindicate one's right of property in a thing by regaining (or retaining) possession of it against the adverse claim of the other party.

CONDICTIO CERTI. An action which lies upon a promise to do a thing, where such promise or stipulation is certain, (as in: certi stipulatio.) Inst. 3, 10, pr.; Id. 3, 15, pr.; Dig. 12, 1; Bract. fol. 1039. —CONDICTIO EX LEGE. An action arising where the law gave a remedy, but provided no appropriate form of action. Cal. v. —CONDICTIO INDEBITATA. An action which lays to recover anything which the plaintiff had given or paid to the defendant, by mistake, and which he was not bound to give or pay, either in fact or in law. —CONDICTIO REI FURTIVAE. An action which lies to recover a thing stolen, against the thief himself, or his heir. Inst. 4, 1, 19. —CONDICTIO SINE CAUSA. An action which lay in favor of a person who had given or promised a thing without consideration, (cass.) Dig. 12, 7; Cod. 4, 9.

CONDITIO. Lat. A condition.

Conditio beneficla, quae statum construit, benigne secundum verborum intentionem et interpretationem adiuvata; odiosa antem, quae statum destruct, stricte secundum verborum proprietatem accepit. 8 Coke. 90. A beneficial condition, which creates an estate, ought to be construed favorably, according to the intention of the words; but a condition which destroys an estate is odious, and ought to be construed strictly according to the letter of the words.

Conditio dictatur, cum quid in casum incertum qui potest tendere ad esse aut non esse certificatur. Co. Litt. 201. It is called a "condition," when something is given on an uncertain event, which may or may not come into existence.

Conditio ilicita habetur pro non adjecta. An unlawful condition is deemed as not annexed.

Conditio praesens adimpleitori debet primum sequitur effectus. Co. Litt. 201. A condition precedent must be fulfilled before the effect can follow.

CONDITION. In the civil law. The rank, situation, or degree of a particular person in some one of the different orders of society. An agreement or stipulation in regard to some uncertain future event, not of the essential nature of the transaction, but annexed to it by the parties, providing for a change or modification of their legal relations upon its occurrence. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 184.

Classification. In the civil law, conditions are of the following several kinds: The casual condition is that which depends on chance or accident. The creditor or debtor. Civ. Code La. art. 2923.

A mixed condition is one that depends at the same time on the will of one of the parties and on the will of a third person, or on the will of one of the parties and also on a casual event. Civ. Code La. art. 2905.

The potestatis condition is that which makes
the execution of the agreement depend on an event which it is in the power of the one or the other of the contracting parties to bring about or to hinder. Civ. Code La. art. 2024. A condition disjunctive is one in which, when accomplished, operates the revocation of the obligation, placing matters in the same condition as if the obligation had not existed. It does not suspend the execution of the obligation. It only obliges the creditor to restore what he has received in case the event provided for in the condition takes place. Civ. Code La. art. 2045; Moss v. Smoker, 2 La. Ann. 901.

An expressible condition is that which depends, either on a future and uncertain event, or on an event which has actually taken place, without its being yet known to the parties. In the former case, the obligation cannot be executed till after the event; in the latter, the obligation has its effect from the day on which it was contracted, but it cannot be enforced until the event be known. Civ. Code La. art. 2043; New Orleans v. Railroad Co., 171 U. S. 312, 18 Sup. Ct. 875, 42 L. Ed. 178; Moss v. Smoker, 2 La. Ann. 901.

In French law. In French law, the following peculiar distinctions are made: (1) A condition is causale when it depends on a cause real or subjective; (2) a condition is potestative when it depends on the accomplishment of something which is in the power of the party to accomplish; (3) a condition is mixte when it depends partly on the will of the party and partly on the will of others; (4) a condition is suspensive when it is a future and uncertain event, or present but unknown event, upon which an obligation takes or fails to take effect; (5) a condition is résoluatoire when it is the event whichundoesa obligation which has already had effect as such. Brown.

In common law. The rank, situation, or degree of a particular person in some one of the different orders of society; or his statute or statutory situation, considered as a juridical person, arising from positive law or the institutions of society. Thill v. Pohlman, 76 Iowa, 638, 41 N. W. 385.

A clause in a contract or agreement which has for its object to suspend, rescind, or modify the principal obligation, or, in case of a will, to suspend, revoke, or modify the devise or bequest. Towle v. Rensam, 70 N. Y. 305; Jones v. U. S., 96 U. S. 24 L. Ed. 644; Redman v. Insurance Co., 49 Wis. 431, 4 N. W. 591; Beatty's Estate v. Western College, 177 Ill. 290, 52 N. E. 432, 42 L. R. A. 797, 69 Am. St. Rep. 242; Willing v. Willing, 31 Conn. 475; Blean v. Messenger, 33 N. J. Law, 303. A condition subsequent is one annexed to an obligation, and already vested in the performing of which such estate is kept and continued, and by the failure or non-performance of which it is defeated; or it is a condition referring to a future event, upon the happening of which the obligation becomes no longer binding upon the other party, if he chooses to avail himself of the condition. 2 Bl. Comm. 154; Civ. Code Cal. § 1436; Code Ga. § 2722; Goff v. Pensenhofer, 190 Ill. 290, 60 N. E. 110; Moran v. Stewart, 173 N. C. 297, 73 S. W. 177; Hargrave v. Ahrens, 53 Fed. 580, 3 C. C. A. 426; Towle v. Rensam, 70 N. Y. 309; Chapin v. School Dist., 35 N. H. 450; Blanchard v. Railroad Co., 21 Mich. 49, 18 Am. Rep. 142; Cooper v. Green, 28 Ark. 54.

Conditions may also be positive (requiring that a specified event shall happen or an act be done) and restrictive or negative, the latter being such as impose an obligation not to do a particular thing, as, that a lessee shall not alien or sub-let, or commit waste, or the like. Shep. Touch. 118.

They may be simple, copulative, or disjunctive. Those of the first kind require the performance of one specified thing only: those of the second kind require the performance of divers acts or things; those of the third kind require the performance of one of several things. Shep. Touch. 118.

Conditions may also be independent or dependent, or mixed: they belong to the first class when each of the two conditions must be performed without any reference to the other; to
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the second class when the performance of one contingent, is not obligatory until the actual performance of the other; and to the third class when neither party need perform his condition unless the other is ready and willing to perform his. In other words, in the mutual covenants go to the whole consideration on both sides and each is precedent to the other. Hueni v. Daley, 90 Fed. 606; 43 C. C. A. 12, 48 L. R. A. 229.

The following varieties may also be noted: A condition collateral is one requiring the performance of a collateral act having no necessary relation to the main subject of the agreement. A compulsory condition is one which expressly requires a thing to be done, as, that a lessor shall pay a specified sum of money on a certain day or his lease shall be void. Shep. Touch. 118. Conditions are conditions are those which are mutually dependent and are to be performed at the same time. Civ. Code Cal. § 1437. A condition inherent is one annexed to the rent reserved out of the land whereas the estate is made, or rather, to the estate in the land, in respect of rent. Shep. Touch. 118.

Synonym distinguished. A "condition" is to be distinguished from a limitation, in that the latter may be to or for the benefit of a stranger, who may then take advantage of its determination, while only the grantor, or those who stand in his place, can take advantage of a condition (Hoselton v. Hoselton, 166 Mo. 122, 65 S. W. 1065; Stearns v. Gofrey, 16 Mo. 158;) and in that a limitation ends the estate without entry or claim, which is not true of a condition. It also differs from a conditional limitation; for in the latter the estate is limited over to a third person, while in case of a simple condition it reverts to the grantor, or his heirs or devisees, (Church v. Grant, 3 Gray (Mass.) 147, 63 Am. Dec. 725.) It differs also from a covenant, which can be made by either grantor or grantee, while only the grantor can make a condition, (Co. Litt. 70.) A covenant is a devise of land with a bequest, out of the subject-matter, and a charge upon the devisee personally, in respect of the estate devised, gives him an estate on condition. A condition also differs from a remainder; for, while the former may operate to defeat the estate before its natural termination, the latter cannot take effect until the completion of the preceding estate.

CONDITIONAL. That which is dependent upon or granted subject to a condition.

—Conditional creditor. In the civil law. A creditor having a future right of action, or having a right of action in expectancy. Dig. 50, 16, 54.—Conditional stipulation. In the civil law. A stipulation to do a thing upon condition, as the happening of any event.


Conditiones qualibet odiosae; maxime aetem contra matrimonium et commer- cium. Any conditions are odious, but especially those which are against (in re strait) of marriage and commerce. Loft, Appendix, 644.

CONDITIONS OF SALE. The terms upon which sales are made at auction; usually written or printed and exposed in the auction room at the time of sale.

CONDONATION. In the civil law. Co-ownerships or limited ownerships, such as emphyteusa, superficies, sigmas, hypothecas, usufructus, usu, and habitatio. These were more than mere jura in re aliena, being portion of the dominium itself, although they are commonly distinguished from the dominium strictly so called. Brown.

CONDONACION. In Spanish law. The remission of a debt, either expressly or tacitly.

CONDONATION. The conditional remission or forgiveness, by one of the married parties, of a matrimonial offense committed by the other, and which would constitute a cause of divorce; the condition being that the offense shall not be repeated. See Palm v. Palm, 37 Mo. App. 115; Betts v. Betts, 25 N. Y. Super. Ct. 396; Thomson v. Thomson, 121 Cal. 11, 53 Pac. 403; Harnett v. Harnett, 55 Iowa, 45, 7 N. W. 394; Eggerth v. Eggerth, 15 Or. 626, 16 Pac. 650; Turnbull v. Turnbull, 23 Ark. 615; Odom v. Odom, 36 Ga. 318; Polson v. Polson, 140 Ind. 310, 39 N. E. 498.

The term is also sometimes applied to forgiveness of a past wrong, fault, injury, or breach of duty in other relations, as, for example, in that of master and servant. Leathberry v. Odell (C. C.) 7 Fed. 648.

CONDONE. To make condonation of.

CONDUCT MONEY. In English practice. Money paid to a witness who has been subpoenaed on a trial, sufficient to defray the reasonable expenses of going to, staying at, and returning from the place of trial. Lush, Pr. 499; Archb. New Pr. 630.

CONDUCT ACTIO. In the civil law. An action which the hirer (conductor) of a thing might have against the letter, (locatur.) Inst. 3, 25, pr. 2.

CONDUCTIO. In the civil law. A hirer. Used generally in connection with the term locatio, a letting. Locatio et conductio, (sometimes united as a compound word, "lo- catio-conductio," a) a letting and hirer. Inst. 3, 25; Bract. fol. 62, c. 28; Story, Balim. §§ 8, 308.

CONDUCTOR. In the civil law. A hirer.

CONDUCTOR OPERARUM. In the civil law. A person who engages to perform a piece of work for another, at a stated price.
CONDUCTUS. A thing hired.

CONFESSION. A meeting of several persons for deliberation, for the interchange of opinion, or for the removal of differences or disputes. Thus, a meeting between a counsel and solicitor to advise on the cause of their client.

In the practice of legislative bodies, when the two houses cannot agree upon a pending measure, each appoints a committee of "conference," and the committees meet and consult together for the purpose of removing differences, harmonizing conflicting views, and arranging a compromise which will be accepted by both houses.

In international law. A personal meeting between the diplomatic agents of two or more powers, for the purpose of making statements and explanations that will obviate the delay and difficulty attending the more formal conduct of negotiations.

In French law. A concordance or identity between two laws or two systems of laws.

CONFESS. To admit the truth of a charge or accusation. Usually spoken of charges of tortious or criminal conduct.

CONFESSION. Let. A confession. Confessio in judicio, a confession made in or before a court.

Confessio facta in judicio omni probatione major est. A confession made in court is of greater effect than any proof. Jenk. Cent. 102.

CONFESSION. In criminal law. A voluntary statement made by a person charged with the commission of a crime or misdemeanor, communicated to another person, wherein he acknowledges himself to be guilty of the offense charged, and discloses the circumstances of the act or the share and participation which he had in it. Speer v. Com. (Ky.) 51 S. W. 802; People v. Parton, 49 Cal. 637; Lee v. State, 102 Ga. 221. 29 S. E. 264; State v. Heldenreich, 29 Or. 381, 45 Pac. 755.

Also the act of a prisoner, when arraigned for a crime or misdemeanor, in acknowledg ing and avowing that he is guilty of the offense charged.

Classification. Confessions are divided into judicial and extrajudicial. The former are such as are made before a magistrate or court in the due course of legal proceedings, while the latter are such as are made by a party elsewhere than in court or before a magistrate. Speer v. State, 4 Tex. App. 479. An implied confession is where the defendant, in a case not capital, does not plead guilty but indirectly admits his guilt by placing himself at the mercy of the court and asking for a light sentence. 2 Hawk. P. C. p. 469; State v. Conway, 20 R. I. 270, 38 Atl. 656. An indirect confession is one inferred from the conduct of the defendant. State v. Miller, 9 Iaoust. (Del.) 514, 32 Atl. 137. A naked confession is an admission of the guilt of the party, but which is not supported by any evidence of the commission of the crime. A relative confession, in the older crim-
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inal law of England, "is where the accused confesseth with a propósito of to become an approver." (2 Hale, P. C. c. 29.) or in other words to "turn king's evidence." This is now obsolete, but something like it is practiced in the plea of a mixture of where one of the persons accused or supposed to be involved in a crime is put on the witness stand under an implied promise of lenity. (See Knapp v. Commonwealth, (Mass.) 477, 20 Am. Dec. 594; State v. Willis, 71 Conn. 293, 41 Atl. 820. A simple confession is merely a plea of guilty. State v. Willis, 71 Conn. 293, 41 Atl. 820; Brown v. U. S., 183 U. S. 532, 18 Sun. Ct. 183, 42 L. Ed. 688. A voluntary confession is one made spontaneously by a person accused of crime, free from the influence of any extraneous disturbing cause, and in particular, not intimidated, or extorted by violence, threats, or promises. State v. Clifford, 86 Iowa, 550, 53 N. W. 299, 41 Am. St. Rep. 518; Roesel v. State, 62 N. J. Law, 216, 41 Atl. 408; State v. Alexander, 109 La. 109, 551, 33 South. 600; Com. v. Segu, 122 Mass. 218; Bullock v. State, 65 N. J. Law, 557, 47 Atl. 62, 86 Am. St. Rep. 668; Colburn v. Groton, 66 N. H. 151, 28 Atl. 85, 22 L. R. A. 703.

Confession and avoidance is a plea in confession and avoidance is one which avows and confesses the truth of the averments of fact in the declaration, either expressly or by implication, but then proceeds to allege new matter which tends to deprive the facts admitted of their ordinary legal effect, or to obviate, neutralize, or destroy them. Confession of defense. In English practice, where defendant alleges a ground of defense arising since the commencement of the action, the plaintiff may deliver confession or notice of purpose to defend, and defendant must present his defense, if he can, to the court before the trial. (Act 1875, Ord. XX. r. 6; confession of judgment. The act of a debtor in permitting judgment to be entered against him by his creditor, for a stipulated sum, by a written statement to that effect or by warrant of attorney, without the institution of legal proceedings of any kind. — Confessing error. A plea to an assignment of error, admitting the same.

CONFESSIO, BILL TAKEN IN PRO. In equity practice. An order which the court of chancery makes when the defendant does not file an answer, that the plaintiff may take such a decree as the case made by his bill warrants.

CONFESSOR. An ecclesiastic who receives a curricular confessions of sins from persons under his spiritual charge, and pronounces absolution upon them. The secrets of the confessional are not privileged communications at common law, but this has been changed by statute in some states. See 1 Greenl. Ev. §§ 247, 248.


Confessus in judicio pro judicato habeatur, et quodammodo sua sententia damnatur. 11 Co. 83, 30. A personal confession is his guilt when arraigned is deemed to have been found guilty, and is, as it were, condemned by his own sentence.

CONFIDENCE. Trust; reliance; ground of trust. In the construction of wills, this word is considered peculiarly appropriate to create a trust. It is as applicable to the subject of a trust, as nearly a synonym, as the English language is capable of. Trust is a confidence which one man reposes in another, and confidence is a trust." Appeal of Coates, 2 Pa. 133.

CONFIDENTIAL. Intrusted with the confidence of another or with his secret affairs or purposes; intended to be held in confidence or kept secret.

—Confidential communications. See COMMUNICATION.—Confidential creditors. This term has been applied to the creditors of a failing debtor who furnished him with the means of obtaining credit to which he was not entitled, involving in most the unsuspecting and fair-dealing creditors. Gay v. Strickland, 112 Ala. 567, 20 South. 921.—Confidential relation. A fiduciary relation. These phrases are used as convertible terms. It is a peculiar relation which exists between client and attorney, principal and agent, principal and surety, landlord and tenant, parent and child, guardian and ward, ancestor and heir, husband and wife, trustee and cestui que trust, executors or administrators and legatees. (See Appellant and Appointee, under powers, and partners and part owners. In these and like cases, the law, in order to prevent undue advantage from the unlimited confidence or sense of duty which the relation naturally creates, requires the utmost degree of good faith in all transactions between the parties. Robins v. Hope, 47 Cal. 493; People v. Palmer, 152 N. Y. 217, 46 N. E. 528; Scantgood v. Kirk, 192 Pa. 263, 43 Atl. 1080; Brown v. Deposit Co., 87 Md. 377, 49 Atl. 525.

CONFINEMENT. Confinement may be by either a moral or a physical restraint, by threats of violence with a present force, or by physical restraint of the person. U. S. v. Thompson, 1 Sumn. 171, Fed. Cas. No. 14,692; Ex parte Snodgrass, 43 Tex. Cr. R. 850, 55 S. W. 1061.

CONFIRM. To complete or establish that which was imperfect or uncertain; to ratify what has been done without authority or insufficiently. Boggs v. Mining Co., 14 Cal. 395; Railway Co. v. Ransom, 15 Tex. Civ. App. 689, 41 S. W. 928.

Confirma est id firmum facere quod primum infirmum fut. Co. Litt. 295. To confirm is to make firm that which was before infirm.

Confirma nemo potest prins quam jus ei acciderit. No one can confirm before the right accrues to him. 10 Coke. 48.

Confirmit usum qui tollit absumum. He confirms the use [of a thing] who removes the abuse, [of it.] Moore, 764.

CONFIRMATIO. The conveyance of an estate, or the communication of a right that one hath in or unto lands or tenements, to another that hath the possession thereof, or some other estate therefor, whereby a voidable estate is made sure and unavoidable, or whereby a particular estate is increased or
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Confr. crescens. An enlarging confirmation; one which enlarges a rightful estate. Shep. Touch. 311. —Confr. diminuens. A diminishing confirmation. A confirmation which tends to diminish and abridge the services whereby a tenant doth hold, operating as a release of part of the services. Shep. Touch. 311. —Confr. perpendiculæ. A confirmation which makes valid a wrongful and de-fensable title, or makes a conditional estate absolute. Shep. Touch. 311.

CONFIRMATIO CHARTARUM. Lat. Confirmation of the charters. A statute passed in the 25 Edw. I., whereby the Great Charter is declared to be allowed as the common law; all judgments contrary to it are declared void; copies of it are ordered to be sent to all cathedral churches and read twice a year to the people; and sentence of excommunication is directed to be as constantly denounced against all those that, by word or deed or counsel, act contrary there-to or in any degree infringe it. 1 Bl. Comm. 128.

Confr. est nulla ubi donum precedens est invalidum. Moore, 764; Co. Litt. 295. Confirmation is void where the preceding gift is invalid.

Confr. omnem supplet defectus, lect id quod actum est ab initio non valuit. Co. Litt. 295b. Confirmation supplies all defects, though that which had been done was not valid at the beginning.

CONFIRMATION. A contract by which that which was infirm, imperfect, or subject to be avoided is made firm and unavoidable. A conveyance of an estate or right in esse, whereby a voidable estate is made sure and unavoidable, or whereby a particular estate is increased. Co. Litt. 295b. Jackson v. Root, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 60; People v. Law, 34 Barb. (N. Y.) 511; De Mares v. Gilpin, 15 Colo. 76, 24 Pac. 568.

In English ecclesiastical law. The ratification by the archbishop of the election of a bishop by dean and chapter under the king's letter missive prior to the investment and consecration of the bishop by the archbishop. 25 Hen. VIII. c. 20.

Confr. of sale. The confirmation of a judicial sale by the court which ordered it is a signification in some way (usually by the entry of an order) of the court's approval of the terms, price, and conditions of the sale. Johnson v. Cooper, 56 Miss. 619; Hyman v. Smith, 13 W. Va. 765.

CONFIRMAVI. Lat. I have confirmed. The emphatic word in the ancient deeds of confirmation. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 14, § 5.

CONFIRME. The grantee in a deed of confirmation.

CONFIRMOR. The grantor in a deed of confirmation.

CONFISCABLE. Capable of being confiscated or suitable for confiscation; liable to forfeiture. Camp v. Lockwood, 1 Dall. (Pa.) 393, 1 L. Ed. 194.

CONFISCARE. In civil and old English law. To confiscate; to claim for or bring into the fas or treasury. Bract. fol. 150.

CONFISCATE. To appropriate property to the use of the state. To adjudge property to be forfeited to the public treasury; to seize and condemn private forfeited property to public use. Ware v. Hylton, 3 Dall. 234, 1 L. Ed. 568; State v. Sargent, 12 Mo. App. 234.

Formerly, it appears, this term was used as synonymous with "forfeit," but at present the distinction between the two terms is well mark-ed. Confiscation supersedes upon forfeiture. The person, by his act, forfeits his property; the state, whereupon it appropriates it, then confiscates it. Hence, to confiscate property implies that it has first been forfeited; but for forfeit property does not necessarily imply that it will be confiscated. "Confiscation" is also to be distinguished from "condemnation" as prize. The former is the act of the sovereign against a rebellious subject; the latter is the act of a belligerent against another belligerent. Confiscation may be effected by such means, summary or arbitrary, as the sovereign, employing its will through lawful channels, may please to adopt. Condemnation as prize can only be made in accordance with principles of law recognized in the common juris-prudence of the world. Both belong in rem, but confiscation recognizes the title of the original owner to the property, while in prize the tenure of the property is qualified, provisional, and destitute of absolute ownership. Winchester v. U. S., 14 Ct. Cl. 48.

CONFISCATE. One whose property has been seized and sold under a confiscation act, e. g., for unpaid taxes. See Brent v. New Orleans, 41 La. Ann. 1096, 6 South. 790.

CONFISCATION. The act of confiscating; or of condemning and adjudging to the public treasury.

—Confiscation acts. Certain acts of congress, enacted during the progress of the civil war (1861 and 1862) in the exercise of the war powers of the government and meant to strengthen its hands and aid in suppressing the rebellion, which authorized the seizure, condemnation, and forfeiture of "property used for insurrectionary purposes." 12 U. S., at Large, 310; Miller v. U. S., 9 Wall. 267, 20 L. Ed. 135; Semmes v. U. S., 91 U. S. 27, 23 L. Ed. 135. —Confiscation cases. The name given to a group of fifteen cases decided by the United States supreme court in 1868, on the validity and construction of the confiscation acts of congress. Reported in 7 Wall. 454, 19 L. Ed. 195.

CONFUS. An old form of confiscate.

CONFITENS REUS. An accused person who admits his guilt.

CONFLICT OF LAWS. 1. An opposition, conflict, or antagonism between differ-
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CONFUSION. This term, as used in the civil law and in compound terms derived from that source, means a blending or intermingling, and is equivalent to the term "merger" as used at common law. Palmer v. Burnside, 1 Woods, 182, Fed. Cas. No. 10,683.

—Confusion of boundaries. The title of that branch of equity jurisdiction which relates to the discovery and settlement of conflicting, disputed, or uncertain boundaries.—Confusion of debts. A mode of extinguishing a debt, by the concurrence in the same person of two qualities which mutually destroy one another. This may occur in several ways, as where the creditor becomes the heir of the debtor, or the debtor or the heir of the creditor, or either accedes to the title of the other by any other mode of transfer. Woods v. Ridley, 11 Humph. (Tenn.) 198.—Confusion of goods. The inseparable intermixture of property belonging to different owners; properly confined to the pouring together of fluids, but used in a wider sense to designate any indistinguishable compound of elements belonging to different owners. The term "confusion" is applicable to a mixing of chattels of one and the same general description, differing thus from "assimilation," which is where various materials are united in one product. Confusion of goods arises wherever the goods of two or more persons are so blended as to have become indistinguishable. 1 Schuler, Pers. Prop. 41; Treat v. Barber, 7 Conn. 291; Robinson v. Holt, 39 N. H. 563, 75 Am. Dec. 233; Belcher v. Commission Co., 26 Tex. Civ. App. 59, 62 S. W. 424.—Confusion of estates. Conf. of civil-law expression, synonymous with "merger," as used in the common law, applying where two titles to the same property unite in the same person. Palmer v. Burnside, 1 Woods, 182, Fed. Cas. No. 10,685.

CONFRATERNITY. Fr. In old English law. A fraternity, brotherhood, or society. Cowell.

CONFRATERNIES. Brethren in a religious house; fellows of one and the same society. Cowell.

CONFRONTATION. In criminal law, the act of setting a witness face to face with the prisoner, in order that the latter may make any objection he has to the witness, or that the witness may identify the accused. State v. Behrman, 114 N. C. 707, 19 S. E. 229, 25 L. R. A. 449; Howser v. Com., 51 Pa. 332; State v. Mannion, 19 Utah, 505, 57 Pac. 542, 45 L. R. A. 638, 75 Am. St. Rep. 753; People v. Elliott, 172 N. Y. 146, 64 N. E. 837, 60 L. R. A. 318.

CONFUSION. In the civil law. The inseparable intermixture of property belonging to different owners; it is properly confined to the pouring together of fluids, but is sometimes also used of a melting together of metals or any compound formed by the irrecoverable commixture of different substances. It is distinguished from composition by the fact that in the latter case a separation may be made, while in a case of confusion there cannot be. 2 Bl. Comm. 405.

CONFLATION. In English ecclesiastical law. Adherence to the doctrines and usages of the Church of England.

—Conformity, bill of. See Bill of Conformity.

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principal supporters of a particular parish, or habitually meet at the same church for religious exercises. Robertson v. Bullions, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 67; Runkel v. Winemiller, 4 Har. & McH. (Md.) 452, 1 Am. Dec. 411; In re Walker, 200 Ill. 506, 63 N. E. 144.

In the ecclesiastical law, this term is used to designate certain bureaus at Rome, where ecclesiastical matters are attended to.

CONGRESS. In international law. An assembly of envoys, commissioners, deputies, etc., from different sovereignties who meet to concert measures for their common good, or to adjust their mutual concerns.

In American law. The name of the legislative assembly of the United States, composed of the senate and house of representatives, (q. v.)

CONGRESSUS. The extreme practical test of the truth of a charge of impiety brought against a husband by a wife. It is now disused. Causes Célèbres, 6, 183.

CONJECTIO. In the civil law of evidence. A throwing together. Presumption; the putting of things together, with the inference drawn therefrom.

CONJECTIO CAUSE. In the civil law. A statement of the case. A brief synopsis of the case given by the advocate to the judge in opening the trial. Calvin.

CONJECTURE. A slight degree of credence, arising from evidence too weak or too remote to cause belief. Weed v. Scofield, 73 Conn. 670, 49 Atl. 22.

Supposition or surmise. The idea of a fact, suggested by another fact; as a possible cause, concomitant, or result. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 27.

CONJONCTIONS. Persons married to each other. Story, Confl. Laws, § 71.

CONJUDEX. In old English law. An associate judge. Bract. 403.

CONJUGAL RIGHTS. Matrimonial rights; the right which husband and wife have to each other's society, comfort, and affection.

CONJUGIUM. One of the names of marriage, among the Romans. ThyI. Civil Law, 284.

CONJUNCT. In Scotch law. Joint.

CONJUNCTA. In the civil law. Things joined together or united; as distinguished from disjuncta, things disjoined or separated. Dig. 50, 16, 53.


CONJUNCTIO. In the civil law. Conjunction; connection of words in a sentence. See Dig. 50, 16, 29, 142.

Conjunctio maritii et femine est de jure nature. The union of husband and wife is of the law of nature.

CONJUNCTIVE. A grammatical term for particles which serve for joining or connecting together. Thus, the conjunction "and" is called a "conjunctive," and "or" a "disjunctive," conjunction.

—Conjunctive denial. Where several material facts are stated conjunctively in the complaint, an answer which undertakes to deny them all merely as a whole, conjunctively stated, is called a "conjunctive denial." Doll v. Good, 38 Cal. 257.—Conjunctive obligation. See Obligation.

CONJURATIO. In old English law. A swearing together; an oath administered to several together; a combination or confederacy under oath. Cowell.

In old European law. A compact of the inhabitants of a commune, or municipality, confirmed by their oaths to each other and which was the basis of the commune. Steph. Lect. 119.

CONJURATION. In old English law. A plot or compact made by persons combining by oath to do any public harm. Cowell.

The offense of having conference or commerce with evil spirits, in order to discover some secret, or effect some purpose. Id. Classed by Blackstone with witchcraft, enchantment, and sorcery, but distinguished from each of these by other writers. 4 Bl. Comm. 60; Cowell. Cooper v. Livingston, 19 Fla. 693.

CONJURATOR. In old English law. One who swears or is sworn with others; one bound by oath with others; a compurgator; a conspirator.

CONNECTIONS. Relations by blood or marriage, but more commonly the relations of a person with whom one is connected by marriage. In this sense, the relations of a wife are "connections" of her husband. The term is vague and indefinite. See Storer v. Wheatley, 1 Pa. 507.

CONNEXITÉ. In French law. This exists when two actions are pending which, although not identical as in its pondus, are so nearly similar in object that it is expedient to have them both adjudicated upon by the same judges. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 555.

CONNVIVANCE. The secret or indirect consent or permission of one person to the commission of an unlawful or criminal act
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by another. Oakland Bank v. Wilcox, 60 Cal. 137; State v. Gesell, 124 Mo. 531, 27 S. W. 1101.

Literally, a winking at; intentional forbearance to see a fault or other act; generally implying consent to it. Webster.


Connivance differs from condonation, though the same legal consequences may attend it. Connivance necessarily involves criminality on the part of the individual who connives; condonation may take place without imputing the slightest blame to the party who forgives the injury. Connivance must be the act of the mind before the offense has been committed; condonation is the result of a determination to forgive an injury which was not known until after it was inflicted. Turton v. Turton, 3 Hagg. Eec. 360.

CONNOISSEMENT. In French law. An instrument similar to our bill of lading.

CONNUBIAL. In the civil law. Marriage. Among the Romans, a lawful marriage as distinguished from "concubinage," (q. v.) which was an inferior marriage.

CONOCIAMENTO. In Spanish law. A recognizance. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 7, c. 5, § 3.

CONOCIAMIENTO. In Spanish law. A bill of lading. In the Mediterranean ports it is called "police de cargamento."


CONQUEREUR. In Norman and old English law. The first purchaser of an estate; he who first brought an estate into his family.

CONQUEROR. In old English and Scotch law. The first purchaser of an estate; he who brought it into the family owning it. 2 Bl. Comm. 242, 243.

CONQUEST. In feudal law. Conquest; acquisition by purchase; any method of acquiring the ownership of an estate other than by descent. Also an estate acquired otherwise than by inheritance.

In international law. The acquisition of the sovereignty of a country by force of arms, exercised by an independent power which reduces the vanquished to the submission of its empire. Castiglione v. U. S., 2 Black, 100, 17 L. Ed. 300.

In Scotch law. Purchase. Bell.

CONQUESTOR. Conqueror. The title given to William of Normandy.

CONQUÊTS. In French law. The name given to every acquisition which the husband and wife, jointly or severally, make during the conjugal community. Thus, whatever is acquired by the husband and wife, either by his or her industry or good fortune, inures to the advantage of one-half for the benefit of the other. Merl. Repert. "Conquêt."

Picotte v. Cooley, 10 Mo. 312.


CONSANGUINEUS. Lat. A person related by blood; a person descended from the same common stock.

—Consanguineus frater. In civil and feudal law. A half-brother by the father's side, as distinguished from frater serius, a brother by the mother's side.

Consanguineus est quasi codem san- guine natus. Co. Litt. 157. A person related by consanguinity is, as it were, sprung from the same blood.

CONSANGUINITY. Kinship; blood relationship; the connection or relation of persons descended from the same stock or common ancestor. 2 Bl. Comm. 202; Blodgett v. Brittsmaid, 9 Vt. 30; State v. De Hart, 109 La. 570, 33 South. 605; Tepper v. Supreme Council, 50 N. J. Eq. 321, 45 Atl. 111; Rector v. Drury, 3 Pkn. (Wis.) 298.

Linear and collateral consanguinity. Linear consanguinity is that which subsists between persons of whom one is descended in a direct line from the other, as between son, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and so upwards in the direct ascending line; or between son, grandson, great-grandson, and so downwards in the direct descending line. Collateral consanguinity is that which subsists between persons who have the same ancestors, but who do not descend (or ascend) one from the other. Thus, father and son are related by lineal consanguinity, uncle and nephew by collateral consanguinity. 2 Bl. Comm. 203; Mc Dowell v. Addams, 45 Pa. 432; State v. De Hart, 109 La. 570, 33 South. 605; Brown v. Barhoe, 90 Wis. 181, 62 N. W. 321, 30 L. R. A. 320.

"Affinity" distinguished. Consanguinity, denoting blood relationship, is distinguished from "affinity," which is the connection existing in consequence of a marriage, between each of the married persons and the kindred of the other. Tegarden v. Phillips, 14 Ind. App. 27, 42 N. E. 549; Carmean v. Newell, 1 Denio (N. Y.) 25; Spear v. Robinson, 29 Me. 545.

CONSCIENCE. The moral sense; the faculty of judging the moral qualities of actions, or of discriminating between right and wrong; particularly applied to one's perception and judgment of the moral qualities of his own conduct, but in a wider sense, de-
noting a similar application of the standards of morality to the acts of others. In law, especially the moral rule which requires probity, justice, and honest dealing between man and man, as when we say that a bargain is "against conscience" or "unconsciousable," or that the price paid for property at a forced sale was so inadequate as to "shock the conscience." This is also the meaning of the term as applied to the jurisdiction and principles of decision of courts of chancery, as in saying that such a court is a "court of conscience," that it proceeds "according to conscience," or that it has cognizance of "matters of conscience." See 3 Bl. Comm. 47-56; People v. Stewart, 7 Cal. 143; Miller v. Miller, 187 Pa. 572, 41 Atl. 277.

Conscientious scruple. A conscientious scruple against taking an oath, serving as a juror in a capital case, doing military duty, or the like. A "objection or repugnance growing out of the fact that the person believes the thing demanded of him to be morally wrong, his conscience being the sole guide to his decision; it is thus distinguished from an "objection on principle," which is dictated by the reason and judgment of the moral may or may not relate only to the propriety or expediency of the thing in question. People v. Stewart, 7 Cal. 143. — "Conscientious of the court." When an issue is sent out of chancery to be tried at law, to "inform the conscience of the court," the meaning is that the court is to be supplied with exact and dependable information as to the unsettled or disputed questions of fact in the case, in order that it may proceed to decide it in accordance with the principles of equity and good conscience in the light of the facts thus determined. See Watt v. Starko, 101 U. S. 262, 25 L. Ed. 226. — Conscience, courts of. Courts, not of record, constituted by act of parliament in the city of London, and other towns, for the recovery of small debts; otherwise and more commonly called "Courts of Requests." 3 Steph. Comm. 451. — Conscience, right of. As used in some constitutional provisions, this phrase is equivalent to religious liberty or freedom of conscience. Cor. v. Long, 17 Serg. & R. (Pa) 156; State v. Cummings, 36 Mo. 263.

Conscientia dictur a con et scri, quasi scire cum Deo. 1 Coke, 100. Conscience is called from cos and scio, to know, as it were, with God.

Conscientia rei alieni. In Scotch law. Knowledge of another's property; knowledge that a thing is not one's own, but belongs to another. He who has this knowledge, and retains possession, is chargeable with "violent profits."

Conscription. Drafting into the military service of the state; compulsory service falling upon all male subjects eventually, with or without certain specified ages. Kneedler v. Lane, 45 Pa. 267.

Consecrate. In ecclesiastical law. To dedicate to sacred purposes, as a bishop by imposition of hands, or a church or churchyard by prayers, etc. Consecration is performed by a bishop or archbishop.

Consecratio est periodus electionis; electio est præambula consecratio. 2 Rolle. 102. Consecration is the termination of election; election is the preamble of consecration.

Consedo. Sp. A term used in conveyances under Mexican law, equivalent to the English word "grant." Mulford v. Le Franc, 28 Cal. 103.

Conseil de famille. In French law. A family council. Certain acts require the sanction of this body. For example, a guardian can neither accept nor reject an inheritance to which the minor has succeeded without its authority, (Code Nap. 461.) nor can he accept for the child a gift inter vivos without the like authority, (td. 403.)

Conseil judiciaire. In French law. When a person has been subjected to an interdict on the ground of his insane extravagance, but the interdict is not absolute, but limited only, the court of first instance, which grants the interdict, appoints a council, called by this name, with whose assistance the party may bring or defend actions, or compromise the same, alienate his estate, make or incur loans, and the like. Brown.

Conseils de prud'hommes. In French law. A species of trade tribunals, charged with settling differences between masters and workmen. They endeavor, in the first instance, to conciliate the parties. In default, they adjudicate upon the questions in dispute. Their decisions are final up to 200f. Beyond that amount, appeals lie to the tribunals of commerce. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 553.

Consenzial contract. A term derived from the civil law, denoting a contract founded upon and completed by the mere consent of the contracting parties, without any external formality or symbolical act to fix the obligation.

Consensus est voluntas plurium ad quos res pertinent, simul juncta. Loft. 514. Consent is the conjoint will of several persons to whom the thing belongs.

Consensus facit legem. Consent makes the law. (A contract is law between the parties agreeing to be bound by it.) Branch, Princ.

Consensus, non concubitus; facit nuptias vel matrimonium, et consentire non possunt ante annum nubiles. 6 Coke, 22. Consent, and not cohabitation, constitutes nuptials or marriage, and persons cannot consent before marriageable years. 1 Bl. Comm. 434.

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Consensus voluntas multorum ad quos res pertinent, simul juneta. Consent is the united will of several interested in one subject-matter. Davis, 48; Branch, Jrn. Princ.

CONSENT. A concurrence of wills. Express consent is that directly given, either visa vobis or in writing. Implied consent is that manifested by signs, actions, or facts, or by inaction or silence, which raise a presumption that the consent has been given. Cowen v. Paddock, 62 Hun, 622, 17 N. Y. Supp. 388.

Consent in an act of reason, accompanied with deliberation, the mind weighing as in a balance the good or evil on each side. Story, Eq. Jur. § 222; Plummer v. Comm., 1 Bush (Ky.) 76; Dicken v. Johnson, 7 Ga. 492; Macket v. Frith, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 114, 21 Am. Dec. 282; People v. Studwell, 91 App. Div. 469, 89 N. Y. Supp. 967.

There is a difference between consenting and submitting. Every consent involves a submission; but a mere submission does not necessarily involve consent. 9 Car. & P. 722.

—Consent decree. See DECREE.—Consent judgment. See JUDGMENT.

CONSENT-RULE. In English practice. A superseded instrument, in which a defendant in an action on the ejectment specified for what purpose he intended to defend, and undertook to confess not only the fictitious lease, entry, and ouster, but that he was in possession.

Consentientes et agentes pari potestate sunt. They who consent to an act, and who do it, shall be visited with equal punishment. 6 Coke, 80.

Consentire matrimonio non possunt infra [ante] annos nubiles. Parties cannot consent to marriage within the years of marriage. [Before the age of consent.] 6 Coke, 22.

Consequentia non est consequentia. Bac. Max. The consequence of a consequence exists not.

CONSEQUENTIAL CONTEMPT. The ancient name for what is now known as "constructive" contempt of court. Ex parte Wright, 65 Ind. 508. See CONTEMPT.

CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE. Such damage, loss, or injury as does not flow directly and immediately from the act of the party, but only from some of the consequences or results of such act. Swain v. Copper Co., 111 Tenn. 430, 78 S. W. 95; Pearson v. Spartanburg County, 51 S. C. 489, 29 S. E. 193.

The term "consequential damage" means sometimes damage which is so remote as not to be actionable; sometimes damage which, though somewhat remote, is actionable; or damage which, though actionable, does not follow immediately, if point of time, upon the doing of the act complained of. Eaton v. Railroad Co., 51 N. H. 504, 12 Am. Rep. 147.

CONSEQUENT. In Scotch law. Implied powers or authorities. Things which follow, usually by implication of law. A commission being given to execute any work, every power necessary to carry it on is implied. 1 Kames, Eq. 242.

CONSERVATOR. A guardian; protector; preserver.

"When any person having property shall be found to be incapable of managing his affairs, by the court of probate in the district in which he resides, it shall appoint some person to be his conservator, who, upon giving a probate bond, shall have the charge of the person and estate of such incapable person." Gen. St. Conn. 1875, p. 346, § 1. Treat v. Peck, 5 Conn. 280.

—Conservators of rivers. Commissioners or trustees in whom the control of a certain river is vested, in England, by act of parliament.—Conservators of the peace. Officers authorized to preserve and maintain the public peace. In England, these officers were locally elected by the people until the reign of Edward III. when their appointment was vested in the king. Their duties were to prevent and arrest for breaches of the peace, but they had no power to arrest and try the offender until about 1300, when this authority was given to them by act of parliament, and "then they acquired the more honorable appellation of justices of the peace." 1 Bl. Comm. 331. Even after this time, however, many public officers were styled "conservators of the peace," not as a distinct office but by virtue of the duties and authorities pertaining to their offices. In this sense the term may include the king himself, the lord chancellor, justices of the king's bench, master of the rolls, coroners, sheriffs, constables, etc. 1 Bl. Comm. 350. See Smith v. Abbott, 17 N. J. Law, 358. The term is still in use in Texas, where the constitution provides that county judges shall be conservators of the peace. Const. Tex. art. 4, § 15; Jones v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 83 S. W. 92.

CONSIDERATIO CURIE. The judgment of the court.

CONSIDERATION. The inducement to a contract. The cause, motive, price, or impelling influence which induces a contracting party to enter into a contract. The reason or material cause of a contract. Insurance Co. v. Raddin, 120 U. S. 183, 7 Sup. Ct. 500, 30 L. Ed. 644; Eastman v. Miller, 113 Iowa, 404, 58 N. W. 635; St. Mark's Church v. Teed, 120 N. Y. 583, 24 N. E. 1014; Fertilizer Co. v. Dunan, 91 Md. 144, 46 Atl. 347, 50 L. R. A. 401; Kemp v. Bank, 169 Fed. 48, 48 C. C. A. 213; Streishley v. Powell, 12 B. Mon. (Ky.) 578; Roberts v. New York, 5 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 41; Rice v. Almy, 32 Conn. 299.

Any benefit conferred, or agreed to be conferred, upon the promisor, by any other person, to which the promisor is not lawfully entitled, or any prejudice suffered, or agreed to be suffered, by such person, other than such as he is at the time of consent lawfully bound to suffer, as an inducement to the
promisor, is a good consideration for a promi-
sor, Civ. Code Cal. § 3305. Any act of the plaintiff from which the
defendant or a stranger derives a benefit or advantage, or any labor, detriment, or inconvenience sustained by the plaintiff, however small, if such act is performed or inconvenience suffered by the plaintiff by the consent, express or implied, of the defendant. 3 Scott, 250.

Considerations are classified and defined as follows:

They are either express or implied; the former when they are specifically stated in a deed, contract, or other instrument; the latter when inferred or supposed by the law from the acts or situation of the parties. They are either executed or executory; the former being acts done or values given before or at the time of making the contract; the latter being promises to give or do something in future.

They are either good or valuable. A good consideration is such as is founded on natural duty and affection, or on a strong moral obligation. A valuable consideration is founded on money, or something convertible into money, or having a value in money, except marriage, which is a valuable consideration. Code Ga. 1882, § 2741. See Chit. Cont. 7.

A continuing consideration is one consisting in acts or performances which must necessarily extend over a considerable period of time.

Concurrent considerations are those which arise at the same time or where the promises are simultaneous.

Equitable or moral considerations are devoid of efficacy in point of strict law, but are founded upon a moral duty, and may be made the basis of an express promise.

A gratuitous consideration is one which is not founded upon any such loss, injury, or inconvenience to the party to whom it moves as to make it valid in law.

Past consideration is an act done before the contract is made, and is really by itself no consideration for a promise. Anson, Cont. 82.

A nominal consideration is one bearing no relation to the real value of the contract or article, as where a parcel of land is described in a deed as being sold for "one dollar," no actual consideration passing, or the real consideration being concealed. This term is also sometimes used as descriptive of an inflated or exaggerated value placed upon property for the purpose of an exchange. Boyd v. Watson, 101 Iowa, 214, 70 N. W. 123.

A sufficient consideration is one deemed by the law of sufficient value to support an ordinary contract between parties, or one sufficient to support the particular transaction. Golson v. Dunlap, 73 Cal. 157, 14 Pac. 576.

For definition of an adequate consideration, see Adequate.

A legal consideration is one recognized or permitted by the law as valid and lawful; as distinguished from such as are illegal or immoral. The term is also sometimes used as equivalent to "good" or "sufficient" consideration. See Sampson v. Swift, 11 Vt. 315; Albert Lea College v. Brown, 88 Minn. 524, 93 N. W. 672, 60 L. R. A. 870.

An pecuniary consideration is a consideration for an act or forbearance which consists either in money presently passing or in money to be paid in the future, including a promise to pay a debt in full which otherwise would be released or diminished by bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings. See Phelps v. Thomas, 6 Gray (Mass.) 325; In re Eekins (D. C.) 6 Fed. 170.

Considerament est per curiam. (It is considered by the court.) The formal and ordinary commencement of a judgment. Baker v. State, 3 Ark. 491.

Consideratur. L. Lat. It is considered. Held to mean the same with consideratum est. 2 Strange, 574.

Consign. In the civil law. To deposit in the custody of a third person a thing belonging to the debtor, for the benefit of the creditor, under the authority of a court of justice. Poth. Obl. pt. 3, c. 1, art. 8.


To deliver or transfer as a charge or trust; to commit, intrust, give in trust; to transfer from oneself to the care of another; to send or transmit goods to a merchant or factor for sale. Gillespie v. Winberg, 4 Daly (N. Y.) 320.

Consignation. In Scotch law. The payment of money into the hands of a third party, when the creditor refuses to accept of it. The person to whom the money is given is termed the "consignatory." Bell.

In French law. A deposit which a debtor makes of the thing that he owes into the hands of a third person, and under the authority of a court of justice. 1 Poth. Obl. 536; Weld v. Hadley, 1 N. H. 304.

Consignee. In mercantile law. One to whom a consignment is made. The person to whom goods are shipped for sale. Lyon v. Alvord, 18 Conn. 80; Gillespie v. Winberg, 4 Daly (N. Y.) 320; Comm. v. Harris, 155 Pa. 610, 32 Atl. 92; Railroad Co. v. Freed, 39 Ark. 622.

Consignment. The act or process of consigning goods; the transportation of goods consigned; an article or collection of goods sent to a factor to be sold; goods or property sent, by the aid of a common carrier, from
CONSIGNOR One who sends or makes a consignment. A shipper of goods.

Consilia multorum quaeruntur in magnis. 4 Inst. 1. The counsels of many are required in great things.

CONSILIARIUS. In the civil law. A counsellor, as distinguished from a pleader or advocate. An assistant judge. One who participates in the decisions. Du Cange.

CONSI L I U M. A day appointed to hear the counsel of both parties. A case set down for argument. It is commonly used for the day appointed for the argument of a demurrer, or errors assigned. 1 Tidd, Pr. 493.

CONSIMILIS CASU. In practice. A writ of entry, framed under the provisions of the statute Westminster 2, (18 Edw. I.) c. 24, which lay for the benefit of the reverteror, where a tenant by the curtesy aliened in fee or for life.

CONSISTING. Being composed or made up of. This word is not synonymous with "including;" for the latter, when used in connection with a number of specified objects, always implies that there may be others which are not mentioned. Farish v. Cook, 6 Mo. App. 331.


CONSISTORY. In ecclesiastical law. An assembly of cardinals convoked by the pope.

CONSISTORY COURTS. Courts held by diocesan bishops within their several cathedrals, for the trial of ecclesiastical causes arising within their respective dioceses. The bishop's chancellor, or his commissary, is the judge; and from his sentence an appeal lies to the archbishop. Mozley & Whit ley.

CONSORENII. In the civil law. Cousins-german, in general; brothers' and sisters' children, considered in their relation to each other.

CONSOCIATIO. Lat. An association, fellowship, or partnership. Applied by some of the older writers to a corporation, and even to a nation considered as a body politic. Thomas v. Dakin, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 104.

CONSOLATO DEL MARE. The name of a code of sea-laws, said to have been compiled by order of the kings of Aragon (or, according to other authorities, at Pisa or Barcelona) in the fourteenth century, which comprised the maritime ordinances of the Roman emperors, of France and Spain, and of the Italian commercial powers. This compilation exercised a considerable influence in the formation of European maritime law.

CONSOLIDATE. To consolidate means something more than rearrange or redivide. In a general sense, it means to unite into one mass or body, as to consolidate the forces of an army, or various funds. In parliamentary usage, to consolidate two bills is to unite them into one. In law, to consolidate benefits is to combine them into one. Fairview v. Durand, 45 Iowa, 56.

CONSOLIDATED FUND. In England. A fund for the payment of the public debt. Consolidated laws or statutes. A collection or compilation into one statute or one code or volume of all the laws of the state in general, or of those relating to a particular subject; nearly the same as "compiled laws" or "compilations of statutes." See Compilation. And see Ellis v. Parsell, 100 Mich. 170, 58 N. W. 383; Graham v. Muskegon L. & M. Ck. 31 N. Mich. 577; 74 N. W. 723.—Consolidated orders. The orders regulating the practice of the English court of chancery, which were issued, in 1800, in substitution for the various orders which had previously been promulgated from time to time.

CONSOLIDATION. In the civil law. The union of the usufruct with the estate out of which it issues, in the same person; which happens when the usufructuary acquires the estate, or vice versa. In either case the usufruct is extinct. Lec. El. Dr. Rom. 424.

In Scotch law. The junction of the property and superiority of an estate, where they have been disjoined. Bell.

CONSOLIDATION OF ACTIONS. The act or process of uniting several actions into one and judgment, by order of a court, where all the actions are between, the same parties, pending in the same court, and turning upon the same or similar issues; or the court may order that one of the actions be tried, and the others decided without trial according to the judgment in the one selected. Powell v. Coon, 146 N. Y. 152; Jackson v. Chamberlain, 5 Cows. (N. Y.) 252; Thompson v. Shepherd, 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 262.

CONSOLIDATION OF BENEFICI E S. The act or process of uniting two or more of them into one.—Consolidation of Corporations. The union or merger into one corporate body of two or more corporations which had been separately created for similar or connected purposes. In England this is termed "amalgamation." When the rights, franchises, and effects of two or more corporations are, by legal authority and agreement of the parties, combined and united into one whole, and committed to a single corporation, the stockholders of which are composed of those (so far as they choose to become such) of the companies thus agreeing, this is in law, and according to common understanding, a consolidation of companies, whether such single corporation, called the consolidated company, be a new one then created, or one of the original companies, continuing in existence with only larger rights, capacity, and property. Meyer v. Johnaton, 84 Ala. 656; Shadford v. Railroad Co., 130 Mich. 300, 90 N. W. 906; Adams v. Railroad Co., 77 Miss. 194, 24 South. 250, 58 South. 255, 58 L. R. A. 53; Pingree v. Rail-
CONSORTIUM. In the civil law. A union of fortunes; a lawful Roman marriage. Also, the joining of several persons as parties to one action. In old English law, the term signified company or society. In the language of pleading, (as in the phrase per quod consortium anisti) it means the companionship or society of a wife. Bigaouette v. Paulet, 134 Mass. 123, 45 Am. Rep. 307; Lockwood v. Lockwood, 67 Minn. 476, 70 N. W. 784; Kelley v. Railroad Co., 168 Mass. 908, 46 N. E. 1003, 38 L. R. A. 831, 60 Am. St. Rep. 307.

CONSORTSHIP. In maritime law. An agreement or stipulation between the owners of different vessels that they shall keep in company, mutually aid, instead of interfering with each other, in wrecking and salvage, and share any money awarded as salvage, whether earned by one vessel or both. Andrews v. Wall, 3 How. 571, 11 L. Ed. 729.


Conspiracy is a consultation or agreement between two or more persons, either falsely to acquire another of a crime punishable by law; or wrongfully to induce any person to produce a third person, or any body of men, in any manner, or to commit any offense punishable by law; or to do any act with intent to prevent the course of justice; or to do any act with the design of a conspiracy, with a corrupt intent, or by improper means. Hawk, P. C. c. 72, § 2; Archib. Crim. Pl. 390, adding also combinations by journeymen to raise wages. State v. Murphy, 8 Ala. 765, 41 Am. Dec. 28.

Civil and criminal. The term "civil" is used to designate a conspiracy which will furnish ground for a civil action, as where, in carrying out the design of the conspirators, overt acts are done causing legal damage, the person injured has a right of action. It is said that the gist of civil conspiracy is the injury or damage. While criminal conspiracy does not require such overt acts, yet, so far as the rights and remedies are concerned, all criminal conspiracies are embraced within the civil conspiracies. Brown v. Pharmacy Co., 115 Ga. 429, 41 S. E. 553, 57 L. R. A. 547, 90 Am. St. Rep. 126.


CONSPIRATORS. Persons guilty of a conspiracy.

Those who join themselves by oath, covenant, or other alliance that each of them shall aid the other falsely and maliciously to indict persons; or falsely to move and maintain pleadings. 23 Edw. I. St. 2. Besides these, there are conspirators in treasonable purposes: as for plotting against the government. Wharton.

CONSTABLE. In medieval law. The name given to a very high functionary under the French and English kings, the dignity and importance of whose office was second to that of the monarch. He was in general the leader of the royal armies, and had cognizance of all matters pertaining to war and arms, exercising both civil and military jurisdiction. He was also charged with the conservation of the peace of the nation. Thus there was a "Constable of France" and a "Lord High Constable of England."

In English law. A public civil officer, whose proper and general duty is to keep the peace within his district, though he is frequently charged with additional duties. 1 Bl.Comm. 356.

High constables, in England, are officers appointed in every hundred or franchise, whose proper duty seems to be to keep the king's peace within their respective hundreds. 1 Bl. Comm. 356; 3 Steph. Comm. 47.

Petty constables are inferior officers in every town and parish, subordinate to the high constable of the hundred, whose principal duty is the preservation of the peace, though they also have other particular duties assigned to them by act of parliament, particularly the service of the summonses and the execution of the warrants of justices of the peace. 1 Bl. Comm. 356; 3 Steph. Comm. 47, 48.

Special constables are persons appointed (with or without commission) by the magistrates to execute warrants on particular occasions, as in the case of riots, etc.

In American law. An officer of a municipal corporation (usually elected) whose
duties are similar to those of the sheriff, though his powers are less and his jurisdiction smaller. He is to preserve the public peace, execute the process of magistrates' courts, and of some other tribunals, serve writs, attend the sessions of the criminal courts, have the custody of juries, and discharge other functions sometimes assigned to him by the local law or by statute. Comm. v. Deacon, 8 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 47; Leavitt v. Leavitt, 135 Mass. 191; Allor v. Wayne County, 43 Mich. 76, 4 N. W. 492.

—Constable of a castle. In English law. An officer having charge of a castle; a warden, or keeper; otherwise called a "castellain."—

Constable of England. (Called, also, "Marshal.") His office consisted in the care of the common peace of the realm in deeds of arms and matters of war. Lamb. Const. 4.—Constable of Scotland. An officer who was formerly entitled to command all the king's armies in the absence of the king and to take cognizance of all crimes committed within four miles of the king's person or of parliament, the privy council, or any general convention of the states of the kingdom. The office was hereditary in the family of Errol, and was abolished by the 20 Geo. III. c. 43. Bell; Esq. Inst. 1, 3, 37.

—Constable of the exchequer. An officer mentioned in Fleta, lib. 2, c. 31.—High constable of England, lord. His office has been disused (except only upon great and solemn occasions, as the coronation, or the like) since the attainder of Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, in the reign of Henry VII.

CONSTABLEWICK. In English law. The territorial jurisdiction of a constable; as bailiwick is of a bailiff or sheriff. 5 Nev. & M. 261.

CONSTABULARIUS. An officer of horse; an officer having charge of foot or horse; a naval commander; an officer having charge of military affairs generally. Spelman.

CONSTAT. It is clear or evident; it appears; it is certain; there is no doubt. Non constat, it does not appear.

A certificate which the clerk of the pipe and auditors of the exchequer made, at the request of any person who intended to plead or move in that court, for the discharge of anything. The effect of it was the certifying what appears (constat) upon record, touching the matter in question. Wharton.

CONSTAT D'HUISSIER. In French law. An affidavit made by a huaissier, setting forth the appearance, form, quality, color, etc., of any article upon which a suit depends. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 554.

CONSTATE. To establish, constitute, or ordain. "Constatating instruments" of a corporation are its charter, organic law, or the grant of powers to it. See examples of the use of the term, Green's Brice, Ultra Vires, p. 29; Ackerman v. Halsey, 37 N. J. Eq. 393.

CONSTITUENT. A word used as a correlative to "attorney," to denote one who constitutes another his agent or invests the other with authority to act for him.

It is also used in the language of politics, as a correlative to "representative," the constituents of a legislator being those whom he represents and whose interests he is to care for in public affairs; usually the electors of his district.

CONSTITUERE. Lat. To appoint, constitute, establish, ordain, or undertake. Used principally in ancient powers of attorney, and now supplanted by the English word "constitute."

CONSTITUIMUS. A Latin term, signifying we constitute or appoint.

CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES. Officers properly appointed under the constitution for the government of the people.

CONSTITUTIO. In the civil law. An imperial ordinance or constitution, distinguished from Lex, Senatus-Consultum, and other kinds of law and having its effect from the sole will of the emperor.

An establishment or settlement. Used of controversies settled by the parties without a trial. Calvin.

A sum paid according to agreement. Du Cange.

In old English law. An ordinance or statute. A provision of a statute.

CONSTITUTIO DOTIS. Establishment of dower.

CONSTITUTION. In public law. The organic and fundamental law of a nation or state, which may be written or unwritten, establishing the character and conception of its government, laying the basic principles to which its internal life is to be conformed, organizing the government, and regulating, distributing, and limiting the functions of its different departments, and prescribing the extent and manner of the exercise of sovereign powers.

In a more general sense, any fundamental or important law or edict; as the Novel Constitutions of Justinian; the Constitutions of Clarendon.

In American law. The written instrument agreed upon by the people of the Union or of a particular state, as the absolute rule of action and decision for all departments and officers of the government in respect to all the points covered by it, which must control until it shall be changed by the authority which established it, and in opposition to which any act or ordinance of any such department or officer is null and void. Cooley, Const. Lim. 3.

CONSTITUTIONAL. Consistent with the constitution; authorized by the constitution; not conflicting with any provision of
the constitution or fundamental law of the state. Dependent upon a constitution, or secured or regulated by a constitution as "constitutional monarchy," "constitutional rights."

Constitutional convention. A duly constituted assembly of delegates or representatives of the people of a state or nation for the purpose of framing, revising, or amending its constitution. Constitutional liberty or freedom. Such freedom as is enjoyed by the citizens of a country or state under the protection of the constitution; the aggregate of those personal, civil, and political rights of the individual which are guaranteed by the constitution and secured against invasion by the government or any of its agencies. People v. Huribut, 24 Mich. 106, 9 Am. Rep. 108. Constitutional law. 1) That branch of the public law of a state which treats of the organization and frame of government, the organs and powers of sovereignty, the distribution of political and governmental authorities and functions, the fundamental principles which are to regulate the relations of government and subject, and which prescribe generally the plan and method according to which the affairs of the state are to be administered. 2) That department of the science of law which treats of constitutions, their establishment, construction, and interpretation, of the validity of legal enactments as tested by the criterion of conformity to the fundamental law. 3) A constitutional law is one which is consonant to, and agrees with, the constitution; one which is not in violation of any provision of the constitution of the particular state. Constitutional officer. One whose tenure and term of office are fixed and defined by the constitution, as distinguished from the incumbents of offices created by the legislature. Foster v. Jones, 79 Va. 642, 52 Am. Rep. 637; People v. Schen, 60 App. Div. 592, 69 N. Y. Supp. 597.

Constitutiones, laws promulgated, i.e., enacted, by the Roman Emperor. They were of various kinds, namely, the following: 1) Edicta; 2) decreta; 3) rescripta, called also "epistolarum." Sometimes, however, the term "rescripta" referred to the general, and not intended to form a precedent for other like cases; at other times they were special, particular, or individual, (personales) and not intended to form a precedent. The emperor had this power of irresponsible enactment by virtue of a certain lex regia, whereby he was made the fountain of justice and of mercy. Brown.

Constitutiones tempore posteriores po- tiores sunt his quae ipsae precesservent. Dig. 2, 4, 4. Later laws prevail over those which preceded them.


Constitutor. In the civil law. One who, by a simple agreement, becomes responsible for the payment of another's debt.

Constitutum. In the civil law. An agreement to pay a subsisting debt which exists without any stipulation, whether of the promisor or another party. It differs from a stipulation in that it must be for an existing debt. Du Cange.
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CONSTRUDES. In old English law. Customs. Thus, construdenes et caste forresta, the customs and assise of the forest.

CONSTRUDES FEUDORUM. (Lat. feudal customs.) A compilation of the law of feuds or siefs in Lombardy, made A. D. 1170.

CONSTRUDES NIMBUS ET SERVICIES. In old English law. A writ of right close, which lay against a tenant who deforced his lord of the rent or service due to him. Reg. Orig. 158; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 151.

CONSUETO. Lat. A custom; an established usage or practice. Co. Litt. 58. Tolls; duties; taxes, 1d. 589.

—Conseutudo Anglicae. The custom of England; the ancient common law, as distinguished from lex, the Roman or civil law.—Conseutudo curiae. The custom or practice of a court. Hardr. 141.—Conseutudo mercatorum. Lat. The custom of merchants, the same with lex mercatoria.

Conseutudo contra rationem introducunt potius usurpation quam consuetudo appellari debet. A custom introduced against reason ought rather to be called a "usurpation" than a "custom." Co. Litt. 113.

Conseutudo debet esse certa, nam ingerente pro nullâ habetur. Dav. 33. A custom should be certain; for an uncertain custom is considered null.

Conseutudo est altera lex. Custom is another law. 4 Coke, 21.

Conseutudo est optimus interpres legum. 2 Inst. 18. Custom is the best expounder of the laws.

Conseutudo et communis assesseude vincit legem non scriptam, si sit specialis; et interpretalegem scriptam, si lex sit generalis. Jenk. Cent. 273. Custom and common usage overcomes the unwritten law, if it be special; and interprets the written law, if the law be general.

Conseutudo ex certa causa rationabiliter usitata privat communem legem. A custom, grounded on a certain and reasonable cause, supersedes the common law. Litt. § 169; Co. Litt. 113; Broom, Max. 919.

Conseutudo hoc sit magnum auctoritatis, nec accidit tamen, praedictat manifeste veritati. A custom, though it be of great authority, should never prejudice manifest truth. 4 Coke, 18.

Conseutudo loci observanda est. Litt. § 169. The custom of a place is to be observed.
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CONSUEPTUO MANERII ET LOCII OBSERVANDA EST. 6 Coke, 67. A custom of a manor and place is to be observed.

CONSUEPTUO NEQUE INJURIA ORIET NEQUE TOLLIT POTEST. Loft. 340. Custom can neither arise nor be taken away by injury.

CONSUEPTUO NON TRAHITUR IN CONSEQUENTIAM. 3 Kebr. 499. Custom is not drawn into consequence. 4 Jur. (N. S.) Ex. 139.

CONSUEPTUO PRESCRIPTA ET LEGITIMA VISITAT LEGEM. A prescriptive and lawful custom overcomes the law. Co. Litt. 113; 4 Coke, 21.


CONSUEPTUO SEMEL REPROBATA NON POTEST AMPLIUS INICI. A custom once disallowed cannot be again brought forward, [or relied on.] Dav. 33.

CONSUEPTUO TOLLIT COMMUNEM LEGEM. Co. Litt. 338. Custom takes away the common law.

CONSUEPTUO VOLANTES DUCIT, LEX VOLEN-TAT TRAHIT. Custom leads the willing, law compels [drags] the unwilling. Jenk. Cent. 274.

CONSUL. IN ROMAN LAW. During the republic, the name "consul" was given to the chief executive magistrate, two of whom were chosen annually. The office was continued under the empire, but its powers and prerogatives were greatly reduced. The name is supposed to have been derived from consul, to consult, because these officers consulted with the senate on administrative measures.

IN OLD ENGLISH LAW. An ancient title of an earl.

IN INTERNATIONAL LAW. An officer of a commercial character, appointed by the different states to watch over the mercantile interests of the appointing state and of its subjects in foreign countries. There are usually a number of consuls in every maritime country, and they are usually subject to a chief consul, who is called a "consul general." Schultor v. Russell, 83 Tex. 83, 18 S. W. 484; Seldel v. Peschak, 27 N. J. Law, 427; Sartori v. Hamilton, 13 N. J. Law, 107; The Anne, 3 Wheat. 445, 4 L. Ed. 428.

The word "consul" has two meanings: (1) it denotes an officer of a particular grade in the consulat service; (2) it has a broader generic sense, embracing all consular officers. Dalhense v. U. S., 15 Ct. Cl. 64.

The official designations employed throughout this title shall be deemed to have the following meanings, respectively: First, "Consul general," "consul," and "commercial agent" shall be deemed to full, principal, and permanent consular officers, as distinguished from subordinates and substitutes. Second, "Deputy-consul" and "consular agent" shall be deemed to denote consular officers subordinate to such principals, exercising the powers and performing the duties within the limits of their consulates or commercial agencies respectively, the former at the same ports or places and the latter at ports or places different from those at which such principals are located respectively. Third, "Vice-consuls" and "vice-commercial agents" shall be deemed to denote consular officers who shall be substituted, temporarily, to fill the places of consuls general, consuls, or commercial agents, when they shall be temporarily absent or relieved from duty. Fourth, "Consular officer" shall be deemed to include consul general, consuls, commercial agents, deputy-consuls, vice-consuls, vice-commercial agents, and consular agents, and none others. Fifth, "Diplomatic officer" shall be deemed to include ambassadors, envoys extraordinary, ministers plenipotentiary, ministers resident, commissioners, chargés d'affaires, agents, and secretaries of legation, and none others. Rev. St. U. S. § 1674 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1150)

CONSULAR COURTS. Courts held by the consuls of one country, within the territory of another, under authority given by treaty, for the settlement of civil cases between citizens of the country which the consul represents. In some instances they have also a criminal jurisdiction, but in this respect are subject to review by the courts of the home government. See Rev. St. U. S. § 4083 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2768).

CONSULTA ECCLESIA. In ecclesiastical law. A church full or provided for. Cowell.

CONSULTATORY RESPONSE. The opinion of a court of law on a special case.

CONSULTATION. A writ whereby a cause which has been wrongfully removed by prohibition out of an ecclesiastical court to a temporal court is returned to the ecclesiastical court. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1439.

A conference between the counsel engaged in a case, to discuss its questions or arrange the method of conducting it.

IN FRENCH LAW. The opinion of counsel upon a point of law submitted to them.

CONSULTO. Lat. In the civil law. Designedly; intentionally. Dig. 28, 41.

CONSUMENTE. Completed; as distinguished from initiate, or that which is merely begun. The husband of a woman seized of an estate of inheritance becomes, by the birth of a child, tenant by the curtesy initiate, and may do many acts to charge the lands, but his estate is not consumente till the death of the wife. 2 Bl. Comm. 126, 128; Co. Litt. 304.
CONSUMMATION. The completion of a thing; the completion of a marriage between two affianced persons by cohabitation. Shar- on v. Sharon, 79 Cal. 633, 22 Pac. 26.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE. One capable of being transmitted by mediate or immediate contact. See Grayson v. Lynch, 163 U. S. 463, 16 Sup. Ct. 1064, 41 L. Ed. 230; Stryker v. Crane, 33 Neb. 596, 50 N. W. 1132; Pierce v. Dillingham, 205 Ill. 145, 67 N. E. 845, 62 L. R. A. 863. See INFECTION.

CONTANGO. In English law. The commis- sion received for carrying over or putting off the time of execution of a contract to deliver stocks or pay for them at a certain time. Wharton.


CONTUMELLY. One who has committed contemp of court. Wyatt v. People, 17 Colo. 222, 28 Pac. 901.

CONTEMPT. The act of the mind in considering with attention. Continued attention of the mind to a particular subject. Consideration of an act or series of acts with the intention of doing or adopting them. The consideration of an event or state of facts with the expectation that it will transpire.

Contemplation of bankruptcy. Contem- plation of the breaking up of one's business or an inability to continue it; knowledge of, and action with reference to, a condition of bank- ruptcy or ascertained insolvency, coupled with an intention to commit what the law declares to be an "act of bankruptcy," or to make pro- vision against the consequences of insolvency, or to make any general distribution of assets which would take place under a proceeding in bankruptcy. Jones v. Howland, 8 Mete. (Mass.) 328; Am. Dec. 223; Panlning v. Steel Co., 94 N. Y. 359; In re Duff, 18 Fed. 519; Morgan v. Brundett, 5 Barn. & Ald. 296; Winsor v. Kendall, 39 Fed. Cas. 322; Buckingham v. McLean, 34 Ala. 167, 14 L. Ed. 90; In re Carmichael (D. C.) 96 Fed. 594—Contem- plation of death. The apprehension or expectation of approaching dissolution; not that general expectation which every mortal entertainers, but the apprehension which arises from some presently existing sickness or physical condition or from some disease. As applied to transfers of property, the phrase "in contemplation of death" is practically equivalent to "causes mortis." In re Cornil's Estate, 66 App. Div. 162, 73 N. Y. Supp. 32; In re Edgerton's Es- tate, 35 App. Div. 125, 54 N. Y. Supp. 700; In re Baker's Estate, 83 App. Div. 530, 82 N. Y. Supp. 390—Contemplation of insolvency. Knowledge of, and action with reference to, an existing or contemplated state of insolv- ency, with a design to make provision against it, or to defeat the operation of the insolvency laws. Robinson v. Bank, 21 N. Y. 411; Panlning v. Steel Co., 94 N. Y. 358; Henery v. Kerr & How. Proc. 420; Anstedt v. Bentley, 61 Wis. 629, 21 N. W. 801.

CONTUMELIANA EXPOSITIO. Lat. Contemporeana exposition, or construc- tion; a construction drawn from the time when, and the circumstances under which, the subject-matter to be construed, as a statute or custom, originated.

Contemnances expositio est optima et fortissima in lege. Contemnaneous ex- position is the best and strongest in the law. 2 Inst. 11. A statute is best explained by following the construction put upon it by judges who lived at the time it was made, or soon after. 10 Coke, 70; Broom, Max. 932.

CONTEMPT. Contumacy; a willful dis- regard of the authority of a court of justice or legislative body or disobedience to its law- ful orders.

Contempt of court is committed by a person who does any act in willful contravention of its authority or dignity, or tending to impede or frustrate the administration of jus- tice, or by one who, being under the court's authority as a party to a proceeding therein, willfully disobeys its lawful orders or fails to comply with an undertaking which he has given. Welch v. Barber, 52 Conn. 147, 52 Am. Rep. 567; Lyon v. Lyon, 21 Conn. 198; Klessel v. Lewis, 27 Ind. App. 302, 209; Yates v. Lansing, 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 395, 6 Am. Dec. 290; Stuart v. People, 4 Ill. 303; Gandy v. State, 13 Neb. 445, 14 N. W. 143.

Classification. Contempts are of two kinds, direct and constructive. Direct contempts are those committed in the immediate presence of the court (such as insulting language or acts of violence) or so near the presence of the court as to obstruct or interrupt the due and orderly course of proceedings. These are punishable summarily. They are also called "criminal" contempts, but that term is better used in contrast with "civil" contempts. See infra. Ex parte Wright, 65 Ind. 508; State v. McClaugherty, 33 W. Va. 250, 10 S. E. 407; State v. Shaw, 40 W. Va. 77, 33 S. E. 773; 28 S. E. 791; Andrcoscin & K. R. Co. v. Andrcoscin R. Co., 49 Mo. 392. Constructive (or indirect) contempts are those which arise from matters not occurring in or near the presence of the court, but which tend to ob- struct or defeat the administration of justice, and the term is chiefly used with reference to the failure or refusal of a party to obey a lawful order, injunction, or decree of the court lay- ing upon him a duty of action or forbearance. Andrcoscin & K. R. Co. v. Andrcoscin R. Co., 49 Mo. 392; Cooper v. People, 13 Colo. 337, 22 Pac. 790, 6 L. R. A. 430; Staart v. People, 4 Ill. 303; McMaik v. McMaik, 68 Mo. App. 57. Constructive contempts were formerly called "consequential," and this term is still in occasional use.

Contempts are also classified as civil or crim- inal. The former are those quasi contempts which consist in the failure to do something which the party is ordered by the court to do for the benefit or advantage of another party to the proceeding before the court, while criminal contempts are acts done in defiance of the court or its order, or wrongful acts or the ad- ministration of justice or tend to bring the court into disrespect. A civil contempt is not an offense against the dignity of the court but against the party in whose behalf the mandate of the court was issued, and a fine is imposed.
contempt of congress, legislature, or parliament. Whatever obstructs or tends to obstruct the due course of proceeding of either house, or grossly reflects on the character of a member of either house, or impuges to him what it would be a libel to impute to an ordinary person, is a contempt of the house, and thereby a breach of privilege. Sweet.

Contemptibiliter. Lat. Contemptuously.

In old English law. Contempt, contempts. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, § 35.

Contentious. Contested; adversary; litigated between adverse or contending parties; a judicial proceeding not merely en parte in its character, but comprising attack and defense as between opposing parties, is so called. The litigious proceedings in ecclesiastical courts are sometimes said to belong to its "contentious" jurisdiction, in contradistinction to what is called its "voluntary" jurisdiction, which is exercised in the granting of licenses, probates of wills, dispensations, faculties, etc.

Contentious jurisdiction. In English ecclesiastical law. That branch of the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts which is exercised upon adversary or contentious proceedings.

Contentious possession. In stating the rule that the possession of land necessary to give rise to a title by prescription must be a "contentious" one, it is meant that it must be based on opposition to the title of the rival claimant (not in recognition thereof or subdivision thereto) and that the opposition must be based on good grounds, or such as might be made the subject of litigation. Railroad Co. v. McFarlan, 43 N. J. Law, 621.

contentment, contenement. A man's countenance or credit, which he has together with, and by reason of, his freehold; or that which is necessary for the support and maintenance of men, agreeably to their several qualities or states of life. Wharton; Cowell.

Contents. The contents of a promissory note or other commercial instrument or chose in action means the specific sum named therein and payable by the terms of the instrument. Trading Co. v. Morrison, 178 U. S. 202, 20 Sup. Ct. 869, 44 L. Ed. 1061; Sere v. Pitot, 6 Cranch, 335, 3 L. Ed. 240; Simon v. Paper Co. (C. C.) 33 Fed. 195; Barney v. Bank, 2 Fed. Cas. 894; Corbin v. Black Hawk County, 105 U. S. 650, 26 L. Ed. 1136.

Contents and not contents. In parliamentary law. The "contents" are those who, in the house of lords, express assent to a bill; the "not" or "non contents" dissent. May, Parl. Law, cc. 12, 337. — "Contents unknown." Words sometimes annexed to a bill of lading of goods in cases. Their meaning is that the master only means to acknowledge the shipment, in good order, of the cases, as to their external condition. Clark v. Barnwell, 12 How. 275, 13 L. Ed. 925; Miller v. Railroad Co., 90 N. Y. 435, 43 Am. Rep. 179; The Columbo, 6 Fed. Cas. 178.

Conterminous. Adjacent; adjoining; having a common boundary; coterminous.

contest. To make defense to an adverse claim in a court of law; to oppose, resist, or dispute the case made by a plaintiff. Fratt v. Breckinridge, 112 Ky. 1, 65 S. W. 136; Parks v. State, 100 Ala. 634, 13 South. 758.

Contestation of suit. In an ecclesiastical cause, that stage of the suit which is reached when the defendant has answered the libel by giving in an allegation. — Contested election. This phrase has no technical or legally defined meaning. An election may be said to be contested whenever an objection is formally urged against it which, if found to be true in fact, would invalidate it. This is true both as to objections founded upon some constitutional provision and to such as are based on statutes. Robertson v. State, 109 Ind. 116, 10 N. E. 600.

Contestatio litis. In Roman law. Contestation of suit; the framing an issue; joiner in issue. The formal act of both the parties with which the proceedings in jure were closed when they led to a judicial investigation, and by which the neighbors whom the parties brought with them were called to testify. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 219.

In old English law. Coming to an issue; the issue so produced. Crabb, Eng. Law, 216.

Contestatio litis eget terminos contradictarios. An issue requires terms of contradiction. Jenk. Cont. 117. To constitute an issue, there must be an affirmative on one side and a negative on the other.

context. The context of a particular sentence or clause in a statute, contract, will, etc., comprises those parts of the text which immediately precede and follow it. The context may sometimes be scrutinized, to aid in the interpretation of an obscure passage.


CONTINENCIA. In Spanish law. Continency or unity of the proceedings in a cause. White, New Recorp. b. 3, tit. 6, c. 1.

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CONTINENS. In the Roman law. Continuing; holding together. Adjoining buildings were said to be continentia.

CONTINENTAL. Pertaining or relating to a continent; characteristic of a continent; as broad in scope or purposes as a continent. Continental Ins. Co. v. Continental Fire Ass'n (C. C.) 96 Fed. 548.

—Continental congress. The first national legislative assembly in the United States, which met in 1774, in pursuance of a recommendation made by Massachusetts and adopted by the other colonies. In this congress all the colonies were represented except Georgia. The delegates were in some cases chosen by the legislative assemblies in the states; in others by the people directly. The powers of the congress were undefined, but it proceeded to take measures and pass resolutions which concerned the general welfare and had regard to the inauguration and protection of the war for independence. Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) 40; 1 Story, Const. §§ 198-217.—Continental currency. Paper money issued under the authority of the continental congress. Wharton v. Morris, 1 Dell. 120, 1 L. Ed. 65.


CONTINGENCY. An event that may or may not happen, a doubtful or uncertain future event. The quality of being contingent.

A fortuitous event, which comes without design, foresight, or expectation. A contingent expense must be deemed to be an expense depending upon some future uncertain event. People v. Yonkers, 30 Barb. (N. Y.) 272.

—Contingency of a process. In Scotch law. Where two or more processes are so connected that the circumstances of the one are likely to throw light on the others, the process first enrolled is considered as the leading process, and those subsequently brought into court, if not brought in the same division, may be remitted to Heaton, on an application of their nearness or proximity in character to it. The effect of remitting processes in this manner is merely to bring them before the same division of the court or some lord ordinary. In other respects they remain distinct. Bell.—Contingency with double aspect. A remainder is said to be "in a contingency with double aspect" when there is another remainder limited on the same estate, not in derogation of the first, but as a substitute for it in case it should fail. Fearne, Rem. 373.

CONTINGENT. Possible, but not assured; doubtful or uncertain, conditioned upon the occurrence of some future event which is itself uncertain, or questionable. Verdiere v. Bosch, 96 Cal. 467, 31 Pac. 554.

This term, when applied to a use, remainder, devise, bequest, or other legal right or interest, implies that no present interest exists, and that whether such interest or right ever will exist depends upon a future uncertain event. Jemison v. Blowers, 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 692.


—Contingent estate. An estate which depends for its effect upon an event which may or may not happen; as an estate limited to a person not in case, or not yet born. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. 164; 4 Harg. 946; Haywood v. Shreve, 44 N. J. Law, 94; Wadsworth v. Murray, 29 App. Div. 191, 51 N. Y. Supp. 1038; Thornton v. Zee, 22 Tex. Civ. App. 509, 55 S. W. 766; Hopkins v. Hopkins, 1 Min. 354. Continental interest in personal property. It may be defined as a future interest not transmissible to the representatives of the party entitled thereto, in case he dies before it vests in possession. Thus, if a testator leaves the income of a fund to his wife for life, and the capital of the fund to be distributed among such of his children as shall be living at her death, the interest of each child during the widow's life-time is contingent, and in case of his death is not transmissible to his representatives. Mosley & Whitely. Continental liability. One which is not now fixed and absolute, but which will become so in case of the occurrence of some future and uncertain event. Downer v. Curtis, 25 Vt. 860; Bank v. Hingham Mfr. Co., 127 Mass. 366; Haywood v. Shreve, 44 N. J. Law, 94; Steele v. Graves, 68 Ala. 21.


CONTINUAL CLAIM. In old English law. A formal claim made by a party entitled to enter upon any lands or tenements, but deferred from such entry by menaces, or bodily fear, for the purpose of preserving or keeping alive his right. It was called "continual," because it was required to be repeated once in the space of every year and day. It had to be made as near to the land as the party could approach with safety, and, when made in due form, had the same effect with, and in all respects amounted to, a legal entry. Litt. §§ 410-423; Co. Litt. 250a; 2 Bl. Comm. 175.

CONTINUANCE. The adjournment or postponement of an action pending in a court, to a subsequent day of the same or another term. Com. v. Maloney, 145 Mass. 265, 13 N. E. 482; State v. Underwood, 76 Mo. 630.

Also the entry of a continuance made upon the record of the court, for the purpose of formally evidencing the postponement, or of connecting the parts of the record so as to make one continuous whole.

CONTINUANDO. In pleading. A form of allegation in which the trespass, criminal offense, or other wrongful act complained of is charged to have been committed on a specified day and to have "continued" to the present time, or is averred to have been
committing at divers days and times within a given period or on a specified day and on divers other days and times between that day and another. This is called "laying the time with a continuando." Benson v. Swift, 2 Mass. 52; People v. Sullivan, 9 Utah, 196; 33 Pac. 701.

CONTINUING. Enduring; not terminated by a single act or fact; subsisting for a definite period or intended to cover or apply to successive similar obligations or occurrences.


CONTINUOUS. Uninterrupted; unbroken; not intermittent or occasional; so persistently repeated at short intervals as to constitute virtually an unbroken series. Black v. Canal Co., 22 N. J. Eq. 402; Hofer's Appeal, 116 Pa. 360, 9 Atl. 441; Ingraham v. Hough, 46 N. C. 43.


As to continuous "Crime" and "Ease-ments," see those titles.

CONTRA. Against, confronting, opposite to; on the other hand; on the contrary. The word is used in many Latin phrases, as appears by the following titles. In the books of reports, contra, appended to the name of a judge or counsel, indicates that he held a view of the matter in argument contrary to that next before advanced. Also, after citation of cases in support of a position, contra is often prefixed to citations of cases opposed to it.

—Contra bonos mores. Against good morals. Contra bonos mores are void.—Contra formam collationis. In old English law. A writ that issued where lands given in perpetual arms to lay houses of religion, or to an abbot and convent, or to the warden or master of an hospital and his convent, to find certain poor men with necessities, and do divine services, etc., were alienated, to the dishonour of the house and church. By means of this writ the donor or his heirs could recover the lands. Reg. Orig. 238; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 210.—Contra formam contracti. Against the form of the grant. See FORMEDON.—Contra formam foedamenti. In old English law. A writ that lay for the heir of a tenant, enfeoffed of certain lands or tenements, by charter of foendamt from a lord to make certain services and suits to his court, who was afterwards restrained for more services that were mentioned in the charter. Reg. Orig. 176; Old Nat. Brev. 162.—Contra formam statuti. In criminal pleading. (Contrary to the form of the statute in such case made.) The usual conclusion of every indictment, etc., brought for an offense created by statute.—Contra jus bellii. Lat. Against the law of war. 1 Kent, Comm. 8.—Contra jus commune. Against common right or law; contrary to the rule of the common law. Brick. fol. 453.—Contra legem term. Against the law of the land.—Contra omnes gentes. Against all people. Formal words in old covenants of warranty. Pluta. lib. 3. c. 14, § 11.—Contra pacem. Against the peace. A phrase used in the Latin forms of indictments, and also of actions for trespass, to signify that the offense alleged was committed against the public peace, i. e., a breach of the peace. The full formula was contra pacem domini regis, against the peace of the king. In modern pleading, in this country, the phrase "against the peace of the commonwealth" or "of the people" is used.—Contra praefectum. Against the party who professed or pretended to a thing.—Contra tabulas. In the civil law. Against the will, (testament.) Dig. 37, 4.—Contra vadium et plegiam. In old English law. Against gage and pledge. Brick. fol. 156.

Contra legem facti qui id facit quod lex prohibit; in fraudem vero qui, salvis verbis legis, sententiam ejus circumvent. He does contrary to the law who does what the law prohibits; he acts in fraud of the law who, the letter of the law being inviolate, uses the law contrary to its intention. Dig. 1, 3, 29.

Contra negantem principia non est disputandum. There is no disputing against one who denies first principles. Co. Litt. 343.

Contra non valentem agere nulla cur-rit prescriptio. No prescription runs against a person unable to bring an action. Broom, Max. 903

Contra veritatem lex unquam aliquid permittit. The law never suffers anything contrary to truth. 2 Inst. 232.

CONTRABAND. Against law or treaty; prohibited. Goods exported from or imported into a country against its laws. Brande. Articles, the importation or exportation of which is prohibited by law. P. Enc.

CONTRABAND OF WAR. Certain classes of merchandise, such as arms and ammunition, which, by the rules of international law, cannot lawfully be furnished or carried by a neutral nation to either of two belligerents; if found in transit in neutral vessels, such goods may be seized and condemned for violation of neutrality. The Peterrhoff, 5 Wall. 58, 18 L. Ed. 504; Richardson v. Insurance Co., 6 Mass. 114, 4 Am. Dec. 92.

A recent American authority on international law asserts that, "by the term 'contraband of war,' we now understand a class of articles of commerce which neutrals are prohibited from furnishing to either one of the belligerents, for the reason that, by so doing, injury is done to the other belligerent;" and he treats of the subject, chiefly, in its relation to commerce upon the high seas. Hall, Int. Law, 570, 592; Eldrod v. Alexander, 4 Heisk. (Tenn.) 345.

CONTRACUSAUTOR. A criminal; one prosecuted for a crime.
CONTRACT


A covenant or agreement between two or more persons, with a lawful consideration or cause. Jacob.

A deliberate engagement between competent parties, upon a legal consideration, to do, or abstain from doing, some act. Wharton.

A contract or agreement is either where a promise is made on one side and assented to on the other; or where two or more persons enter into engagement with each other by a promise on either side. 2 Steph. Comm. 54.

A contract is an agreement by which one person obligates himself to another to give, to do, or permit, or not to do, something expressed or implied by such agreement. Civ. Code La. art. 1761; Fisk v. Police Jury, 34 La. Ann. 445.

A contract is an agreement to do or not to do a certain thing. Civ. Code Cal. § 1549.

A contract is an agreement between two or more parties for the doing or not doing of some specified thing. Code Ga. 1882, § 2714.

A contract is an agreement between two or more persons to do or not to do a particular thing; and the obligation of a contract is found in the terms in which the contract is expressed, and is the duty thus assumed by the contracting parties respectively to perform the stipulations of such contract. When that duty is recognized and enforced by the municipal law, it is one of perfect, and when not so recognized and enforced, of imperfect, obligation. Barlow v. Gregory, 31 Conn. 263.

The writing which contains the agreement of parties, with the terms and conditions, and which serves as a proof of the obligation.

Classification. Contracts may be classified on several different methods, according to the element in them which is brought into prominence. Several usual classifications are as follows:

Record, specialty, simile. Contracts of record are such as are declared and adjudicated by courts of competent jurisdiction, or entered on their records, including judgments, recognizances, and statutes staple. Hardeman v. Downer, 30 Ga. 425. These are not properly speaking contracts at all, though they may be enforced by action like contracts. Specialties, or special contracts, are contracts under seal, such as deeds and bonds. Ludwig v. Bungart, 20 Misc. Rep. 531; Charman v. N. Y. 622. Others are included in the description "simple" contracts; that is, a simple contract is one that is not a contract of record and not under seal; it may be either written or oral, in either case it is called a "parol" contract, the distinguishing feature being the lack of a seal. Webster v. Fitch, 178 Ill. 140; 52 N. E. 975; Perrine v. Cheeseman, 11 N. J. Law. 177; 19 Am. Dec. 388; Corcoran v. Railroad Co., 20 Misc. Rep. 801; 10 Am. Supp. 509; Justice v. Lang, 42 N. Y. 496; 1 Am. Rep. 576.

Express and implied. An express contract is an actual agreement of the parties, the terms of which are openly stated or declared at the time of making it, being stated by act and explicit language, either orally or in writing.

Entire and severable. An entire contract is one the consideration of which is entire on both
sides. The entire fulfillment of the promise by either is an absolute precedent to the fulfillment of any part of the promise by the other. Whenever, therefore, there is a contract to pay the gross sum of money under a certain and definite consideration, the contract is entire. A severable contract is one the consideration of which is, by its terms, susceptible of apportionment on either side to correspond to the unascertainable consideration on the other side, as a contract to pay a person the worth of his services, if he will do certain work or to give a certain price for every bushel of so much corn as corresponds to a sample. Potter v. Porter, 40 N.Y., 840; Doe v. Telephonic Co. (C. C. Rep.) 4 Atl. 829; Horseman v. Horseman, 43 Or. 83, 72 Pac. 688; Norrington v. Wright (C. C.) 5 Fed. 771; Doherty v. Schiffer (Com. Pl.) 13 N. Y. Supp. 552; Daggood v. Bauder, 75 Iowa, 550, 39 N. W. 887, 1 La. R. A. 655. Where a contract consists of many parts, which may be considered as separate, the contract is entire. When the parts may be considered as so many distinct contracts, entered into at one time, and executed in the same instrument, but not there expressed by made one contract, the contract is a separable contract. But, if the consideration of the contract is single and entire, the contract must be considered as entire, and the right of the party receiving the subject of the contract may consist of several distinct and wholly independent. 2 Parks. Cont. 517.

Parol. All contracts which are not contracts of insurance or in any speciality are contracts. It is erroneous to contract "parol" with "written." Though a contract may be wholly in writing, it is still a parol contract. It is not under seal. Yarbrough v. C. C. 10 Ga. 473; Jones v. Hollday, 11 Tex. 415, 62 Am. Dec. 487; Ludwig v. Bungar, 26 Misc. Rep. 247, 56 N. Y. Supp.

Joint and several. A joint contract is one made by two or more promisors, who are jointly bound to fulfill its obligations, or made to two or more promisees, who are jointly entitled to require performance of the same. A contract may be "several" as to any one of several promisors or promisees, if he has a legal right to receive from the term of the agreement or the nature of the undertaking to enforce his individual interest separately from the other parties. Rains upholding Mac. 310; Enright v. Rona, 5 Met. (Mass.) 156.

Principal and accessory. A principal contract is one which stands by itself, justifies its own existence, and is not subordinate or auxiliary. Accessory contracts are those made for assuring the performance of a prior contract, either by the same parties or by others, such as suretyship, mortgage, and pledges. Civ. Code La. 1764.

Unilateral and bilateral. A unilateral contract is one in which one party makes an express engagement or undertakes a performance, without receiving in return any express engagement or promise of performance from the other. Bilateral (or reciprocal) contracts are those by which the parties expressly enter into mutual engagements, such as sale or hire. Civ. Code La. art. 1758; Poth. Obl. 1. 1. 1. 2; Montpellier Seminary v. Smith, 99 Vt. 352, 58 Atl. Const. 17; Hudec Const. 109 M. 137, 69 S. W. 388.

Consensual and real. Consensual contracts are such as are founded upon and completed by the mere agreement of the contracting parties, without any external instrumentality or symbolic act to fix the obligation. Real contracts are those in which it is necessary that there shall be a written instrument containing the consent, such as a loan of money, deposit or pledge, which, from their nature, require a delivery of property. 3 Bl. Com. 3. 12; 11 Halifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 15, No. 1. In the common law a contract respecting real property (such as a lease of land for years) is called a "real" contract. 3 Coke, 22a.

Certain and hazardous. Certain contracts are those in which the thing to be done is supposed to depend on the will of the party, or when, in the nature of cases, it must happen in the manner stipulated. Hazardous contracts are those in which the performance of that which is sought to be obtained is left to the uncertain event. Civ. Code La. 1709.

Commutative and independent. Commutative contracts are those in which what is done, given, or promised by one party is to be followed by what is done, given, or promised by the other. Civ. Code La. 1701; Ridings v. Johnson, 128 U. S. 212, 9 Sup. C. 72; 32 La. 680. Independent contracts are those in which the mutual acts or promises have no relation to each other, either as equivalents or as considerations. Civ. Code La. 1702.

Gratuitous and onerous. Gratuitous contracts are those of which the object is the benefit of the person with whom it is made, without any promise of return on the part of the other. It is not, however, the less gratuitous if it proceed either from gratitude for a benefit or promise, as a contract to give one hereafter, although such benefit be of a pecuniary nature. Onerous contracts are those in which something is given or done as a condition or consideration or engagement or gift, or some service, interest, condition, or promise is imposed on what is given or promised, although of equal to it in value. Civ. Code La. 1706, 1707; Penitentiary Co. v. Nelms, 65 Ga. 506, 38 Am. Rep. 793.

Mutual interest, mixed, etc. Contracts of "mutual interest" are such as are entered into for the mutual interest, benefit, or advantage of each of the parties; as sales, exchange, partnership, and the like. "Mixed" contracts are those by which one of the parties is benefited; as loans, deposit and mandate. Poth. Obl. 1. 1. 1. 2.

A conditional contract is an executory contract the performance of which, without receiving in return any express engagement or promise of performance upon the other. The execution or satisfaction of the condition. It is not simply an executory contract, since the latter may be an absolute agreement to do or not to do something, but it is a contract which the existence of the performance depend upon a contingency. Railroad Co. v. Jones, 2 Cold. (Tenn.) 584; French v. Osmen, 67 Vt. 427; 18 Atl. 254.

Constructive contracts are such as arise when the law prescribes the rights and liabilities of persons who have not in reality entered into a contract at all, but between whom circumstances depose that one should have a right, and the other be subject to a liability, similar to the rights and liabilities in cases of express contract. Wickham v. Well (Com. Pl.) 17 N. Y. Supp. 518; Graham v. Cummings, 208 Pa. 516, 57 Atl. 943; Robinson v. Turrentine (C. C.) 39 Fed. 559; Hertzog v. Hertzog, 29 Pa. 485.

Personal contract. A contract relating to personal property, or one which so far involves the element of personal knowledge or skill or personal confidence that it can only be performed by the person with whom made, and therefore is not binding on his executor. See Janin v. Browne, 39 Cal. 44.

Specific contract. A contract under seal; a specialty; as distinguished from one merely oral or in writing not sealed. But in common usage this term is often used to denote an express or written contract, in which the parties define and settles the reciprocal rights and obligations of the parties, as distinguished from
one which must be made out, and its terms as
contained by the inference of the law from the
nature and circumstances of the transaction.

Compound words and phrases.—Con-
tract of benevolence. A contract made for
the benefit of another person, the parties
only, as a mandate or deposit.—Contract of
record. A contract of record is one which has
been declared and adjudicated by a court hav-
jurisdiction, or which is entered of record
in obedience to, or in carrying out, the judg-

Contract of sale. A contract by which one
of the contracting parties, called the "seller,"
enters into an obligation to the other to cause
him to have freely, by a title of proprietor, a
thing, for the price of a certain sum of money,
which the other contracting party, called the
"buyer," on his part obliges himself to pay.
Poth. Contr.; Civ. Code La. 1600, art. 2459;-
White v. Treat (C C) 100 Fed. 291; Sawmill
Co. v. O'Shee, 111 La. 817, 35 South. 910.

Finccontract. An obligation arising out of a
contract, or contractual relation, of such
nature that it debars the party from legally
entering into a similar contract at a later time
with another person; particularly as applied to
marriage.—Quasi contracts. In the civil law,
a contractual relation arising out of transac-
tions between parties as to the mutual
rights and obligations, but do not involve
a specific and express convention or agreement
between them. Keener. Quasi Contr. 1 Bruck-
ett & Cal. Ann. 4 Conn. 324; 2 Eaton,
174; People v. Spoerl, 77 N. Y. 150; Willard v.
Doran, 45 Hun. 402; 1 N. Y. Supp. 588; Mc-
Sorley v. Fuhrman (Com. Pl.) 18 N. Y. Supp. 460;
Railway Co. v. Gaffney, 63 Ohio St. 104,
61 N. E. 133. Quasi contracts are the lawful
and purely voluntary acts of a man, from
which there arises an obligation without a third
person, and sometimes a reciprocal obligation

Parties not having at times, with each
other are often regarded by the Roman law,
under a certain state of facts, as if they had
actually concluded a convention between them-
selves. The legal relation which then takes
place between these persons, which has always
a similarity to a contract obligation, is there-
fore termed "obligato quasi contractu." Such
a relation arises from the conducting of
affairs without authority, (negotiorum gestic,)
from the payment of what was not due, (soluto
isdecrit,)
from tuition and curatorship, and
from taking possession of an inheritance.
A contract made or intended to be made be-
 tween the contracting parties, on one part, or
some of them, and a stranger. 2 H. Bl. 37, 43. When
a per-
son has contracted for the performance of cer-
tain work, (e. g., to build a house,) and he in
turn engages a third party to perform the
whole or a part of that which is included in the
original contract, (e. g., to do the carpenter
work;) his agreement with such third person is
called a "subcontract," and such person is cal-
called a "subcontractor." Central Trust Co. v.
Railroad Co. (C. C) 58 Fed. 723; Lester v.
Houston, 101 N. C. 605, 8 S. E. 398.

CONTRACTION. Abbreviation; abridg-
ment or shortening of a word by omitting a
letter, letters or a syllable, with a mark
over the place where the elision occurs. This
was customary in records written in the an-
tic "court hand," and is frequently found
in the books printed in black-letter.

CONTRACTOR. This term is strictly
applicable to any person who enters into a
contract, (Kent v. Railroad Co., 12 N. Y. 628,)
but is commonly reserved to designate one
who, for a fixed price, undertakes to pro-
cure the performance of works on a large
scale, or the furnishing of goods in large
quantities, whether for the public or a com-
p any or individual. (McCarthy v. Second
Parish, 71 Me. 318, 36 Am. Rep. 329; Brown
v. Trust Co., 174 Pa. 443, 34 Atl. 335.)

CONTRACTUS. Let. Contract; a con-
tact; contracts.

—Contractus bonae fidei. In Roman law.
Contracts of good faith. Those contracts which,
when brought into litigation, were not deter-
mined by the rules of the strict law alone, but
allowed the judge to examine into the bona
fide of the transaction, and to hear equitable con-
considerations against their enforcement. In this
they were opposed to contracts stricti juris,
against which equitable defenses could not be
entertained.—Contractus civiles. In Roman
law. Civil contracts. Those contracts which
were recognized as actionable by the strict civil
law of Rome, or as being founded upon a par-
ticular statute, as distinguished from those
which could not be enforced in the courts ex-
cept by the aid of the prince who, through his
equitable powers, gave an action upon them.
The latter were called "contractus prae
torii."

Contractus est quasi actus contra ac-
tum. 2 Coke, 15. A contract is, as it were,
act against act.

Contractus ex turpi causa, vel contra
bonos mores, nullus est. A contract
founded on a base consideration, or against
good morals, is null. Hob. 167.

Contractus legem ex conventions ac-
ceptavit. Contracts receive legal sanction
from the agreement of the parties. Dig. 16,
3, 1, 6.

CONTRADICT. In practice. To dis-
prove. To prove a fact contrary to what has
been asserted by a witness.

CONTRADICTIO IN TERMS. A
phrase of which the parts are expressly in-
consistent, as, e. g., "an innocent murder;"
"a fee-simple for life."

CONTRESCRITURA. In Spanish law.
A counter-writing; counter-letter. A document
executed at the same time with an act of
sale or other instrument, and operating by
way of defeasance or otherwise modifying
the apparent effect and purport of the origi-
nal instrument.

CONTRAFACTIO. Counterfeiting; as
contrafactio sigilli regis, counterfeiting
the king's seal. Cowell.

CONTRAINTE PAR CORPS. In
French law. The civil process of arrest of
the person, which is imposed upon vendees
falsely representing their property to be un-
encumbered, or upon persons mortgaging
property which they are aware does not be-
long to them, and in other cases of moral

CONTRAMANDATIO. A countermand- ing. Contramandatio placiit, in old English law, was the respiting of a defendant, or giving him further time to answer, by coun- termanding the day fixed for him to plead, and appointing a new day; a sort of impor- linance.

CONTRAMANDATUM. A lawful ex- cuse, which a defendant in a suit by attor- ney alleges for himself to show that the plaintiff has no cause of complaint. Blount.


CONTRARIENS. This word was used in the time of Edw. II. to signify those who were opposed to the government, but were neither rebels nor traitors. Jacob.

Contrarium contraria est ratio. Hob. 344. The reason of contrary things is contrary.

CONTRAROTULATOR. A controller. One whose business it was to observe the money which the collectors had gathered for the use of the king or the people. Cowell.

—Contrarotulator pipe. An officer of the exchequer that writeth out summons twice every year, to the sheriffs, to levy the rents and debts of the pipe. Blount.

CONTRAT. In French law. Contracts are of the following varieties: (1) Bilateral, or symallagmatique, where each party is bound to the other to do what is just and proper; or (2) unilateral, where the one side only is bound; or (3) communatif, where one does to the other something which is sup- posed to be an equivalent for what the other does to him; or (4) aléatoire, where the con- sideration for the act of the one is a mere chance; or (6) contrat de bienfaisance, where the one party procures to the other a purely gratuitous benefit; or (8) contrat à titre onerous, where each party is bound under some duty to the other. Brown.


CONTRATENERE. To hold against; to withhold. Whishaw.

CONTRAVENING EQUITY. A right or equity, in another person, which is in- consistent with and opposed to the equity sought to be enforced or recognized.

CONTRAVENTION. In French law. An act which violates the law, a treaty, or an agreement which the party has made. That infraction of the law punished by a fine which does not exceed fifteen francs and by an imprisonment not exceeding three days. Pen. Code, 1.

In Scotch law. The act of breaking through any restraint imposed by deed, by covenant, or by a court.

CONTRACTARE. Lat. In the civil law. To handle; to take hold of; to meddle with.

In old English law. To treat. Vel malè contrectet; or shall ill treat. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 17, § 4.

CONTRACTATIO. In the civil and old English law. Touching; handling; meddling. The act of removing a thing from its place in such a manner that, if the thing be not restored, it will amount to theft.

Contractatio rei alienae, animo furan- di, est fartum. Jenk. Cent. 132. The touching or removing of another's property, with an intention of stealing, is theft.

CONTRAFACON. In French law. The offense of printing or causing to be printed a book, the copyright of which is held by an- other, without authority from him. Merl. Repert.

CONTREMAITRE. In French marine law. The chief officer of a vessel, who, in case of the sickness or absence of the master, commanded in his place. Literally, the counter-mastor.

CONTRIBUTE. To supply a share or proportional part of money or property to- wards the prosecution of a common enter- prise or the discharge of a joint obligation. Park v. Missionary Soc., 62 Vt. 19, 20 Atl. 107; Railroad Co. v. Creasy (Tex. Civ. App.) 27 S. W. 945.

CONTRIBUTION. In common law. The sharing of a loss or payment among several. The act of any one or several of a number of co-debtors, co- sureties, etc., in re- imburseing one of their number who has paid the whole debt or suffered the whole liabi- lity, each to the extent of his proportionate share. Canosa Tp. v. Grand Lake Tp., 80 Minn. 357, 33 N. W. 346; Dysart v. Crow, 170 Mo. 275, 70 S. W. 680; Aspinwall v. Sacchi, 57 N. Y. 330; Vandiver v. Pollak, 107 Ala. 547, 19 South. 190; 54 Am. St. Rep. 118.

In maritime law. Where the property of one of several parties interested in a ves- sel and cargo has been voluntarily sacrificed for the common safety, (as by throwing goods overboard to lighten the vessel,) such loss must be made good by the contribution of the
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others, which is termed "general average." 3 Kent, Comm. 232-244; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 490.

In the civil law. A partition by which the creditors of an insolvent debtor divide among themselves the proceeds of his property proportionately to the amount of their respective credits. Code La. art. 2522, no. 10.

Contribution is the division which is made among the heirs of the succession of the debts with which the succession is charged, according to the proportion which each is bound to bear. Civ. Code La. art. 1420.

CONTRIBUCIONE FACIENDA. In old English law. A writ that lay where tenants in common were bound to do some act, and one of them was put to the whole burden, to compel the rest to make contribution. Reg. Orig. 175; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 162.

CONTRIBUTORY, n. A person liable to contribute to the assets of a company which is being wound up, as being a member or (in some cases) a past member thereof. Mozley & Whitley.

CONTRIBUTORY, adj. Joining in the promotion of a given purpose; lending assistance to the production of a given result. As to contributory "Infringement" and "Negligence," see those titles.

CONTROLLER. A comptroller, which see.

CONTROLMENT. In old English law. The controlling or checking of another officer's account; the keeping of a counter-roll.

CONTROVERSY. "A litigated question; adversary proceeding in a court of law; a civil action or suit, either at law or in equity. Barber v. Kennedy, 18 Minn. 216 (Gil. 196); State v. Gulinotte, 156 Mo. 513, 57 S. W. 281, 50 L. R. A. 787.

It differs from "case," which includes all suits, criminal as well as civil; whereas "controversy" is a civil and not a criminal proceeding. Chisholm v. Georgia, 2 Dall. 419, 431, 432, 1 L. Ed. 440.

CONTROVERT. To dispute; to deny; to oppose or contest; to take issue on. Burgess Co. v. Patt. 73 Iowa, 485, 35 N. W. 557; Swenson v. Kleinschmidt, 10 Mont. 473, 26 Pac. 108.

CONTUBERNIUM. In Roman law. The marriage of slaves; a permitted cohabitation.

CONTUMACE CAPIENDO. In English law. Excommunication in all cases of con-
CONVENT. Lat. In civil and old English law. It is agreed; it was agreed.

CONVENT. The fraternity of an abbey or priory, as societas is the number of fellows in a college. A religious house, now regarded as a merely voluntary association, not importing civil death. 33 Law J. Ch. 308.

CONVENTICLE. A private assembly or meeting for the exercise of religion. The word was first an appellation of reproach to the religious assemblies of Wycliffe in the regna of Edward III. and Richard II., and was afterwards applied to a meeting of dissenters from the established church. As this word in strict propriety denotes an unlawful assembly, it cannot be justly applied to the assembling of persons in places of worship licensed according to the regulations of law. Wharton.

CONVENTIO. In canon law. The act of summoning or calling together the parties by summoning the defendant.

In the civil law. A compact, agreement, or convention. An agreement between two or more persons respecting a legal relation between them. The term is one of very wide scope, and applies to all classes of subjects in which an engagement or business relation may be founded by agreement. It is to be distinguished from the negotiations or preliminary transactions on the object of the convention and fixing its extent, which are not binding so long as the convention is not concluded. Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 385, 386.

In contracts. An agreement; a covenant. Cowell.

—Conventio in unum. In the civil law. The agreement between the two parties to a contract upon the sense of the contract proposed. It is an essential part of the contract, following the pollitication or proposal emanating from the one, and followed by the consent or agreement of the other.

Conventio privatiorum non potest publicae jure derogare. The agreement of private persons cannot derogate from public right, i.e., cannot prevent the application of general rules of law, or render valid any contravention of law. Co. Litt. 168a; Wing. Max. p. 746, max. 201.

Conventio vincit legem. The express agreement of parties overcomes [prevalens against] the law. Story, Ag. § 368.

CONVENTION. In Roman law. An agreement between parties; a pact. A convention was a mutual engagement between two persons, possessing all the subjective requisites of a contract, but which did not give rise to an action, nor receive the sanction of the law, as bearing an "obligation," until the objective requisite of a solemn ceremonial, (such as stipulatio) was supplied. In other words, convention was the informal agreement of the parties, which formed the basis of a contract, and which became a contract when the external formalities were superimposed. See Maine, Anc. Law, 313.

"The division of conventions into contracts and pacts was important in the Roman law. The former were such conventions as already, by the older civil law, founded an obligation and action; all the other conventions were termed pacts. These generally did not produce an actionable claim. Actionability was subsequently given to several pacts, whereby they received the same power and efficacy that contracts received." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 393.

In English law. An extraordinary assembly of the houses of lords and commons, without the assent or summons of the sovereign. It can only be justified as necessitate ret, as the parliament which restored Charles II., and that which disposed of the crown and kingdom to William and Mary, Wharton.

Also the name of an old writ that lay for the breach of a covenant.

In legislation. An assembly of delegates or representatives chosen by the people for special and extraordinary legislative purposes, such as the framing or revision of a state constitution. Also an assembly of delegates chosen by a political party, or by the party organization in a larger or smaller territory, to nominate candidates for an approaching election. State v. Metcalf, 18 S. D. 393, 100 N. W. 925, 67 L. R. A. 331; State v. Tucker, 15 Mont. 540, 46 Pac. 550, 34 L. R. A. 315; Schaefer v. Whipple, 25 Colo. 400, 55 Pac. 180.

Constitutional convention. See Constitution.

In public and international law. A pact or agreement between states or nations in the nature of a treaty, usually applied (a) to agreements or arrangements preliminary to a formal treaty or to serve as its basis, or (b) international agreements for the regulation of matters of common interest but not coming within the sphere of politics or commercial intercourse, such as international postage or the protection of submarine cables. U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3589; U. S. v. Hunter (C. C.) 21 Fed. 615.

CONVENTIONAL. Depending on, or arising from, the mutual agreement of parties; as distinguished from legal, which means created by, or arising from, the act of the law.


CONVENTIONE. The name of a writ for the breach of any covenant in writing, whether real or personal. Reg. Orig. 115; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 145.

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BYKES v. YORKES, 200 Pa. 419, 50 Atl. 156; Appeal of Clarke, 70 Conn. 105, 39 Atl. 155.

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CONVEY. To pass or transmit the title to property from one to another; to transfer property or the title to property by deed or instrument under seal.

To convey real estate is, by an appropriate instrument, to transfer the legal title to it from the present owner to another. Abendroth v. Greenwich, 29 Conn. 356.

Convey relates properly to the disposition of real property, not to personal. Dickerman v. Abrahams, 21 Barb. (N. Y.) 551, 551.

CONVEYANCE. In pleading. Introduction or inducement.

In real property law. The transfer of the title of land from one person or class of persons to another. Kielu v. McNamara, 54 Miss. 105; Alexander v. State, 28 Tex. App. 186, 12 S. W. 612; Brown v. Fitz, 13 N. H. 251; Pickett v. Buckner, 45 Miss. 245; Dickerman v. Abrahams, 21 Barb. (N. Y.) 551.

An instrument in writing under seal, (anciently termed an “assurance,”) by which some estate or interest in land is transferred from one person to another; such as a deed, mortgage, etc. 2 Bl. Comm. 296, 295, 509.

Conveyance includes every instrument in writing by which any estate or interest in real estate is created, aliened, mortgaged, or assigned, or by which the title to any real estate may be affected in law or equity, except last wills and testaments, leases for a term not exceeding three years, and executor contracts for the sale or purchase of lands. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. p. 702, § 35; Gen. St. Minn. 1875, c. 40, § 26; How. St. Mich. 1882, § 5089.

The term “conveyance,” as used in the California Code, embraces every instrument in writing by which any estate or interest in real property is created, aliened, mortgaged, or incumbered, or by which the title to any real property may be affected, except wills. Civil Code Cal. § 1215.

—Absolute or conditional conveyance. An absolute conveyance is one by which the
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right or property in a thing is transferred, free of any condition or qualification, by which it might be defeated or changed; as an ordinary deed of lands, in contradistinction to a mortgage, which is a conditional conveyance. Bur- rill; Fadon v. Buffa, etc., R. Co., 63 N. Y. 401.—Maine conveyance. An intermediate conveyance; one occupying an intermediate position in a chain of title between the first grantee and the present holder.—Secondary conveyances. Those by means whereof the benefit or estate is created or first arises; as distinguished from those whereby it may be enlarged, restrained, transferred, or extinguished. The term includes feoffment, gift, grant, lease, exchange, and partition, and is opposed to deriva- tive conveyances, such as release, surrender, confirmation, etc. 2 Bl. Comm. 300.—Secondary conveyances. The name given to that class of conveyances which presuppose some other conveyance precedent, and only serve to enlarge, confirm, alter, restrain, restore, or transfer the interest granted by such original conveyance. 2 Bl. Comm. 324. Otherwise termed "derivative conveyances," (q. v.)—Voluntary conveyances. A conveyance without value or consideration; such as a present or settle- ment in favor of a wife or children. See Gentry v. Field, 143 Mo. 399, 45 S. W. 286; Trumbull v. Hewitt, 62 Conn. 451, 2 Atl. 330; Martin v. White, 115 Ga. 899, 42 S. E. 279.

As to fraudulent conveyances, see FRAUD- ULENT.

CONVEYANCER. One whose business it is to draw deeds, bonds, mortgages, wills, writs, or other legal papers, or to examine titles to real estate. 14 St. at Large, 118.

He who draws conveyances; especially a householder or connoisseur of himself to drawing conveyances, and other chamber practice. Mozley & Whitley.

CONVEYANCING. A term including both the science and act of transferring titles to real estate from one man to another.

Conveyancing is that part of the lawyer's business which relates to the alienation and transmission of property from one person to another, and to the framing of legal documents intended to create, define, transfer, or extinguish rights. It therefore includes the conveyance of the title to land, and the preparation of agreements, wills, articles of association, private statutes operating as conveyances, and many other instruments in addition to conveyances properly so called. Sweet; Livermore v. Bagley, 3 Mass. 505.

CONVEYANCING COUNSEL TO THE COURT OF CHANCERY. Certain counsel, not less than six in number, appointed by the lord chancellor, for the purpose of assisting the court of chancery, or any judge thereof, with their opinion in matters of title and conveyancing. Mozley & Whitley.

Conviccia si trascuris tua divulgas; spepta exolseacent. 3 Inst. 198. If you be moved to anger by insults, you publish them; if despaired, they are forgotten.

CONVICUM. In the civil law. The name of a species of slander or injury uttered in public, and which charged some one with some act contra bonos moras.

CONVICT, v. To condemn after judicial investigation; to find a man guilty of a criminal charge. The word was formerly used also in the sense of finding against the defendant in a civil case.


Formerly a man was said to be convicted when he had been found guilty of treason or felony, but before judgment had been passed on him, after which he was said to be at- taint, (q. v.) Co. Litt. 390b.

CONVICTED. This term has a definite significance in law, and means that a judgment of final condemnation has been pronounced against the accused. Gallagher v. State, 10 Tex. App. 469.

CONVICTION. In practice. In a gener- al sense, the result of a criminal trial which ends in a judgment or sentence that the pris- oner is guilty as charged.

Finding a person guilty by verdict of a jury. 1 Blash. Crim. Law, § 223.

A record of the summary proceedings upon any penal statute before one or more justices of the peace or other persons duly authorized, in a case where the offender has been con- victed and sentenced. Holthouse.

In ordinary phrase, the meaning of the word "conviction" is the finding by the jury of a verdict that the accused is guilty. But, in legal parlance, it often denotes the final judgment of the court. Blais v. People, 69 N. Y. 100, 25 Am. Rep. 148.

The ordinary legal meaning of "conviction," when used to designate a particular stage of a criminal prosecution triable by a jury, is the confession of the accused in open court or the verdict returned against him by the jury, which ascertains and publishes the fact of his guilt; while "judgment" or "sentence" is the appropriate word to denote the action of the court before which the trial is had, declaring the consequences to the convict of the fact thus as- certained. A pardon granted after verdict of guilty, but before sentence, and pending a hear- ing upon exceptions taken by the accused during the trial, is granted after conviction, within the meaning of a constitutional restriction upon granting pardon before conviction. When, in- deed, the word "conviction" is used to describe the effect of the guilt of the accused as judi- cially proved in one case, when pleaded or given in evidence in another, it is sometimes used in a more comprehensive sense, including the judg- ment of the court upon the verdict or confession of guilt; as, for instance, in speaking of the plea of autrefois convict, or of the effect of guilt, judicially ascertained, as a disqualification of the convict. Com. v. Lockwood, 109 Mass. 323, 12 Am. Rep. 699.

—Former conviction. A previous trial and conviction of the same offense as that now charged; pleaded in bar of the prosecution.
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State v. Ellsworth, 131 N. C. 773, 42 S. E. 669; 92 Am. St. Rep. 750; Williams v. State, 13 Tex. App. 255, 46 Am. Rep. 237.—Summary conviction. The conviction of a person, (usually for a minor misdemeanor,) as the result of his trial before a magistrate or court, without the intervention of a jury, which is authorised by statute in England and in many of the states. In these proceedings there is no intervention of a jury, but the party accused is acquitted or condemned by the suffrage of such person only as the statute has appointed to be his judge. A conviction reached on such a magistrate's trial is called a "summary conviction." Brown v. Blair, 25 Grat. (Va.) 803.


CONVIVUM. A tenure by which a tenant was bound to provide meat and drink for his lord at least once in the year. Collow.

CONVOCATION. In ecclesiastical law. The general assembly of the clergy to consult upon ecclesiastical matters.

CONVOY. A naval force, under the command of an officer appointed by government, for the protection of merchant-ships and others, during the whole voyage, or such part of it as is known to require such protection. Mareh. Ins. b. 1, c. 9, § 5; Park, Ins. 388; Peake, Add. Cas. 1458; 2 H. Bl. 551.

CO-OBLIGOR. A joint obligor; one bound jointly with another or others in a bond or obligation.

COOL BLOOD. In the law of homicide. Calmness or tranquillity; the undisturbed possession of one's faculties and reason; the absence of violent passion, fury, or uncontrollable excitement.

COOLING TIME. Time to recover "cool blood" after severe excitement or provocation; time for the mind to become so calm and sedate as that it is supposed to contemplate, comprehend, and coolly act with reference to the consequences likely to ensue. Paines v. State, 10 Tex. App. 447; May v. People, 8 Colo. 210, 6 Pac. 816; Kelser v. Smith, 71 Ala. 481, 46 Am. Rep. 342; Jones v. State, 33 Tex. Cr. R. 492, 26 S. W. 1082, 47 Am. St. Rep. 46.

CO-OPERATION. In economics. The combined action of numbers. It is of two distinct kinds: (1) Such co-operation as takes place when several persons help each other in the same employment; (2) such co-operation as takes place when several persons help each other in different employments. These may be termed "simple co-operation" and "complex co-operation." Mill, Pol. Ec. 142.

IN PATENT LAW. Unity of action to a common end or a common result, not merely joint or simultaneous action. Boynton Co. v. Morris Chute Co. (C. C.) 82 Fed. 444; Fasten Co. v. Web (C. C.) 89 Fed. 987; Holmes, etc., Tel. Co. v. Domestic, etc., Tel. Co. (C. C.) 42 Fed. 227.

COOPER. In old English law. The head or branches of a tree cut down; though cooperio arborum is rather the bark of timber trees felled, and the chumps and broken wood. Collow.

COOPERUM. In forest law. A covert; a thicket (dumetum) or shelter for wild beasts in a forest. Spelman.

COOPERURA. In forest law. A thicket, or covert of wood.

COOPERUS. Covert; covered.

CO-OPTION. A concurring choice; the election, by the members of a close corporation, of a person to fill a vacancy.

CO-ORDINATE. Of the same order, rank, degree, or authority; concurrent; without any distinction of superiority and inferiority; as, courts of "co-ordinate jurisdiction." See Jurisdiction.

Co-ordinate and subordinate are terms often applied as a test to ascertain the doubtful meaning of clauses in an act of parliament. If there be two, one of which is grammatically governed by the other, it is said to be "subordinate" to it; but, if both are equally governed by some third clause, the two are called "co-ordinate." Wharton.

COPARCERNARY. A species of estate, or tenancy, which exists where lands of inheritance descend from the ancestor to two or more persons. It arises in England either by common law or particular custom. By common law, as where a person, seized in fee-simple or fee-tail, dies, and his next heirs are two or more females, his daughters, sisters, aunts, cousins, or their representatives; in this case they all inherit, and these co-heirs are then called "co-parceners," or, for brevity, "parceners" only. Litt. §§ 241, 242; 2 Bl. Comm. 187. By particular custom, as where lands descend, as in gavelkind, to all the males in equal degree, as sons, brothers, uncles, etc. Litt. §§ 253; 1 Steph. Comm. 319.

While joint tenancies refer to persons, the idea of coparcener refers to the estate. The title to it is always by descent. The respective shares may be unequal; as, for instance, one daughter and two granddaughters, children of a deceased daughter, may take by the same act of descent. As to strangers, the tenants' seisin is a joint one, but, as between themselves, each is seised of his or her own share, on whose death it goes to the heirs, and not by survivorship. The right of possession of coparceners is in common, and the possession of one is, in general, the possession of the others. 2 Washb. Real Prop. *414.
COPARCENERS. Persons to whom an estate of inheritance descends jointly, and by whom it is held as an entire estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 157.

COPARTICIPS. In old English law. A coparcener.

COPARTNER. One who is a partner with one or more other persons; a member of a partnership.

COPARTNERSHIP. A partnership.

COPARTNERY. In Scotch law. The contract of copartnership. A contract by which the several partners agree concerning the communication of loss or gain, arising from the subject of the contract. Bell.

COPE. A custom or tribute due to the crown or lord of the soil, out of the lead mines in Derbyshire; also a hill, or the roof and covering of a house; a church vestment.

COPEMAN, or COPESMAN. A chapman, (q. v.)

COPESMATE. A merchant; a partner in merchandise.

COPIA. Lat. In civil and old English law. Opportunity or means of access.

In old English law. A copy. Copia libelli, the copy of a libell. Reg. Orig. 68.

—Copia libelli deliberanda. The name of a writ that lay where a man could not get a copy of a libell at the hands of a spiritual judge, to have the same delivered to him. Reg. Orig. 51. —Copia vera. In Scotch practice. A true copy. Words written at the top of copies of instruments.

COPPA. In English law. A crop or cock of grass, hay, or corn, divided into titheable portions, that it may be more fairly and justly tithed.

COPPER AND SCALES. See MANCIPATIO.

COPPICE, or COPSE. A small wood consisting of underwood, which may be cut at twelve or fifteen years' growth for fuel.

COPROLALIA. In medical jurisprudence. A disposition or habit of using obscene language, developing unexpectedly in the particular individual or contrary to his previous history and habits, recognized as a sign of insanity or of aphasia.

COPULA. The corporal consumption of marriage. Copula, (in logic) the link between subject and predicate contained in the verb.

Copulatio verborum indicat acceptationem in eodem sensu. Coupling of words together shows that they are to be understood in the same sense. 4 Bacon's Works, p. 20; Broom, Max. 588.

COPULATIVE TERM. One which is placed between two or more others to join them together.

COPY. The transcript or double of an original writing; as the copy of a patent, charter, deed, etc.

Exemplifications are copies verified by the great seal or by the seal of a court. West Jersey Traction Co. v. Board of Public Works, 57 N. J. Law, 313, 30 Atl. 581.

Examined copies are those which have been compared with the original or with an official record thereof.

Office copies are those made by officers intrusted with the originals and authorized for that purpose. Id., Stamper v. Gay, 3 Wyo. 322, 23 Pac. 68.

COPYHOLD. A species of estate at will, or customary estate in England, the only visible title to which consists of the copies of the court rolls, which are made out by the steward of the manor, on a tenant's being admitted to any parcel of land, or tenement belonging to the manor. It is an estate at the will of the lord, yet such a will as is agreeable to the custom of the manor, which customs are preserved and evidenced by the rolls of the several courts baron, in which they are entered. 2 Bl. Comm. 96. In a larger sense, copyhold is said to import every customary tenure, (that is, every tenure pending on the particular custom of a manor,) as opposed to free socage, or freehold, which may now (since the abolition of knight-service) be considered as the general or common-law tenure of the country. 1 Steph. Comm. 210.

—Copyhold commissioners. Commissioners appointed to carry into effect several acts of parliament, having for their principal objects the compulsory commutation of manorial burdens and restrictions, (fines, heriots, rights to timber and minerals, etc.) and the compulsory enfranchisement of copyhold lands. 1 Steph. Comm. 643; Elton, Copyh. Copyholder. A tenant by copyhold tenure, (by copy of court-roll.) 2 Bl. Comm. 95.—Privileged copyholds. Those copyhold estates which are said to be held according to the custom of the manor, and not at the will of the lord, as common copyholds are. They include customary freeholds and ancient demesnes. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 709, § 919.

COPYRIGHT. The right of literary property as recognized and sanctioned by positive law. A right granted by statute to the author or originator of certain literary or artistic productions, whereby he is invested, for a limited period, with the sole and exclusive privilege of multiplying copies of the same and publishing and selling them. In re Rider, 16 R. I. 271, 15 Atl. 72; Mott Iron Works v. Clow, 81 Fed. 316, 27 C. C. A. 250; Palmer v. De Witt, 47
COPRIGHT


An impront right, being the exclusive privilege of printing, reprinting, selling, and publishing his own original work; which the law allows an author. Wharton.

Copyright is the exclusive right of the owner of an intellectual production to multiply and dispose of copies; the sole right to the copy, or to copy it. The word is used indifferently to signify the statutory and the common-law right; or one right is sometimes called "copyright" after publication, or statutory copyright; the other right before publication, or common-law copyright. The word is also used synonymously with "literary property;" thus, the exclusive right of the owner publicly to read or exhibit a work is often called "copyright." This is not strictly correct. Drone, Copyr. 100.

International copyright is the right of a subject of one country to protection against the republication in another country of a work which he originally published in his own country. Sweet.

CORAAGIUM, or CORAAGE. Measures of corn. An unusual and extraordinary tribute, arising only on special occasions. They are thus distinguished from services. Mentioned in connection with midage and caragee. Cowell.

CORAM. Lat. Before; in presence of. Applied to persons only. Townsh. Pl. 22.

—Coram domino rege. Before our lord the king. Coram domino rege ubicumque tunc fuerit Anglia, before our lord the king wherever he shall then be in England. Coram ipso rege. Before the king himself. The old name of the court of king's bench, which was originally held before the king in person. 3 Bl. Comm. 41.—Coram nobis. Before us ourselves, (the king, i.e., in the king's or queen's bench.) Applied to writs of error directed to another branch of the same court, e.g., from the full bench to the court at nisi prius. 1 Archb. Pr. K. B. 224.—Coram non judice. In presence of a person not a judge. When a suit is brought and determined in a court which has no jurisdiction in the matter, then it is said to be coram non judge, and the judgment is void. Manufacturing Co. v. Holt, 51 Ill. Va. 352, 41 S. E. 381.—Coram paribus. Before the peers or freeholders. The attestation of deeds, like all other solemn transactions, was originally done only coram paribus. 2 Bl. Comm. 307. Coram paribus de vicinato, before the peers or freeholders of the neighborhood. Id. 315. Coram sectatoribus: Before the suitors. Cro. Jac. 582.—Coram voles. Before your hon. A writ of error directed by a court of review to the court which tried the cause, to correct an error in fact. 3 Md. 323; 3 Steep. Comm. 692.


CO-RESPONDENT. A person summoned to answer a bill, petition, or libel, together with another respondent. Now chiefly used to designate the person charged with adultery with the respondent in a suit for divorce for that cause, and joined as a defendant with such party. Lowe v. Bennett, 27 Misc. Rep. 336, 58 N. Y. Supp. 58.

CORIUM FORISANCERE. To forfeit one's skin, applied to a person condemned to be whipped; anciently the punishment of a servant. Corium perdere, the same. Corium redimere, to compound for a whipping. Wharton.

CORN. In English law, a general term for any sort of grain; but in America it is properly applied only to maize. Sullins v. State, 53 Ala. 476; Kerrick v. Van Dusen, 32 Minn. 317, 20 N. W. 228; Com. v. Pine, 3 Pa. Law J. 412. In the memorandum clause in policies of insurance it includes pease and beans, but not rice. Park, Ins. 112; Scott v. Bourdillion, 2 Bos. & P. (N. R.) 213.

—CORN LAWS. A species of protective tariff formerly in existence in England, imposing import-duities on various kinds of grain. The corn laws were abolished in 1846. —CORN RENT. A rent in wheat or malt paid on college leases by direction of St. 13 Edw. c. 6, 2 Bl. Comm. 909.

CORNAGE. A species of tenure in England, by which the tenant was bound to blow a horn for the sake of alarming the country on the approach of an enemy. It was a species of grand servitude. Bac. Abr. "Tenure," N.

CORNER. A combination among the dealers in a specific commodity, or outside capitalists, for the purpose of buying up the greater portion of that commodity which is upon the market or may be brought to market, and holding the same back from sale, until the demand shall so far outrun the limited supply as to advance the price abnormally. Kirkpatrick v. Bonsall, 72 Pa. 158; Wright v. Cudahy, 168 Ill. 86, 48 N. E. 39; Kent v. Mitlenberger, 13 Mo. App. 506.

In surveying. An angle made by two boundary lines; the common end of two boundary lines, which run at an angle with each other.

CORNET. A commissioned officer of cavalry, abolished in England in 1871, and not existing in the United States army.

CORODIO HABENDO. The name of a writ to exact a corody of an abbey or religious house.

CORODIUM. In old English law. A corody.

CORODY. In old English law. A sum of money or allowance of meat, drink, and clothing due to the crown from the abbey or other religious house, whereof it was foundery, towards the sustentation of such one of its servants as is thought fit to receive it. It differ from a pension, in that it was allowed towards the maintenance of any of
the king's servants in an abbey; a pension being given to one of the king's chaplains, for his better maintenance, till he may be provided with a benefice. Yltch. Nat. Brev. 250. See 1 Bl. Comm. 288.

COROLARY. In logic. A collateral or secondary consequence, deduction, or inference.

CORONA. The crown. Placita corona; pleas of the crown; criminal actions or proceedings, in which the crown was the prosecutor.

CORONA MALA. In old English law. The clergy who abuse their character were so called. Blount.

CORONARE. In old records. To give the tonsure, which was done on the crown, or in the form of a crown; to make a man a priest. Cowell.

—Coronare illum. To make one's son a priest. Homo coronatus was one who had received the first tonsure. as preparatory to superior orders, and the tonsure was in form of a corona, or crown of thorns. Cowell.

CORONATION OATH. The oath administered to a sovereign at the ceremony of crowning or investing him with the insignia of royalty, in acknowledgment of his right to govern the kingdom, in which he swears to observe the laws, customs, and privileges of the kingdom, and to act and do all things conformably thereto. Wharton.

CORONATOR. A coroner, (q. v.) Spelman.

—Coronatore eligendo. The name of a writ issued to the sheriff, commanding him to proceed to the election of a coroner. —Coronatores exonerando. In English law. The name of a writ for the removal of a coroner, for a cause which is to be therein assigned, as that he is engaged in other business, or incapacitated by years or sickness, or has not a sufficient estate in the county, or lives in an inconvenient part of it.

CORONER. The name of an ancient officer of the common law, whose office and functions are continued in modern English and American administration. The coroner is an officer belonging to each county, and is charged with duties both judicial and ministerial, but chiefly the former. It is his special province and duty to make inquiry into the causes and circumstances of any death happening within his territory which occurs through violence or suddenly and with marks of suspicion. This examination (called the "coroner's inquest") is held with a jury of proper persons upon view of the dead body. See Bract. fol. 121; 1 Bl. Comm. 346-348; 3 Steph. Comm. 33. In England, another branch of his judicial office is to inquire concerning shipwrecks, and certify whether wreck or not, and who is in possession of the goods; and also to inquire concerning treasure trove, who were the finders, and where it is, and whether any one be suspected of having found and concealed a treasure. 1 Bl. Comm. 333. It belongs to the ministerial office of the coroner to serve oaths and other process, and generally to discharge the duties of the sheriff, in case of the incapacity of that officer or a vacancy in his office. On the office and functions of coroners, see, further, Pueblo County v. Marshall, 11 Colo. 84, 16 Pac. 837; Cox v. Royal Tribe, 42 Or. 365, 71 Pac. 73, 60 L. R. A. 620, 96 Am. St. Rep. 752; Powell v. Wilson, 16 Tex. 39; Lancaster County v. Holyoke, 37 Neb. 328, 55 N. W. 666, 21 L. R. A. 304.

—Coroner's court. In England. A tribunal of record, where a coroner holds his inquiries. Cox v. Royal Tribe, 42 Or. 365, 71 Pac. 73, 60 L. R. A. 620, 96 Am. St. Rep. 752. —Coroner's inquest. An investigation or examination into the causes and circumstances of any death happening by violence or under suspicious conditions within his territory, held by the coroner with the assistance of a jury. Bolinier v. County Com'rs, 32 Mo. 378.

CORPORAL. Relating to the body; bodily. Should be distinguished from corporeal, (q. v.)

—Corporal imbecility. Physical inability to perform completely the act of sexual intercourse; a necessarily congenital, and not invariably a permanent and incurable impotence. Griffith v. Griffith, 162 Ill. 308, 44 N. E. 520; Perris v. Periza, 56 Ill. 269. —Corporal oath. An oath, the external solemnity of which consists in laying one's hand upon the Gospels while the oath is administered to him. More generally, a solemn oath. The terms "corporate oath" and "solemn oath" are. in Indiana, at least, used synonymously; and an oath taken with the uplifted hand may be properly described by either term. Jackson v. State, 1 Ind. 185; State v. Norris, 9 N. H. 102; Com. v. Jarboe, 8 Ky. 45. 12 S. W. 135. —Corporal punishment. Physical punishment as distinguished from pecuniary punishment or a fine; any kind of punishment of or inflicted upon the body, such as whipping or the wearing of a collar, the term may or may not include imprisonment, according to the context. Ritchey v. People, 22 Colo. 251, 43 Pac. 188; People v. Ruchel. 41 Nev. 523, 186 Pac. 619. —Corporal touch. Bodily touch; actual physical contact; manual apprehension.

CORPORALE SACRAMENTUM. In old English law. A corporal oath.

Corporalis injuria non recipit satisfactionem de futuro. A personal injury does not receive satisfaction from a future course of proceeding. [Is not left for its satisfaction to a future course of proceeding.] Bac. Max. res. 6; Broom, Max. 278.

CORPORATE. Belonging to a corporation; as a corporate name. Incorporated; as a corporate body.

—Corporate authorities. The title given in statutes of several states to the aggregate body of officers of a municipal corporation or certain of those officers (excluding the others) who are vested with authority in regard to the particular matter spoken of in the statute, taxation, business, regulation of trade, or liquor, etc. See People v. Knopf, 171 Ill. 191.
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40 N. E. 424; State v. Andrews, 11 Neb. 523, 10 N. W. 410; Com. v. Upper Darby Audit. 

R. 85; Schaffer v. Bonham, 95 Ill. 382.—Corporate body. This term, or 
itself "corporate," is applied to 
private corporations aggregate; not including 

Citations. Codd v. John- 

son, 14.5 Mo. 225; East Oakland Tp. v. Skinner, 94 U. S. 256, 21 L. Ed. 125; Campbell v. Rail-

road Co., 21 Me. 611; Comp. v. Pennsylvania, 83 Pa. St. 301.—Corporate franchise. The 

right to exist and do business as a corporation; the 

right or privilege granted by the state or 
government to a person or persons forming an aggregate, 

private corporation, and their successors, to 

exist and do business as a corporation and to 

exercise all the rights and powers incidental to 

that form of organization or necessarily implied in the 

grant. Bank of California v. San Fran-

cisco, 125 Cal. 276, 75 Pac. 532, 64 L. R. A. 918, 100 Am. St. Rep. 130; Jersey City Gas- 

Y. 475, 67 N. E. 93, 63 L. R. A. 87.—Corpo-

rate name. When a corporation is erected, a 

name is always given to it, or, supposing none to 

be actually given, will attach to it by implica-

tion, and by that name alone it must sue and 

be sued, and do all legal acts, though a very 

minute part of the business therein is not material, 

and the name is capable of being changed (by com-

petent authority) without affecting the identity of 

corporate entity. The corporate charter.— 

Corporate purpose. In reference to 

municipal corporations, and especially to their powers of 
taxation, a "corporate purpose" is one which 

shall promote the general welfare and the 
welfare of the municipality, (Wetherell v. De-

vine, 116 Ill. 631, 6 N. E. 24,) or a purpose 

necessary or proper to carry into effect the 

object of the creation of the corporate body, 

(People v. School Trustees, 78 Ill. 140,) or one 

which is germane to the general scope of the 
obligations for the objects for which the corporation was created or has a legitimate connection with those objects and a manifest relation thereto. (Weightman v. Clark, 105 U. S. 250, 26 L. Ed. 392.)

CORPORATION. An artificial person or legal entity created by or under the 

authority of the laws of a state or nation, com-

posed, in some rare instances, of a single per-

son and his successors, being the incumbents of a particular office, but ordinarily consisting of an association of numerous individuals, who subsist as a body politic under a special denomination, which is regarded in law as having a personality and existence distinct from that of its several members, and which is, by the same authority, vested with the capacity of continuous succession, irrespective of changes in its membership, either in perpetuity or for a limited term of years, and of acting as a unit or single individual in matters relating to the common purpose of the association, within the scope of the powers and authorities conferred upon such bodies by law. See Case of Sutton's Hospital, 10 Coke, 32; Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 518, 656, 657, 4 L. Ed. 629; Bell v. Trillum, 16 U. S. 160, 11 Sup. Ct. 57, 24 L. Ed. 640; Andrews Bros. Co. v. Youngstown Coke Co., 88 Fed. 555, 30 C. C. A. 283; Porter v. Railroad Co., 76 Ill. 573; State v. Payne, 129 Mo. 468, 31 S. W. 797, 33 L. R. A. 576; Farmers' L & 

T. Co. v. New York, 7 Hill (N. Y.) 283; State 

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v. Turley, 142 Mo. 403, 44 S. W. 207; Barber 

v. International Co., 73 Conn. 557, 48 Atl. 758; 


A corporation is comprised by one or more individuals, who subsist as a body politic, under a special denomination, and are vested by the policy of the law with the capacity of perpetual succession, and of acting in several respects, however numerous the association may be, as a single individual. 2 Kent, Comm. 267.

An artificial person or being, endowed by law with the capacity of perpetual succession; consisting either of a single individual, (termed a "corporation sole") or of a collection of several individuals, (which is termed a "corporation aggregate.") 3 Steph. Comm. 166; 1 Bl. Comm. 467, 469.

A corporation is an intellectual body, created by law, composed of individuals united under a common name, the members of which succeed each other, so that the body continues always the same, notwithstanding the change of the individuals who compose it, and which, for certain purposes, is considered a natural person. Civil Code La. art. 427.

Classification. According to the accepted definitions and rules, corporations are classified as follows:

Public and private. A public corporation is one created by the state for political purposes and to act as an agency in the administration of civil government, generally within a particular territory or subdivision of the state, and usually invested, for that purpose, with subordinate and local powers of legislation; such as a county, city, town, or school district. These are also sometimes called "political corporations." People v. McAdams, 82 Ill. 356; Wooster v. Plymouth, 62 N. H. 208; Goodwin v. East Hartford, 70 Conn. 18, 38 Atl. 876; Dean v. Davis, 51 Cal. 409; Regents v. Williams, 9 Gill & J. (Md.) 401, 31 Am. Dec. 72; Ten Eyck v. Canal Co., 18 N. J. Law, 200, 37 Am. Dec. 223; Toledo Bank v. Bond, 1 Ohio St. 622; Murphy v. Mercer County, 57 N. J. Law, 245, 31 Atl. 229. Private corporations are those founded by and composed of private individuals, for private purposes, as distinguished from governmental corporations, and having no political or governmental franchises or duties. Santa Clara County v. Southern Pac. R. Co. (C. C.) 15 Fed. 402; Swain v. Williams, 2 Mich. 434; People v. McAdams, 82 Ill. 361; McKim v. Odom, 3 Blund. (Md.) 418; Rundle v. Canal Co., 21 Fed. Cas. 6.

The true distinction between public and private corporations is that the former are organized for governmental purposes, the latter not. The term "public" has sometimes been applied
to corporations of which the government owned the entire stock, as in the case of a state bank. But bearing in mind that "public" is here equivalent to "political," it will be apparent that this is a misnomer. Again the fact that the business or operations of a corporation may directly and very extensively affect the general public (as in the case of a railroad company or a bank or an insurance company) is no reason for calling it a public corporation. Corporations owned by private persons for their own advantage,—or even if organized for the benefit of the public generally, as in the case of a free public hospital or other charitable institutions—is none the less a private corporation, if it does not possess governmental powers or functions. The use may in a word be called "public," but the corporation is "private," as much so as if the franchises were vested in a single person. Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 562, 4 L. Ed. 629; Ten Eyck v. Canal Co., 18 N. J. Law, 204, 37 Am. Dec. 233. It is to be observed, however, that those corporations which serve the public or contribute to the comfort and convenience of the general public, though owned and managed by private interests, are now (and quite appropriately) denominated "public corporations." Another distinction between public and private corporations is that the former are not voluntary associations (as the latter are) and that there is no contractual relation between the government and a public corporation or between the individuals who compose it. Mor. Priv. Corp. § 3; Goodwin v. East Hartford, 79 Conn. 18, 38 Atl. 876.

The terms "public" and "municipal," as applied to corporations, are not convertible. All municipal corporations are public, but not vice versa. Strictly speaking, only cities and towns are "municipal" corporations, though the term is very commonly so employed as to include also counties and such governmental agencies as school districts and road districts. Brown v. Board of Education, 108 Ky. 783, 77 S. W. 612. But there may also be "public" corporations which are not "municipal" even in this wider sense of the latter term. Such, according to some of the authorities, are the "irrigation districts" now known in several of the western states. Irrigation Dist. v. Collins, 40 Neb. 411, 64 N. W. 1068; Irrigation Dist. v. Peterson, 4 Wyo. 447, 20 Pac. 983; Compare Herring v. Irrigation Dist. (C. C.) 55 Fed. 705.

Ecclesiastical and lay. In the English law, all corporations private are divided into ecclesiastical and lay, the former being such corporations as are composed exclusively of ecclesiastics organized for spiritual purposes, or for administering property held for religious uses, such as bishops and certain other dignitaries of the church and (formerly) abbots and monasteries. 1 Bl. Comm. 470. Lay corporations are those composed of laymen, and existing for secular or business purposes. This distinction is not recognized in American law. Corporations formed for the purpose of maintaining or propagating religion or of supporting public religious services, according to the rites of particular denominations, and incidentally owning and administering real or personal property for religious uses, are called "religious corporations," as distinguished from business corporations; but they are "lay" corporations, and not "ecclesiastical" in the sense of the English law. Robertson v. Bullons, 11 N. Y. 248.

Eeleemosynary and civil. Lay corporations are classified as "eleemosynary" and "civil;" the former being such as are created for the distribution of alms or for the administration of charities or for purposes falling under the description of "charitable" in its widest sense, including hospitals, lunums, and colleges; the latter being organized for the facilitating of business transactions and the profit or advantage of the members. 1 Bl. Comm. 471; Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 660, 4 L. Ed. 620.

In the law of Louisiana, the term "civil" as applied to corporations, is used in a different sense, being contrasted with "religious." Civil corporations are those which relate to temporal police; such are the corporations of the cities, the companies for the advancement of commerce and agriculture, literary societies, colleges or universities founded for the instruction of youth, and the like. Religious corporations are those whose establishment relates only to religion; such are the congregations of the different religious persuasions. Civ. Code La. art. 431.

Aggregate and sole. A corporation sole is one consisting of one person only, and his successors in some particular station, who are incorporated by law in order to give them some legal capacities and advantages, particularly that of perpetuity, which in their natural persons they could not have had. In this sense, the sovereign in England is a sole corporation, so is a bishop, so are some deans distinct from their several chapters, and so is every parson and vicar. 3 Steph. Comm. 368, 369; 2 Kent, Comm. 273. Warner v. Beers, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 172; Codd v. Bathbone, 19 N. Y. 39; First Parish v. Dunning, 7 Mass. 447. A corporation aggregate is one composed of a number of individuals vested with corporate powers; and a "corporation," as the word is used in general popular and legal speech, and as defined at the head of this title, means a "corporation aggregate."

Domestic and foreign. With reference to the laws and the courts of any given state, a "domestic" corporation is one created by, or organized under, the laws of that state; a "foreign" corporation is one created by or under the laws of another state, government, or country. In re Grand Lodge, 110 Pa. 613, 1 Atl. 582; Boley v. Trust Co., 12 Ohio St. 145; Bowen v. Bank, 54 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 411.

Close and open. A "close" corporation is one in which the directors and officers have the power to fill vacancies in their own number, without allowing to the general body of stockholders any choice or vote in their election. An "open" corporation is one in which all the members or corporators have a vote in the election of the directors and other officers. McKinn v. Odom, 3 Bland (Md.) 416.
Other compound and descriptive terms. 

A business corporation is one formed for the purpose of transacting business in the widest sense of that term, including not only trade and commerce, but manufacturing, mining, banking, insurance, transportation, and practically every form of commercial or industrial activity where the purpose of the organization is pecuniary profit; contrasted with religious, charitable, educational, and other like organizations, which are sometimes grouped in the statutory law of a state under the general designation of "corporations not for profit." Winter v. Railroad Co., 30 Fed. Cas. 329; In re Independent Ins. Co., 13 Fed. Cas. 13; McLeod v. College, 69 Neb. 550, 96 N. W. 285.


Joint-stock corporation. This differs from a joint-stock company in being regularly incorporated, instead of being a mere partnership, but resembles it in having a capital divided into shares of stock. Most business corporations (as distinguished from eleemosynary corporations) are of this character.

Moneysed corporations are, properly speaking, those dealing in money or in the business of receiving deposits, loaning money, and exchange; but in a wider sense the term is applied to all business corporations having a money capital and employing it in the conduct of their business. Mutual Ins. Co. v. Erie County, 4 N. Y. 444; Gillet v. Moody, 3 N. Y. 487; Vermont Stat. 1804, § 3674; Hill v. Reed, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 287; In re California Pac. R. Co., 4 Fed. Cas. 1,000; Hobbs v. National Bank, 101 Fed. 75, 41 C. C. A. 205.

Municipal corporations. See that title.

Public-service corporations. Those whose operations serve the needs of the general public or conduces to the comfort and convenience of an entire community, such as railroads, gas, water, and electric light companies. The business of such companies is said to be "affected with a public interest," and for that reason they are subject to legislative regulation and control to a greater extent than corporations not of this character.

Quasi corporations. Organizations resembling corporations; municipal societies or similar bodies which, though not true corporations in all respects, are yet recognized, by statutes or immemorial usage, as persons or aggregate corporations, with powers, duties which may be enforced, and privileges which may be maintained, by suits at law. They may be considered quasi corporations, with limited powers, co-extensive with the duties imposed upon them by statute or usage, but restrained from a general use of the authority which belongs to those metaphysical persons by the common law. Sates v. King, 110 III. 456; Adams v. Wasnusset Bank, 1 Me. 301, 1 Am. Dec. 85; Lawrence County v. Railroad Co., 81 Ky. 227; Barnes v. District of Columbia, 91 U. S. 552, 23 L. Ed. 440.

This term is lacking in definiteness and precision. It appears to be applied indiscriminately to (a) all kinds of municipal corporations, the word "quasi" being introduced because it is said that these are not voluntary organizations like private corporations, but created by the legislature for its own purposes and without reference to the wishes of the people of the territory affected; (b) to all municipal corporations except cities and incorporated towns, the latter being considered the only true municipal corporations because they exist and act under charters or statutes of incorporation while counties, school districts, and the like are merely created or set off under general laws; (c) to municipal corporations possessing only a low order of corporate existence or the most limited range of corporate powers, such as hundreds in England, and counties, villages, and school districts in America.

Quasi public corporations. This term is sometimes applied to corporations which are not strictly public, in the sense of being organized for governmental purposes, but whose operations contribute to the comfort, convenience, or welfare of the general public, such as telegraph and telephone companies, gas, water, and electric light companies, and irrigation companies. More commonly and more correctly styled "public-service corporations." See Wiener v. Louisville Water Co. (C. C.) 130 Fed. 251; Cumberland Tel. Co. v. Evansville (C. C.) 127 Fed. 187; McMkln v. Odom, 3 Blad. (Md.) 419; Campbell v. Watson, 62 N. J. Eq. 396, 50 Atl. 120.

Spiritual corporations. Corporations, the members of which are entirely spiritual persons, and incorporated as such, for the furtherance of religion and perpetuating the rights of the church.

Trading corporations. A trading corporation is a commercial corporation engaged in buying and selling. The word "trading" is much narrower in scope than "business," as applied to corporations, and though a trading corporation is a business corporation, there are many business corporations which are not trading companies. Dartmouth College v.
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Tramp corporations. Companies chartered in one state without any intention of doing business therein, but which carry on their business and operations wholly in other states. State v. Georgia Co., 122 N. C. 34, 17 S. E. 10, 19 L. R. A. 485.

Synonyms. The words "company" and "corporation" are commonly used as interchangeable terms. In strictness, however, a company is an association of persons for business or other purposes, embracing a considerable number of individuals, which may or may not be incorporated. In the former case, it is legally a partnership or a joint-stock company; in the latter case, it is properly called a "corporation." Goddard v. Railroad Co., 202 Ill. 362, 66 N. E. 1066; Bradley Fertilizer Co. v. South Pub. Co., 4 Misc. Rep. 172, 25 N. Y. Supp. 675; Com. v. Reinoehl, 162 Pa. 330, 62 Atl. 290, 23 L. R. A. 247; State v. Mead, 27 Vt. 722; Leading Printing Co. v. Lowry, 9 Okl. 89, 59 Pac. 242. For the particulars in which corporations differ from "Joint-Stock Companies" and "Partnerships," see those titles.

CORPORATION ACT. In English law. The statute 13 Car. II. St. 2, c. 1; by which it was provided that no person should there after be elected to office in any corporate town that should not, within one year previously, have taken the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, according to the rites of the Church of England; and every person so elected was also required to take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. 3 Steph. Comm. 108, 104; 4 Bl. Comm. 58. This statute is now repealed. 4 Steph. Comm. 511.

CORPORATION COURTS. Certain courts in Virginia described as follows: "For each city or the state, there should be a court called a 'corporation court,' to be held by a judge, with like qualifications and elected in the same manner as judges of the county court." Code Va. 1887, § 3050.

CORPORATOR. A member of a corporation aggregate. Grant, Corp. 48.

CORPORE ET ANIMO. Lat. By the body and by the mind; by the physical act and by the mental intent. Dig. 41, 2, 3.

CORPOREAL. A term descriptive of such things as have an objective, material existence; perceptible by the senses of sight and touch; possessing a real body. Opposed to incorporeal and spiritual. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 460; Sullivan v. Richardson, 33 Fla. 1, 14 South. 832.

There is a distinction between "corporal" and "corporal." The former term means "possessing a body," that is, tangible, physical, material; the latter term "relating to or affecting a body," that is, bodily, external. Corporal describes the exterior or the constitution of it with some other body. Hence we speak of "corporal hereditaments," but of "corporal punishment," "corporal touch," "corporal oath," etc.

-Corporal hereditaments. See HEREDITAMENTS. -Corporal property. Such as affects the senses, and may be seen and handled by the body, as opposed to incorporeal property, which cannot be seen or handled, and exists only in contemplation. Thus a house is corporeal, but the annual rent payable for its occupation is incorporeal. Corporal property is, if movable, capable of manual transfer; if immovable, possession of it may be delivered up. But incorporeal property cannot be so transferred; and some other means must be adopted for its transfer, of which the most usual is an instrument in writing. Mosley & Whiteley.

CORPS DIPLOMATIQUE. In international law. Ambassadors and diplomatic persons at any court or capital.

CORPSE. The dead body of a human being.

CORPUS. (Lat.) Body; the body; an aggregate or mass, (of men, laws, or articles) physical substance, as distinguished from intellectual conception; the principal sum or capital, as distinguished from interest or income.

A substantial or positive fact, as distinguished from what is equivocal and ambiguous. The corpus delicti (body of an offense) is the fact of its having been actually committed. Best, Pres. 289-297.

A corporeal act of any kind, (as distinguished from animus or mere intention,) on the part of him who wishes to acquire a thing, whereby he obtains the physical ability to exercise his power over it whenever he pleases. The word occurs frequently in this sense in the civil law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 248.

-Corporus omisitatus. The body of a county. The whole county, as distinguished from a part of it, or any particular place in it. U. S. v. Grush, 170 U. S. 290, Fed. Cas. 15, 283. -Corpus corporatum. A corporation; a corporate body, other than municipal.-Corpus sum causae. (The body with the cause.) An English writ which issued out of chancery, to remove both the body and the record, touching the cause of any man lying in execution upon a judgment for debt, into the King's bench, there to remain until he satisfied the judgment. Co-well; Blount.-Corpus delicti. The body of a crime. The body (material substance) upon which a crime has been committed. e. g., the corpse of a murdered man, the charred remains of a house burned down. In a derivative sense, the substance or foundation of a crime; the substantial fact that a crime has been committed. People v. Dick, 37 Cal. 281; White v. State, 49 Ga. 457; Goldman v. State, 72 Mo. 865, 42 S. E. 929; State v. Hand, 1 Marv. (Del.) 545, 41 Atl. 192; State v. Dickson, 78 Mo. 441.-Corpus pro corpore. In old records. Real property. A phrase for the liability of manumaptors. 3 How. State Tr. 110.

CORPUS CHRISTI DAY. In English law. A feast instituted in 1294. In honor of the sacrament. 32 Hen. VIII. c. 21.
Corpus humanum non recipit estimacionem. The human body does not admit of valuation. Hob. 59.

CORPORUS JURIS. A body of law. A term used to signify a book comprehending several collections of law. There are two principal collections to which this name is given; the Corpus Juris Civilis, and the Corpus Juris Canonici.

—Corpus juris canonici. The body of the canon law. A compilation of the canon law, comprising the degrees and canons of the Roman Church, constituting the body of ecclesiastical law of that church. Corpus juris civilis. The body of the civil law. The system of Roman jurisprudence compiled and codified under the direction of the emperor Justinian, in A.D. 528–534. This collection comprises the Institutes, Digest, (or Pandecta,) Code, and Novels. The name is said to have been first applied to this collection early in the seventeenth century.

CORRECTION. Discipline; chastisement administered by a master or other person in authority to one who has committed an offense, for the purpose of curing his faults or bringing him into proper subjection.

—Correction, house of. A prison for the reformation of petty or juvenile offenders.

CORRECTOR OF THE STAPLE. In old English law. A clerk belonging to the staple, to write and record the bargains of merchants there made.

CORREGIDOR. In Spanish law. A magistrate who took cognizance of various misdemeanors, and of civil matters. 2 White, New Recop. 53.

CORREI. Lat. In the civil law. Co-sitipulatores; joint sitipulatores.


CORRELATIVE. Having a mutual or reciprocal relation, in such sense that the existence of one necessarily implies the existence of the other. Father and son are correlative terms. Right and duty are correlative terms.

CORRESPONDENCE. Interchange of written communications. The letters written by a person and the answers written by the one to whom they are addressed.

CORROBORATE. To strengthen; to add weight or credibility to a thing by additional and confirming facts or evidence. Still v. State (Tex. Cr. R.) 50 S. W. 335; State v. Hicks, 6 S. D. 525, 60 N. W. 68; Schefter v. Hitch, 70 Hun. 597, 25 N. Y. Supp. 240.

The expression "corroborating circumstances" clearly does not mean facts which, independent of a confession, will warrant a conviction; for then the verdict would stand not on the confession, but upon the independent circumstances. To corroborate is to strengthen, to confirm by additional security, to add strength. The testimony of a witness is said to be corroborated when it is shown to correspond with the representation of some other witness, or to comport with some facts otherwise known or established. Corroborating circumstances, then, used in reference to a confession, are such as serve to strengthen it, to render it more probable; such, in short, as may serve to impress a jury with a belief in its truth. State v. Guild, 10 N. J. Law, 163, 18 Am. Dec. 404.


Corruptio optimi est pessima. Corruption of the best is worst.

CORRUPTION. Illegality; a vicious and fraudulent intention to evade the prohibitions of the law.

The act of an official or fiduciary person who unlawfully and wrongfully uses his station or character to procure some benefit for himself or for another person, contrary to duty and the rights of others. U. S. v. Johnson (C. C.) 26 Fed. 682; State v. Ragdale, 59 Mo. App. 603; Wight v. Rindskopf, 43 Wis. 351; Worsham v. Murchison, 60 Ga. 719; U. S. v. Edwards (C. C.) 43 Fed. 67.

CORRUPTION OF BLOOD. In English law. This was the consequence of attainder. It meant that the attainted person could neither inherit lands or other hereditaments from his ancestor, nor retain those he already had, nor transmit them by descent to any heir, because his blood was considered in law to be corrupted. Avery v. Everett, 110 N. Y. 317, 18 N. E. 148, 1 L. R. A. 264, 6 Am. St. Rep. 308. This was abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106, and 33 & 34 Vict. c. 23, and is unknown in America. Const. U. S. art. 3, § 3.

CORSELET. Ancient armor which covered the body.

CORSE-PRESENT. A mortuary, thus termed because, when a mortuary became due on the death of a man, the best or second-best beast was, according to custom, offered or presented to the priest, and carried with the corpse. In Wales a corse-present was due upon the death of a clergyman to the bishop of the diocese, till abolished by 12 Anne St. 2, c. 6. 2 Bl. Comm. 428.

CORSNED. In Saxon law. The morsel of execution. A species of ordeal in use among the Saxons, consisting in cutting a piece of bread over which the priest had pronounced a certain imprecation. If the accused ate it freely, he was pronounced innocent; but, if it stuck in his throat, it was considered as a proof of his guilt. Crabb,
CORTES. The name of the legislative assemblies, the parliament or congress, of Spain and Portugal.

CORTEX. The bark of a tree; the outer covering of anything.

CORTIS. A court or yard before a house. Blount.

CORTULARIUM, or CORTARIUM. In old records. A yard adjoining a country farm.

CORVEE. In French law. Gratuitous labor exacted from the villages or communities, especially for repairing roads, constructing bridges, etc. State v. Covington, 125 N. C. 641, 34 S. E. 272.

COSA JUZGADA. In Spanish law. A cause or matter adjudged, (res judicata.) White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 8, note.

COSAS COMUNES. In Spanish law. A term corresponding to the res communes of the Roman law, and descriptive of such things as are open to the equal and common enjoyment of all persons and not to be reduced to private ownership, such as the air, the sea, and the water of running streams. Hall, Mex. Law, 447; Lux v. Haggl, 69 Cal. 255, 10 Pac. 707.

COSDUNA. In feudal law. A custom or tribune.


COSENAGE. In old English law. Kindred; cousinship. Also a writ that lay for the heir where the tressuit, i. e., the father of the beauid, or great-grandfather, was seized of lands in fee at his death, and a stranger entered upon the land and abated. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 221.

COSENEING. In old English law. An offense, mentioned in the old books, where anything was done deceitfully, whether belonging to contracts or not, which could not be properly termed by any special name. The same as the stellionarius of the civil law. Cowell.

COSHERING. In old English law. A feudal prerogative or custom for lords to lie and feast themselves at their tenants’ houses. Cowell.

COSMUS. Clean. Blount.

Coss. A term used by Europeans in India to denote a road-measure of about two miles, but differing in different parts. Wharton.
Jury. Day v. Woodworth, 13 How. 372, 14 L. Ed. 161. Those extra expenses incurred which do not appear on the face of the proceedings, such as witnesses' expenses, fees to counsel, attendance, court fees, etc. Wharton—Costs of the trial. Costs which are incurred in preparing for the trial of a cause on a specified day, consisting of witnesses' fees, and other fees of attendance. Archib. N. Prac. 251. Costs to abide event. When an order is made by an appellate court reversing a judgment, with "costs to abide the event," the costs intended by the order include those of the appeal, so that, if the appeal is finally successful, he is entitled to tax the costs of the appeal. First Nat. Bank v. Fourth Nat. Bank, 34 N. Y. 460. Double costs. The ordinary single costs of suit, and one-half of that amount in addition. 2 Tidd. Pr. 957. "Double" is not used here in its ordinary sense of "twice" the amount. Van Allen v. Decker, 2 N. J. Law, 108; Gilbert v. Kennedy, 22 Mich. 19. But see Moran v. Hudson, 34 N. J. Law, 581. These costs are now abolished in England by 5 & 6 Vict. c. 97. Wharton—Final costs. Such costs as are to be paid at the end of the suit; costs, the liability for which depends upon the final result of the litigation. Goodyear v. Sawyer (C. C.) 17 Fed. 8. Interlocutory costs. In practice. Costs accruing upon proceedings in the intermediate stages of a cause, as distinguished from final costs, which are final. See 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 597; Goodyear v. Sawyer (C. C.) 17 Fed. 6. Treble costs. A rate of costs given in certain actions, according to its technical import, of the common costs, half of these, and half of the latter. 2 Tidd. Pr. 968. The word "treble," in this application, is not understood in its literal sense of thrice the amount of single costs, but signifies merely the addition together of the three sums fixed as above. Id. Treble costs have been abolished in England, by 5 & 6 Vict. c. 97. In American law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey the rule is different. When an act of assembly gives treble costs, the party is allowed three times the usual costs, with the exception that the fees of the officers are not to be trebled when they are not regularly or usually payable by the defendant. Shoemaker v. Nesbitt, 2 Rawle (Pa.) 203; Welsh v. Anthony, 10 Pa. 256; Mairs v. Sparks, 5 N. J. Law, 518—Security for costs. In practice. A security which a defendant may require of a plaintiff who does not reside within the jurisdiction of the court, for the payment of such costs as may be awarded against the defendant. 1 Tidd. Pr. 334. Ex parte Louisienne & N. R. Co., 124 Ala. 547, 27 South. 239.

COSTUMBRE. In Spanish law. Custom; an unwritten law established by usage, during a long space of time. Las Partidas, pt. 1, tit. 2, l. 4.

COSTURER. Joint sureties; two or more sureties to the same obligation.

COTA. A cot or hut. Blount. COTERELLUS. In feudal law. A servile tenant, who held in mere villenage; his person, issue, and goods were disposable at the lord's pleasure.

COTERIE. A fashionable association, or a knot of persons forming a particular circle. The origin of the term was purely commercial, signifying an association, in which each member furnished his part, and bore his share in the profit and loss. Wharton.

COTESWOLD. In old records. A place where there is no wood.

COTLAND. In old English law. Land held by a cottager, whether in socage or vil- lenage. Cowell.

COTESWOLD. In old English law. The little seat or mansion belonging to a small farm.

COTESWOLD. The seat of a cottage with the land belonging to it. Spelman.

COTESWOLD. A cottager or cottage-holder who held by servile tenure and was bound to do the work of the lord. Cowell.


COTTIER TENANCY. A species of tenancy in Ireland, constituted by an agreement in writing, and subject to the following terms: That the tenement consist of a dwelling-house with not more than half an acre of land; at a rental not exceeding 25 a year; the tenancy to be for not more than a month at a time; the landlord to keep the house in good repair. Landlord and Tenant Act, Ireland, (23 & 24 Vict. c. 154, § 61.)

COTTON NOTES. Receipts given for each bale of cotton received on storage by a public warehouse. Fourth Nat. Bank v. St. Louis Cotton Compress Co., 11 Mo. App. 337.

COTUCA. Coat armor.

COTUCHANS. A term used in Domeday for peasants, boors, husbandmen.

COUCHANT. Lying down; squatting. Couchant et lecan (lying down and rising up) is a term applied to animals trespassing on the land of one other than their owner, for one night or longer. 3 Bl. Comm. 9.

COUCHER, or COURCHER. A factor who continues abroad for traffic. (37 Edw. III. c. 18.) also the general book wherein any
COUNCIL. An assembly of persons for the purpose of conciliating measures of state or municipal policy; hence called "councillors."

In American law. The legislative body in the government of cities or boroughs. An advisory body selected to aid the executive; particularly in the colonial period (and at present in some of the United States) a body appointed to advise and assist the governor in his executive or judicial capacities or both.

—Common council. In American law. The lower or more numerous branch of the legislative assembly of a city. In English law. The councillors of the city of London. The parliament, also, was anciently called the "common council of the realm." Fleta, 2, 13.—Privy council. See that title. —Select council. The name given, in some states, to the upper house or branch of the council of a city.

COUNCIL OF CONCILIATION. By the Act 30 & 31 Vict. c. 105, power is given for the council to grant licenses for the formation of councils of conciliation and arbitration, consisting of a certain number of masters and workmen in any trade or employment, having power to hear and determine all questions between masters and workmen which may be submitted to them by both parties, arising out of or with respect to the particular trade or manufacture, and incapable of being otherwise settled. They have power to apply to a justice to enforce the performance of their award. The members are elected by persons engaged in the trade.

Davis, Bldg. Soc. 232; Sweet.

COUNCIL OF JUDGES. Under the English judicature act 1873, § 75, an annual council of the judges of the supreme court is to be held, for the purpose of considering the operation of the new practice, offices, etc., introduced by the act, and of reporting to a secretary of state as to any alterations which they consider should be made in the law for the administration of justice. An extraordinary council may also be convened at any time by the lord chancellor. Sweet.

COUNCIL OF THE NORTH. A court instituted by Henry VIII. in 1537, to administer justice in Yorkshire and the four other northern counties. Under the presidency of Stratford, the court showed great rigor, bordering, it is alleged, on harshness. It was abolished by 16 Car. I., the same act which abolished the Star Chamber. Brown.

COUNSEL. 1. In practice. An advocate, counselor, or pleader. 3 Bl. Comm. 26; 1 Kent, Comm. 307. One who assists his client with advice, and pleads for him in open court. See COUNSELOR.

Counselors who are associated with those regularly retained in a cause, either for the purpose of advising as to the points of law involved, or preparing the case on its legal side, or arguing questions of law to the court, or preparing or conducting the case on its appellate side before an appellate tribunal, are said to be "of counsel."

2. Knowledge. A grand jury is sworn to keep secret "the commonwealth's counsel, their fellows, and their own."

3. Advice given by one person to another in regard to a proposed line of conduct, claim, or contention. State v. Russell, 83 Wis. 330, 53 N. W. 441; Ann. Codes & St. Or. 1901, § 1049. The words "counsel" and "advise" may be, and frequently are, used in criminal law to describe the offense of a person who, not actually doing the felonious act, by his will contributed to it or procured it to be done. True v. Com., 90 Ky. 651, 14 S. W. 684; Omer v. Com., 95 Ky. 353, 25 S. W. 694.

—Junior counsel. The younger of the counsel employed on the same side of a case, or the one lower in standing or rank, or who is intrusted with the less important parts of the preparation or trial of the cause.

COUNSEL'S SIGNATURE. This is required, in some jurisdictions, to be affixed to pleadings, as affording the court a means of judging whether they are interposed in good faith and upon legal grounds.

COUNSELLOR. An advocate or barrister. A member of the legal profession whose special function is to give counsel or advice as to the legal aspects of judicial controversies, or their preparation and management, and to appear in court for the conduct of trials, or the argument of causes, or presentation of motions, or any other legal business that takes him into the presence of the court.

In some of the states, the two words "counselor" and "attorney" are used interchangeably to designate all lawyers. In others, the latter term alone is used, "counselor" not being recognized as a technical name. In still others, the two are associated together as the full legal title of any person who has been admitted to practice in the courts; while in a few they denote different grades, it being prescribed that no one can become a counselor until he has been an attorney for a specified time and has passed a second examination.

In the practice of the United States supreme court, the term denotes an officer who is employed by a party in a cause to conduct the same on its trial on his behalf. He differs from an attorney at law.

In the supreme court of the United States, the two degrees of attorney and counsel were at first kept separate, and no person was permitted to practice in both capacities, but the present practice is otherwise. Weeks, Atty's, at Law. 54. It is the duty of the counsel to draft or review and cor-
COUNTER-CLAIM. A claim presented by a defendant in opposition to or deduction from the claim of the plaintiff. A species of set-off or recoupment introduced by the codes of civil procedure in several of the states, of a broad and liberal character. A counter-claim must be one “existing in favor of a defendant and against a plaintiff between whom a several judgment might be had in the action, and arising out of one of the following causes of action: (1) A cause of action arising out of the contract or transaction set forth in the complaint as the foundation of the plaintiff’s claim, or connected with the subject of action; (2) in an action arising on contract, any other
cause of action arising also on contract, and existing at the commencement of the action." Code Proc. N. Y. § 150.

The term "counter-claim," of itself, imports a claim opposed to, or which qualifies, or at least in some degree affects, the plaintiff's cause of action. Dietrich v. Roch, 26 Wis. 626.

A counter-claim is an opposition claim, or demand of something due; a demand of something which belongs to the defendant, in opposition to the right of the plaintiff. Stillman v. Eddy, 8 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 122.

A counter-claim is that which might have arisen out of or could have had some connection with, the original transaction, in view of the parties, and which, at the time the contract was made, they could have intended might, in some event, give one party a claim against the other for compliance or non-compliance with its provisions. Conner v. Winton, 7 Ind. 523, 524.

COUNTERFEIT. In criminal law. To forge; to copy or imitate, without authority or right, and with a view to deceive or defraud, by passing the copy or thing forged for that which is original or genuine. Most commonly applied to the fraudulent and criminal imputation of money. State v. McKenzie, 42 Me. 322; U. S. v. Barrett (D. C.) 111 Fed. 369; State v. Calvin, R. M. Charl. (Ga.) 159; Mattison v. State, 3 Mo. 421.

Counterfeit coin. Coin not genuine, but resembling in design to resemble or pass for genuine coin, including genuine coin prepared or altered so as to resemble or pass for coin of a higher denomination. U. S. v. Hopkins (D. C.) 26 Fed. 443; U. S. v. Bogart, 24 Fed. Cas. 1185.—Counterfeiter. In criminal law. One who unlawfully makes base coin in imitation of the true metal, or forges false currency, or any instrument of writing, bearing a likeness and similitude to that which is lawful and genuine, with an intention of deceiving and imposing upon mankind. Thirman v. Matthews, 1 Stew. (Ala.) 354.

COUNTER-FESANCE. The act of forging.

COUNTERMAND. A change or revocation of orders, authority, or instructions previously issued. It may be either express or implied; the former where the order or instruction already given is explicitly annulled or recalled; the latter where the party's conduct is inconsistent with the further continuance of the order or instruction, as where a new order is given inconsistent with the former order.

COUNTERPART. In conveyancing. The corresponding part of an instrument; a duplicate or copy. Where an instrument of conveyance, as a lease, is executed in parts, that is, by having several copies or duplicates made and interchangeably executed, that which is executed by the grantor is usually called the "original," and the rest are "counterparts:" although, where all the parties execute every part, this renders them all originals. 2 Bl. Comm. 296; Shep. Touch. 50. Roosevelt v. Smith, 17 Misc. Rep. 323, 40 N. Y. Supp. 381. See DUPLICATE.

Counterpart writ. A copy of the original writ, authorized to be issued to another county when the court has jurisdiction of the cause by reason of the fact that some of the defendants are residents of the county or found therein. White v. Lea, 9 Lea (Tenn.) 450.

COUNTER-Plea. See Plea.

COUNTER-Rolls. In English law. The rolls which sheriffs have with the coroners, containing particulars of their proceedings, as well of appeals as of inquests, etc. 3 Edw. I. c. 10.

COUNTERSIGN. The signature of a secretary or other subordinate officer to any writing signed by the principal or superior to vouch for the authenticity of it. Fifth Ave. Bank v. Railroad Co., 187 N. Y. 231, 33 N. E. 378, 19 L. R. A. 331, 33 Am. St. Rep. 712; Gurme v. Chicago, 40 Ill. 167; People v. Brie, 43 Hun (N. Y.) 326.

COUNTERVAIL. To counterbalance; to avail against with equal force or virtue; to compensate for, or serve as an equivalent of or substitute for.

Countervail livery. At common law, a release was a form of transfer of real estate where some right to it existed in one person but the actual possession was in another; and the possession in such case was said to "countervail livery," that is, it supplied the place of and rendered unnecessary the open and notorious delivery of possession required in other cases. Miller v. Emans, 19 N. Y. 387,—Countervailing equity. See Equity.

COUNTER. L. Fr. Count, or reckon. In old practice. A direction formerly given by the clerk of a court to the crier, after a jury was sworn, to number them; and which Blackstone says was given in his time, in good English, "count these." 4 Bl. Comm. 346, note (n.)

COUNTERS. Advocates, or serjeants at law, whom a man retains to defend his cause, and speak for him in court, for their fees. 1 Inst. 17.

COUNTRY. The portion of the earth's surface occupied by an independent nation or people; or the inhabitants of such territory. In its primary meaning "country" signifies "place," and, in a larger sense, the territory or dominions occupied by a community; or even waste and unpeopled sections or regions of the earth. But its metaphorical meaning is no less definite and well understood; and in common parlance, in historical and geographical writings, in diplomacy, legislation, treaties, and international codes, the word is employed to denote the population, the nation, the state, or the government, having possession and dominion over a territory. Stairs v. Peet, 18 How. 521, 15 L. Ed. 474; U. S. v. Recorder, 1 Blatchf. 218, 229, 5 N. Y. Leg. Obs. 296, Fed. Cas. No. 16,129.

In pleading and practice. The inhabitants of a district from which a jury is to be summoned; pais; a jury. 3 Bl. Comm. 349; Steph. Pl. 73, 78, 230.
COUNTY


—County bridge. A bridge of the larger class, erected by the county, and which the county is liable to keep in repair. Taylor v. Davis County, 40 Iowa, 285; Boone County v. Railroad Co., 44 Iowa, 763. County commissioners. Officers of a county charged with a variety of administrative and executive duties, but principally with the management of the affairs and the business of the county, the local improvements, and the county business. Sometimes the local laws give them limited judicial powers, and authorize them to superintend those powers. Com. v. Krickbaum, 199 Pa. 351, 49 Atl. 68. —County corporate. A city or town, with more or less territory annexed, having the privileges of a city of first class, and not to be comprised in any other county; such as London, York, Bristol, Norwich, and other cities in England. 1 Bl. Comm. 120. —County court. A court of high antiquity in England, incident to the jurisdiction of the sheriff. It is not a court of record, but may hold pleas of debt or damages at the value of forty shillings. The freeholders of the county (anciently termed the "sultor" of the court) are the real judges in this court, and the sheriff is the ministerial officer. 1 Bl. Comm. 33, 36; 3 Steph. Comm. 886. But in modern English law, the name is appropriated to a system of tribunals established by the statute 9 & 10 Vict. c. 55, having a limited jurisdiction, relating to the recovery of small debts. It is also the name of certain tribunals of limited jurisdiction in the counties of Middlesex established by the statute 22 Geo. II. c. 33. In American law, the name is used in many of the states to designate the ordinary courts of record having jurisdiction for trials at nisi prius. Their powers generally comprise ordinary civil jurisdiction, also the charge and care of persons and estates coming within legal guardianship, a limited criminal jurisdiction, appellate jurisdiction over justices of the peace, etc. —County jail. A place of incarceration for the punishment of minor offenses and the custody of students, or prisoners, under the guidance of confinement is devoid of the infamous character which an imprisonment in the state jail or penitentiary carries with it. U. S. v. Gendall (D. C.) 64 L. 533. County officers. Those whose general authority and jurisdiction are confined within the limits of the county of which they are appointed, who are appointed for a particular county, and whose duties apply only to that county, and through whom the county performs its usual police duties. 58 Pa. 387; 21 South. 200; State v. Glenn. 7 Heisk. (Tenn.) 473; In re Carpenter, 7 Barb. (N. Y.) 34; Philadelphia v. Martin, 155 Pa. 583, 17 Atl. 531. Upon certain counties in England, the lords of which in former times enjoyed especial privileges. They had great power to punish non-residents, and were called, as in other counties, constables domini regis. But these privileges have in modern times nearly disappeared. —County rate. In the common law, an assessment levied upon the occupiers of lands, and applied to many miscellaneous purposes, among which the most important are those of defraying the expenses connected with prisons, reimbursement to private parties the costs they have incurred in prosecuting public offenders, and defraying the expenses of the county police. See 35 & 36 Vict. c. 96, Count-D, county road. One which lies wholly within one county, and which is thereby distinguished from a state road, which is a road lying in two or more counties. State v. Wood County, 17 Ohio, 186. —County seat. A county seat or county-town is the chief town of a county, where the county buildings and courts are located and the county business transacted. Williams v. Reutzel, 60 Ark. 155, 29 S. W. 374; In re Allison, 13 Colo. 525, 22 Pac. 820, 16 L. R. A. 780, 16 N. W. 775. —County sessions. In England, the court of general quarter sessions of the peace held in every county once in every year, for the trial of certain cases under petty offenses. County-town. The county-town; the town in which the seat of government of the county is located. State v. Bates, 100 Tenn. 441, 78 S. 640. A county order or warrant drawn by some duly authorized officer of the county, directed to the county treasurer and directing him to pay out of the funds of the county to the designated attorney to a named individual, or to his order or to bearer. Savage v. Mathews, 98 Ala. 533; 13 South. 236; 32 Texas, 430. V. Noble v. Noble, 132 Ohio. 536. 58 Pac. 618; People v. Rio Grande County, 11 Colo. App. 124, 52 Pac. 748. —Foreign county. Any county having a judicial and municipal organization separate from that of the county where matters arising in the former county are called in question, though both may lie within the same state or country.

COUPONS. Interest and dividend certificates; also those parts of a commercial instrument which are to be cut, and which are evidence of something connected with the contract mentioned in the instrument. They are generally attached to certificates of loan, where the interest is payable at particular periods, and, when the interest is paid, they are cut off and delivered to the payer. Wharton.

Coupons are written contracts for the payment of a definite sum of money on a given day, and being drawn and executed in a form and mode for the purpose, that they may be separated from the bonds and other instruments to which they are usually attached, it is held that they are negotiable and that a suit may be maintained on them without the necessity of producing the bonds. Each maturity of a separate bond on a negotiable bond is a separable promise, distinct from the promises to pay the bonds or the other coupons, and gives rise to a separate cause of action. Aurora v. West, 7 Wall. 88, 19 L. Ed. 42.

—Coupon bonds. Bonds to which are attached coupons for several successive installments of principal. See Bond Cases, 16 N. E. 581; 29 L. Ed. 861. —Coupon securities. Cross-entries notes with coupons attached, the coupons being notes for interest written at the bottom
COURT DE CASSATION. The supreme judicial tribunal of France, having appellate jurisdiction only. For an account of its composition and powers, see Jones, French Bar, 22; Guyot, Repert. Univ.

COURT. In legislation. A legislative assembly. Parliament is called in the old books a court of the king, nobility, and commons assembled. Finch, Law, b. 4, c. 1, p. 233; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 2.

This meaning of the word has been retained in the titles of some deliberative bodies, such as the general court of Massachusetts, (the legislature.)

In international law. The person and suite of the sovereign; the place where the sovereign sojourns with his regal retinue, wherever that may be. The English government is spoken of in diplomacy as the court of St. James, because the palace of St. James is the official palace.

In practice. An organ of the government, belonging to the judicial department, whose function is the application of the laws to controversies brought before it and the public administration of justice. White County v. Green, 136 Ind. 502, 36 N. E. 237, 22 L. R. A. 402.

The presence of a sufficient number of the members of such a body regularly convened in an authorized place at an appointed time, engaged in the full and regular performance of its functions. Brunley v. State, 20 Ark. 77.

A court may be more particularly described as an organized body with defined powers, meeting at certain times and places for the hearing and decision of causes and other matters brought before it, and aided in this, its proper business, by its proper officers, viz., attorneys and counsellors to present and manage the business, clerks to record and attest its acts and decisions, and ministerial officers to execute its commands, and secure due order in its proceedings. Ex parte Gardner, 22 Nev. 280, 39 Pac. 570.

The place where justice is judicially administered. Co. Litt. 584; 3 Bl. Comm. 23.

The judge, or the body of judges, presiding over a court.

The words "court" and "judge," or "judges," are frequently used in our statutes as synonymous. When used with reference to orders made by the court or judges, they are to be so understood. State v. Caywood, 96 Iowa, 367, 55 N. W. 385; Michigan Cent. R. Co. v. Northern Ind. R. Co., 3 Ind. 239.

Classification. Courts may be classified and divided according to several methods, the following being the more usual:

1. Courts of record and courts not of record; the former being those whose acts and judicial proceedings are enrolled, or recorded, for a perpetual memory and testimony, and which have power to fine or imprison for contempt. Error lies to their judgments, and they generally possess a seal. Courts not of record are those of inferior dignity, which have no power to fine or imprison, and in which the proceedings are not enrolled or recorded. 3 Bl. Comm. 24; 3 Steph. Comm. 383; The Thomas Fletcher (C. C.) 24 Fed. 481; Ex parte Thistleton, 52 Cal. 225; Thomas v. Robinson, 3 Wend. (N. Y.) 268; Erwin v. U. S. (D. C.) 37 Fed. 483, 2 L. R. A. 220.

2. Superior and inferior courts; the former being courts of general original jurisdiction in the first instance, and which exercise a control or supervision over a system of lower courts, either by appeal, error, or certiorari; the latter being courts of small or restricted jurisdiction, and subject to the review or correction of higher courts. Sometimes the former term is used to denote a particular group or system of courts of high powers, and all others are called "inferior courts."

To constitute a court a superior court as to any class of actions, within the common-law meaning of that term, its jurisdiction of such actions must be unconditional, so that the only thing requisite to enable the court to take cognizance of them is the acquisition of jurisdiction of the persons of the parties. Simons v. De Bare, 4 Bow. (N. Y.) 447.

An inferior court is a court whose judgments or decrees can be reviewed, on appeal or writ of error, by a higher tribunal, whether that tribunal be the circuit or supreme court. Nungent v. State, 18 Ala. 521.

Civil and criminal courts; the former being such as are established for the adjudication of controversies between subject and subject, or the ascertainment, enforcement, and redress of private rights; the latter, such as are charged with the administration of the criminal laws, and the punishment of wrongs to the public.

Equity courts and law courts; the former being such as possess the jurisdiction of a
chancellor, apply the rules and principles of chancery law, and follow the procedure in equity; the latter, such as have no equitable powers, but administer justice according to the rules and practice of the common law.

As to the division of courts according to their jurisdiction, see Jurisdiction.

As to several names or kinds of courts not specifically described in the titles immediately following, see Archie Court, Appellate, Circuit Courts, Consistory Courts, Court, Customary Court, Baron, Ecclesiastical Courts, Federal Courts, High Commission Court, Instance Court, Justice Court, Justiciary Court, Maritime Court, Mayor's Court, Moot Court, Municipal Court, Orphans' Court, Police Court, Prerogative Court, Prize Court, Probate Court, Superior Courts, Supreme Court, and Surrogate's Court.

As to court-hand, court-house, courtlands, court rolls, see those titles in their alphabetical order infra.

—Court above, court below. In appellate practice, the "court above" is the one to which a cause is removed for review, whether by appeal, writ of error, or certiorari; while the "court below" is the one from which the case is removed. Going v. Schnell, 6 Ohio Dec. 933; Rev. St. Tex. 1855, art. 1390.—Court in bank. A meeting of all the judges of a court, usually for the purpose of hearing arguments on demurrers, points reserved, motions for new trial, etc., as distinguished from sessions of the same court presided over by a single judge or justice.

—De facto court. One established, organized, and exercising its judicial functions under authority of a statute apparently valid, though such statute may be in fact unconstitutional and may be afterwards so adjudged; or a court established and acting under the authority of a de facto government. 1 Bl. Judgm. § 173; Burt v. Railroad Co., 31 Minn. 472, 18 N. W. 295.—Full court. A session of a court which is attended by all the judges or justices composing it.—Spiritual courts. In English law. The ecclesiastical courts, or courts Christian. See 3 Bl. Comm. 61.

COURT-BARON. In English law. A court which, although not one of record, is incident to every manor, and cannot be severed therefrom. It was ordained for the maintenance of the services and duties stipulated for by lords of manors, and for the purpose of determining actions of a personal nature, where the debt or damage was under forty shillings. Wharton.

Customary court-baron is one appertaining entirely to copyholders. 3 Bl. Comm. 33.

Freeholders' court-baron is one held before the freeholders who owe suit and service to the manor. It is the court-baron proper.

COURT CHRISTIAN. The ecclesiastical courts in England are often so called, as distinguished from the civil courts. 1 Bl. Comm. 83; 3 Bl. Comm. 64; 3 Stepb. Comm. 430.

COURT FOR CONSIDERATION OF CROWN CASES RESERVED. A court established by St. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 78, composed of such of the judges of the superior courts of Westminster as were able to attend, for the consideration of questions of law reserved by any judge in a court of oyer and terminer, gaol delivery, or quarter sessions, before which a prisoner had been found guilty by verdict. Such question is stated in the form of a special case. Mozley & Whiteley; 4 Steph. Comm. 442.

COURT FOR DIVORCE AND MATRIMONIAL CAUSES. This court was established by St. 20 & 21 Vict. c. 85, which transferred to it all jurisdiction then exercisable by any ecclesiastical court in England, in matters matrimonial, and also gave it new powers. The court consisted of the lord chancellor, the three chiefs, and three senior puisne judges of the common-law courts, and the judge ordinary, who together constituted, and still constitute, the "full court." The judge ordinary heard almost all matters in the first instance. By the Judicature act, 1873, § 3, the jurisdiction of the court was transferred to the supreme court of judicature. Sweet.

COURT FOR THE CORRECTION OF ERRORS. The style of a court having jurisdiction for review, by appeal or writ of error. The name was formerly used in New York and South Carolina.

COURT FOR THE RELIEF OF INSOLVENT DEBTORS. In English law. A local court which has its sitting in London only, which receives the petitions of insolvent debtors, and decides upon the question of granting a discharge.

COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF IMPEACHMENTS. A tribunal empowered to try any officer of government or other person brought to its bar by the process of impeachment. In England, the house of lords constitutes such a court; in the United States, the senate; and in the several states, usually, the upper house of the legislative assembly.

COURT-HAND. In old English practice. The peculiar hand in which the records of courts were written from the earliest period down to the reign of George II. Its characteristics were great strength, compactness, and undeviating uniformity; and its use undoubtedly gave to the ancient record its acknowledged superiority over the modern, in the important quality of durability.

The writing of this hand, with its peculiar abbreviations and contractions, constituted, while it was in use, an art of no little importance, being an indispensable part of the profession of "clerkship," as it was called. Two sizes of it were employed, a large and a small hand; the former, called "great court-hand," being used for initial words or clauses, the placita of records, etc. Burrill.
COURT-HOUSE. The building occupied for the public sessions of a court, with its various offices. The term may be used of a place temporarily occupied for the sessions of a court, though not the regular court-house. Harris v. State, 72 Miss. 960, 18 South. 887, 33 L. R. A. 85; Vigo County v. Stout, 136 Ind. 53, 35 N. E. 683, 22 L. R. A. 398; Waller v. Arnold, 71 Ill. 353; Kane v. McCown, 55 Mo. 198.

COURT-LANDS. Domains or lands kept in the lord's hands to serve his family.

COURT-LEASE. The name of an English court of record held once in the year, and not oftener, within a particular hundred, lordship, or manor, before the steward of the leet; being the king's court granted by charter to the lords of those hundreds or manors. Its chief aim was to see the frankpledges,—that is, the freemen within the liberty; to present by jury crimes happening within the jurisdiction; and to punish trivial misdemeanors. It has now, however, for the most part, fallen into total desuetude; though in some manors a court-leet is still periodically held for the transaction of the administrative business of the manor. Mozley & Whitely.

COURT-MARTIAL. A military court, convened under authority of government and the articles of war, for trying and punishing military offenses committed by soldiers or sailors in the army or navy. People v. Van Allen, 55 N. Y. 31; Carver v. U. S., 16 Ct. Cl. 361; U. S. v. Mackenzie, 30 Fed. Cas. 1160.

COURT OF ADMIRALTY. A court having jurisdiction of causes arising under the rules of admiralty law. See Admiralty.

HIGH COURT OF ADMIRALTY. In English law. This was a court which exercised jurisdiction in prize cases, and had general jurisdiction in maritime causes, on the instance side. Its proceedings were usually in rem, and its practice and principles derived in large measure from the civil law. The judicature acts of 1873 transferred all the powers and jurisdiction of this tribunal to the probate, divorce, and admiralty division of the high court of justice.

COURT OF ANCIENT DEMESNE. In English law. A court of peculiar constitution, held by a bailiff appointed by the king, in which alone the tenants of the king's demesne could be impleaded. 2 Burrows, 1046; 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 100; 2 Bl. Comm. 98; 1 Steph. Comm. 224.

COURT OF APPEAL, HIS MAJESTY'S. The chief appellate tribunal of England. It was established by the judicature acts of 1873 and 1875, and is invested with the jurisdiction formerly exercised by the court of appeal in chancery, the exchequer chamber, the judicial committee of the privy council in admiralty and lunacy appeals, and with general appellate jurisdiction from the high court of justice.

COURT OF APPEALS. In American law. An appellate tribunal which, in Kentucky, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and New York, is the court of last resort. In Delaware and New Jersey, it is known as the "court of errors and appeals;" in Virginia and West Virginia, the "supreme court of appeals." In Texas the court of appeals is inferior to the supreme court.

COURT OF APPEALS IN CASES OF CAPTURE. A court erected by act of congress under the articles of confederation which preceded the adoption of the constitution. It had appellate jurisdiction in prize causes.

COURT OF ARBITRATION OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. A court of arbitrators, created for the convenience of merchants in the city of New York, by act of the legislature of New York. It decides disputes between members of the chamber of commerce, and between members and outside merchants who voluntarily submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the court.

COURT OF ARCHDEACON. The most inferior of the English ecclesiastical courts, from which an appeal generally lies to that of the bishop. 3 Bl. Comm. 94.

COURT OF ASSISTANTS. In Massachusetts during the early colonial period, this name was given to the chief or supreme judicial court, composed of the governor, his deputy, and certain assistants.

COURTS OF ASSIZE AND NISI PRIUS. Courts in England composed of two or more commissioners, called "judges of assize," (or of " nisi prius"); who are twice in every year sent by the king's special commission, on circuits all round the kingdom, to try, by a jury of the respective counties, the truth of such matters of fact as are there under dispute in the courts of Westminister Hall. 3 Steph. Comm. 421, 422; 3 Bl. Comm. 67.

COURT OF ATTACHMENTS. The lowest of the three courts held in the forests. It has fallen into total disuse.

COURT OF AUDIENCE. Ecclesiastical courts, in which the primates once exercised in person a considerable part of their jurisdiction. They seem to be now obsolete, or at least to be only used on the rare occurrence of the trial of a bishop. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1201, 1204.

COURT OF AUGMENTATION. An English court created in the time of Henry VIII., with jurisdiction over the property and revenue of certain religious foundations, which had been made over to the king by act of parliament, and over suits relating to the same.
COURT OF BANKRUPTCY. An English court of record, having original and appellate jurisdiction in matters of bankruptcy, and invested with both legal and equitable powers for that purpose. In the United States, the "courts of bankruptcy" include the district courts of the United States and of the territories, the supreme court of the District of Columbia, and the United States court of the Indian Territory and of Alaska. U. S. Comp. St. 1903, p. 3419.

COURT OF BROTHERHOOD. An assembly of the mayor or other chief officers of the principal towns of the Cinque Ports in England, originally administering the chief powers of those ports, now almost extinct. Cent. Dict.

COURT OF CHANCERY. A court having the jurisdiction of a chancellor; a court administering equity and proceeding according to the forms and principles of equity. In England, prior to the judicature acts, the style of the court possessing the largest equitable powers and jurisdiction was the "high court of chancery." In some of the United States, the title "court of chancery" is applied to a court possessing general equity powers, distinct from the courts of common law. Parnueter v. Bourne, 8 Wash. 43, 35 Pac. 584.

The terms "equity" and "chancery," "court of equity" and "court of chancery," are constantly used as synonymous in the United States. It is presumed that this custom arises from the circumstance that the equity jurisdiction which is exercised by the courts of the various states is assimilated to that possessed by the English courts of chancery. Indeed, in some of the states it is made identical therewith by statute, so far as conformable to our institutions. Bouvier.

COURT OF CHIVALRY, or COURT MILITARY, was a court not of record, held before the lord high constable and earl marshal of England. It had jurisdiction, both civil and criminal, in deeds of arms and war, armorial bearings, questions of precedence, etc., and as a court of honor. It has long been disused. 3 Bl. Comm. 103; 3 Steph. Comm. 335, note 1.

COURTS OF CINQUE PORTS. In English law. Courts of limited local jurisdiction formerly held before the mayor and jurats (aldermen) of the Cinque Ports.

COURT OF CLAIMS. One of the courts of the United States, erected by act of congress. It consists of a chief justice and four associates, and holds one annual session. It is located at Washington. Its jurisdiction extends to all claims against the United States arising out of any contract with the government or based on an act of congress or regulation of the executive, and all claims referred to it by either house of congress, as well as to claims for exoneration by a disbursing officer. Its judgments are, in certain cases, reviewable by the United States supreme court. It has no equity powers. Its decisions are reported and published. This name is also given, in some of the states, either to a special court or to the ordinary county court sitting as a court of claims, having the special duty of auditing and ascertaining the claims against the county and expenses incurred by it, and providing for their payment by appropriations out of the county levy or annual tax. Meriweather v. Muhlenburg County Court, 120 U. S. 354, 7 Sup. Ct. 563, 30 L. Ed. 653.

COURT OF THE CLERK OF THE MARKET. An English court of inferior jurisdiction held in every fair or market for the punishment of misdeemans committed therein, and the recognition of weights and measures.

COURT OF COMMISSIONERS OF SEWERS. The name of certain English courts created by commission under the great seal pursuant to the statute of sewers, (23 Hen. VIII. c. 5.)

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. The English court of common pleas was one of the four superior courts at Westminster, and existed up to the passing of the judicature acts. It was also styled the "Common Bench." It was one of the courts derived from the breaking up of the aula regis, and had exclusive jurisdiction of all real actions and of communia pluvia, or common pleas, i. e., between subject and subject. It was presided over by a chief justice with four puisne judges. Appeals lay anciently to the king's bench, but afterwards to the exchequer chamber. See 3 Bl. Comm. 37, et seq.

In American law. The name sometimes given to a court of original and general jurisdiction for the trial of issues of fact and law according to the principles of the common law. See Moore v. Barry, 30 S. C. 539, 9 S. E. 550, 4 L. R. A. 294.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK. The oldest court in the state of New York. Its jurisdiction is unlimited as respects amount, but restricted to the city and county of New York as respects locality. It has also appellate jurisdiction of cases tried in the marine court and district courts of New York city. Rap. & L.

COURTS OF CONSCIENCE. These were the same as courts of request, (q. v.) This name is also frequently applied to the courts of equity or of chancery, not as a name but as a description. See Harper v. Clayton, 84 Md. 346, 36 Atl. 1055, 35 L. R. A. 211, 57 Am. St. Rep. 407. And see Conscience.

COURT OF CONVOCATION. In English ecclesiastical law. A court, or assembly,
comprising all the high officials of each province and representatives of the minor clergy. It is in the nature of an ecclesiastical parliament; and, so far as its judicial functions extend, it has jurisdiction of cases of heresy, schism, and other purely ecclesiastical matters. An appeal lies to the king in council.

COURT OF THE CORONER. In English law. A court of record, to inquire, whenever any one dies in prison, or comes to a violent or sudden death, by what manner he came to his end. 4 Steph. Comm. 323; 4 Bl. Comm. 274. See Coroners.

COURTS OF THE COUNTIES PALATINE. In English law. A species of private court which formerly appertained to the counties palatine of Lancaster and Durham.

COURT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. There is in each county of Alabama a court of record, styled the “court of county commissioners,” composed of the judge of probate, as principal judge, and four commissioners, who are elected at the times prescribed by law, and hold office for four years. Code Ala. 1886, § 819.

COURT OF DELEGATES. An English tribunal composed of delegates appointed by royal commission, and formerly the great court of appeal in all ecclesiastical causes. The powers of the court were, by 2 & 3 Wm. IV. c. 92, transferred to the privy council. A commission of review was formerly granted, in extraordinary cases, to revise a sentence of the court of delegates, when that court had apparently been led into material error. Brown; 3 Bl. Comm. 68.

COURT OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASHER. A court of special jurisdiction, held before the chancellor of the duchy or his deputy, concerning all matters of equity relating to lands helden of the king in right of the duchy of Lancaster. 3 Bl. Comm. 78.

COURT OF EQUITY. A court which has jurisdiction in equity, which administers justice and decides controversies in accordance with the rules, principles, and precedents of equity, and which follows the forms and procedure of chancery; as distinguished from a court having the jurisdiction, rules, principles, and practice of the common law. Thomas v. Phillips, 4 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 423.

COURT OF ERROR. An expression applied especially to the court of exchequer chamber and the house of lords, as taking cognizance of error brought. Moyle & Whitley. It is applied in some of the United States to the court of last resort in the state; and in its most general sense denotes any court having power to review the decisions of lower courts on appeal, error, certiorari, or other process.

COURT OF ERRORS AND APPEALS. The court of last resort in the state of New Jersey is so named. Formerly, the same title was given to the highest court of appeal in New York.

—High court of errors and appeals. The court of last resort in the state of Mississippi.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER. In English law. A very ancient court of record, set up by William the Conqueror as a part of the aula regis, and afterwards one of the four superior courts at Westminster. It was, however, inferior in rank to both the king's bench and the common pleas. It was presided over by a chief baron and four puisne barons. It was originally the king's treasurer, and was charged with keeping the king's accounts and collecting the royal revenues. But pleas between subject and subject were not held there, until this was forbidden by the Articula super Chartas, (1290;) after which its jurisdiction as a court only extended to revenue cases arising out of the non-payment or withholding of debts to the crown. But the privilege of suing and being sued in this court was extended to the king's accountants, and later, by the use of a convenient fiction to the effect that the plaintiff was the king's debtor or accountant, the court was thrown open to all suitors in personal actions. The exchequer had formerly both an equity side and a common-law side, but its equity jurisdiction was taken away by the statute 5 Vict. c. 5, (1842;) and transferred to the court of chancery. The Judicature act (1873) transferred the business and jurisdiction of this court to the “Exchequer Division” of the “High Court of Justice.”

In Scotch law. A court which formerly had jurisdiction of matters of revenue, and a limited jurisdiction over cases between the crown and its vassals where no questions of title were involved.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER CHAMBER. The name of a former English court of appeal, intermediate between the superior courts of common law and the house of lords. When sitting as a court of appeal from any one of the three superior courts of common law, it was composed of judges of the other two courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 36, 57; 3 Stew. Comm. 333, 356. By the Judicature act (1873) the jurisdiction of this court is transferred to the court of appeal.


In English law. A court of criminal jurisdiction, in England, held in each county once in every quarter of a year, but in the county of Middlesex twice a month. 4 Steph. Comm. 317-320.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS. The name given in some of the states as
New York) to a court of general original jurisdiction in criminal cases.

COURT OF GREAT SESSIONS IN WALES. A court formerly held in Wales; abolished by 11 Geo. IV. and 1 Wm. IV. c. 70, and the Welsh Judicature Incorporated with that of England. 3 Steph. Comm. 317, note.

COURT OF GUESTLING. An assembly of the members of the Court of Brotherhood (espia) together with other representatives of the corporate members of the Cinque Ports, invited to sit with the mayors of the seven principal towns. Cent. Dict.

COURT OF HIGH COMMISSION. In English law. An ecclesiastical court of very formidable jurisdiction, for the vindication of the peace and dignity of the church, by reforming, ordering, and correcting the ecclesiastical state and persons, and all manner of errors, heresies, schisms, abuses, offenses, contempt, and enormities. 3 Bl. Comm. 67. It was erected by St. 1 Eliz. c. 1, and abolished by 16 Car. I. c. 11.

COURT OF HONOR. A court having jurisdiction to hear and redress injuries or affronts to a man's honor or personal dignity, of a nature not cognizable by the ordinary courts of law, or encroachments upon his rights in respect to heraldry, coat-armour, right of precedence, schisms, abuses, offenses, and the like. It was one of the functions of the Court of Chivalry (q. v.) in England to sit and act as a court of honor. 3 Bl. Comm. 104. The name is also given in some European countries to a tribunal of army officers (more or less distinctly recognized by law as a "court") convened for the purpose of inquiring into complaints affecting the honor of brother officers and punishing deriviations from the code of honor and deciding on the causes and occasions for fighting duels, in which officers are concerned, and the manner of conducting them.

COURT OF HUSTINGS. In English law. The county court of London, held before the mayor, recorder, and sheriff, but of which the recorder is, in effect, the sole judge. No actions can be brought in this court that are merely personal. 3 Steph. Comm. 440, note I.


COURT OF INQUIRY. In English law. A court sometimes appointed by the crown to ascertain whether it be proper to resort to extreme measures against a person charged before a court-martial.

In American law. A court constituted by authority of the articles of war, invested with the power to examine into the nature of any transaction, accusation, or imputation.

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against any officer or soldier. The said court, shall consist of one or more officers, not exceeding three, and a judge advocate, or other suitable person, as a recorder, to reduce the proceedings and evidence to writing; all of whom shall be sworn to the performance of their duty. Rev. St. § 1342, arts. 115, 116 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, pp. 970, 971.)

COURT OF JUSTICE SEAT. In English law. The principal of the forest courts.

COURT OF JUSTICIARY. A Scotch court of general criminal jurisdiction of all offenses committed in any part of Scotland, both to try causes and to review decisions of inferior criminal courts. It is composed of five lords of session with the lord president or justice-clerk as president. It also has appellate jurisdiction in civil causes involving small amounts. An appeal lies to the house of lords.

COURT OF KING'S BENCH. In English law. The supreme court of common law in the kingdom, now merged in the high court of justice under the judicature act of 1873. § 16.

COURT OF LAW. In a wide sense, any duly constituted tribunal administering the laws of the state or nation; in a narrower sense, a court proceeding according to the course of the common law and governed by its rules and principles, as contrasted with a "court of equity."

COURT OF LODEMANAGE. An ancient court of the Cinque Ports, having jurisdiction in maritime matters, and particularly over pilots (lodemen.)

COURT OF THE LORD HIGH STEWARD. In English law. A court instituted for the trial, during the recess of parliament, of peers indicted for treason or felony, or for misprision of either. This court is not a permanent body, but is created in modern times, when occasion requires, and for the time being, only; and the lord high steward, so constituted, with such of the temporal lords as may take the proper oath, and act, constitute the court.

COURT OF THE LORD HIGH STEWARD OF THE UNIVERSITIES. In English law. A court constituted for the trial of scholars or privileged persons connected with the university at Oxford or Cambridge who are indicted for treason, felony, or mayhem.

COURT OF MAGISTRATES AND FREEHOLDERS. In American law. The name of a court formerly established in South Carolina for the trial of slaves and free persons of color for criminal offenses.

COURT OF MARSHALSEA. A court which has jurisdiction of all trespasses com-
mitted within the verge of the king's court, where one of the parties was of the royal household; and of all debts and contracts, when both parties were of that establishment. It was abolished by 12 & 13 Vict. c. 101, § 13. Mozley & Whitley.

COURT OF NIJI PRIUS. In American law. Though this term is frequently used as a general designation of any court exercising general, original jurisdiction in civil cases, (being used interchangeably with "trial-court," it belonged as a legal title only to a court which formerly existed in the city and county of Philadelphia, and which was presided over by one of the judges of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. This court was abolished by the constitution of 1874. See COURTS OF ASSIZE AND NIJI PRIUS.

COURT OF ORDINARY. In some of the United States (e.g., Georgia) this name is given to the probate or surrogate's court, or the court having the original jurisdiction in respect to the proving of wills and the administration of decedents' estates. Veach v. Rice. 131 U. S. 293, 9 Sup. Ct. 730, 33 L. Ed. 163.

COURT OF ORPHANS. In English law. The court of the lord mayor and aldermen of London, which has the care of those orphans whose parents died in London and was free of the city.

In Pennsylvania (and perhaps in some other states) the name "orphans' court" is applied to that species of tribunal which is elsewhere known as the "probate court" or "surrogate's court."

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER. In English law. A court for the trial of cases of treason and felony. The commissioners of assize and nisi prius are judges selected by the king and appointed and authorized under the great seal, including usually two of the judges at Westminster, and sent out twice a year into most of the counties of England, for the trial (with a jury of the county) of causes then depending at Westminster, both civil and criminal. They sit by virtue of several commissions, each of which, in reality, constitutes them a separate and distinct court. The commission of oyer and terminer gives them authority for the trial of treasons and felonies; that of general gaol delivery empowers them to try every prisoner then in gaol for whatever offense; so that, altogether, they possess full criminal jurisdiction.

In American law. This name is generally used (sometimes, with additions) as the title, or part of the title, of a state court of criminal jurisdiction, or of the criminal branch of a court of general jurisdiction, being commonly applied to such courts as may try felonies, or the higher grades of crime.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER AND GENERAL JAIL DELIVERY. In American law. A court of criminal jurisdiction in the state of Pennsylvania. It is held at the same time with the court of quarter sessions, as a general rule, and by the same judges. See Brightly's Purd. Dig. Pa. pp. 26, 382, 1201.

COURT OF PALACE AT WESTMINSTER. This court had jurisdiction of personal actions arising within twelve miles of the palace at Whitehall. Abolished by 12 & 13 Vict. c. 101, § 3 Steph. Comm. 317, note.

COURT OF PASSAGE. An inferior court, possessing a very ancient jurisdiction over causes of action arising within the borough of Liverpool. It appears to have been also called the "Borough Court of Liverpool." It has the same jurisdiction in admiralty matters as the Lancashire county court. Rose. Adm. 75.

COURT OF PECULIARIONS. A spiritual court in England, being a branch of, and annexed to, the Court of Arches. It has a jurisdiction over all those parishes dispersed through the province of Canterbury, in the midst of other dioceses, which are exempt from the ordinary's jurisdiction, and subject to the metropolitan only. All ecclesiastical causes arising within these peculiars or exempt jurisdictions are originally cognizable by this court, from which an appeal lies to the Court of Arches. 3 Steph. Comm. 431; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 104.

COURT OF PIEPOUDRE. The lowest (and most expeditious) of the courts of justice known to the older law of England. It is supposed to have been so called from the dusty feet of the suitors. It was a court of record incident to every fair and market, was held by the steward, and had jurisdiction to administer justice for all commercial injuries and minor offenses done in that same fair or market, (not a preceding one.) An appeal lay to the courts at Westminster. This court long ago fell into disuse. 3 Bl. Comm. 32.

COURT OF PLEASES. A court of the county palatine of Durham, having a local common-law jurisdiction. It was abolished by the judicature act, which transferred its jurisdiction to the high court. Jud. Act 1873, § 16; 3 Bl. Comm. 79.

COURT OF POLICIES OF ASSURANCE. A court established by statute 43 Eliz. c. 12, to determine in a summary way all causes between merchants, concerning policies of insurance. Crabbe, Eng. Law, 935.

COURTS OF PRINCIPALITY OF WALES. A species of private courts of a limited though extensive jurisdiction, which,
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upon the thorough reduction of that principality and the settling of its polity in the reign of Henry VIII., were erected all over the country. These courts, however, have been abolished by 1 Wm. IV. c. 70; the principality being now divided into two circuits, which the judges visit in the same manner as they do the circuits in England, for the purpose of disposing of those causes which are ready for trial. Brown.

COURT OF PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS. A federal court created by act of Congress in 1891 (26 Stat. 854 [U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 765]), to hear and determine claims by private parties to lands within the public domain, where such claims originated under Spanish or Mexican grants, and had not already been confirmed by Congress or otherwise adjudicated. The existence and authority of this court were to cease and determine at the end of the year 1896.

COURT OF PROBATE. In English law. The name of a court established in 1857, under the probate act of that year, (20 & 21 Vict. c. 77,) to be held in London, to which court was transferred the testamentary jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts. 2 Stepb. Comm. 192. By the judicature acts, this court is merged in the high court of justice.

In American law. A court having jurisdiction over the probate of wills, the grant of administration, and the supervision of the management and settlement of the estates of decedents, including the collection of assets, the allowance of claims, and the distribution of the estate. In some states the probate courts also have jurisdiction in the estates of minors, including the appointment of guardians and the settlement of their accounts, and of the estates of lunatics, habitual drunkards, and spendthrifts. And in some states these courts possess a limited jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases. They are also called "orphans' courts" and "surrogate's courts."

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE. In American law. A court of criminal jurisdiction in the state of Pennsylvania, having power to try misdemeanors, and exercising certain functions of an administrative nature. There is one such court in each county of the state. Its sessions are, in general, held at the same time and by the same judges as the court of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery. See Brightly's Purd. Dig. pp. 26, 383, § 35, p. 1198, § 1.

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH. See King's Bench.

COURT OF RECORD. See Court, supra.
to determine civil rights and a court of revenue to enrich the treasury. It was finally abolished by St. 16 Car. I. c. 10, to the general satisfaction of the whole nation. Brown.

COURT OF THE STEWARD AND MARSHAL. A high court, formerly held in England by the steward and marshal of the king's household, having jurisdiction of all actions against the king's peace within the bounds of the household for twelve miles, which circuit was called the "verge." Crabb, Eng. Law, 185. It had also jurisdiction of actions of debt and covenant, where both the parties were of the household. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 235. 247.

COURT OF THE STEWARD OF THE KING'S HOUSEHOLD. In English law. A court which had jurisdiction of all cases of treason, misprision of treason, murder, manslaughter, bloodshed, and other malicious strikings whereby blood is shed, occurring in or within the limits of any of the palaces or houses of the king, or any other house where the royal person is abiding. It was created by statute 33 Hen. VIII. c. 12, but long since fell into disuse. 4 Bl. Comm. 276, 277, and notes.

COURT OF SURVEY. A court for the hearing of appeals by owners or masters of ships, from orders for the detention of unsafe ships, made by the English board of trade, under the merchant shipping act, 1876, § 6.

COURT OF SWEINMOTE. In old English law. One of the forest courts, having a somewhat similar jurisdiction to that of the court of attachments, (q. v.)

COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES comprise the following: The senate of the United States, sitting as a court of impeachment; the supreme court; the circuit courts; the circuit courts of appeals; the district courts; the supreme court and court of appeals of the District of Columbia; the territorial courts; the court of claims; the court of private land claims; and the customs court. See the several titles.

COURTS OF THE UNIVERSITIES of Oxford and Cambridge have jurisdiction in all personal actions to which any member or servant of the respective university is a party, provided that the cause of action arose within the liberties of the university, and that the member or servant was resident in the university when it arose, and when the action was brought. 3 Steph. Comm. 209; St. 23 & 24 Vict. c. 26, § 12, St. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 17. Each university court also has a criminal jurisdiction in all offenses committed by its members. 4 Steph. Comm. 325.

COURT OF WARDS AND LIVERIES. A court of record, established in England in the reign of Henry VIII. For the survey and management of the valuable fruits of tenure, a court of record was created by St. 32 Hen. VIII. c. 46, called the "Court of the King's Wards." To this was annexed, by St. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 22, the "Court of Liveries;" so that it then became the "Court of Wards and Liveries." 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 255. This court was not only for the management of "wards," properly so called, but also of idiots and natural fools in the king's custody, and for licensees to be granted to the king's widows to marry, and fines to be made for marrying without his license. Id. 230. It was abolished by St. 12 Car. II. c. 24. Crabb, Eng. Law, 408.

COURTS OF WESTMINSTER HALL. The superior courts, both of law and equity, were for centuries fixed at Westminster, an ancient palace of the monarchs of England. Formerly, all the superior courts were held before the king's capital jurisdiction of England, in the aula regia, or such of his palaces wherein his royal person resided, and removed with his household from one end of the kingdom to another. This was found to occasion great inconvenience to the suitors, to remedy which it was made an article of the great charter of liberties, both of King John and King Henry III., that "common pleas should no longer follow the king's court, but be held in some certain place," in consequence of which they have ever since been held (a few necessary removals in times of the plague excepted) in the palace of Westminster only. The courts of equity also sit at Westminster, nominally, during term time, although, actually, only during the first day of term, for they generally sit in courts provided for the purpose in, or in the neighborhood of, Lincoln's Inn. Brown.

COURT ROLLS. The rolls of a manor, containing all acts relating thereto. While belonging to the lord of the manor, they are not in the nature of public books for the benefit of the tenant.

COURTESY. See CIVIL TEST."

COUSIN. Kindred in the fourth degree, being the issue (male or female) of the brother or sister of one's father or mother.

Those who descend from the brother or sister of the father of the person spoken of are called "paternal cousins;" "maternal cousins" are those who are descended from the brothers or sisters of the mother. Cousins-german are first cousins. Sanderson v. Bayley. 4 Myl. & C. 70.

In English writs, commissions, and other formal instruments issued by the crown, the word signifies any peer of the degree of an earl. The appellation is as ancient as the reign of Henry IV., who, being related or allied to every earl then in the kingdom, acknowledged that counci-
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Cousin—German; the children of one's uncle or aunt. Sanderson v. Bayley, 4 Myl. & K. 356; Corporation of Bridport v. Collins, 15 Sim. 541—Quater cousin. Properly, a cousin in the fourth degree; but the term has come to express any remote degree of relationship, and even to bear an ironical significance in which it denotes a very trifling degree of intimacy and regard. Often corrupted into "cater" cousin.

Cousinage. See Cousinage.

Custody. Custom; duty; toll; tribute.

Customain. (Otherwise spelled "Custumier" or "Coutumier"). In old French law. A collection of customs, unwritten laws, and forms of procedure. Two such volumes are of special importance in juridical history, viz., the Grand Custumier de Normandie, and the Coutumier de France or Grand Custumier.

Couthoutlaugh. A person who willingly and knowingly received an outlaw, and cherished or concealed him; for which offense he underwent the same punishment as the outlaw himself. Bract. 1286; Spelman.

Covenant. In French law, is the deposit ("margain") made by the client in the hands of the broker, either of a sum of money or of securities, in order to guarantee the broker for the payment of the securities which he purchases for the client. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 555.

Covenable. A French word signifying convenient or suitable; as covenably endowed. It is usually written "covenable." Ternes de la Ley.

Covenant. In practice. The name of a common-law form of action ex contractu, which lies for the recovery of damages for breach of a covenant, or contract under seal. Stickney v. Stickney, 21 N. H. 68.

In the law of contracts. An agreement, convention, or promise of two or more parties, by deed in writing, sealed, signed, and delivered, by which either of the parties promises or obliges the other to do such things as are either done or shall be done, or stipulates for the truth of certain facts. Stubbin v. Hum- litan, 2 Ark. 409; Com. v. Robinson, 1 Watts (Pa.) 196; Kent v. Edmondston, 49 N. C. 529.

An agreement between two or more parties, reduced to writing and executed by a sealing and delivery thereof, whereby some of the parties named therein engage, or one of them engages, with the other, or others, or some of them, therein also named, that some act hath or hath not already been done, or for the performance of covenants, or some of some specified duty. De Bolle v. Insurance Co., 4 Whart. (Pa.) 71, 33 Am. Dec. 38.

Classification. Covenants may be classified according to several distinct principles of division. According as one or other of these is adopted.

Express or implied; the former being those which are created by the express words of the parties to the deed declaratory of their intention, while implied covenants are those which are inferred by the law from certain words in a deed which imply (though they do not express) them. Express covenants are also called covenants "in deed," as distinguished from covenants "in law." McDonough v. Martin, 85 Ga. 675, 16 S. E. 50, 18 L. R. A. 343; Conrad v. Morehead, 89 N. C. 131; Garstang v. Davenport, 90 Iowa, 339, 57 N. W. 575.

Dependent, concurrent, and independent. Covenants are either dependent, concurrent, or mutual and independent. The first depends on the prior performance of some act or condition being fulfilled by the conditions of the covenants. The second party is not liable to an action on his covenant. In the second, mutual acts are to be performed at the same time; and if one party is ready and offers to perform his part, and the other neglects or refuses to perform his, he who is ready and offers has fulfilled his engagement, and may maintain an action for the default of the other, though it is now too late, so that he is obliged to do the first act. The third sort is where either party may recover damages from the other for the injuries he may have received by a breach of the covenants in his favor; and it is no excuse for the defendant to allege a breach of the covenants on the part of the plaintiff. Bailey v. White, 3 Ala. 330; Tompkins v. Elliot, 5 Wend. (N. Y.) 487; Gray v. Smith (C. C.) 76 Fed. 534.

Principal and auxiliary; the former being those which relate directly to the principal matter of the contract and enter into it as parties; while auxiliary covenants are those which do not relate directly to the principal matter of contract between the parties, but to something connected with it.

Inherent and collateral; the former being such as immediately affect the particular property, while the latter affect some property collateral thereto or some matter collateral to the grant or lease. A covenant inherent is one which is conversant about the land, and knit to the estate in the land; as, that the thing demised shall be quietly enjoyed, shall be kept in repair, or shall not be aliened. A covenant collateral is one which is conversant about some collateral thing that doth nothing at all, or not so immediately, concern the thing granted: as to pay a sum of money in gross, etc. Shep. Touch. 161.

Joint or several. The former bind both or all the covenants together; the latter bind each of them separately. A covenant may be both joint and several at the same time, as regards the covenanors; but, as regards the covenantees, either may be joint or several. Articles of covenants are usually joint or several according as the interests of the covenanors are joint or separate, but the words of the covenant, where they are unambiguous, will decide, although, where they are ambiguous, the true nature of the interests as being joint or several is left to decide. Brown.
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Capen v. Barrows, 1 Gray (Mass.) 579; In re Shingley, 5 Coke, 158.

General or specific. The former relate to land generally and place the covenantor in the position of a specialty creditor only; the latter relate to particular lands and give the covenantor a lien upon them.

Executed or executory; the former being such as relate to an act already performed; while the latter are those whose performance is to follow. 1 Ten. 161.

Affirmative or negative; the former being those in which the party binds himself to the existence of a present state of facts as represented or to the future performance of some act; while the latter are those in which the covenantor obliges himself not to do or perform some act.

Declaratory or obligatory; the former being those which serve to limit or direct uses; while the latter are those in which the latter is to be the only one to whom the covenantor is bound.

Real and personal. A real covenant is one which binds the heirs of the covenantor and passes with the land; a personal covenant is one which is not so connected with the reality that he who has the latter is either entitled to the benefit of it or is liable to perform it. 1 Kent, Comm. 353. Carter v. Denman, 23 N. J. Law, 270; Hadley v. Berneo, 97 Mo. App. 314, 71 S. W. 451. The plenipotentiary power to make a covenant which is personal to the covenantor, that is, one which he must perform in person, and cannot procure another person to perform for him.

Transitive or intrasitive; the former being those which must have a principal contracting, which passes over to the representatives of the covenantor; while the latter are those in which the duty of performing which is limited to the covenantor himself, and does not pass over to his representative. Bac. Abr. Cov.

Disjunctive covenants. Those which are for the performance of one or more of several things at the election of the covenantor or covenantee, as the case may be. Platt, Cov. 21.

Absolute or conditional. An absolute covenant is one which is not qualified or limited by any condition.

Continuing covenant. One which indicates or necessarily implies the doing of stipulated acts successively or as often as the occasion may require: as, a covenant to pay rent by installments, to keep the premises in repair or insured, to cultivate land, etc. McG. Gen. Dig., 55 Cal. 365.

Full covenants. As this term is used in American law, it includes the following: The covenants for seisin, for right to convey, against incumbrances, for quiet enjoyment, sometimes for payment of taxes, for further assurance, and for warranty, this last often taking the place of the covenant for quiet enjoyment, and indeed in many states being the only covenant in practical use. Rawle, Cov. for Title, § 21.

Mutual covenants. A mutual covenant is one where either party may recover damages from the other for the injury he may have received from the non-performance of the covenants in his favor. Bailey v. White, 3 Ala. 330.

Separate covenant. A several covenant; one which binds the several covenantors each for himself, and not jointly.

Usual covenants. An agreement on the part of a seller of real property to give the usual covenants binds him to insert in the grant covenants of "seisin," "quiet enjoyment," "further assurance," "general warranty," and "against incumbrances." Civ. Code Cal. § 1733. See Wilson v. Wood, 17 N. J. Eq. 216, 85 Am. Dec. 231; Drake v. Burton, 18 Minn. 467 (Gil. 414). The result of the authorities appears to be that in a case where the agreement is silent as to the particular covenants to be inserted in the deed, the parties may merely insert "usual covenants," or, which is the same thing, in an open agreement without any covenants as to special circumstances justifying the introduction of other covenants, the following are the only ones which either party can insist upon, namely: Counsel for buyer, or grantor, (1) to pay taxes, except such as are expressly payable by the landlord; (2) to keep and deliver up the conveyance; (3) to allow the lessor to enter and view the state of repair; and the usual qualified covenant by the lessor for quiet enjoyment by the lessee. 7 Ch. Div. 561.

Specific covenants.—Covenant against incumbrances. A covenant that there are no incumbrances on the land conveyed; a stipulation against the rights of or all tenants in common, on the land which may subsist in third persons to the diminution of the value of the estate granted. Bank v. Parissite, 68 Ohio St. 450, 67 N. E. 896; Shepler v. Harger, 22 Pick. 477; Senford v. Wheelan, 12 Or. 301, 7 Pac. 324.

—Covenant for further assurance. An undertaking, in the form of a covenant, on the part of the vendor of the real estate to do such further acts for the purpose of perfecting the purchaser's title as the latter may reasonably require. The covenant is deemed of great importance, since it relates both to the title of the vendor and to the instrument of conveyance to the vendee, and operates as well to secure the performance of the act of necessary to remove any defect in the former as to remove all objections to the sufficiency and security of the latter. Platt, Cov. Rawle, Cov. 22. See Sugd. Vnd. 500; Armstrong v. Darby, 28 Mo. 709.—Covenant for quiet enjoyment. An assurance against the consequences of a defective title, and of any disturbances thereof. Platt, Cov. 312; Rawle, Cov. 125. A covenant that the tenant or grantee of an estate shall enjoy the possession of the premises in peace and without disturbance by hostile claimants. Popeoke v. Munkwitz, 68 Wis. 322; 32 N. W. 35, 60 Am. Rep. 884; Stewart v. Drake, 9 X. J. Law. 141; Kane v. Mink, 64 Iowa, 84, 39 N. W. 852; Chestnut v. Tyson, 106 Ala. 140, 16 South. 723, 53 Am. St. Rep. 101; Christie v. Bedell, 10 Kan. App. 453, 275 Kan. 343.—Covenants for title. Covenants usually inserted in a conveyance of land, on the part of the grantor, and binding him for the completeness, security, and non-continuance of the estate conveyed to the grantee. They comprise "covenants for seisin, for right to convey, against incumbrances, for quiet enjoyment, for further assurance, and almost always of warranty." Rawle, Cov. § 21.—Covenants in gross. Such as do not run with the land.—Covenants. A term used in many states when a person who had a right of action at the time of making
COVENANT. A contraction, in the old books, of the word "convent."
vessels. The Wonenah, 21 Grat. (Va.) 697; Reed v. Ingham, 3 El. & B. 508.

2. A trade or occupation of the sort requiring skill and training, particularly manual skill combined with a knowledge of the principles of the art; also the body of persons pursuing such a calling; a guild. Gan-

3. Guile, artful cunning, trickiness. Not a legal term in this sense, though often used in connection with such terms as "fraud" and "artifice."

CRANAGE. A liberty to use a crane for drawing up goods and wares of burden from ships and vessels, at any creek of the sea, or wharf, unto the land, and to make a profit of doing so. It also signifies the money paid and taken for the service. Tomlins.

CRANK. A term vulgarly applied to a person of eccentric, ill-regulated, and unpractical mental habits; a person half-crazed; a monomaniac; not necessarily equivalent to "insane person." "Fancier" or any other term descriptive of complete mental derangement, and not carrying any implication of homicidal mania. Walker v. Tri-

CRASSUS. Large, gross; excessive; extreme. Crassa ignorancia, gross ignorance. Flita, lib. 5, c. 22, § 18.


CRASTINO. Lat. On the morrow, the day after. The return-day of writs; because the first day of the term was always some saint's day, and writs were returnable on the day after. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law. 56.

CRAATES. An iron gate before a prison. 1 Vent. 304.

CRAVE. To ask or demand; as to crave oyer. See Oyer.

CRAVEN. In old English law. A word of disgrace and obloquy, pronounced on either champion, in the ancient trial by battle, proving recreant, i.e., yielding. Glanville calls it "infestum et incursendum securum." His condemnation was amittere liberam legem, i.e., to become infamous, and not to be accounted liber et legis homo, being supposed by the event to have been proved forsworn, and not fit to be put upon a jury or admitted as a witness. Wharton.

CREAMER. A foreign merchant, but generally taken for one who has a stall in a fair or market. Blount.

CREAMUS. Lat. We create. One of the words by which a corporation in England was formerly created by the king. 1 Bl. Comm. 473.

CREANCE. In French law. A claim; a debt; also belief, credit, faith.

CREANCER. One who trusts or gives credit; a creditor. Brit. cc. 28, 73.

CREANSOR. A creditor. Cowell.

CREATE. To bring into being; to cause to exist; to produce; as, to create a trust in lands, to create a corporation. Edwards v. Bibb, 54 Ala. 481; McClellan v. McClellan, 65 Me. 500.

To create a charter or a corporation is to make one which never existed before, while to renew one is to give it "liveliness" to one which has been forfeited or has expired; and to extend one is to give an existing charter more time than originally limited. Moors v. Husted, 21 Pa. 180; Railroad Co. v. Orton (C. C.) 32 Fed. 473; Indianapolis v. Navin, 151 Ind. 139, 51 N. E. 80, 41 L. R. A. 344.

CREDENTIABS. In international law. The instruments which authorize and establish a public minister in his character with the state or prince to whom they are address-
ed. If the state or prince receive the minis-
ter, he can be received only in the quality attributed to him in his credentials. They are, as it were, his letter of attorney, his mandate patent, mandatum manifestum, Vattel, liv. 4, c. 6, § 76.

CREDIBLE. Worthy of belief; entitled to credit. See COMPETENCY.

—Credible person. One who is trustworthy and entitled to be believed in law and legal proceedings, one who is entitled to have his oath or affidavit accepted as reliable, not only as to the questions or matters in question but also on account of his intelligence, knowledge of the circumstances, and disinterested relation to the matter in question. Dunn v. State, 7 Tex. App. 3d. Territory v. Leary. 8 N. M. 180, 43 Pac. 688; Peck v. Chambers, 44 W. Va. 270, 28 S. E. 706.—Credible witness. One who, being competent to give evidence, is worthy of belief. Peck v. Chambers, 44 W. Va. 276, 28 S. E. 706; Savage v. Bulger (Ky.) 77 S. W. 717; Amory v. Fellows, 5 Mass. 229; Bacon v. Bacon, 17 Pick. (Mass.) 134; Robinson v. Savage, 124 Ill. 296, 15 N. E. 850.—Cred-

CREDIBILITY. Worthiness of belief; that quality in a witness which renders his evidence worthy of belief. After the competence of a witness is allowed, the consideration of his credibility arises, and not before. 3 Bl. Comm. 389; 1 Burrows, 414, 417; Smith v. Jones, 68 Vt. 132, 34 Atl. 424. As to the distinction between competency and credibility, see COMPETENCY.

—Credibly informed. The statement in a pleading or affidavit that one is "credibly in-

CREDIT. 1. The ability of a business man to borrow money, or obtain goods on
time. In consequence of the favorable opinion held by the community, or by the particular lender, as to his solvency and reliability. People v. Wasservogel, 77 Cal. 178; 19 Pac. 270; Dry Dock Bank v. Trust Co., 3 N. Y. 356.

2. Time allowed to the buyer of goods by the seller, in which to make payment for them.

3. The correlative of a debt; that is, a debt considered from the creditor's standpoint, or that which is incoming or due to one.

4. That which is due to a merchant, as distinguished from debt, that which is due by him.

5. That influence connected with certain social positions. 20 Toullier, n. 10.

The credit of an individual is the trust reposed in him by those who deal with him that he is of ability to meet his engagements; and he is trusted because through the tribunals of the country it can be made to appear that the credit of a government is founded on a belief of its ability to comply with its engagements, and a confidence that it will do that voluntarily which it cannot be compelled to do. Owen v. Branch Bank, 3 Ala. 238.

-BILL of credit. See Bill. -Letter of credit. An open or sealed letter, from a merchant in one place, directed to another, in another place or country, requiring him, if a person therein named, or the bearer of the letter, shall have occasion to buy commodities, or to want money to any particular amount, either to procure the same or to pass his promise, bill, or bond for it, the writer of the letter undertaking to provide him the money for the goods, or to repay him by exchange, or to give him such satisfaction as he shall require, either for himself, or the bearer of the letter. 3 Chit. Com. Law, 336. A letter of credit is a written instrument, addressed by one person to another, requesting the latter to give credit to the person whose name is written thereon. Civ. Code Cal. § 2858. 'Mechanics Bank' v. New York & N. R. Co., 13 N. Y. 630; Pollock v. Director of Mines, 18 Cal. 389; L. & M. Rep. 342; Lafayette v. Harrison, 70 Cal. 380, 14 Am. Rep. 201, 202, 203; 38 W. 13; Bondard v. Block, 81 Ill. 158; 25 Am. Rep. 276; Claims v. Sheehy, 132 Ill. 459, 64 Pac. 700, 84 Am. St. Rep. 62; Piersdorf v. Jorgenson, 86 Wis. 128, 50 N. W. 735, 30 Am. St. Rep. 881.

-Classification. A creditor is called a 'simple contract creditor,' a 'specialty creditor,' a 'bond creditor,' 'conditional,' 'amicus curiae,' according to the nature of the obligation giving rise to the debt.

-Other compound and descriptive terms. -Attaching creditor. One who has caused an attachment to be issued and levied on property of his debtor. -Cathedra. In Scotch law, one whose debt is secured on all or on several distinct parts of the debtor's property. The word derives from the ecclesiastical court, and in the case of a mortgage, means that the creditor is in a preferential position.

-Certificate creditor. A creditor of a municipal corporation who receives a certificate of indebtedness with the promise of payment. -Certificate of indebtedness. A certificate that the corporation is indebted to the holder for a specified sum of money. -Credit at large. One who has a good cause to think that the debt is not secured, and that the debtor is able to pay. -Credit under which courts of equity allow setoff. In cases of mutual credit, we are to understand a knowledge on both sides of an existing debt due to one party, and a creditor by one party, founded on and trusting to such debt, as a means of discharging it. King v. King, 9 N. E. 44. Credits given by two persons mutually; i.e., each giving credit to the other. It is a more extended phrase than "mutual debt." Thus, the sum credited by one may be due at once, that by the other in futuro; yet the credits are mutual, though the transaction would not come within the meaning of "mutual debt." 1 Ark. 228; Atkinson v. Elliott, 10 Ten. 573. -Personal credit. That credit which a person possesses as an individual, and which is founded on the opinion entertained of his character and business standing.

-CREDIT. Fr. Credit in the English sense of the term, or more particularly, the security for a loan or advancement.

-Credit foncier. A company or corporation formed for the purpose of carrying out improvements, by means of loans and advances on real estate security. -Credit mobilier. A company or association formed for carrying on a banking business, or for the construction of public works, building of railroads, operation of mines, or other such enterprises, by means of loans or advances on the security of personal property. Barrett v. Savings Inst., 64 N. J. Eq. 425, 54 Atl. 543.

CREDITOR. A person to whom a debt is owing by another person, called the "debtor." -Monitor v. Elevator Co., 45 Minn. 345; 41 N. W. 1074; Woolverton v. W. T. Co. 155 Minn. 435; 1 Ill. App. 424; Insurance Co. v. Meeker, 37 N. J. Law, 300; Walsh v. Miller, 51 Ohio St. 462, 38 N. E. 381. The foregoing is the strict legal sense of the term; but in a wider sense it means one who has a legal right to demand and recover from another a sum of money on any account whatever, and hence may include the owner of any right of action against another, whether arising on contract or for a tort, a penalty, for a forfeiture, or in personam. 100 U. S. 515, 524; 38 S. W. 13; Bondard v. Block, 81 Ill. 158; 25 Am. Rep. 276; Claims v. Sheehy, 132 Ill. 459, 64 Pac. 700, 84 Am. St. Rep. 62; Piersdorf v. Jorgenson, 86 Wis. 128, 50 N. W. 735, 30 Am. St. Rep. 881.

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debtor has his domicile or his property.—General creditor. A creditor at large (supra), or one who has no lien or security for the payment of his debt, or who has lost or is about to lose the right of collection. King v. Monic, 51 S. C. 543; Wilcott v. Ashenfeather, 5 N. M. 442, 23 Pac. 780, 8 L. R. A. 691.—Joint creditors. Persons jointly entitled to require satisfaction of the same debt or demand of the judgment creditor. One who has obtained a judgment against his debtor, under which he can enforce execution. King v. Fraser, 23 S. C. 548; Baxter v. Moses, 77 Me. 465, 1 Atl. 350. 52 Am. Rep. 783; Code Civ. Proc. N. Y. 1890, § 2343.—Secured creditor. One whose claim or demand accrued or came into existence after a given fact or transaction, such as the recording of a deed or the execution of a voluntary conveyance. McGhee v. Wells, 57 S. C. 280, 35 S. E. 529, 76 Am. St. Rep. 567; Evans v. Lewis, 30 Ohio St. 14.—Warrant creditor. A creditor is a municipal corporation to whom is given a municipal warrant for the amount of his claim, because there are no funds in hand to pay it. Johnson v. New Orleans, 46 La. Ann. 714, 15 South. 100.

CREDITORS’ BILL. In English practice. A bill in equity, filed by one or more creditors, for an account of the assets of a decedent, and a legal settlement and distribution of his estate among themselves and such other creditors as may come in under the decree.

In American practice. A proceeding to enforce the security of a judgment creditor against the property or interests of his debtor. This action proceeds upon the theory that the judgment is in the nature of a lien, such as may be enforced in equity. Hudson v. Wood (C. C.) 119 Fed. 775; Fink v. Patterson (C. C.) 21 Fed. 602; Gould v. Torrance, 19 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 560; McCarty v. Bostwick, 32 N. Y. 57.

A creditors’ bill, strictly, is a bill by which a creditor seeks to satisfy his debt out of some equitable estate of the defendant, which is not liable to levy and sale under an execution at law. But there is another sort of a creditors’ bill, very nearly allied to the former, by means of which a party seeks to remove a fraudulent conveyance out of the way of his execution. But a naked bill to set aside a fraudulent deed, which seeks no discovery of any property, choses in action, or other thing alleged to belong to the defendant, and which ought to be subjected to the payment of the judgment, is not a creditors’ bill. Newman v. Willetts, 52 Ill. 98.

Creditorum appellation non hi tantum accepitnunt qui pecuniam crediderunt, sed omnes quibus ex qualibet causa debeatur. Under the head of “creditors” are included, not alone those who have lent money, but all to whom from any cause a debt is owing. Dig. 50, 10, 11.

CREDITRIX. A female creditor.

GREEK. In maritime law. Such little inlets of the sea, whether within the precinct or extent of a port or without, as are narrow passages, and have shore on either side of them. Call. Sew. 56.


The term imports a recess, cove, bay, or inlet in the shore of a river, and not a separate or independent stream; though it is sometimes used in the latter meaning. Schermerhorn v. Railroad Co., 38 N. Y. 103.

CREMENETUM COMITATUS. The increase of a county. The sheriffs of counties anciently answered in their accounts for the improvement of the king’s rents, above the vicecountel rents, under this title.

CREPARE OCELUM. In Saxon law. To put out an eye; which had a pecuniary punishment of fifty shillings annexed to it.

CREPUSCULUM. Twilight. In the law of burglary, this term means the presence of sufficient light to discern the face of a man; such light as exists immediately before the rising of the sun or directly after its setting.

Crescunt malitia crescere debet et pena. 2 Inst. 479. Vice increasing, punishment ought also to increase.

CREST. A term used in heraldry; it signifies the devices set over a coat of arms.

CRETINISM. In medical jurisprudence. A form of imperfect or arrested mental development, which may amount to idiocy, with physical degradation or deformity or lack of development; endemic in Switzerland and some other parts of Europe, but the term is applied to similar states occurring elsewhere.

CRETINUS. In old records. A sudden stream or torrent; a rising or inundation.

CRETIO. Lat. In the civil law. A certain number of days allowed an heir to deliberate whether he would take the inheritance or not. Calvin.

CREW. The aggregate of seamen who man a ship or vessel, including the master and officers; or it may mean the ship’s company, exclusive of the master, or exclusive of the master and all other officers. See U. S. v. Winn, 3 Summ. 290, 28 Fed. Cas. 733; Millauvon v. Martin, 6 Rob. (La.) 540; U. S. v. Huff (C. C.) 13 Fed. 430.

Crew list. In maritime law. A list of the crew of a vessel; one of a ship’s papers. This instrument is required by act of congress, and

CRIER. An officer of a court, who makes proclamations. His principal duties are to announce the opening of the court and its adjournment and the fact that certain special matters are about to be transacted, to announce the admission of persons to the bar, to call the names of jurors, witnesses, and parties, to announce that a witness has been sworn, to proclaim silence when so directed, and generally to make such proclamations of a public nature as the judges order.

CRIEZ LA PEEZ. Rehearse the concord, or peace. A phrase used in the ancient proceedings for levying fines. It was the form of words by which the justice before whom the parties appeared directed the serjeant or countour in attendance to recite or read aloud the concord or agreement between the parties, as to the lands intended to be conveyed. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 224, 225.


CRIME. A crime is an act committed or omitted, in violation of a public law, either forbidding or commanding it; a breach or violation of some public right or duty due to a whole community, considered as a community in its social aggregate capacity, as distinguished from a civil injury. Wilkins v. U. S., 96 Fed. 387, 37 C. C. A. 588; Pounder v. Ashe, 36 Neb. 564, 54 N. W. 847; State v. Bishop, 7 Conn. 185; In re Berglin, 31 Wis. 386; State v. Brazier, 37 Ohio St. 78; People v. Williams, 24 Mich. 163, 9 Am. Rep. 119; In re Clark, 9 Wend. (N. Y.) 212. "Crime" and "misdemeanor," properly speaking, are synonymous terms; though in common usage "crime" is made to denote such offenses as are of a deeper and more atrocious dye. 4 Bl. Comm. 5.

Crimes are those wrongs which the government notices as injurious to the public, and punishes in what is called a "criminal proceeding," in its own name. 1 Bish. Crim. Law, § 48.

A crime may be defined to be any act done in violation of those duties which an individual owes to the community, and for the breach of which the law has provided that the offender shall make satisfaction to the public. Bell.

A crime or public offense is an act committed or omitted in violation of a law forbidding or commanding it, and to which is annexed, upon conviction, either of the following punishments: (1) Death; (2) imprisonment; (3) fine; (4) removal from office; or (5) disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit in this state. Pen. Code Cal. § 15.

A crime or misdemeanor shall consist in a violation of a public law, in the commission of which there shall be a union or joint operation of act and intention, or criminal negligence. Code Ga. 1882, § 4292.

Synonyms. According to Blackstone, the word "crime" denotes such offenses as are of a deeper and more atrocious dye, while smaller faults and offenses of less consequence are called "misdemeanors." But the better phrase appears to be to make crime a term of broad and general import, including both felonies and misdemeanors, and hence covering all infractions of the criminal law. In this sense it is not a technical phrase, strictly speaking, (as "felony" and "misdemeanor" are) but a convenient general term. In this sense, also, "public offense" should be used as synonymous with it.

The distinction between a crime and a tort or civil injury is that the former is a breach and violation of the public right and of duties due to the whole community considered as such, and in its social capacity and aggregate capacity; whereas the latter is an infringement or privation of the civil rights of individuals merely. Brown. A crime is committed as a crime, and a violation of a right, considered in reference to the evil tendency of such violation, as regards the community at large. 4 Steph. Comm. 4.

Varieties of crimes.—Capital crime. One for which the punishment of death is prescribed and inflicted. Walker v. State, 28 Tex. App. 503, 13 S. W. 800; Ex parte Denenberg, 97 Mo. 304, 11 S. W. 217.—Common-law crimes. Such crimes as are punishable by the force of the common law, as distinguished from crimes created by statute. Wilkins v. U. S., 96 Fed. 387; In re Green (C. C.) 52 Fed. 111. These decisions (and many others) hold that there are no common-law crimes against the United States; constructive crime. See CONSTRUCTIVE.—Continuous crime. One consisting of a continuous series of acts, which endures after the period of consummation. As, the offense of carrying concealed weapons. In the case of instantaneous crimes, the statute of limitations begins to run with the consummation, while in the case of continuous crimes it only begins with the cessation of the criminal conduct or act. U. S. v. Owen (D. C) 32 Fed. 547.—Crime against person. The offenses of seduction, treason, and sodomy. State v. Vicknair, 52 La. Ann. 1921, 28 South. 273; Auman v. Veal, 10 Ind. 345, 71 Am. Dec. 33; People v. Williams, 59 Cal. 397.—High crimes. High crimes and misdemeanors are such immoral and unlawful acts as are nearly allied and equal in guilt to felony, yet, owing to some technical circumstance, do not fall within the definition of "felony." State v. Knapp, 6 Conn. 417, 16 Am. Dec. 88.—Infamous crime. A crime which entails infamy upon one who has committed it. Butler v. Wentworth, 84 Me. 25, 24 Atl. 456, 17 L. R. A. 704. The term "infamous"—i. e., without fame or good report—was applied at common law to certain crimes, upon the conviction of which a person became incompetent to testify as a witness; because the theory that a person would not commit so heinous a crime unless he was so degraded as to be unworthy of credit. These crimes are treason, felony, and the criminal felnis. Bell. A crime punishes a crime committed in prison or penitentiary, with or without hard labor, is an infamous crime, without the provision of the fifth amendment of the constitution that "no person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury." U. S. v. Green, 117 U. S. 348, 8 Sup. Ct. 777, 29 L. Ed. 906.
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"Infamous," as used in the fifth amendment to the United States constitution, in reference to crimes, includes those only of the class called "criminals," which both involve the charge of falsehood, and may also injuriously affect the public administration of justice by introducing false and fraudulent fiduciaries. U. S. v. Buse, 15 X. B. R. 325, Fed. Cas. No. 14,600. By the Revised Statutes of New York the term "infamous crime," when applied in any statute, is directed to be construed as including every offense punishable with death or by imprisonment in a state-prison, and no other. 2 Rev. St. (pt. 702, § 31.) p. 657. § 522. Quasi crimines. This term embraces all offenses not crimes or misdemeanors, but that are in the nature of crimes,—a class of offenses against the public which have not been declared crimes, but wrongs against the general or local public which it is proper should be repressed or punished by forfeitures and penalties. This would embrace all qui tam actions and forfeitures imposed for the neglect or violation of a public duty. A quasi crime would not embrace an indictable offense whatever it might be its grade, but simply forfeitures for a wrong done to the public, whether voluntary or involuntary, where a penalty is given, whether by the old criminal procedures or by civil process. Wiggins v. Chicago, 63 Ill. 373. Statutory crimes. Those created by statutes, distinguished from such as are known to, or cognizable by, the common law.

CRIMEN. Lat. Crime. Also an accusation or charge of crime.

—Crimen furti. The crime of theft.—Crimen incendi. The crime of burning, which included not only the modern crime of arson but also the burning of a man, a beast, or other chattel. Brit. c. 9. Chnb. Eng. Law. 366. —Crimen inominatum. The nameless crime; the crime against nature; sodomy or buggery. —Crimen raptus. The crime of rape. —Crimen roberiae. The offense of robbery.—Flagrantes crimine; Locus criminis; Particeps criminis. See those titles.

CRIMEN FALSI. In the civil law. The crime of falsifying; which might be committed either by writing, as by the forger of a will or other instrument; by word, as by false bearing false witnesses, or perjury; and by acts, as by counterfeiting or adulterating the public money, dealing with false weights and measures, counterfeiting seals, and other fraudulent and deceitful practices. Dig. 48, 10; Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 12, nn. 56—59.

In Scotch law. It has been defined: "A fraudulent imitation or suppression of truth, to the prejudice of another." Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 66.

At common law. Any crime which may injuriously affect the administration of justice, by the introduction of falsehoods and fraud. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 373.

In modern law. This phrase is not used as a designation of any specific crime, but as a general designation of a class of offenses, including all such as involve deceit or falsification; e.g., forgery, counterfeiting, using false weights or measures, perjury, etc.

Includes forgery, perjury, utteration of perjury, and offenses affecting the public ad-


Crimen falsi dicitur, cum quis illicitus, cui non fuerit ad his data annotet- as, de sigillo regis, raptio vel invento, brevia, cartas convinascit. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 23. The crime of forgery is when any one illicitly, to whom power has not been given for such purposes, has signed writs or charters with the king's seal, either stolen or found.

CRIMEN LESSE MAJESTATIS. In criminal law. The crime of loss-majesty, or injuring majesty or royalty; high treason. The term was used by the older English law-writers to denote any crime affecting the king's person or dignity.

It is borrowed from the civil law, in which it signified the undertaking of any enterprise against the emperor or the republic. Inst. 4, 18, 3.

Crimen lesse majestatis omnia alia criminibus excedit quoddam. 3 Inst. 210. The crime of treason exceeds all other crimes in its punishment.


Crimen trahtit personam. The crime carries the person, (i.e., the commission of a crime gives the courts of the place where it is committed jurisdiction over the person of the offender.) People v. Adams, 3 Denio (N. Y.) 190, 210, 45 Am. Dec. 468.

Crimina morte extinguuntur. Crimes are extinguished by death.

CRIMINAL. n. One who has committed a criminal offense; one who has been legally convicted of a crime; one adjudged guilty of crime. Molinieux v. Collins, 177 N. Y. 395, 63 N. E. 727, 65 L. R. A. 104.

CRIMINAL, adj. That which pertains to or is connected with the law of crimes, or the administration of penal justice, or which relates to or has the character of crime. Charleston v. Reller, 45 W. Va. 44, 30 S. E. 172; State v. Burton, 113 N. C. 653, 18 S. E. 637.

-Criminal act. A term which is equivalent to crime; or is sometimes used with a slight softening or glossing of the meaning, or as importing a possible question of the legal guilt of the deed.—Criminal action. The proceeding by which a party charged with a public offense is accused and brought to trial and punishment is known as a "criminal action." Pen.
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Code Cal. § 688. A criminal action is (1) an action brought by the state, or a party against a person charged with a public offense, for the punishment thereof; (2) an action prosecuted by the state, at the instance of an individual, to prevent an apprehended crime, against his person or property. Code N. C. 1883, § 120. State v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 57 Fed. 497. S. 11 L. 557. State v. Kansas City S. F. R. Co., 45 S. 459, 4 Sup. Ct. 457, 28 L. Ed. 482; State v. Costello, 61 Conn. 497, 23 Atl. 588.-Criminal case. An action, suit, or cause instituted to punish an individual for the commission of a criminal law. State v. Smalls, 11 S. C. 270; Adams v. Ashby, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 97; U. S. v. Three Tons of Coal, 28 Fed. Cas. 149. People v. Iron Co., 201 Ill. 230. 66 N. E. 240.-Criminal charge. An accusation of crime, formulated in a written complaint, information, or indictment, and taking shape in a prosecution. U. S. v. Patterson, 150 U. S. 65, 14 Sup. Ct. 20, 37 L. Ed. 999; Exon v. State, 11 Ark. 482.-Criminal conversation. Adultery, considered in its aspect of a civil injury to the husband entitling him to damages; the tort of debauching or seducing of a woman. Often abbreviated to crim. con.-Criminal defendant. The party who is accused of, or committed for committing, crime; malice, as evidenced by a criminal act; an intent to deprive or defraud the true owner of his property. People v. Moore, 3 N. Y. Cr. R. 450.-Criminal law. That branch or division of law which treats of crimes and their punishments. In the plural—"criminal laws"—divine the laws by which man defines and prohibits the various species of crimes and establishes their punishments. U. S. v. Reisinger, 128 U. S. 398, 5 Sup. Ct. 89, 32 L. Ed. 480.-Criminal law amendment act. An act passed in 1871, (34 & 35 Vict. c. 32.) to prevent and punish any violence, threats, or molestation, on the part either of master or workmen, in the various relations arising between them. 4 Steph. Comm. 241.-Criminal law consolidation acts. The statutes 24 & 25 Vict. c. 94-100, passed in 1861, for the consolidation of the criminal law of England and Ireland. 4 Steph. Comm. 207. These important statutes amounted to a codification of the modern criminal law of England.-Criminal letters. In Scotch law. A process used as the commencement of a criminal proceeding, in the nature of a summons in quo the lord or his deputy. It resembles a criminal information at common law.-Criminal proceeding. One instituted for the purpose of either of preventing the commission of crime, or for fixing the guilt of a crime already committed and punishing the offender; distinguished from a "civil" proceeding, which is for the redress of a private injury. T. S. v. Lee Hoon (D. C.) 118 Fed. 442; Sever v. Washington County Justices. Perk (Tenn.) 64; People v. Ontario County. 4 Denio (N. Y.) 260.-Criminal procedure. The method pointed out by law for the apprehension, trial, or prosecution, and fixing the punishment, of those persons who have broken or violated, or are supposed to have broken or violated, the laws prescribed for the regulation of the conduct of the people of the community, and who have thereby laid themselves liable to fine or imprisonment or other punishment. 4 Amer. Law Dig. 570.-Criminal process. Process which issues to compel a person to answer for a crime or misdemeanor. Ward v. Lewis, 1 Stew. (Ala.) 27.-Criminal promise. An action instituted in a proper court on behalf of the public, for the purpose of securing the conviction and punishment of one accused of crime. Harger v. Thomas, 44 Pa. 128, 84 Am. Dec. 422; Ely v. Thompson, 3 A. K. Marsh. (Ky.) 70.


Criminaliter. Lat. Criminally. This term is used, in distinction or opposition to the word "cirricular," civilly, to distinguish a criminal liability or prosecution from a civil one.

Criminate. To charge one with crime; to furnish ground for a criminal prosecution; to expose a person to a criminal charge. A witness cannot be compelled to answer any question which has a tendency to criminate him. Stewart v. Johnson, 18 N. J. Law, 87; Kendrick v. Comm.. 78 Va. 490.

CRIMP. One who decoys and plunders sailors under cover of harboring them. Wharton.

CRO, CROO. In old Scotch law. A wregild. A composition, satisfaction, or assentment for the slaughter of a man.

Crocia. The crower, or pastoral staff.

Crocarius. A cross-bearer, who went before the prelate. Wharton.

BrocKARDS, BROCARDs. A foreign coin of base metal, prohibited by statute 27 Edw. I. St. 3, from being brought into the realm. 4 Bl. Comm. 98; Crabbs, Eng. Law, 176.

Croft. A little close adjoining a dwelling-house, and inclosed for pasture and tillage or any particular use. Jacob. A small place fenced off in which to keep farm-cattle. Spelman. The word is now entirely obsolete.

Croises. Pilgrims; so called as wearing the sign of the cross on their upper garments. Britt. c. 122. The knights of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, created for the defense of the pilgrims. Cowell: Blount.

Croiteir. A crofter; one holding a croft.

CROP. The products of the harvest in corn or grain. Emblements. Insurance Co. v. Delavien (Pa.) 5 Atl. 65; Goodrich v. Stevens, 5 Lays. (N. Y.) 220.

CROPPER. One who, having no interest in the land, works it in consideration of receiving a portion of the crop for his labor. Fry v. Jones, 2 Rawle (Pa.) 11; Wood v. Garrison (Ky.) 62 S. W. 728; Steel v. Frick. 56 Pa. 172.

The difference between a tenant and a cropper is: A tenant has an estate in the land for the term, and, consequently, he has a right of property in the crops. Until division, the right of property and of possession in the whole is the tenant's. A cropper has no estate in the land; and, although he has in some sense the possession of the crop, it is the possession of a servant only, and is, in law, that of the landlord, who, must divide off the less to the cropper his share. Harrison v. Ricks. 71 N. C. 7.
CROSS. A mark made by persons who are unable to write, to stand instead of a signature; usually made in the form of a Maltese cross.

As an adjective, the word is applied to various demands and proceedings which are connected in subject-matter, but opposite or contradictory in purpose or object.

---Cross-action. An action brought by one who is defendant in a suit against the party who is plaintiff in such suit, upon a cause of action growing out of the same transaction which is there in controversy, whether it be a contract or tort.---Cross-demand. Where a person against whom a demand is made by another, in his turn makes a demand against that other, these mutual demands are called "cross-demands." A set-off is a familiar example. Musselman v. Gallaher, 32 Iowa, 383.---Cross-errors. Errors being assigned by the respondent in a writ of error, the errors assigned on both sides are called "cross-errors."

As to cross "Appeal," "Bill," "Complaint," "Examination," "Remainder," "Rules," see those titles. As to "crossed check," see CHECK.

CROWN. The sovereign power in a monarchy, especially in relation to the punishment of crimes. "Felony is an offense of the crown." Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 16.

An ornamental badge of regal power worn on the head by sovereign princes. The word is often used when speaking of the sovereign himself, or the rights, duties, and prerogatives belonging to him. Also a silver coin of the value of five shillings. Wharton.

---Crown cases. In English law. Criminal prosecutions on behalf of the crown, as representing the public; causes in the criminal courts.---Crown cases reserved. In English law. Questions of law arising in criminal trials at the assizes, (otherwise than by way of demurrer,) and not decided there, but reserved for the consideration of the court of criminal appeal.---Crown court. In English law. The court in which the crown cases, or criminal business, of the assizes is transacted.---Crown day. In England. The day on which the crown, which are put, by various statutes, upon a different footing from those due to a subject.---Crown lands. The demesne lands of the crown.---Crown law. Criminal law in England is sometimes so termed, the crown being always the prosecutor in criminal proceedings. 4 Bl. Comm. 2.---Crown office. The criminal side of the court of king's bench. The king's attorney in this court is called "master of the crown office." 4 Bl. Comm. 308.---Crown office in chancery. One of the chief offices of the English high court of chancery, now transferred to the high court of justice. The principal official, the clerk of the crown, is an officer of parliament chosen in his nonjudicial capacity, rather than an officer of the courts of law.---Crown paper. A paper containing the list of criminal cases which await hearing or decision in the court, and particularly of the court of king's bench; and it then includes all cases arising from informations and scarcots, both criminal informations, criminal cases brought up from inferior courts by writ of certiorari, and cases from the sessions. Brown.---Crown side. The criminal department of the court of king's bench; the civil department or branch being called the "plea side." 4 Bl. Comm. 285.---Crown solicitor. In England, the solicitor to the treasury acts, in state prosecutions, as solicitor for the crown in preparing the prosecution. In Ireland there are officers called "public solicitors" attached to each circuit, whose duty it is to get up every case for the crown in criminal prosecutions. They are paid by salaries. There is no such system in England, where prosecutions are conducted by solicitors appointed by the parish, or other persons bound over to prosecute by the magistrates on each commital; but in Scotland the still better plan exists of a crown prosecutor (called the "procurator-fiscal," and being a subordinate of the lord-advocate) in every county, who prepares every criminal prosecution. Wharton.


CRUCE SIGNATI. In old English law. Signed or marked with a cross. Pilgrims to the holy land, or crusaders; so called because they wore the sign of the cross upon their garments. Spelman.

CRUELTY. The intentional and malicious infliction of physical suffering upon living creatures, particularly human beings; or, as applied to the latter, the wanton, malicious, and unnecessary infliction of pain upon the body, or the feelings and emotions, abusive treatment; inhumanity; outrage.


As between husband and wife. Those acts which affect the life, the health, or even the comfort, of the party aggrieved and give a reasonable apprehension of bodily hurt, are called "cruelty." What merely wounds the feelings is seldom admitted to be cruelty, unless the act be accompanied with bodily injury, either actual or menacing. Mere austerity of temper, petulance of manner, rudeness of language, a want of civil attention and accommodation, even occasional sallies of passion, will not amount to legal cruelty; a fortiori, the denial of little indulgences and particular accommodations, which the delicacy of the world is apt to number among its necessities, is not cruelty. The negative descriptions of cruelty are perhaps the best, under the infinite variety of cases that may occur, by showing what is not cruelty. Evans v. Evans, 1 Har. 35; Weston v. Weston, 4 Eng. Ecc. 238, 311, 312.
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Cruelty includes both willfulness and malicious temper of mind with which an act is done, as well as a high degree of pain inflicted. Acts merely accidental, though they inflict great pain, are not "cruel," in the sense of the word as used in a suit against cruelty. Comm. v. McClellan, 101 Mass. 34.

-Cruelty to animals. The infliction of physical pain, suffering, or death upon an animal, which was not necessary for purposes of training or discipline, or (in the case of death) to procure food or to release the animal from incurable suffering, but done wantonly, for mere sport, for the indulgence of a cruel and vindictive temper, or with reckless indifference to its pain. Com. v. Lufkin, 7 Allen (Mass.) 581; State v. Avery, 44 N. H. 322; Paine v. Borgl, 1 City Ct. R. (N. Y.) 190; State v. Porter, 112 N. C. 887, 16 S. E. 915; State v. Bosworth, 54 Conn. 1, 4 Atl. 248; McKinnie v. State, 81 Ga. 164, 9 S. E. 1091; Waters v. People, 23 Colo. 33, 46 Pac. 112, 33 L. R. A. 834, 58 Am. St. Rep. 215.—Legal cruelty. Such as will warrant the granting of a divorce to the injured party; as distinguished from such kinds or degrees of cruelty as do not, under the statutes and decisions, amount to sufficient cause for a decree. Legal cruelty may be defined to be such conduct on the part of the husband as will endanger the life, limb, or health of the wife, or create a reasonable apprehension of punishment by hurt; such acts as render cohabitation unsafe, or are likely to be attended with injury to the person or to the health of the wife. Odom v. Odom, 36 Ga. 286.—Cruel and unusual punishment. See Punishment.

CRUISE. A voyage undertaken for a given purpose; a voyage for the purpose of making captures jure beli. The Brutus, 2 Gall. 538, Fed. Cas. No. 2,060.

A voyage or expedition in quest of vessels or fleets of the enemy which may be expected to sail in any particular track at a certain season of the year. The region in which these cruises are performed is usually termed the "rendezvous," or "cruising latitude." Bouvier.

Imports a definite place, as well as time of commencement and termination, unless such construction is repelled by the context. When not otherwise specially agreed, a cruise begins and ends in the country to which a ship belongs, and from which she derives her commission. The Brutus, 2 Gall. 529, Fed. Cas. No. 2,060.

CRY. To call out aloud; to proclaim; to publish; to sell at auction. "To cry a tract of land." Carr v. Gooch, 1 Wash. (Va.) 335, (260.)

A clamor raised in the pursuit of an escaping felon. 4 Bl. Comm. 293. See HUE AND CRY.

CRY DE PAIS, or CRI DE PAIS. The hue and cry raised by the people in ancient times, where a felon had been committed and the constable was absent.

CRIER. An auctioneer. Carr v. Gooch, 1 Wash. (Va.) 337, (262.) One who calls out aloud; one who publishes or proclaims. See CRIER.

CRYPTA. A chapel or oratory underground, or under a church or cathedral. Du Cange.

CUCKING-STOOL. An engine of correction for common scolds, which in the Saxon language is said to signify the scolding-stool, though now it is frequently corrupted into ducking-stool, because the judgment was that, when the woman was placed therein, she should be plunged in the water for her punishment. It was also variously called a "trebucket," "turnbrel," or "castigator." 3 Inst. 210; 4 Bl. Comm. 109; Brown. James v. Comm., 12 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 220.

CUEILLETTA. A term of French maritime law. See A CUEILLETTA.

CUI ANTE DIVORTIUM. (To whom before divorce.) A writ for a woman divorced from her husband to recover her lands and tenements which she had in fee-simple or in tail, or for life, from him to whom her husband alienated them during the marriage, when she could not gainsay it. Reg. Orig. 223.

CUI BONO. For whose good; for whose use or benefit. "Cui bono is ever of great weight in all agreements." Parker, C. J., * 10 Mod. 135. Sometimes translated, for what good, for what useful purpose.

Culecumque alquias quid concedit concedere videtur et id, sine quo res ipsa esse non potuit. 11 Coke, 52. Whoever grants anything to another is supposed to grant that also without which the thing itself would be of no effect.

CUI IN VITA. (To whom in life.) A writ of entry for a widow against him to whom her husband alienated her lands or tenements in his life-time; which must contain in it that during his life she could not withstand it. Reg. Orig. 232; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 193.

Cui jurisdictio data est, ea quoque concessa esse videtur, sine quibus jurisdictio explicari non potest. To whomsoever a jurisdiction is given, those things also are supposed to be granted, without which the jurisdiction cannot be exercised. Dig. 2, 1, 2. The grant of jurisdiction implies the grant of all powers necessary to its exercise. 1 Kent, Comm. 339.

Cui jus est domandi, idem et vendendi et concedendi jus est. He who has the right of giving has also the right of selling and granting. Dig. 50, 17, 163.

Culibet in arte sua perito est credendum. Any person skilled in his peculiar art or profession is to be believed, [i.e., when he speaks of matters connected with such art.] Co. Litt. 1256; Shelf. Mar. & Div. 206. Credence should be given to one skilled in his peculiar profession. Brown, Max. 932.
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Cuius per errorem dati repetitio est, ejus consulto dati donatio est. He who gives a thing by mistake has a right to recover it back; but, if he gives designedly, it is a gift. Dig. 50, 17, 53.

Cujusque rei potissima pars est principium. The chiefest part of everything is the beginning. Dig. 1, 2, 1; 10 Coke, 40a.

CUL DE SAC. (Fr. the bottom of a sack.) A blind alley; a street which is open at one end only. Bartlett v. Bangor, 67 Me. 467; Perrin v. Railroad Co., 40 Barb. (N. Y.) 65; Talbott v. Railroad Co., 31 Grat. (Va.) 691; Hickok v. Flattsburg, 41 Barb. (N. Y.) 135.

CULAGIUM. In old records. The laying up a ship in a dock, in order to be repaired. Cowell; Blount.

CULPA. Lat. A term of the civil law, meaning fault, neglect, or negligence. There are three degrees of culpa,—lata culpa, gross fault or neglect; levius culpa, ordinary fault or neglect; levisima culpa, slight fault or neglect—and the definitions of these degrees are precisely the same as those in our law. Story, Bailm. § 18. This term is to be distinguished from dolus, which means fraud, guile, or deceit.

Culpa caret qui scit sed prohibere non potest. He is clear of blame who knows, but cannot prevent. Dig. 50, 17, 50.

Culpa est immiserse se rei ad se non pertinenti. 2 Inst. 208. It is a fault for any one to meddle in a matter not pertaining to him.

Culpa lata dolo equiparatur. Gross negligence is held equivalent to intentional wrong.

Culpa tenet (tenet) suos actores. Misconduct binds [should bind] its own authors. It is a never-failing axiom that every one is accountable only for his own delicts. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 14.

CULPABILIS. Lat. In old English law. Guilty. Culpabillis de intrusione,—guilty of intrusion. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 30, § 11. Non culpaabilis, (abbreviated to non cul.) In criminal procedure, the plea of “not guilty.” See CULPRIT.

CULPABLE. Blamable; censurable; involving the breach of a legal duty or the commission of a fault. The term is not necessarily equivalent to “criminal,” for, in present use, and notwithstanding its derivation, it implies that the act or conduct spoken of is reprehensible or wrong but not that it involves malice or a guilty purpose. “Culpable” in fact connotes fault rather than guilt.
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Railway Co. v. Clayberg, 107 Ill. 661; Bank v. Wright, 8 Allen (Mass.) 121.

As to culpable "Homicide," "Neglect," and "Negligence," see those titles.

Culpis posu par esto. Posu ad mensuram delicti statuenda est. Let the punishment be proportioned to the crime. Punishment is to be measured by the extent of the offense.

CULPIT. A person who is indicted for a criminal offense, but not yet convicted. It is not, however, a technical term of the law; and in its vernacular usage it seems to imply only a light degree of censure or moral reprobation.

Blackstone believes it an abbreviation of the old forms of arraignment, whereby, on the prisoner’s pleading not guilty, the clerk would respond, "culpabilis, prit." i.e., be is guilty and the crown is ready. It was (he says) the common voice replication, by the clerk, on behalf of the crown, to the prisoner’s plea of non culpabili; prit being a technical word, anciently in use in the formula of joining issue. 4 Bl. Comm. 339.

But a more plausible explanation is that given by Donaldson, (cited Whart. Lex.) as follows: The question is, "Are you guilty, or not guilty?" Prisoner, "Not guilty." Clerk, "Qu’ait paraît, [may it prove so.] How will you be tried?" Prisoner, "By God and my country." These words being hurried over, came to sound, "culprit, how will you be tried?" The ordinary derivation is from culpa.

CULRACH. In old Scotch law. A species of pledge or cautioner, (Scotsie, back borgh,) used in cases of the replevin of persons from one man’s court to another’s. Skene.

CULTIVATED. A field on which a crop of wheat is growing is a cultivated field, although not a stroke of labor may have been done in it since the seed was put in the ground, and it is a cultivated field after the crop is removed. It is, strictly, a cultivated piece of ground. State v. Allen, 35 N. C. 36.

CULTURA. A parcel of arable land. Blount.

CULVERT. In old English law. A base kind of slavery. The confiscation or forfeiture which takes place when a lord seizes his tenant’s estate. Blount; Du Cange.

Cum actio fuerit mere criminalis, instat potest ab initio criminaliter vel civiliter. When an action is merely criminal, it can be instituted from the beginning either criminally or civilly. Bract. 102.

Cum adsum testimonia rerum, quid opus est verbis? When the proofs of facts are present, what need there be of words? 2 Bulst. 53.

Cum aliquis renunciaverit societatis, solvitur societas. When any partner re-

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nounces the partnership, the partnership is dissolved. Tray. Lat, Max. 118.

Cum confiteor sponte mitius est agendum. 4 Inst. 66. One confessing willingly should be dealt with more leniently.

CUM COPULA. Lat. With copulation, i.e., sexual intercourse. Used in speaking of the validity of a marriage contracted "per verba de futuro cum copula," that is, with words referring to the future (a future intention to have the marriage solemnized) and consummated by sexual connection.

Cum de lucro duorum quos titur, melior est causa possidentis. When the question is as to the gain of two persons, the cause of him who is in possession is the better. Dig. 50, 17, 126.

Cum duo inter se pugnantia reperiam in testamento, ultimum ratum est. Where two things repugnant to each other are found in a will, the last shall stand. Co. Litt. 1129; Shep. Touch. 451; Broom, Max. 583.

Cum duo jura concurrent in una persona sequum est ac si essent in duobus. When two rights meet in one person, it is the same as if they were in two persons.

CUM GRANO SALIS. (With a grain of salt.) With allowance for exaggeration.

Cum in corpore dissentitur, apparat nullam esse acceptationem. When there is a disagreement in the substance, it appears that there is no acceptance. Gardner v. Lane, 12 Allen (Mass.) 44.

Cum in testamento ambiguum ant etiam perperam scriptum est benigne interpretari et secundum id quod creditile est cogitatum credendum est. Dig. 34, 5, 24. Where an ambiguous, or even an erroneous, expression occurs in a will, it should be construed liberally, and in accordance with the testator’s probable meaning. Broom, Max. 508.

Cum legitimae nuptiae factae sunt, patrem liberi sequuntur. Children born under a legitimate marriage follow the condition of the father.

CUM ONERE. With the burden; subject to an incumbrance or charge. What is taken cum onere is taken subject to an existing burden or charge.

CUM par delictum est duorum, semper oneratur petitor et melior habetur possessoris causa. Dig. 50, 17, 154. When both parties are in fault the plaintiff must always fail, and the cause of the person in possession be preferred.
CUM PERA ET LOCULO. With satchel and purse. A phrase in old Scotch law.

CUM PERTINENTIS. With the appurtenances. Bract. fol. 73b.

CUM PRIVILEGIO. The expression of the monopoly of Oxford, Cambridge, and the royal printers to publish the Bible.

Cum quod ago non valet ut ago, valeat quantum valere potest. 4 Kent, Comm. 493. When that which I do is of no effect as I do it, it shall have as much effect as it can; i.e., in some other way.

CUM TESTAMENTO ANNEXO. L. Lat. With the will annexed. A term applied to administration granted where a testator makes an incomplete will, without naming any executors, or where he names incapable persons, or where the executors named refuse to act. 2 Bl. Comm. 508, 504.

CUMULATIVE. Additional; heaping up; increasing; forming an aggregate. The word signifies that two things are to be added together, instead of one being a repetition or in substitution of the other. People v. Superior Court, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 285; Regina v. Eastern Archipelago Co., 18 Eng. Law & Eq. 183.

—Cumulative dividend. See Stock.—Cumulative offense. One which can be committed only by a repetition of acts of the same kind but committed on different days. The offense of being a "common seller" of intoxicating liquors is an example. Wells v. Conn., 12 Gray (Mass.) 328.—Cumulative punishment. An increased punishment inflicted for a second or third conviction of the same offense, under the statutes relating to habitual criminals. State v. Hambly, 126 N. C. 1066, 35 S. E. 614. To be distinguished from a "cumulative sentence," as to which see Sentence.—Cumulative remedy. A remedy created by statute in addition to one which still remains in force. Railway Co. v. Chicago, 148 Ill. 141, 35 N. E. 881.—Cumulative voting. A system of voting, by which the elector, having a number of votes equal to the number of officers to be chosen, is allowed to concentrate the whole number of his votes upon one person, or to distribute them as he may see fit. For example, if ten directors of a corporation are to be elected, then, under this system, the voter may cast ten votes for one person, or five votes for each of two persons, etc. It is intended to secure representation of a minority.

As to cumulative "Evidences," "Legacies," and "Sentences," see those titles.

CUNADES. In Spanish law. Ailfasty; alliance; relation by marriage. Las Partidas, pt. 4, tit. 6, 1, 5.

CUNEOAR. A coloner. Du Cange. Cuneo, to coln. Cuneus, the die with which to coln. Cunecata, coined. Du Cange; Spelman.

CUNTEY-CUNTEY. In old English law. A kind of trial, as appears from Bract. lib. 4, tract 8, ca. 18, and tract 4, ca. 2, where it seems to mean, one by the ordinary jury.

CUR. A common abbreviation of curiae.

CURA. Lat. Care; charge; oversight; guardianship.

In the civil law. A species of guardianship which commenced at the age of puberty, (when the guardianship called "trusts" expired,) and continued to the completion of the twelfth year. Inst. 1, 23, pr.; id. 1, 23, pr.; Halifax, Civil Law, b. 1, c. 9.

CURAGULOS. One who takes care of a thing.

CURATE. In ecclesiastical law. Properly, an incumbent who has the cure of souls, but now generally restricted to signify the spiritual assistant of a rector or vicar in his cure. An officiating temporary minister in the English church, who represents the proper incumbent; being regularly employed either to serve in his absence or as his assistant, as the case may be. 1 Bl. Comm. 383; 3 Steph. Comm. 88; Brande.

—Perpetual curacy. The office of a curate in a parish where there is no spiritual rector or vicar, but where a clerk (curate) is appointed to officiate there by the inappropriate 2 Burn. Ecc. Law, 55. The church or benefits filled by a curate under these circumstances is also so called.

CURATEUR. In French law. A person charged with supervising the administration of the affairs of an emancipated minor, of giving him advice, and assisting him in the important acts of such administration. Duverger.

CURATIO. In the civil law. The power or duty of managing the property of him who, either on account of infancy or some defect of mind or body, cannot manage his own affairs. The duty of a curator or guardian. Calvin.

CURATIVE. Intended to cure (that is, to obviate the ordinary legal effects or consequences of) defects, errors, omissions, or irregularities. Applied particularly to statutes, a "curative act" being a retrospective law passed in order to validate legal proceedings, the acts of public officers, or private deeds or contracts, which would otherwise be void for defects or irregularities or for want of conformity to existing legal requirements. Melga v. Roberts, 162 N. Y. 371, 56 N. E. 838, 76 Am. St. Rep. 322.

CURATOR. In the civil law. A person who is appointed to take care of anything for another. A guardian. One appointed to take care of the estate of a minor above a certain age, a lunatic, a spendthrift, or other person not regarded by the law as competent to administer it for himself. The
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CURIA. In old European law. A court. The palace, household, or retinue of a sovereign. A judgment of a tribunal or court held in the sovereign's palace. A court of justice. The civil power, as distinguished from the ecclesiastical. A manor; a nobleman's house; the hall of a manor. A piece of ground attached to a house; a yard or court-yard. Spielman. A lord's court held in his manor. The tenants who did suit and service at the lord's court. A manse. Cowell.

In Roman law. A division of the Roman people, said to have been made by Romulus. They were divided into three tribes, and each tribe into ten curiae, making thirty curiae in all. Spielman.

The place or building in which each curia assembled to offer sacred rites.

The place of meeting of the Roman senate; the senate house.

The senate house of a province; the place where the decuriones assembled. Cod. 10, 31, 2. See Decurio.

-Curiae admiralitatis. The court of admiralty.
-Curiae comitatus. The county court. (q. v.)-Curiae cursum acqua. A court held by the lord of the manor of Gravesend for the better management of barges and boats plying on the river Thames between Gravesend and Windsor, and also at Gravesend bridge, etc. 2 Geo. II. c. 26.-Curiae dominii. In old English law. The lord's court, house, or hall, where all the tenants met at the time of keeping court. Cowell.-Curiae legatinae affirmatae. A phrase used in old Scotch records to show that the court was opened in due and lawful manner.-Curiae magna. In old English law. The great court; one of the ancient names of parliament.-Curiae majoris. In old English law. The mayor's court. Calth. 144.-Curiae milites. A court so called, anciently held at Carisbrook Castle, in the Isle of Wight. Cowell.-Curiae palatii. The palace court. St. Albans by the abbots of St. Albans. 13 Bom. c. 101.-Curiae pedis pulverizati. In old English law. The court of piedpoudres or picaudres. (q. v.) 3 Bl. Comm. 32.-Curiae penticularum. A court held by the sheriff of Chester, in a place there called the "Pendice" or "Pentice," probably it was so called from being originally held under a pent-house, or open shed covered with boards. Blount.-Curiae personae. In old records. A patronage-house, or manse. Cowell.-Curiae regiae. The king's court. A term applied to the aula regia, the banca, or communis banca, and the iter or eger, as being courts of the king, but especially to the aula regia, (which title see.)

CURIA ADVISARI VULT. L. Lat. The court will advise; the court will consider. A phrase frequently found in the reports, signifying the resolution of the court to suspend judgment in a cause, after the argument, until they have deliberated upon the question, as where there is a new or difficult point involved. It is commonly abbreviated to cur. adv. vult, or c. a. v.

Curia cancellarii officina justitii. 2 Inst. 552. The court of chancery is the workshop of justice.
CURIA CLAUDENDA

CURIA CLAUDENDA. The name of a writ to compel another to make a fence or wall, which he was bound to make, between his land and the plaintiff's. Reg. Orig. 155. Now obsolete.

Curia parliamenti sua propriis legibus subsistit. 4 Inst. 50. The court of parliament is governed by its own laws.

CURIALLITY. In Scotch law. Curtesy. Also the privileges, prerogatives, or, perhaps, retinue, of a court.

Curiosa et captiosa interpretatione in lege reprobatur. A curious [orvarious or subtle] and captious interpretation is repudiated in law. 1 Bulst. 6.

CURNOCK. In old English law. A measure containing four bushels or half a quarter of corn. Cowell; Blount.

CURRENCY. Coloned money and such bank-notes or other paper money as are authorized by law and do in fact circulate from hand to hand as the medium of exchange. Griswold v. Hepburn, 2 Duiv. (Ky.) 33; Leary v. State, 115 Ala. 80, 22 South. 564; Insurance Co. v. Keirson, 27 Ill. 255; Insurance Co. v. Kupfer, 28 Ill. 322, 81 Am. Dec. 284; Luckey v. Miller, 61 N. C. 26.

CURRENT. Running; now in transit; whatever is at present in course of passage; as "the current month." When applied to money, it means "lawful;" current money is equivalent to lawful money. Wharton v. Morris, 1 Dall. 124, 1 L. Ed. 65.

Current account. An open, running, or unsettled account between two parties. Tucker v. Biddle, 27 Iowa, 19; Franklin v. Camp, 1 N. J. Law. 196; Wilson v. Calvert, 18 Ala. 274. Current expenses. Ordinary, regular, and continuing expenditures for the maintenance of property, the carrying on of an office, municipal government, etc. Sheldon v. Purdy, 17 Wash. 133, 49 Pac. 228; State v. Board of Education, 68 N. J. Law. 496, 53 Atl. 226; Babcock v. Goodrich, 47 Cal. 510. Current funds. This phrase means gold or silver, or something equivalent thereto, and convertible at pleasure into coined money. Bull v. Bank, 123 U. S. 105, 8 Sup. Ct. 62, 31 L. Ed. 97; Lucy v. Holbrook, 4 Ala. 90; Haddock v. Woods, 46 Iowa, 433. Current money. The currency of the country; whatever is intended to and does actually circulate as currency; every species of coin or currency. Miller v. McKinney, 3 Lea (Tenn.) 96. In this phrase the adjective "current" is not synonymous with "convertible." It is employed to describe money which passes from hand to hand, from person to person, and circulates through the community, and is generally received. Money is current which is received as money in the common business transactions of the country and not the common medium in barter and trade. Stalworth v. Blum, 41 Ala. 321. Current price. This term means the same as "market price." Cases of Champagne, 23 Fed. Cas. 1169. Current value. The current value of imported commodities is their common market price at the place of importation, without reference to the price actually paid by the importer. Tappan v. U. S., 23 Fed. Cas. 630. Current wages. Such as are paid periodically, or from time to time as the services are rendered or the work is performed; more particularly, wages for the current period, hence not including such as are past due. Sydnor v. Galveston (Tex. App.) 35 S. W. 202; Bank v. Graham (Tex. App.) 22 S. W. 1109; Bell v. Live Stock Co. (Tex.) 11 S. W. 364; L. R. A. 642. Current year. The year now running. Doe v. Dobell, 1 Adol. & Ed. 808; Clark v. Lancaster County, 69 Neb. 717, 96 N. W. 503.

CURRIT QUATUOR PEDIBUS. L. Lat. It runs upon four feet; or, as sometimes expressed, it runs upon all fours. A phrase used in arguments to signify the entire and exact application of a case quoted. "It does not follow that they run quatuor pedibus." 1 W. Bl. 145.

Currit tempus contra desidies et sui juris contemptores. Thus runs against the slothful and those who neglect their rights. Bract. fols. 1009, 101.

CURSITOR BARON. An officer of the court of exchequer, who is appointed by patent under the great seal to be one of the barons of the exchequer. The office was abolished by St. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 56.

CURSITORS. Clerks in the chancery office, whose duties consisted in drawing up those writs which were of course, de cursu, whence their name. They were abolished by St. 5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 82. Spence, Eq. Jur. 238; 4 Inst. 82.


CURSOR. An inferior officer of the papal court.

Cursus curiae est lex curiae. 3 Bulst. 63. The practice of the court is the law of the court.

CURTESY. The estate to which by common law a man is entitled, on the death of his wife, in the lands or tenements of which she was seised in possession in fee-simple or in tail during her coverture, provided they have had lawful issue born alive which might have been capable of inheriting the estate. It is a freehold estate for the term of his natural life. Washb. Real Prop. 127; 2 Bl. Comm. 292; Co. Litt. 304a; Dorsey v. Tomson, 180 Mo. 546, 70 S. W. 429, 103 Am. St. Rep. 580; Valentine v. Hutchinson, 43 Misc. Rep. 314, 88 N. Y. Supp. 802; Redus v. Hayden, 43 Miss. 614; Billinus v. Baker, 28 Barb. (N. Y.) 343; Templeton v. Twitty, 88 Tenn. 595, 14 S. W. 433; Jackson v. John-
son, 5 Cow. (N. Y.) 74, 15 Am. Dec. 433; Ryan v. Freeman, 36 Miss. 175.

Initiate and consummate. Curtesy initiate is the interest which a husband has in his wife's estate at the birth of issue capable of inheriting, and before the death of the wife; after her death, it becomes an estate "by the curtesy consummate." Walt v. Walt, 4 Barb. (N. Y.) 23; Churchill v. Hudson (C. C.) 34 Fed. 14; Turner v. Heinberg, 30 Ind. App. 615, 65 N. E. 254.

CURTEYN. The name of King Edward the Confessor's sword. It is said that the point of it was broken, as an emblem of mercy. (Mat. Par. In Hen. III.) Wharton.

CURTILAGE. The inclosed space of ground and buildings immediately surrounding a dwelling-house.

In its most comprehensive and proper legal signification, it includes all that space of ground and buildings thereon which is usually inclosed within the general fence immediately surrounding a principal messuage or outbuildings, and yard closely adjoining to a dwelling-house, but it may be large enough for cattle to be levant and cowshant therein. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 175.

The curtilage of a dwelling-house is a space, necessary and convenient and habitually used for the family purposes, and the carrying on of domestic employments. It includes the garden, if there be one, and it need not be separated from other lands by fence. State v. Shaw, 31 Me. 252; Com. v. Barney, 19 Cush. (Mass.) 480; Derrickson v. Edwards, 29 N. J. Law. 474, 50 Am. Dec. 220.

The curtilage is the court-yard in the front or rear of a house, or at its side, or any piece of ground lying near, inclosed and used with the house, and necessary for the convenient occupation of the house. People v. Gedney, 10 Hun (N. Y.) 154.

In Michigan the meaning of curtilage has been extended to include more than an inclosure near the house. People v. Taylor, 2 Mich. 250.

CURTILES TERRÆ. In old English law. Court lands. Cowell. See Court Lands.

CURTILLIUM. A curtilage; the area or space within the inclosure of a dwelling-house. Spelman.

CURTIS. A garden; a space about a house; a house, or manor; a court, or palace; a court of justice; a nobleman's residence. Spelman.

CUSSORE. A term used in Hindostan for the discount or allowance made in the exchange of rupees, in contradistinction to batta, which is the sum deducted. Enc. Loud.

CUSTA, CUSTAGIUM, CUSTANTIA. Costs.

CUSTODE ADMITENDO, CUSTODE AMOVENDO. Writes for the admitting and removing of guardians.


In old English law. Keepers; guardians; conservators. * Custodes pacis, guardians of the peace. 1 Bl. Comm. 349.

CUSTODES LIBERTATIS ANGLIÆ. AUTORITATE PARLAMENTI. The style in which writs and all judicial processes were made out during the great revolution, from the execution of King Charles I. till Oliver Cromwell was declared protector.

CUSTODIA LEGIS. In the custody of the law. Stockwell v. Robinson, 9 Houst. (Del.) 313, 32 Atl. 528.

CUSTODIAM LEASE. In English law. A grant from the crown under the exchequer seal, by which the custody of lands, etc., seized in the king's lands, is demised or committed to some person as custode or lessee thereof. Wharton.

CUSTODY. The care and keeping of anything; as when an article is said to be "in the custody of the court." People v. Burr, 41 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 296; Emmerson v. State, 33 Tex. Cr. R. 89, 25 S. W. 290; Roe v. Irwin, 32 Ga. 39. Also the detainer of a man's person by virtue of lawful process or authority; actual imprisonment. In a sentence that the defendant "be in custody until," etc., this term imports actual imprisonment. The duty of the sheriff under such a sentence is not performed by allowing the defendant to go at large under his general watch and control, but so doing renders him liable for an escape. Smith v. Conm., 59 Pa. 320; Wilkes v. Slaughter, 10 N. C. 216; Turner v. Wilson, 49 Ind. 731; Ex parte Powers (D. C.) 129 Fed. 885.

—Custody of the law. Property is in the custody of the law when it has been lawfully taken by any authority of legal process, and remains in the possession of a public officer, of a sheriff or an officer of a court (as, a receiver) empowered by law to hold it. Gilman v. Williams, 7 Wis. 334, 76 Am. Dec. 219; Weaver v. Duncan (Tenn. Ch. App.) 56 S. W. 41; Carriage Co. v. Solanes (C. C.) 108 Fed. 752; Stockwell v. Robinson, 9 Houst. (Del.) 313, 32 Atl. 528; In re Receivership, 100 La. 875, 33 South. 903.


A law not written, established by long usage, and the consent of our ancestors.
Termes de la Ley; Cowell; Bract. fol. 2. If it be universal, it is common law; if particular to this or that place, it is then properly custom. 3 Salk. 112.

*Customs result from a long series of actions constantly repeated, which have, by such repetition, and by uninterrupted acquiescence, acquired the force of a tacit and common consent. Civil Code La. art. 3.

It differs from prescription, which is personal and is annexed to the person of the owner of a particular estate; while the other is local, and relates to a particular district. An instance of the latter occurs where the question is upon the manner of conducting a particular branch of trade at a certain place; of the former, where a certain person and his ancestors, or those whose estates he has, have been entitled to a certain advantage or privilege, as to have common of pasture in a certain close, or the like. The distinction has been thus expressed: "While prescription is the making of a right, custom is the making of a law." Lawson, Usages & Cust. 15, note 2.

**Classification.** Customs are general, local or particular. General customs are such as prevail throughout a country and become the law of that country, and their existence is to be found in the courts. Bodfish v. Fox, 23 Me. 95; 39 Am. Dec. 611. Or as applied to usages of trade and business, a general custom is one that is followed in all cases by all persons in the same business in the same territory, and which has been so long established that persons sought to be charged thereby, and all others who are likely to be prejudiced, are presumed to have known of it and have acted upon it as they had occasion. Sturges v. Buckley, 32 Conn. 207; Railroad Co. v. Harrington, 102 U. S. 422; 26 Conn. 423. Bodfish v. Fox, 23 Me. 95; 39 Am. Dec. 611; Clough v. Wing, 2 Ariz. 371; 17 Pac. 401. Particular customs are nearly the same, being such as affect only the inhabitants of some particular district. 1 Bl. Comm. 74.

**Customs of London.** Certain particular customs, peculiar to that city, with regard to trade, offices, widows, orphans, are to a variety of other matters; contrary to the general law of the land, but confirmed by act of parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 75. Custom of merchants. Custom of usurers relative to bills of exchange, partnership, and other mercantile matters, and which, under the name of the "Ice mercatoria," or "law-merchant," has been ingrained into and made a part of the common law. 1 Bl. Comm. 75; 1 Steph. Comm. 54; 2 Burrows, 1220, 1228. Custom of York. A custom of livery in the province of York similar to that of London. Abolished by 19 & 20 Vict. c. 94. Customs and services annexed to the tenure of lands are those which the tenants thereof owe unto their lords, and which, if withheld, the lord might anciently have resorted to "a writ of customs and services," to compel them. Cowell. But at the present day he would merely proceed to eject the tenant as upon a forfeiture, or claim damages for the subtraction. Brown.—Special custom. A particular or local custom: one which, in respect to the sphere of its observance, does not extend throughout the entire state, but is confined to some particular district or locality. 1 Bl. Comm. 67; Bodfish v. Fox, 23 Me. 95; 39 Am. Dec. 611.

**CUSTOM-HOUSE.** In administrative law. The house or office where commodities are entered for importation or exportation; where the duties, bounties, or drawbacks, payable or receivable upon such importation or exportation are paid or received; and where ships are cleared out, etc.

**Custom-house broker.** One whose occupation it is, as the agent of others, to arrange entries and other custom-house papers, or transact business, at any port of entry, relating to the importation or exportation of goods, wares, or merchandise. 14 St. at Large. 117. A person authorized by the commissioners of customs to act for parties, at their option, in the entry or clearance of ships and the transaction of general business. Wharton.

**Custom is the best interpreter of the law.** 4 Inst. 75; 2 Edw. 74; McKeen v. Delancy, 5 Cranch, 32; 3 Le. Ed. 25; McFerran v. Powers, 1 Sarg. & R. (Pa.) 106.

**Customary.** According to custom or usage; founded on, or growing out of, or dependent on, a custom, (q. v.)

**Customary Court-Baron.** See COURT-BARON. **Customary estates.** Estates which owe their origin and existence to the custom of the manor in which they are held. 2 Bl. Comm. 169. Customary freehold. In English law. A variety of copyhold estate, the evidences of the title to which are to be found upon the court rolls; the entries declaring the holding to be according to the custom of the manor, but it is not said to be at the will of the lord. The incidents are similar to those of common or pure copyhold. 1 Steph. Comm. 217, 218, and note.—**Customary interpretation.** See INTERPRETATION. **Customary services.** Such as are due by ancient custom or prescription only.—**Customary tenants.** Tenants holding by custom of the manor.

**Customes serra prise stricte.** Custom shall be taken (as to be construed) strictly. Jenk. Cent. 83.

**Customs.** This term is usually applied to those taxes which are payable upon goods and merchandise imported or exported. Story, Const. § 940; Pollock v. Trust Co., 158 U. S. 601, 15 Sup. Ct. 912, 39 L. Ed. 1108; Marriott v. Brune. 9 How. 832, 13 L. Ed. 282. The duties, toll, tribute, or tariff payable upon merchandise exported or imported. These are called "customs" from having been paid from time immemorial. Expressed in law Latin by *customa*, as distinguished from *consuetudines*, which are usages merely. 1 Bl. Comm. 314.

**Customs consolidation act.** The statute 16 & 17 Vict. c. 107, which has been frequently amended. See 2 Steph. Comm. 563.

**CUSTOMS COURT.** A court of the United States, created by act of Congress in 1906, to hear and determine appeals from the decisions of the revenue officers in the imposition and collection of customs-duities. It is composed of a chief judge and four associates, and sits at Washington.

**CUSTOS.** Lat. A custodian, guard, keeper, or warden; a magistrate.

**Custos brevium.** The keeper of the writs. A principal clerk belonging to the courts of
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queen's bench and common pleas, whose office
it was to keep the writs returnable into those
courts. The office was abolished by 1 Wm. IV.
c. 5.—Custos ferarum. A gamekeeper.
Townshend, Pl. 295.—Custos horrid regali. Pro-
tector of the royal granary. 2 Bl. Comm. 394.
—Custos maris. In old English law. War-
den of the sea. The title of a high naval of-
cicer among the Saxons and after the Conquest,
corresponding with admiral.—Custos morum.
The guardian of morals. The court of queen's
bench has been so styled. 4 Steph. Comm. 371.
—Custos placentor corone. In old Eng-
lish law. Keeper of the pleas of the crown.
Bract. fol. 144. Cowell supposes this office to
have been the same with the custos rotulorum.
But it seems rather to have been another name
for "coroner." Crabb. Eng. Law. 156; Bract.
fol. 1390.—Custos rotulorum. Keeper of the
rolls. An officer in England who has the cus-
tody of the rolls or records of the sessions of
the peace, and also of the commission of the
peace itself. He is always a justice of the
quorum in the county where appointed and
is the principal civil officer in the county. 1
Bl. Comm. 349; 4 Bl. Comm. 274.—Custos
spiritualium. In English ecclesiastical law.
Keeper of the spiritualities. He who exercises
the spiritual jurisdiction of a diocese during
the vacancy of the see. Cowell.—Custos tem-
poralium. In English ecclesiastical law. The
person to whom a vacant see or abbey was given
by the king, as supreme lord. His office was,
as steward of the goods and profits, to give an
account to the escheator, who did the like to
the eschequer.—Custos terce. In old English
law. Guardian, warden, or keeper of the land.

Custos statum heredias in custodia ex-
istentiae meliorum, non deteriorum, fa-
cere potest. 7 Coke, 7. A guardian can make
the estate of an existing heir under his
guardianship better, not worse.

CUSTUMA ANTIQUA SIVE MAGNA.
(Lat. Ancient or great duties.) The duties
on wool, sheep-skin, or wool-pelts and leather
exported were so called, and were payable
by every merchant, stranger as well as na-
tive, with the exception that merchant stran-
gers paid one-half as much again as natives.
1 Bl. Comm. 314.

CUSTUMA PARVA ET NOVA. (Small
and new customs.) Imposts of 3d. in the
pond, due formerly in England from mer-
chant strangers only, for all commodities,
as well imported as exported. This was
usually called the "alleins duty," and was
first granted in 31 Edw. 1. 1 Bl. Comm. 314;
4 Inst. 29.

CUT. A wound made with a sharp in-
strument. State v. Patna. 3 La. Ann. 512;
State v. Cody, 18 Or. 506, 23 Pac. 891; State
v. Maltz, 1 N. J. Law. 455.

CUTCHERRY. In Hindu law. Corrupt-
ed from Kachari. A court; a hall; an of-
cice; the place where any public business is
transacted.

CUTH, COUTH. Sax. Known, knowing.
Uncuth, unknown. See COUTHUTLAUGH,
UNCUTH.

CUTHRED. A knowing or skillful coun-
sellor.

CUTFUSE. One who steals by the
method of cutting purses; a common prac-
tice when men wore their purses at their
girdles, as was once the custom. Wharton.

CUTTER OF THE TALLIES. In old
English law. An officer in the exchequer, to
whom it belonged to provide wood for the
tallies, and to cut the sum paid upon them,
etc.

CUTWAL, KATWAL. The chief officer
of police or superintendent of markets in a
large town or city in India.

CWT. A hundred-weight; one hundred
and twelve pounds. Helm v. Bryant, 11 B.
Mon. (Ky.) 64.

CY. In law French. Here. (Cy-apres,
hereafter; cy-devant, heretofore.) Also as,
so.

CYCLE. A measure of time; a space in
which the same revolutions begin again; a
periodical space of time. Enc. Lond.

CYNE-BOT, or CYNE-GILD. The por-
tion belonging to the nation of the mulct for
slaying the king, the other portion or werc
being due to his family. Blount.

CYNEBOTE. A mulct ancienly paid by
one who killed another, to the kindred of the
deceased. Spielman.

CYPHONISM. That kind of punishment
used by the ancients, and still used by the
Chinese, called by Stamation the "wooden
collar," by which the neck of the malefactor
is bent or weighed down. Enc. Lond.

CY-PRES. As near as [possible.] The
rule of cy-pres is a rule for the construction
of instruments in equity, by which the inten-
tion of the party is carried out as near as
may be, when it would be impossible or ille-
gal to give it literal effect. Thus, where a
testator attempts to create a perpetuity, the
court will endeavor, instead of making the
devise entirely void, to explain the will in
such a way as to carry out the testator's gen-
eral intention as far as the rule against per-
petuities will allow. So in the case of be-
quests to charitable uses; and particularly
where the language used is so vague or un-
certain that the testator's design must be
sought by construction. See 6 Cruise, Dig.
165; 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 532; Taylor v. Keep,
2 Ill. App. 383; Beekman v. Bonsor. 23 N.
Y. 398, 80 Am. Dec. 209; Jackson v. Brown,
13 Wend. (N. Y.) 445; Doyle v. Whalen, 87
CYRCE. In Saxon law. A church.

—Cyriehryce. A breaking into a church. Blount.—Cyrihiascent. (From cyric, church, and secat, a tribute.) In Saxon law. A tribute or payment due to the church. Cowell.

CYROGRAPHARIUS. In old English law. A cyrographer; an officer of the bancoes, or court of common bench. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 36.

CYROGRAPHUM. A chirograph. (Which see.)

CZAR. The title of the emperor of Russia, first assumed by Basil, the son of Basilides, under whom the Russian power began to appear, about 1740.

CZARINA. The title of the empress of Russia.

CZAROWITZ. The title of the eldest son of the czar and czarina.
D. The fourth letter of the English alphabet. It is used as an abbreviation for a number of words, the more important and usual of which are as follows:

1. Digestum, or Digesta, that is, the Digest or Paullects in the Justinian collections of the civil law. Citations to this work are sometimes indicated by this abbreviation, but more commonly by "Dig."

2. Dictum. A remark or observation, as in the phrase "obiter dictum." (q. v.)

3. Demission. "On the demise." An action of ejectment is entitled "Doe d. Stiles v. Roe;" that is, "Doe, on the demise of Stiles, against Roe."


6. "Dialogue." Used only in citations to the work called "Doctor and Student."

D. In the Roman system of notation, this letter stands for five hundred; and, when a horizontal dash or stroke is placed above it, it denotes five thousand.

D. B. E. An abbreviation for de bene esse, (q. v.)

D. B. N. An abbreviation for de bonis non; descriptive of a species of administration.

D. C. An abbreviation standing either for "District Court," or "District of Columbia."

D. E. R. C. An abbreviation used for De ea re ilia consuer, (concerning that matter have so decreed,) in recording the decrees of the Roman senate. Tayl. Civil Law, 564, 566.

D. J. An abbreviation for "District Judge."

D. P. An abbreviation for Domus Processum, the house of lords.

D. S. An abbreviation for "Deputy Sheriff."

D. S. B. An abbreviation fordebitum sine brevi, or debitum sans breve.

Da tua dum tua sunt, post mortem tuae tua non sunt. 3 Bulst. 18. Give the things which are yours whilst they are yours; after death they are not yours.

DABIS! DABO. Lat. (Will you give? I will give.) In the Roman law. One of the forms of making a verbal stipulation. Inst. 3, 15, 1; Bract. fol. 156.

DACION. In Spanish law. The real and effective delivery of an object in the execution of a contract.

DAGGE. A kind of gun. 1 How. State Tr. 1124, 1125.

DAGUS, or DAEIS. The raised floor at the upper end of a hall.

DAILY. Every day; every day in the week; every day in the week except one. A newspaper which is published six days in each week is a "daily" newspaper. Richardson v. Tobin, 45 Cal. 30; Tribune Pub. Co. v. Duluth, 45 Minn. 27, 47 N. W. 300; Kingman v. Wangh, 139 Mo. 360, 40 S. W. 884.

DAKER, or DIKER. Ten hides. Blount.

DALE and SALE. Figurative names of places, used in the English books, as examples. "The manor of Dale and the manor of Sale, lying both in Yale."

DALUS, DAILUS, DAILIA. A certain measure of land; such narrow strips of pasture as are left between the plowed furrows in arable land. Cowell.

DAM. A construction of wood, stone, or other materials, made across a stream for the purpose of penning back the waters.

This word is used in two different senses. It properly means the work or structure, raised to obstruct the flow of the water in a river; but, by a well-settled usage, it is often applied to designate the pond of water created by this obstruction. Burnham v. Kenpton, 44 N. H. 89; Colwell v. Water Power Co., 19 N. J. Eq. 248; Mining Co. v. Hancock, 101 Cal. 42, 31 Pac. 112.

DAMAGE. Loss, injury, or deterioration, caused by the negligence, design, or accident of one person to another, in respect of the latter's person or property. The word is to be distinguished from its plural,—"damages,"—which means a compensation in money for a loss or damage.

An injury produces a right in them who have suffered any damage by it to demand reparation of such damage from the authors of the injury. By damage, we understand every loss or diminution of what is a man's own, occasioned by the fault of another. 1 Ruth. Inst. 399.

—Damage-cler. A fee assessed of the tenth part in the common pleas, and the twentieth part in the queen's bench and exchequer, out of all damages exceeding five marks recovered in
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those courts, in actions upon the case, covenant, trespass, etc., wherein the damages were uncertain; which the plaintiff was obliged to pay to the defendant, or, on the court wherein he recovered, before he could have execution for the damages. This was originally a gratuity given to the prothonotaries and their clerks under the authority of the court, but it was taken away by statute, since which, if any officer in these courts took any money in damages, he would be subject to the particular individual by reason of the particular circumstances of the case. Wallace v. At. Sam. 71 Cal. 197. 12 Pac. 690 Am. Rep. 194; McMillan v. Grifflin, 212; Lawrence v. Porter, 63 Fed. 82, 11 D. C. A. 27, 26 L. R. A. 107; Roberts v. Graham, 6 Wall. 491, 617; Fry v. McCord, 95 Tenn. 678, 33 S. W. 568.

Direct and consequential. Direct damages are such as follow immediately upon the act done; while consequential damages are the necessary and connected effect of the wrongful act, flowing from some of its consequences or results, though to some extent depending on other circumstances. Civ. Code Ga. 1295, § 3011;


Liquidated and unliquidated. The former term is applicable when the amount of the damages has been ascertained by the judgment in the action, or when a specific sum of money has been agreed upon or stipulated by bond or other contract as the amount of damages to be recovered by either party for a breach of the agreement by the other. Watts v. Shepard, 212; Smith v. Southard, 68 Ala. (N. Y.) 470; Kibbee v. Kibbee, 85 Ala. 552. 5 South. 149; Eskin v. Scott, 70 Tex. 442, 7 S. W. 77; unliquidated damages, where the amount as yet has not been reduced to a certainty in respect of amount, nothing more being established than the plaintiff's right to recover; or such as cannot be fixed by any mathematical calculation from ascertained data in the case. Cox v. McLaughlin, 76 Cal. 60, 18 Pac. 100, 9 Am. St. Rep. 164.

Nominal and substantial. Nominal damages are a trifling sum awarded to a plaintiff in an action, where there is no substantial loss or injury to be compensated, but still the law recognizes a technical invasion of his rights or a breach of the defendant's duty, or in cases where, although there has been a real injury, the plaintiff's evidence entirely fails to show its amount. Mahler v. Wilson, 130 Cal. 514, 73 Pac. 418; Stanton v. Railroad Co., 59 Conn. 272, 22 Att. 300, 21 Am. St. Rep. 116; Springer v. Furlong, 31 Pa. 356, 46 Pa. St. Rep. 356; Telegraph Co. v. Lawson, 69 Kan. 600, 72 Pac. 283; Railroad Co. v. Watson, 37 Kan. 773, 15 Pac. 877. Substantial damages are considerable in amount, and intended as a real compensation for a real injury.

Compensatory and exemplary. Compensatory damages are such as will compensate the injured party for the injury sustained, and nothing more; such as will simply make good or replace the loss caused by the wrong or injury. McNight v. Denny, 198 Pa. 227, 47 Atl. 917; Reid v. Terverigler, 116 N. Y. 350, 22 N. E. 1001; Moonanghela Nav. Co. v. U. S., 148 U. S. 312, 18 Sup. Ct. 622, 37 L. Ed. 463; Wade v. Prower Co., 93 S. C. 284, 29 S. E. 223, 64 Am. St. Rep. 676; Gatzow v. Bueing, 106 Wis. 81, 81 N. W. 145, 49 L. R. A. 475, 80 Am. St. Rep. 1. Exemplary damages are damages on an increased scale, awarded to the plaintiff over and above what will merely compensate him for his property loss, where the wrong done to him was accompanied with violence, oppression, malice, fraud, or wanton and wicked conduct on the part of the defendant, and are intended to inflict punishment upon the plaintiff.

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Proximate and remote. Proximate damages are the immediate and direct damages and natural results of the act complained of, and such as are usual and might be expected. Such damages are those attributable immediately to an intervening cause, though it forms a link in an unbroken chain of causation, so that if its elements had not been set in motion by the original act or event. Henry v. Railroad Co., 50 Cal. 183; Kuhn v. Railroad Co., 23 N. J. Eq. 649; Fiehle v. Railroad Co., 5 Dak. 444, 41 N. W. 669. The terms "remote damages" and "consequential damages" are not synonymous and are not to be used interchangeably; all remote damage is consequential, but it is by no means true that all consequential damage is remote. Eaton v. Railroad Co., 51 N. H. 531, 12 N. E. 114.

Other compound and descriptive terms. -Actual damages are real, substantial and just damages, or the amount awarded to a complainant in full for actual and real loss or injury, as opposed on the one hand to "nominal" damages, and on the other to "exemplary" or "punitive" damages. Ross v. Longfellow, 61 Mich. 301, 28 N. W. 380, 17 Am. St. Rep. 606; Lord v. Wood, 120 Iowa, 303, 94 N. W. 842; Western Union Tel. Co. v. Law- son, 86 Kan. 550, 120 U. S. 26, 30 L. R. A. 603, 32 N. W. 9; Citizens' Counsel Co. v. Minis- ter, 11 Tex. Civ. App. 341, 32 S. W. 417; Oliver v. Columbia, etc., R. Co., 65 S. C. 1, 43 S. E. 307; Gates v. Bunion, 65 Wis. 1, 24 N. W. 893, 32 La. R. 629. These are real and not nominal.

In admiralty law, affirmative damages are damages which a respondent in a libel for injuries to a vessel may recover, which may be in excess of any amount which the libelant would be entitled to claim. Ebert v. The Reuben Doud (D. C.) 3 Fed. 520. -Civil damages. Those awarded for a murder or a slander of a relative, guardian, or employer of the person to whom the sales were made, or a showing that the plaintiff has been thereby injured in person, property, reputation or means of existence. Woggon v. Smith, 135 Iowa, 107, 34 N. W. 982. -Contingent damages. Where a demurrer has been filed to a complaint and the case is by the court upon the question of the propriety of the judgment. -Contingent damages are such as accrue from the same injury or harm by the repetition of similar acts, between two specified periods of time. -Double damages. Twice the amount of actual damages found by the verdict of a jury allowed by statute in some cases of injuries by negligence, fraud, or trespass. Cross v. United States, 6 Fed. Cas. 802; Daniel v. Vaccaro, 41 Ark. 360. -Excessive damages. Damages awarded by a jury which are grossly in excess of the amount warranted by law on the facts and circumstances of the case, unreasonable or out of all proportion. A verdict of excessive damages is ground for a new trial. Taylor v. Giger, Hardin (Ky.) 457; Harvesting Mach. & Tool Co. v. Day, 114 Ind. 415, 17 N. E. 475. -Fee damages. Damages sustained by and awarded to an abutting owner of real property occasioned by the construction and operation of an elevated railroad in a city street, are so called, because compensation is made to the owner for the injury to, or deprivation of, his easements and servitudes. Dyer v. Moore, 21 Ind. 393. These are parts of the fee. Dode v. Railway Co., 70 Hun, 374, 24 N. Y. Supp. 422; People v. Bar- ker, 365 N. Y. 457; Church v. Beheb. 114 Ind. 127, 17 N. E. 575. -Imaginary damages. Damages are called "inadequate," within the rule that an injunction will not be granted where adequate damages at law could be recovered, and where the injury is prevented, when such a recovery at law would not compensate the parties and place them in the position in which they were when the suit was commenced. Insurance Co. v. Bonner, 7 Colo. App. 97, 42 Pac. 681. -Imaginary damages. This term is sometimes used as equivalent to "exemplary," "vindictive," or "punitive" damages. Murphy v. Hobbs, 7 Colo. 541, 5 Pac. 119, 49 Am. Rep. 388. -Land damages. A term sometimes applied to the amount of compensation to be paid for land taken under the power of eminent domain or for injury to, or depreciation of, land adjoin ing that taken. People v. Gillips, 27 Misc. Rep. 290, 58 N. Y. Supp. 434; In re Lents, 47 App. Div. 94, 50 N. Y. Supp. 173. -Pecuniary damages. A term said to be of much wider scope in the law of damages than "pecuniary." It embraces all those consequences of an injury usually denominated "injury in fact," damages as distinguished from special damages; whereas the phrase "pecuniary damages" covers a smaller class of damages within the larger class of "general" damages. Browning v. Wabash West ern R. Co. (Mo.) 24 S. W. 746. -Pecuniary damages. Such as can be estimated in and compensated by money, and not merely the loss of money or salable property or rights, but all such loss, deprivation, or injury as can be made the subject of calculation and compensation in money. Walker v. McNell, 17 Wash. 582, 50 Pac. 518; Searle v. Railroad Co., 32 W. Va. 270, 9 S. E. 248; McIntyre v. Railroad Co., 37 N. Y. 256; Davidson v. Selby, 123 Pa. 607, 117 Atl. 572, 59 S. W. 967. -Pecuniary damages. A term occasionally used as the equivalent of "exemplary" or "punitive" damages. Murphy v. Hobbs, 7 Colo. 541, 5 Pac. 119, 49 Am. Rep. 388. -Pecuniary damages. Damages which are expected to follow from the act of the defendant made the basis of a plaintiff's suit: damages which have not yet accrued, at the time of the trial, but which, if the facts are of the nature of things, necessi tarily, or most probably, result from the acts or facts complained of. -Speculative damages. Probable or anticipated damages from the same acts or facts constituting the present cause of action, which but depend upon future developments which are contingent, conjectural, or improbable. -Damas ultra. Additional damages claimed by a plaintiff not satisfied with those paid into court by the defendant.

DAMAIHOUSE. In old English law. Causing damage or loss, as distinguished from forcenouse, wrongful. Britt. c. 61.

DAME. In English law. The legal designation of the wife of a knight or baronet.

DAMNA. Damages, both inclusive and exclusive of costs.

DAMNATUS. In old English law. Condemned; prohibited by law; unlawful. Damnatus coitus, an unlawful connection.

DAMNI INJURIE ACTIO. An action given by the civil law for the damage done
by one who intentionally injured the slave or beast of another. Calvin.

**DAMNIFICATION.** That which causes damage or loss.

**DAMNIFY.** To cause damage or injurious loss to a person or put him in a position where he must sustain it. A surety is "darnedify" when a judgment has been obtained against him. McLean v. Bank. 16 Fed. Cas. 278.

**DAMNOSA HEREDITAS.** In the civil law. A losing inheritance; an inheritance that was a charge, instead of a benefit. Dig. 50, 16, 110.

The term has also been applied to that species of property of a bankrupt which, so far from being valuable, would be a charge to the creditors; for example, a term of years where the rent would exceed the revenue. 7 East, 342; 3 Camp. 540; 1 Esp. N. P. 224; Providence L. & Trust Co. v. Fidelity, etc., Co., 203 Pa. 82, 52 Atl. 34.

**DAMNUM.** Lat. In the civil law. Damage; the loss or diminution of what is a man's own, either by fraud, carelessness, or accident.

In pleading and old English law. Damage; loss.

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**Dannnum fatale.** Fatal damage; damage from fate; loss happening from a cause beyond human control, *quaod ex fato contingit,* or an act of God, and for which bailies are not liable; such as shipwreck, lightning, and the like. Dig. 4, 9, 3, 1; Story, Bailm. 445. The civilians included in the phrase "damnnum fatale" all those accidents which are summed up in the common-law expression, "Act of God or public enemies," though, perhaps, it embraced some which would not now be admitted as occurring from an irresistible force. Thickstun v. Howard, 8 Blackf. (Ind.) 235.---**Dannnum infectum.** In Roman law. Damage not yet committed, but threatened or impending. A preventive interdict might be obtained to prevent such damage from happening: and it was treated as a quasi-delict, because of the innocence of the donor.---**Dannnum rei ansamissae.** In the civil law. A loss arising from a payment made by a party in consequence of an error of law. Mackeld. Rom. Law. § 175.

**DANNMUM ABSQUE INJURIA.** Loss, hurt, or harm without injury in the legal sense, that is, without such an invasion of rights as is redressible by an action. A loss which does not give rise to an action of damages against the person causing it; as where a person blocks up the windows of a new house overlooking his land, or injures a person's trade by setting up an establishment of the same kind in the neighborhood. Broom, Contr. Law. 75; Marbury v. Madison, 1 Cranch, 164, 2 L. Ed. 60; West Virginia Transp. Co. v. Standard Oil Co., 50 W. Va. 611, 40 S. E. 591, 56 L. R. A. 804, 88 Am. St. Rep. 865; Irwin v. Askew, 74 Ga. 581; Chase v. Silverstone, 62 Me. 175, 16 Am. Rep. 419; Lumber Co. v. U. S. 69 Fed. 329; C. C. A. 460.

**Dannnum sine injuria esse possuit.** Loft. 112. There may be damage or injury inflicted without any act of injustice.

**DAN.** Anciently the better sort of men in England had this title; so the Spanish Don. The old term of honor for men, as we now say Master or Mister. Wharton.

**DANEGEILT, DANEGELD.** A tribute of 1s. and afterwards of 2s. upon every hide of land through the realm, levied by the Anglo-Saxons, for maintaining such a number of forces as were thought sufficient to clear the British seas of Danish pirates, who greatly annoyed their coasts. It continued a tax until the time of Stephen, and was one of the rights of the crown. Wharton.

**DANELAGE.** A system of laws introduced by the Danes on their invasion and conquest of England, and which was principally maintained in some of the midland counties, and also on the eastern coast. 1 Bl. Comm. 65: 4 Bl. Comm. 411: 1 Staun. Comm. 42.

**DANGER.** Jeopardy; exposure to loss or injury; peril. U. S. v. Mays, 1 Idaho, 770.

---**Dangers of navigation.** The same as "dangers of the sea" or "perils of the sea." See infra.---**Dangers of the river.** This phrase, as used in bills of lading, means only the natural accidents incident to river navigation, and does not embrace such as may be avoided by the exercise of that skill, judgment, or foresight which are demanded from persons in a particular occupation. 35 Mo. 213. It includes dangers arising from unknown reefs which have suddenly formed in the channel, and are not discoverable by care and skill. Hill v. Sturgeon, 35 Mo. 213, 30 Am. Dec. 140; Garrison v. Transance Co., 19 How. 312, 15 L. Ed. 656; Hibernia Ins. Co. v. Trans. Co., 120 U. S. 166, 7 Sup. Ct. 550, 30 L. Ed. 621; Johnson v. Fyarr, 4 Yerg. 48, 26 Am. Dec. 212.---**Danger on the road.** This phrase, in a bill of lading, when it refers to inland transportation, means such dangers as are immediately caused by roads, as the overturning of carriages in rough and precipitous places. 7 Exch. 743.

---**Dangers of the sea.** The expression "dangers of the sea" means those accidents peculiar to navigation that are of an extraordinary nature, or arise from irresistible force or overwhelming power, which cannot be guarded against by the ordinary exercises of human skill and prudence. Walker v. Western Transp. Co., 3 Wall. 150, 18 L. Ed. 172; The Portsmouth, 9 Wall. 682, 19 L. Ed. 754; Hibernia Ins. Co. v. Trans. Co., 120 U. S. 166, 7 Sup. Ct. 550, 30 L. Ed. 621; Hill v. Sturgeon, 28 Mo. 327.

**DANGERIA.** In old English law. A money payment made by forest-teants, that they might have liberty to plow and sow in time of damage, or mast feeding.

**DANGEROUS WEAPON.** One dangerous to life; one by the use of which a fatal wound may probably or possibly be given.
As the manner of use enters into the consideration as well as other circumstances, the question is for the jury. U. S. v. Reeves, (C. C.) 38 Fed. 404; State v. Hammond, 34 S. D. 545, 86 N. W. 627; State v. Lynch, 89 Me. 187, 33 Atl. 975; State v. Scott, 39 La. Ann. 943, 3 South. 83.

**DANISM.** The act of lending money on usury.

**DANO.** In Spanish law. Damage; the deterioration, injury, or destruction which a man suffers with respect to his person or his property by the fault (culpa) of another. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 19, c. 3, § 1.

**Dans et retiens, nihil dat.** One who gives and yet retains does not give effectually. Tray. Lat. Max. 129. Or, one who gives, yet retains, [possession,] gives nothing.

**DAPIFER.** A steward either of a king or lord. Spelman.

**DARE.** Lat. In the civil law. To transfer property. When this transfer is made in order to discharge a debt, it is *dation solvendi animo*; when in order to receive an equivalent, to create an obligation, it is *dation contraehendi animo*; lastly, when made *donandi animo,* from mere liberality, it is a gift, *dono datio.*

**DARE AD REMANENTIAM.** To give away in fee, or forever.

**DARBAIGN.** To clear a legal account; to answer an accusation; to settle a controversy.

**DAREIN.** L. Fr. Last.

---Darein continuance. The last continuance.---Darein presentment. In old English law. The last presentment. See Assize or *Darein presentment.---Darein seisin.* Last seisin. A plea which lay in some cases for the tenant in a writ of right. See 1 Rose. Real Act. 208.

**DATA.** In old practice and conveyancing. The date of a deed; the time when it was given; that is, executed.

Grounds whereon to proceed; facts from which to draw a conclusion.

**DATE.** The specification or mention, in a written instrument, of the time (day and year) when it was made. Also the time so specified.

That part of a deed or writing which expresses the day of the month and year in which it was made or given. 2 Bl. Comm. 304; Tomlins.

The primary significance of *date* is not time in the abstract, nor time taken absolutely, but time given or specified; time in some way ascertained and fixed. When we speak of the date of a deed, we do not mean the time when it was actually executed, but the time of its execution, as given or stated in the deed itself. The date of an item, or of a chit of a book-account, is not necessarily the time when the article charged was, in fact, furnished, but rather the time given or set down in the account.

**DATE CERTAINE.** In French law. A deed is said to have a *date certaine* (fixed date) when it has been subjected to the formality of registration; after this formality has been complied with, the parties to the deed cannot by mutual consent change the date thereof. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 555.

**DATIO.** In the civil law. A giving, or act of giving. *Datio in solutum;* a giving in payment; a species of accord and satisfaction. Called, in modern law, “dation.”

**DATION.** In the civil law. A gift; a giving of something. It is not exactly synonymous with “donation,” for the latter implies generosity or liberality in making a gift, while datio may mean the giving of something to which the recipient is already entitled.

---Dation en paiement. In French law. A giving by the debtor and receipt by the creditor of something in payment of a debt, instead of a sum of money. It is somewhat like the accord and satisfaction of the common law. 1 Toml. no. 45; Poth. Vente, no. 601.

**DATIVE.** A word derived from the Roman law, signifying “appointed by public authority.” Thus, in Scotland, an executor-dative is an executor appointed by a court of justice, corresponding to an English administrator. Mosley & Whitley.

**In old English law.** In one’s gift; that may be given and disposed of at will and pleasure.

**DATUM.** A first principle; a thing given; a date.

**DATUR DIGNIORI.** It is given to the more worthy. 2 Vent. 208.


**DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.** The wife of one’s son.

**DAUPHIN.** In French law. The title of the eldest sons of the kings of France. Disused since 1830.

**DAY.** 1. A period of time consisting of twenty-four hours and including the solar
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3. That portion of time during which the sun is above the horizon, and, in addition, that part of the morning and evening during which there is sufficient light for the features of a man to be reasonably discerned. 3 Inst. 63; Nichols v. State, 68 Wis. 416, 52 N. W. 543, 60 Am. Rep. 870; Trull v. Wilson, 9 Mass. 154; State v. McKnight, 111 N. C. 669, 10 S. E. 319.

4. An artificial period of time, computed from one fixed point to another twenty-four hours later, without any reference to the prevalence of light or darkness. Fuller v. Schroeder, 20 Neb. 631, 31 N. W. 108.

5. The period of time, within the limits of a natural day, set apart either by law or by common usage for the transaction of particular business or for the performance of labor; as in banking, in laws regulating the hours of labor, in contracts for so many "days' work," and the like, the word "day" may signify six, eight, ten, or any number of hours. Hinton v. Locke, 5 Hill (N. Y.) 439; Fay v. Brown, 96 Wis. 434, 71 N. W. 885; McCulsky v. Klosterman, 20 Or. 108, 25 Pac. 396, 10 L. R. A. 785.

6. In practice and pleading. A particular time assigned or given for the appearance of parties in court, the return of writs, etc.

Astronomical day. The period of twenty-four hours beginning and ending at noon. Ar- chives. The space between the rising and setting of the sun; that is, day or day-time as distinguished from night. Civil day. The solar day, measured by the diurnal revolution of the earth, and denoting the interval of time which elapses between the successive transits of the sun over any given terrestrial meridian, and hence, according to the usual method of reckoning, from noon to noon at any given place.

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See CALENDAR. See CLEAR DAYS. See CLEAR. Common day. In old English prac- tice, an ordinary day in court. Cowell; Terres de la Ley. Day certain. A fixed or appointed day; a specified particular day; a day in term. Regina v. Conyers, 9 Q. B. 661. Days in bank. (L. Lat. dies in banco.) In practice. Certain stated days in term appointed for the appearance of parties, the return of process, etc., originally peculiar to the court of common pleas, or bench, (bank,) as it was ancien- tly called. 3 Hil. Comm. 277. Day in court. The time appointed for one whose rights are called judicially in question, and who is liable to be affected by judicial action, to appear in court and be heard in his own behalf. This phrase, as generically used, means not so much the time already occupied by a hearing as the opportunity to present one's claims or rights in a proper formal hearing before a competent tri-
which he is concerned at the assizes, etc. Abolished by 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22, § 12.

DAYERIA. A dairy. Cowell.

DAYLIGHT. That portion of time before sunrise, and after sunset, which is accounted part of the day, (as distinguished from night,) in defining the offense of burglary. 4 Bl. Comm. 224; Cro. Jac. 106.

DAYSMAN. An arbitrator, umpire, or elected judge. Cowell.

DAYWRE. In old English law. A term applied to land, and signifying as much arable ground as could be plowed up in one day's work. Cowell.

DE. A Latin preposition, signifying of; by; from; out of; affecting; concerning; respecting.

DE ACQUIREndo RERUM DOMINIO. Of (about) acquiring the ownership of things. Dig. 41, 1; Bract. lib. 2, fol. 80.

DE ADMENSURATIONe. Of measurement. Thus, de admensuratione dolet was a writ for the admeasurement of dower, and de admensuratione pastura was a writ for the admeasurement of pasture.

DE ADVISAMENTO CONSILIi NOSTRI. L. Lat. With or by the advice of our council. A phrase used in the old writs of summons to parliament. Crabb, Eng. Law, 240.

DE æQUITATE. In equity. De jure stricto, nihil possim vendicare, de equitate tamen, nullo modo hoc obintet; in strict law, I can claim nothing, but in this equity by no means obtains. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 2, § 10.

DE ESTIMATO. In Roman law. One of the innominate contracts, and, in effect, a sale of land or goods at a price fixed, (estimato,) and guaranteed by some third party, who undertook to find a purchaser.

DE ÉSTATE PROBANDA. For proving age. A writ which formerly lay to summon a jury in order to determine the age of the heir of a tenant in capite who claimed his estate as being of full age. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 257; Reg. Orig. 294.

DE ALEATORIBUS. About gamblers. The name of a title in the Pandects. Dig. 11, 5.

DE ALLOCATIONE PACIENDA. Breve. Writ for making an allowance. An old writ directed to the lord treasurer and barons of the exchequer, for allowing certain officers (as collectors of customs) in their accounts certain payments made by them. Reg. Orig. 192.

DE ARRESTDANDO IPSUM QUI PE-CUNIAM RECEPTIT. A writ which lay for the arrest of one who had taken the
king's money to serve in the war, and hid himself to escape going. Reg. Orig. 244h.

DE ARTE ET PARTE. Of art and part. A phrase in old Scotch law.

DE ASPORTATIS RELIGIOSORUM. Concerning the property of religious persons carried away. The title of the statute 35 Edward I. passed to check the abuses of clerical possessions, one of which was the waste they suffered by being drained into foreign countries. 2 Reeve. Eng. Law. 157; 2 Inst. 580.

DE ASSISA PROROGANDA. (Lat. For proroguing assise.) A writ to put off an assise, issuing to the Justices, where one of the parties is engaged in the service of the king.

DE ATTORNATO RECEPIENDO. A writ which lay to the judges of a court, requiring them to receive and admit an attorney for a party. Reg. Orig. 172; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 156.

DE AUDIENDO ET TERMINANDO. For hearing and determining; to hear and determine. The name of a writ, or rather commission granted to certain justices to hear and determine cases of heinous misdeemor, trespass, riotous breach of the peace, etc. Reg. Orig. 123, et seq.; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 110 B. See OYES AND TERMINES.

DE AVERIIS CAPTIS IN WITHERNAM. Writ for taking cattle in Withernam. A writ which lay where the sheriff returned to a plurica writ of replievin that the cattle or goods, etc., were elained, etc.; by which he was commanded to take the cattle of the defendant in Withernam, or with any of them who could before he could replevy the other cattle. Reg. Orig. 82; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 73, E. F. See WITHERNAM.

DE AVERIIS REPLEGIANDIS. A writ to replevy beasts. 3 Bl. Comm. 149.

DE AVERIIS RETURNANDIS. For returning the cattle. A term applied to pledges given in the old action of replievin. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 177.

DE BANCO. Of the bench. A term formerly applied in England to the justices of the court of common pleas, or "bench," as it was originally styled.

DE BENE ESSE. Conditionally; provisionally; in anticipation of future need. A phrase applied to proceedings which are taken or made provisionally, and are allowed to stand as well done for the present, but which may be subject to future exception or challenge, and must then stand or fall according to their intrinsic merit and regularity.

Thus, "in certain cases, the courts will allow evidence to be taken out of the regular course, in order to prevent the evidence being lost by the death or the absence of the witness. This is called 'taking evidence de bene case,' and is looked upon as a temporary and conditional examination, to be used only in case the witness cannot afterwards be examined in the suit in the regular way." Hunt, Eq. 70; Haynes, Eq. 183; Mitif. Eq. Pl. 52, 149.

DE BIEN ET DE MAL. L. Fr. For good and evil. A phrase by which a party accused of a crime anciently put himself upon a jury, indicating his entire submission to their verdict.

DE BIENS LE MORT. L. Fr. Of the goods of the deceased. Dyer, 32.

DE BIGAMIS. Concerning men twice married. The title of the statute 4 Edw. I. St. 3; so called from the initial words of the fifth chapter. 2 Inst. 272; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 142.

DE BONE MEMORIE. L. Fr. Of good memory; of sound mind. 2 Inst. 510.

DE BONIS ASPORATIS. For goods taken away; for taking away goods. The action of trespass for taking personal property is technically called "trespass de bonis asportatis." 1 Tidd, Pr. 5.

DE BONIS NON. An abbreviation of De bonis non administratis, (q. v.) 1 Strange, 34.

DE BONIS NON ADMINISTRATIS. Of the goods not administered. When an administrator is appointed to succeed another, who has left the estate partially unsettled, he is not to be granted "administration de bonis non," that is, of the goods not already administered.

DE BONIS NON AMOVENDIS. Writ for not removing goods. A writ anciently directed to the sheriffs of London, commanding them, in cases where a writ of error was brought by a defendant against whom a judgment was recovered, to see that his goods and chattels were safely kept without being removed, while the error remained undetermined, so that execution might be had of them, etc. Reg. Orig. 331b; Terms de in Ley.

DE BONIS PROPRIIS. Of his own goods. The technical name of a judgment against an administrator or executor to be satisfied from his own property, and not from the estate of the deceased, as in cases where he has been guilty of a deceptat or of a false plea of picce administratu.
DE BONIS TESTATORIS, or INTESTATI. Of the goods of the testator, or intestate. A term applied to a judgment awarding execution against the property of a testator or intestate, as distinguished from the individual property of his executor or administrator. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 148, 149.

DE BONIS TESTATORIS AC SI. (Lat. From the goods of the testator, if he has any, and, if not, from those of the executor.) A judgment rendered where an executor falsely pleads any matter as a release, or, generally, in any case where he is to be charged in case his testator's estate is insufficient. 1 Williams' Saund. 336b; Bac. Abr. "Executor," B. 3; 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 148.

DE BONO ET MALO. "For good and ill." The Latin form of the law French phrase "De bien et de mal." In ancient criminal pleading, this was the expression with which the prisoner put himself upon a jury, indicating his absolute submission to their verdict. This was also the name of the special writ of jail delivery formerly in use in England, which issued for each particular prisoner, of course. It was superseded by the general commission of jail delivery.

DE BONO GESTU. For good behavior; for good abstinence.

DE CÆTERO. Henceforth.

DE CALCETO REPARANDO. Writ for repairing a causeway. An old writ by which the sheriff was commanded to distrain the inhabitants of a place to repair and maintain a causeway, etc. Reg. Orig. 154.

DE CAPITALIBUS DOMINIS FEODI. Of the chief lords of the fee.

DE CAPITE MINUTIS. Of those who have lost their status, or civil condition. Dig. 4, 5. The name of a title in the Pandects. See Capitis Deminuto.

DE CARTIS REDDENDIS. (For restoring charters.) A writ to secure the delivery of charters or deeds; a writ of detinue. Reg. Orig. 165b.

DE CATALLIS REDDENDIS. (For restoring chattels.) A writ to secure the return specifically of chattels detained from the owner. Cowell.

DE CAUTIO NE ADMITTENDA. Writ to take caution or security. A writ which anciently lay against a bishop who held an excommunicated person in prison for his contempt, notwithstanding he had offered sufficient security (idoneam cautionem) to obey the commands of the church; com-

manding him to take such security and release the prisoner. Reg. Orig. 66; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 63, C.

DE CERTIFICANDO. A writ requiring a thing to be certified. A kind of certiorari. Reg. Orig. 151, 152.

DE CERTIORANDO. A writ for certifying. A writ directed to the sheriff, requiring him to certify to a particular fact. Reg. Orig. 24.


DE CHAR ET DE SANK. L. Fr. Of flesh and blood. Affaire rechat de char et de sank. Words used in claiming a person to be a villain, in the time of Edward II. Y. B. P. I Edw. II. p. 4.

DE CHIMINO. A writ for the enforcement of a right of way. Reg. Orig. 155.

DE CIBARIUS UTENDIS. Of victuals to be used. The title of a sumptuary statute passed 10 Edw. III. St. 3, to restrain the expense of entertainments. Barring. Ob. St. 240.

DE CLAMEA ADMITTENDA IN ITINERE PER ATTORNATUM. See Clamea Admittenda, etc.

DE CLARO DIE. By daylight. Fleta, llib. 2, c. 76, § 8.

DE CLAUSO FRACTO. Of close broken; of breach of close. See Clausum Fractum.

DE CLERICO ADMITTENDO. See Admittendo Clerico.

DE CLERICO CAPTO PER STATUTUM MERCATORIUM DELIBERANDO. Writ for delivering a clerk arrested on a statute merchant. A writ for the delivery of a clerk out of prison, who had been taken and imprisoned upon the breach of a statute merchant. Reg. Orig. 1475.

DE CLERICO CONVICTORIO DELIBERANDO. See Clerico Convicto, etc.

DE CLERICO INFRAS SACROS ORDINES CONSTITUTO NON ELIGENDO IN OFFICIUM. See Clerico Infrac Sacros, etc.

DE CLERO. Concerning the clergy. The title of the statute 25 Edw. III. St. 3; containing a variety of provisions on the subject of presentations, indictments of spiritual persons, and the like. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 378.
DE CORONATORE ELIGENDO. Writ for electing a coroner. A writ issued to the sheriff in England, commanding him to proceed to the election of a coroner, which is done in full county court, the freeholders being the electors. Sewell, Sheriffs, 372.


DE CORPORE COMITATUS. From the body of the county at large, as distinguished from a particular neighborhood, (de vicincto.) 3 Bl. Comm. 360. Used with reference to the composition of a jury. State v. Kemp. 34 Minn. 61. 24 N. W. 349.


DE CUJUS. Lat. From whom. A term used to designate the person by, through, from, or under whom another claims. Brent v. New Orleans, 41 La. Ann. 1006, 6 South. 783.

DE CURIA CLAUDENDA. An obsolete writ, to require a defendant to fence in his court or land about his house, where it was left open to the injury of his neighbor's freehold. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. 314; Rust v. Low, 6 Mass. 90.

DE CURSU. Of course. The usual, necessary, and formal proceedings in an action are said to be de cursu; as distinguished from summary proceedings, or such as are incidental and may be taken on summons or motion. Writs de cursu are such as are issued of course, as distinguished from prerogative writs.


DE CUSTODIA TERRÆ ET HEREDIS, Breve. L. Lat. Writ of ward, or writ of right of ward. A writ which lay for a guardian in knight's service of in socage, to recover the possession and custody of the infant, or the wardship of the land and heir. Reg. Orig. 161b; Fitsh. Nat. Brev. 139, B.; 3 Bl. Comm. 141.

DE DEBITO. A writ of debt. Reg. Orig. 139.

DE DEBITORE IN PARTES SEGANDO. In Roman law. "Of cutting a debtor


DE COMMUNI DIVIDUNDO. For dividing a thing held in common. The name of an action given by the civil law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 490.

DE COMMUN DROIT. L. Fr. Of common right; that is, by the common law. Co. Litt. 142a.


DE CONFICIPIO CURÆ. By the advice (or direction) of the court.

DE CONFLICTU LEGUM. Concerning the conflict of laws. The title of several works written on that subject. 2 Kent, Comm. 455.

DE CONJUNCTIM FEOPHATIS. Concerning persons jointly enfeoffed, or seised. The title of the statute 34 Edw. I., which was passed to prevent the delay occasioned by tenants in novel disseisin, and other writs, pleading that some one else was seised jointly with them. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 243.

DE CONSANGUINEO, and DE CONSANGUINITATE. Writs of cosinage, (q. v.)

DE CONSILIO. In old criminal law. Of counsel; concerning counsel or advice to commit a crime. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 31, § 8.

DE CONSILIO CURÆ. By the advice or direction of the court. Bract. fol. 245b.

DE CONTINUANDO ASSISAM. Writ to continue an assise. Reg. Orig. 217b.

DE CONTUMACE CAPIENDO. Writ for taking a contumacious person. A writ which issues out of the English court of chancery, in cases where a person has been pronounced by an ecclesiastical court to be contumacious, and in contempt. Shelf. Mar. & Div. 494-496, and notes. It is a commitment for contempt. Id.

DE COPIA LIBELLI DELIBERANDA. Writ for delivering the copy of a libel. An ancient writ directed to the judge of a spiritual court, commanding him to deliver to a defendant a copy of the libel filed against him in such court. Reg. Orig. 58. The writ in the register is directed to the Dean of the Arches, and his comissary. Id.
in pieces." This was the name of a law contained in the Twelve Tables, the meaning of which has occasioned much controversy. Some commentators have concluded that it was literally the privilege of the creditors of an insolvent debtor (all other means failing) to cut his body into pieces and distribute it among them. Others contend that the language of this law must be taken figuratively, denoting a cutting up and apportionment of the debtor's estate.


DE DECEPTIONE. A writ of deceit which lay against one who acted in the name of another whereby the latter was defrauded and deceived. Reg. Orig. 112.

DE DONATIONE PRO RATA PORTIONIS. A writ that lay where one was distrained for rent that ought to be paid by others proportionably with him. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 234; Termes de la Ley.

DE DIE IN DIEM. From day to day. Bract. fol. 205b.

DE DIVERSIS REGULIS JURIS ANTQUI. Of divers rules of the ancient law. A celebrated title of the Digesta, and the last in that collection. It consists of two hundred and eleven rules or maxims. Dig. 50, 17.

DE DOLO MALO. Of or founded upon fraud. Dig. 4, 3. See ACTIO DE DOLO MALO.

DE DOMO REPARANDA. A writ which lay for one tenant in common to compel his co-tenant to contribute towards the repair of the common property.

DE DONIS. Concerning gifts, (or more fully, de donis conditionibus, concerning conditional gifts.) The name of a celebrated English statute, passed in the thirteenth year of Edw. I., and constituting the first chapter of the statute of Westm. 2, by virtue of which estates in fee-simple conditional (formerly known as "dona conditionata") were converted into estates in fee-tall, and which, by rendering such estates inalienable, introduced perpetuities, and so strengthened the power of the nobles. See 2 Bl. Comm. 112.

DE DOTE ASSIGNANDA. Writ for assigning dower. A writ which lay for the widow of a tenant in capite, commanding the king's escheator to cause her dower to be assigned to her. Reg. Orig. 297; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 263, C.

DE DOTE UNDE NIHIL HABET. A writ of dower which lay for a widow where no part of her dower had been assigned to her. It is now much disused; but a form closely resembling it is still sometimes used in the United States. 4 Kent, Comm. 69; Stearns, Real Act. 302; 1 Washib. Real Prop. 220.

DE EJECTIONE CUSTODIÆ. A writ which lay for a guardian who had been forcibly ejected from his wardship. Reg. Orig. 162.

DE EJECTIONE FIRMÆ. A writ which lay at the suit of the tenant for years against the lessor, reversoner, remainderman, or stranger who had himself deprived the tenant of the occupation of the land during his term. 3 Bl. Comm. 190.

By a gradual extension of the scope of this form of action its object was made to include not only damages for the unlawful detainer, but also the possession for the remainder of the term, and eventually the possession of land generally. And, as it turned on the right of possession, this involved a determination of the right of property, or the title, and thus arose the modern action of ejectment.

DE ESCETA. Writ of escheat. A writ which a lord had, where his tenant died without heir, to recover the land. Reg. Orig. 104b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 143, 144, E.

DE ESCAMBIO MONETÆ. A writ of exchange of money. An ancient writ to authorize a merchant to make a bill of exchange. (literas cambitorias facere.) Reg. Orig. 194.

DE ESSE IN PEREGRINATIONE. Of being on a journey. A species of essoin. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 119.

DE ESSENDQ QUIETUM DE TOLNIO. A writ which lay for those who were by privilege free from the payment of toll, on their being molested therein. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 226; Reg. Orig. 2580.

DE ESSONIO DE MALO LECTI. A writ which issued upon an essoin of malum lecti being cast, to examine whether the party was in fact sick or not. Reg. Orig. 59.

DE ESTOVERIS HABENDIS. Writ for having estovers. A writ which lay for a wife divorced a mensa et thoro, to recover her alimony or estovers. 1 Bl. Comm. 441; 1 Lev. 6.
DE ESTREMPAMENTO. A writ which lay to prevent or stay waste by a tenant, during the pendency of a suit against him to recover the lands. Reg. Orig. 76b. Flithn. Nat. Brev. 60.

DE EU ET TRENE. L. Fr. Of water and whip of three cords. A term applied to a nise, that is, a bond woman or female villein, as employed in servile work, and subject to corporal punishment. Co. Litt. 23b.

DE EVE ET DE TREVE. A law French phrase, equivalent to the Latin de aro et de trisaco, descriptive of the ancestral rights of lords in their villeins. Literally, "from grandfather and from great-grandfather's great-grandfather." It occurs in the Year Books.

DE EXCOMMUNICATO CAPIENDO. A writ commanding the sheriff to arrest one who was excommunicated, and imprison him till he should become reconciled to the church. 3 Bl. Comm. 102. Smith v. Nelson, 18 Vt. 611.

DE EXCOMMUNICATO DELIBERANDO. A writ to deliver an excommunicated person, who has made satisfaction to the church, from prison. 3 Bl. Comm. 102.

DE EXCOMMUNICATO RECAPIENDO. A writ for retaking an excommunicated person, where he had been liberated from prison without making satisfaction to the church, or giving security for that purpose. Reg. Orig. 67.

DE EXCUSATIONIBUS. "Concerning excuses." This is the title of book 27 of the Pandects, (in the Corpus Juris Civilis). It treats of the circumstances which excuse one from filling the office of tutor or curator. The bulk of the extracts are from Modestinus.


DE EXECUTIONE JUDICI. A writ directed to a sheriff or bailiff, commanding him to do execution upon a judgment. Reg. Orig. 18; Flithn. Nat. Brev. 20.


DE EXPENSIS CIVIUM ET BURGENSIUM. An obsolete writ addressed to the sheriff to levy the expenses of every citizen and burgess of parliament. 4 Inst. 46.

DE EXPENSIS MILITUM LEVANDIS. Writ for levying the expenses of knights. A writ directed to the sheriff for levying the allowance for knights of the shire in parliament. Reg. Orig. 1918, 192.

DE FACTO. In fact, in deed, actually. This phrase is used to characterize an officer, a government, a past action, or a state of affairs which exists actually and must be accepted for all practical purposes, but which is illegal or illegitimate. In this sense it is the contrary of de jure, which means rightful, legitimate, just, or constitutional. Thus, an officer, king, or government de facto is one who is in actual possession of the office or supreme power, but by usurpation, or without respect to lawful title; while an officer, king, or governor de jure is one who has just claim and rightful title to the office or power, but who has never had pleurisy possession of the same, or is not now in actual possession. 4 Bl. Comm. 77, 78. So a wife de facto is one whose marriage is voidable by decree, as distinguished from a wife de jure, or lawful wife. 4 Kent, Comm. 38.

But the term is also frequently used independently of any distinction from de jure; thus a blockade de facto is a blockade which is actually maintained, as distinguished from a mere paper blockade.

As to de facto "Corporation," "Court," "Domicile," "Government," and "Officer," see those titles.

In old English law. De facto means respecting or concerning the principal act of a murder, which was technically denominated factum. See Fleta, lib. 1, c. 27, § 18.

—De facto contract. One which has purported to pass the property from the owner to another. Bank v. Logan, 74 N. Y. 373; Edmunds v. Transp. Co., 135 Mass. 593.

DE FAIRE ECHELLE. In French law. A clause commonly inserted in policies of marine insurance, equivalent to a license to touch and trade at intermediate ports. American Ins. Co. v. Griswold, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 491.


DE FALSO MONETA. Of false money. The title of the statute 27 Edw. I. ordaining that persons importing certain coins, called "pœllard," and "crokards," should forfeit their lives and goods, and everything they could forfeit. 2 Reeve. Eng. Law, 228, 229.

De fide et officio judicis non recipitur quæstio, sed de scientia, sive sit error
juris, sive facti. Concerning the fidelity and official conduct of a judge, no question is [will be] entertained; but [only] concerning his knowledge, whether the error committed be of law or of fact. Bac. Max. 68, reg. 17. The bona fides and honesty of purpose of a judge cannot be questioned, but his decision may be impeached for error either of law or fact. Broom, Max. 85. The law doth so much respect the certainty of judgments, and the credit and authority of judges, that it will not permit any error to be assigned which impeacheth them in their trust and office, and in willful abuse of the same; but only in ignorance and mistaking either of the law, or of the case and matter of fact. Bac. Max. ubi supra. Thus, it cannot be assigned for error that a judge did that which he ought not to do; as that he entered a verdict for the plaintiff, where the jury gave it for the defendant. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 20, 21; Bac. Max. ubi supra; Hardr. 127, arg.

DE FIDEI LÆSIONE. Of breach of faith or fidelity. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 90.

DE FINE FORCE. L. Fr. Of necessity; of pure necessity. See Fine Force.

DE FINE NON CAPIENDO PRO PULCHRÆ PLACITANDO. A writ prohibiting the taking of fines for beau pleader. Reg. Orig. 179.

DE FINE PRO REDISSEISINA CAPIENDO. A writ which lay for the release of one imprisoned for a re-disseisin, on payment of a reasonable fine. Reg. Orig. 222.

DE FINIBUS LEVATIS. Concerning fines levied. The title of the statute 27 Edw. 1. requiring fines thereafter to be levied, to be read openly and solemnly in court. 2 Inst. 321.


DE FRANGENTIBUS PRISONAM. Concerning those that break prison. The title of the statute 1 Edw. II. ordaining that none from thenceforth who broke prison should have judgment of life or limb for breaking prison only, unless the cause for which he was taken and imprisoned required such a judgment if he was lawfully convicted thereof. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 290; 2 Inst. 559.


DE GESTU ET FAMA. Of behavior and reputation. An old writ which lay in cases where a person's conduct and reputation were impeached.

DE GRATIA. Of grace or favor, by favor. De speciali gratia, of special grace or favor.

De gratia speciali certa scientia et mera motu, talis clausula non valet in his in quibus presumitur principem esse ignorantem. 1 Coke, 53. The clause "of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion," is of no avail in those things in which it is presumed that the prince was ignorant.

DE GROSIS ARBORIBUS DECIMAS NON DABANTUR SEDE SYLVIA CAEDUAS DECIMAS DABANTUR. 2 Rolle, 123. Of whole trees, tithes are not given; but of wood cut to be used. Tithes are given.

DE HÉRÈDE DELIBERANDO ILLI QUI HABET CUSTODIAM TERRÆ. Writ for delivering an heir to him who has wardship of the land. A writ directed to the sheriff, to require one that had the body of him that was ward to another to deliver him to the person whose ward he was by reason of his land. Reg. Orig. 161.

DE HÉRÈDE RAPTO ET ADDUCTO. Writ concerning an heir ravished and carried away. A writ which anctently lay for a lord who, having by right the wardship of his tenant under age could not obtain his body, the same being carried away by another person. Reg. Orig. 163; Old Nat. Brev. 93.

DE HERETICO COMBUREndo. (Lat. For burning a heretic.) A writ which lay where a heretic had been convicted of heresy, had abjured, and had relapsed into heresy. It is said to be very ancient. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 299; 4 Bl. Comm. 46.


DE HOMINE CAPTO IN WITHERNAM. (Lat. For taking a man in withernum.) A writ to take a man who had carried away a bondman or bondwoman into another country beyond the reach of a writ of replevin.

DE HOMINE REPLIGIANDO. (Lat. For refouling a man.) A writ which lies to replevy a man out of prison, or out of the custody of a private person, upon giving security to the sheriff that the man shall be forthcoming to answer any charge against him. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 66; 3 Bl. Comm. 129. This writ has been superseded almost wholly, in modern practice, by that of habeas corpus; but it is still used. In some of the states, in an amended and altered form. See 1 Kent, Comm. 404n.; 24 Me. 126.
DE IDENTITATE NOMINIS. A writ which lay for one arrested in a personal action and committed to prison under a mistake as to his identity, the proper defendant bearing the same name. Reg. Orig. 194.

DE IDIOTA INQUIRENDO. An old common-law writ, long obsolete, to inquire whether a man be an idiot or not. 2 Steph. Comm. 509.

DE IIS QUI PONENDI SUNT IN ASISIS. Of those who are to be put on assises. The title of a statute passed 21 Edw. 1. defining the qualifications of jurors. Crabb, Eng. Law, 187, 189; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 194.

DE INCREMENTO. Of increase; in addition. Costs de incremento, or costs of increase, are the costs adjudged by the court in civil actions, in addition to the damages and nominal costs found by the jury. Gilm. Com. Pl. 260.

DE INFIRMITATE. Of infirmity. The principal essoin in the time of Gianville; afterwards called "de male." 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 118. See De Malo; Essoin.

DE INGRESSU. A writ of entry. Reg. Orig. 227b, et seq.

DE INJURIA. Of [his own] wrong. In the technical language of pleading, a replication de injuria is one that may be made in an action of tort where the defendant has admitted the acts complained of, but alleges, in his plea, certain new matter by way of justification or excuse; by this replication the plaintiff exerts the prerogative of adding new grounds of defense. The defendant committed the grievances in question "of his own wrong, and without any such cause," or motive or excuse, as that alleged in the plea, (de injuria sua propria absque tali causa;) or, admitting part of the matter pleaded, "without the rest of the cause" alleged, (absque residuo cause.)

In form it is a species of traverse, and it is frequently used when the pleading of the defendant, in answer to which it is directed, consists merely of matter of excuse of the alleged trespass, grievance, breach of contract, or other cause of action. Its comprehensive character in putting in issue all the material facts of the defendant's plea has also obtained for it the title of the general replication. Holthouse.

DE INOFFICIOSO TESTAMENTO. Concerning an inofficious or undutiful will. A title of the civil law. Inst. 2, 18.

DE INTEGR. Anew; a second time. As it was before.

DE INTRUSIONE. A writ of intrusion; where a stranger entered after the death of the tenant, to the injury of the reversioner. Reg. Orig. 233b.

DE JACTURA EVITANDA. For avoiding a loss. A phrase applied to a defendant, as de lucro captando is to a plaintiff. Jones v. Sevler, 1 Litt. (Ky.) 51, 13 Am. Dec. 218.

DE JUDAISMO, STATUTUM. The name of a statute passed in the reign of Edward 1. which enacted severe and arbitrary penalties against the Jews.

DE JUDICATO SOLVENDO. For payment of the amount adjudged. A term applied in the Scotch law to bail to the action, or special bail.

DE JUDICIIS. Of judicial proceedings. The title of the second part of the Digests or Pandects, including the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh books. See Dig. procem. § 3.

DE JUDICIO SISTI. For appearing in court. A term applied in the Scotch and admiralty law, to bail for a defendant's appearance.

DE JURE. Of right; legitimate; lawful; by right and just title. In this sense it is the contrary of de facto, (which see.) It may also be contrasted with de gratia, in which case it means "as a matter of right," as de gratia means "by grace or favor." Again it may be contrasted with de aequitate; here meaning "by law," as the latter means "by equity." See Government.

De jure desiderant, originem ducens de jure patronatus, tunc cognitio spectat at legem civilem, i. e., communem. Godd. 63. With regard to the right of tithes, deducing its origin from the right of the patron, then the cognizance of them belongs to the civil law; that is, the common law.

DE LA PLUIS BEALE, or BELLE. L. Fr. Of the most fair. A term applied to a species of dower, which was assigned out of the fairest of the husband's tenements. Litt. § 43. This was abolished with the military tenures. 2 Bl. Comm. 182; 1 Steph. Comm. 252.

DE LATERE. From the side; on the side; collaterally; of collaterals. Cod. 5, 5, 6.

DE LEGATIS ET FIDEI COMMISSIS. Of legacies and trusts. The name of a title of the Pandects. Dig. 30.

DE LEPROSO AMOVENDO. Writ for removing a leper. A writ to remove a leper who thrust himself into the company of his


DE LIBERTATE PROBANDA. Writ for proving liberty. A writ which lay for such as, being demanded for vilesins or nefs, offered to prove themselves free. Reg. Orig. 573; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 77, F.

DE LIBERTATIBUS ALLOCANDIS. A writ of various forms, to enable a citizen to recover the liberties to which he was entitled. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 229; Reg. Orig. 262.

DE LICENTIA TRANSFREANDI. Writ of permission to cross the sea. An old writ directed to the wardens of the port of Dover, or other seaport in England, commanding them to permit the persons named in the writ to cross the sea from such port, on certain conditions. Reg. Orig. 1906.

DE LUNATICO INQUIRENDO. The name of a writ directed to the sheriff, directing him to inquire by good and lawful men whether the party charged is a lunatic or not.

DE MAGNA ASSISA ELIGENDA. A writ by which the grand assise was chosen and summoned. Reg. Orig. 8; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 4.

De majori et minori non variant jura. Concerning greater and less laws do not vary. 2 Vern. 532.

DE MALO. Of illness. This phrase was frequently used to designate several species of essolin, (q. v.) such as de malo lecti, of illness in bed; de malo veniendi, of illness (or misfortune) in coming to the place where the court sat; de malo villar, of illness in the town where the court sat.

DE MANUCAPTIONE. Writ of manucaption, or mainprise. A writ which lay for one who, being taken and imprisoned on a charge of felony, had offered bail, which had been refused: requiring the sheriff to discharge him on his finding sufficient main-persons or bail. Reg. Orig. 2889; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 249, G.


DE MEDIATE LINGUE. Of the half tongue; half of one tongue and half of another. This phrase describes that species of jury which, at common law, was allowed in both civil and criminal cases where one of the parties was an alien, not speaking or understanding English. It was composed of six English denizens or natives and six of the alien's own countrymen.

DE MEDIO. A writ in the nature of a writ of right, which lay where upon a subinfeudation the same (or middle) lord suffered his under-tenant or tenant paravul to be distrained upon by the lord paramount for the rent due him from the same lord. Booth, Real Act. 136.

DE MELIORIBUS DAMNIS. Of or for the better damages. A term used in practice to denote the election by a plaintiff against which of several defendants (where the damages have been assessed separately) he will take judgment. 1 Arch. Pr. K. B. 219; Knickerbacker v. Colver, 8 Cow. (N. Y.) 111.


De minimis non curat lex. The law does not care for, or take notice of, very small or trifling matters. The law does not concern itself about trifles. Cro. Eliz. 353. Thus, error in calculation of a fractional part of a penny will not be regarded. Hob. 88. So, the law will not, in general, notice the fraction of a day. Broom, Max. 142.

DE MINIS. Writ of threats. A writ which lay where a person was threatened with personal violence, or the destruction of his property, to compel the offender to keep the peace. Reg. Orig. 895, 89; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 78, G, 80.

DE MITTENDO TENOREM RECORDI. A writ to send the tenor of a record, or to exemplify it under the great seal. Reg. Orig. 2206.

DE MODERATA MISERICORDIA CAPIENDA. Writ for taking a moderate amercement. A writ, founded on Magna Carta, (c. 14,) which lay for one who was excessively amerced in a court not of record, directed to the lord of the court, or his bail-
mooting a jury for the second trial of a case which has been sent back from above for a new trial.

De nullo, quod est sua natura indivisibile, et divisionem non patitur, nullam partem habebit vidua, sed satis faciat et ad valentiam. Co. Litt. 32. A widow shall have no part of that which in its own nature is indivisible, and is not susceptible of division, but let the heir satisfy her with an equivalent.

De nullo tenemento, quod tenetur ad terminum, sit homagii, sit tamen inde dediicitatis sacramentum. In no tenement which is held for a term of years is there an avail of homage; but there is the oath of fealty. Co. Litt. 67b.

De odio et atia. A writ directed to the sheriff, commanding him to inquire whether a prisoner charged with murder was committed upon just cause of suspicion, or merely propter odium et atiam, (through hatred and ill will;) and if, upon the inquisition, due cause of suspicion did not appear, then there issued another writ for the sheriff to admit him to bail. 3 Bl. Comm. 128.

De office. L. Fr. Of office; in virtue of office; officially; in the discharge of ordinary duty.

De onerando pro rata portione. Writ for charging according to a rateable proportion. A writ which lay for a joint tenant, or tenant in common, who was distressed for more rent than his proportion of the land came to. Reg. Orig. 182; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 294, H.

De pace et legalitate tenenda. For keeping the peace, and for good behavior.


De parco fracto. A writ or action for damages caused by a pound-breath. (q. e.) It has long been obsolete. Co. Litt. 47b; 3 Bl. Comm. 146.
DE PARTITIONE FACIENDA. A writ which lay to make partition of lands or tenements held by several as coparceners, tenants in common, etc. Reg. Orig. 76; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 61, R; Old Nat. Brev. 142.

DE PERAMBULATIONE FACIENDA. A writ which lay where there was a dispute as to the boundaries of two adjacent lordships or towns, directed to the sheriff, commanding him to take with him twelve discreet and lawful knights of his county and the bounds and limits in certainty. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 398, D.

DE PIGNORE SURREPTO FURTI, ACTIO. In the civil law. An action to recover a pledge stolen. Inst. 4, 1, 14.


DE PLACITO. Of a pleas; or of in an action. Formal words used in declarations and other proceedings, as descriptive of the particular action brought.

DE PLAGIS ET MAHEMIO. Of wounds and mayhem. The name of a criminal appeal formerly in use in England, in cases of wounding and maiming. Bract. fol. 144b; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 34. See APPEAL.

DE PLANO. Lat. On the ground; on a level. A term of the Roman law descriptive of the method of hearing causes, when the pretor stood on the ground with the suitors, instead of the more formal method when he occupied a bench or tribunal; hence informal, or summary.

DE PLEGIS ACQUIETANDIS. Writ for acquitting or releasing pledges. A writ that lay for a surety, against him for whom he had become surety for the payment of a certain sum of money at a certain day, where the latter had not paid the money at the appointed day, and the surety was compelled to pay it. Reg. Orig. 158; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 137, C; 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 65.

DE PONENDO SIGILLUM AD EXCEPTIONEM. Writ for putting a seal to an exception. A writ by which justices were formerly commanded to put their seals to exceptions taken by a party in a suit. Reg. Orig. 182.

DE POST DISSEISINA. Writ of post disseisin. A writ which lay for him who, having recovered lands or tenements by prisci quod reddat, on default, or reedition, was again dispossessed by the former dispossessor. Reg. Orig. 208; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 190.

DE PRÆROGATIVA REGIS. The statute 17 Edw. I., St. 1, c. 9, defining the prerogatives of the crown on certain subjects, but especially directing that the king shall have ward of the lands of idiots, taking the profits without waste, and finding them necessary. 2 Steph. Comm. 529.

DE PRESENTI. Of the present; in the present tense. See PER VERA DE FAESSENTI.

DE PROPRIETATE PROBANDA. Writ for proving property. A writ directed to the sheriff, to inquire of the property or goods distrained, where the defendant in an action of replevin claims the property. 3 Bl. Comm. 148; Reg. Orig. 85b.

DE QUARANTINA HABENDA. At common law, a writ which a widow entitled to quarantine might sue out in case the heir or other persons ejected her. It seems to have been a summary process, and required the sheriff, if no just cause were shown against it, speedily to put her into possession. Aiken v. Aiken, 12 Or. 203, 6 Pac. 682.

DE QUIBUS SUR DISSEISIN. An ancient writ of entry.

DE QUO, and DE QUIBUS. Of which. Formal words in the simple writ of entry, from which it was called a writ of entry "in the quo," or "in the quibus." 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 35.

DE QUOTA LITIS. In the civil law. A contract by which one who has a claim difficult to recover agrees with another to give a part, for the purpose of obtaining his services to recover the rest. 1 Duval, note 201.


DE RATIONABILIBUS PARTE BONO-RUM. A writ which lay for the wife and children of a deceased person against his executors, to recover their reasonable part or share of his goods. 2 Bl. Comm. 492; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 122, L; Hopkins v. Wright, 17 Tex. 36.

DE REBUS. Of things. The title of the third part of the Digests or Pandects, comprising books 12-19, inclusive.

DE REBUS DUBIIS. Of doubtful things or matters. Dig. 34. 5.

DE RECORDO ET PROCESSU MITTENDIS. Writ to send the record and process of a cause to a superior court; a species of writ of error. Reg. Orig. 209.

DE RECTO. Writ of right. Reg. Orig. 1, 2; Bract. fol. 327b. See Writ or Right.

DE RECTO DE ADOVOCATIONE. Writ of right of advowson. Reg. Orig. 296. A writ which lay for one who had an estate in an advowson to him and his heirs in fee-simple, if he were disturbed to present. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 30. B. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.

DE RECTO DE RATIONABILI PARTE. Writ of right, of reasonable part. A writ which lay between privies in blood, as between brothers in gavelkind, or between sisters or other coparceners for lands in fee-simple, where one was deprived of his or her share by another. Reg. Orig. 39; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 9. B. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.


DE REDISSEQUISINA. Writ of redissession. A writ which lay where a man recovered by assise of novel dissertation land, rent, or common, and the like, and was put in possession thereof by verdict, and afterwards was dissised of the same land, rent, or common, by him by whom he was dissised before. Reg. Orig. 200b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 188, B.

DE REPARATIONE FACIENDA. A writ by which one tenant in common seeks to compel another to aid in repairing the property held in common. 8 Barn. & C. 289.

DE RESCUSSU. Writ of rescue or rescous. A writ which lay where cattle distressed, or persons arrested, were rescued from those taking them. Reg. Orig. 117, 118; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 101, C, G.

DE RETORNO HABENDO. For having a return; to have a return. A term applied to the judgment for the defendant in an action of replevin, awarding him a return of the goods repleved; and to the writ or execution issued thereon. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1033, 1038; 3 Bl. Comm. 149. Applied also to the sureties given by the plaintiff on commencing the action. Id. 147.

DE REN CULPABLE. L. Fr. Guilty of nothing; not guilty.

DE SA VIE. L. Fr. Of his or her life; of his own life; as distinguished from per autre vie, for another's life. Litt. §§ 35, 36.

DE SALVA GARDIA. A writ of safeguard allowed to strangers seeking their rights in English courts, and apprehending violence or injury to their persons or property. Reg. Orig. 26.


DE SCACCARIO. Of or concerning the exchequer. The title of a statute passed in the fifty-first year of Henry III. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 61.

DE SCUTAGIO HABENDO. Writ for having (or to have) escusage or scutage. A writ which anciently lay against tenants by knight-service, to compel them to serve in the king's wars or send substitutes or to pay escusage; that is a sum of money. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 83, C. The same writ lay for one who had already served in the king's army, or paid a fine instead, against those who held of him by knight-service, to recover his escusage or scutage. Reg. Orig. 88; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 83, D, F.

DE SE BENE GERENDO. For behaving himself well; for his good behavior. Yelv. 90, 154.

DE SECTA AD MOLENDINUM. Of suit to a mill. A writ which lay to compel one to continue his custom (of grinding) at a mill. 3 Bl. Comm. 235; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 122, M.

De simulibas ad similia cadem ratione procedendum est. From like things to like things we are to proceed by the same rule or reason, [4. c], we are allowed to argue from the analogy of cases.] Branch, Princ.

De simulibas idem est judicandum. Of [respecting] like things, [in like cases,] the judgment is to be the same. 7 Coke, 18.

DE SON TORT. L. Fr. Of his own wrong. A stranger who takes upon him to act as an executor without any just authority is called an "executor of his own wrong." (de son tort.) 2 Bl. Comm. 507; 2 Steph. Comm. 244.

DE SON TORT DEMESNE. Of his own wrong. The law French equivalent of the Latin phrase de injuria, (q. v.)

DE STATUTO MERCATORIO. The writ of statute merchant. Reg. Orig. 146b.

DE STATUTO STAPULÆ. The writ of statute staple. Reg. Orig. 151.
DE SUPERONERATIONE PASTURÆ. Writ of surcharge of pasture. A judicial writ which lay for him who was impaled in the county court, for surcharging a common with his cattle, in a case where he was formerly impaled for it in the same court, and the cause was removed into one of the courts at Westminster. Reg. Jud. 308.

DE TABULIS EXHIBENDIS. Of showing the tablets of a will. Dig. 43, 5.

DE TALLAGIO NON CONCEDENDO. Of not allowing tallage. The name given to the statutes 25 and 34 Edw. I., restricting the power of the king to grant tallage. 2 Inst. 532; 2 Reeves, Eng. Law, 104.

DE TEMPORE CUJUS CONTRARIUM MEMORIA HOMINUM NON EXISTIT. From time whereof the memory of man does not exist to the contrary. Litt. § 170.

DE TEMPORE IN TEMPS ET AD OMNIA TEMPORA. From time to time, and at all times. Townsh. Pl. 17.

DE TEMPS DONT MEMORIE NE COURT. L. Fr. From time whereof memory runneth not; time out of memory of man. Litt. §§ 143, 145, 170.

DE TESTAMENTIS. Of testaments. The title of the fifth part of the Digests or Pandects; comprising the twenty-eighth to the thirty-sixth books, both inclusive.

DE THEOcolonio. A writ which lay for a person who was prevented from taking toll. Reg. Orig. 103.

DE TRANSGRESSIONE. A writ of trespass. Reg. Orig. 82.

DE TRANSGRESSIONE, AD AU-DIENDUM ET TERMINANDUM. A writ or commission for the hearing and determining any outrage or misdemeanor.

DE UNA PARTE. A deed de una parte is one where only one party grants, gives, or binds himself to do a thing to another. It differs from a deed inter partes, (q. v.) 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2001.

DE UXORE RAPTA ET ABDUCTA. A writ which lay where a man's wife had been ravished and carried away. A species of writ of trespass. Reg. Orig. 97; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 89, O; 3 Bl. Comm. 139.

DE VASTO. Writ of waste. A writ which might be brought by him who had the immediate estate of inheritance in reversion or remainder, against the tenant for life, in dower, by curtesy, or for years, where the latter had committed waste in lands; calling upon the tenant to appear and show cause why he committed waste and destruction in the place named, to the disinheritance (ad exsædredationem) of the plaintiff. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 55, C; 3 Bl. Comm. 227, 228. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27. 3 Steph. Comm. 506.

DE VENTRE INSPIICIENDO. A writ to inspect the body, where a woman feigns to be pregnant, to see whether she is with child. It lies for the heir presumptive to examine a widow suspected to be feigning pregnancy in order to enable a suppositional heir to obtain the estate. 1 Bl. Comm. 456; 2 Steph. Comm. 287.

It lay also where a woman sentenced to death pleaded pregnancy. 4 Bl. Comm. 406. This writ has been recognized in America. 2 Chand. Crim. Tr. 381.

DE VERBO IN VERBUM. Word for word. Bract. fol. 138b. Literally, from word to word.

DE VERBORUM SIGNIFICATIONE. Of the signification of words. An important title of the Digests or Pandects, (Dig. 50, 16,) consisting entirely of definitions of words and phrases used in the Roman law.

DE VI LAICA AMOVENDA. Writ of (or for) removing lay force. A writ which lay where two persons contended for a church, and one of them entered into it with a great number of laymen, and held out the other vi et armis; then be that was holden out had this writ directed to the sheriff, that he remove the force. Reg. Orig. 59; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 64, D.

DE VICINETO. From the neighborhood, or vicinage. 3 Bl. Comm. 390. A term applied to a jury.

DE WARRANTIA CHARTÆ. Writ of warranty of charter. A writ which lay for him who was enfeoffed, with clause of warranty, (in the charter of feoffment,) and was afterwards impaled in an assise or other action, in which he could not couch or call to warranty; in which case he might have this writ against the feoffor, or his heir, to compel him to warrant the land unto him. Reg. Orig. 157b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 134. D: Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.

DE WARRANTIA DIEI. A writ that lay where a man had a day in any action to appear in proper person, and the king at that day, or before, employed him in some service, so that he could not appear at the day in court. It was directed to the justices, that they should not record him to be in default for his not appearing. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 17, A; Termes de la Ley.

DEACON. In ecclesiastical law. A minister or servant in the church, whose office is
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to assist the priest in divine service and the distribution of the sacrament. It is the lowest order in the Church of England.


DEAD FREIGHT. When a merchant who has chartered a vessel puts on board a part only of the intended cargo, but yet, having chartered the whole vessel, is bound to pay freight for the unoccupied capacity, the freight thus due is called "dead freight." Gray v. Carr, L. R. 6 Q. B. 528; Phillips v. Rodle, 15 East 547.

DEAD LETTERS. Letters which the postal department has not been able to deliver to the persons for whom they were intended. They are sent to the "dead-letter office," where they are opened, and returned to the writer if his address can be ascertained.

DEAD MAN'S PART. In English law. That portion of the effects of a deceased person which, by the custom of London and York, is allowed to the administrator; being, where the deceased leaves a widow and children, one-third; where he leaves only a widow or only children, one-half; and, where he leaves neither, the whole. This portion the administrator was wont to apply to his own use, till the statute 1 Jac. II. c. 17, declared that the same should be subject to the statute of distributions. 2 Bl. Comm. 512; 2 Steph. Comm. 274; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 63. A similar portion in Scotch law is called "dead's part." (q. v.)

DEAD-PLEDGE. A mortgage; mortuum vadium.

DEAD RENT. In English law. A rent payable on a mining lease in addition to a royalty, so called because it is payable although the mine may not be worked.

DEAD USE. A future use.

DEADHEAD. This term is applied to persons other than the officers, agents, or employees of a railroad company who are permitted by the company to travel on the road without paying any fare therefor. Gardner v. Hall, 61 N. C. 21.

DEADLY FEUD. In old European law. A profession of irreconcilable hatred till a person is avenged even by the death of his enemy.

DEADLY WEAPON. Such weapons or instruments as are made and designed for offensive or destructive purposes, or for the destruction of life or the infliction of injury. Com. v. Branham, 8 Bush (Ky.) 387.

A deadly weapon is one likely to produce death or great bodily harm. People v. Fuqua, 38 Cal. 245.

A deadly weapon is one which in the manner used is capable of producing death, or of inflicting great bodily injury, or seriously wounding. McNeely v. State, 4 Tex. App. 327.

DEAD'S PART. In Scotch law. The part remaining over after the shares secured to the widow and children by law. Of this the testator had the unqualified disposal. Bell.

DEAF AND DUMB. A man that is born deaf, dumb, and blind is looked upon by the law as in the same state with an idiot, he being supposed incapable of any understanding. 1 Bl. Comm. 304. Nevertheless, a deaf and dumb person may be tried for felony if the prisoner can be made to understand by means of signs. 1 Leech, C. L. 102.

DEAFFOREST. In old English law. To discharge from being forest. To free from forest laws.

DEAL. To traffic; to transact business; to trade. Makers of an accommodation note are deemed dealers with whoever discounts it. Vernon v. Manhattan Co., 17 Wend. (N. Y.) 524. —Dealer. A dealer, in the popular, and therefore in the statutory, sense of the word, is not one who buys to keep, or makes to sell, but one who buys to sell again. Norris v. Com., 27 Pa. 496; Com. v. Campbell, 23 Pa. 380. —Dealing. Transactions in the course of trade or business. Held to include payments to a bankrupt. Moody & M. 137; 3 Car. & P. 85.—Dealers' talk. The putting of goods to induce the sale thereof; not regarded in law as fraudulent unless accompanied by some artifice to deceive the purchaser and throw him off his guard or some concealment of intrinsic defects not easily discoverable. Kimball v. Bangs, 144 Mass. 321; 11 N. E. 113; Reynolds v. Palmer (C. C.) 21 Fed. 453.

DEAN. In English ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical dignitary who presides over the chapter of a cathedral, and is next in rank to the bishop. So called from having been originally appointed to superintend for canons or prebendaries. 1 Bl. Comm. 382; Co. Litt. 95; Spelman.

There are several kinds of deans, namely: Deans of chapters; deans of peculiar; rural deans; deans in the colleges; honorary deans; deans of provinces.

—Dean and chapter. In ecclesiastical law. The council of a bishop, to assist him with their advice in the religious and also in the temporal affairs of the see. 3 Coke, 75; 1 Bl. Comm. 382; Co. Litt. 105, 300.—Dean of the arches. The presiding judge of the Court of Arches. He is also an assistant judge in the court of admiralty. 1 Kent, Comm. 371; 3 Steph. Comm. 727.

DEATH. The extinction of life; the departure of the soul from the body: defined by physicians as a total stoppage of the circulation of the blood, and a cessation of the
animal and vital functions consequent thereon, such as respiration, pulsation, etc. In legal contemplation, it is of two kinds: (1) Natural death, i.e., the extinction of life; (2) Civil death, which is that change in a person's legal and civil condition which deprives him of civic rights and juridical capacities and qualifications, as natural death extinguishes his natural condition. It follows as a consequence of being attainted of treason or felony, in English law, and currently of entering a monastery or abjuring the realm. The person in this condition is said to be civiliter mortuus, civilly dead, or dead in law. Baltimore v. Chester, 53 Vt. 319, 38 Am. Rep. 677; Avery v. Everett, 110 N. Y. 317, 18 N. E. 148, 1 L. R. A. 264, 6 Am. St. Rep. 385; In re Donnelly's Estate, 125 Cal. 417, 59 Pac. 61, 73 Am. St. Rep. 62; Troup v. Wood, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 245; Coffee v. Haynes, 124 Cal. 561, 57 Pac. 482, 71 Am. St. Rep. 90.

"Natural" death is also used to denote a death which occurs by the unassisted operation of natural causes, as distinguished from a "violent" death, or one caused or accelerated by the interference of human agency.

Death warrant. A warrant from the proper executive authority appointing the time and place for the execution of the sentence of death upon a convict judicially condemned to suffer that penalty.

Death watch. A special guard set to watch a prisoner condemned to death, for some days before the time for the execution, the special purpose being to prevent any escape or any attempt to anticipate the sentence.


—Death-bed deed. In Scotch law. A deed made by a person while laboring under a distemper of which he afterwards died. Ersk. Inst. 3, 8, 96. A deed is understood to be in death-bed, if, before signing and delivery thereof, the grantor was sick, and never convalesced thereafter. 1 Forbes, Inst. pt. 3, b. 2, c. 4, tit. 1, § 1. But it is not necessary that he should be actually confined to his bed at the time of making the deed. Bell.

DEATH'S PART. See Dead's Part: Dead Man's Part.

DEATHSMAN. The executioner; hangman; he that executes the extreme penalty of the law.

DEBAUCH. To entice, to corrupt. and. when used of a woman, to seduce. Originally, the term had a limited signification, meaning to entice or draw one away from his work, employment, or duty; and from this sense its application has enlarged to include the corruption of manners and violation of the person. In its modern legal sense, the word carries with it the idea of "carnal knowledge," aggravated by assault, violent seduction, ravishment. Koenig v. Nott, 2 Ililt. (N. Y.) 323. And see Wood v. Mathews, 47 Iowa, 410; State v. Curran, 51 Iowa, 112, 49 N. W. 1006.

DEBENTURE. A certificate given by the collector of a port, under the United States customs laws, to the effect that an importer of merchandise therein named is entitled to a drawback, (g. v.), specifying the amount and time when payable. See Act Cong. March 2, 1799, § 80.

In English law. A security for a loan of money issued by a public company, usually creating a charge on the whole or a part of the company's stock and property, though not necessarily in the form of a mortgage. They are subject to certain regulations as to the mode of transfer, and ordinarily have coupons attached to facilitate the payment of interest. They are generally issued in a series, with provision that they shall rank pari passu in proportion to other series. See Bank v. Atkins, 72 Vt. 33, 47 Atl. 176.

An instrument in use in some government departments, by which government is charged to pay to a creditor or his assigns the sum found due on auditing his accounts. Brande; Blount.

DEBENTURE STOCK. A stock or fund representing money borrowed by a company or public body, in England, and charged on the whole or part of its property.

Debet esse Anis Litium. There ought to be an end of suits; there should be some period put to litigation. Jenk. Cent. 61.

DEBET ET DETINET. He owes and detains. Words anciently used in the original writ, (and now, in English, in the plaintiff's declaration,) in an action of debt, where it was brought by one of the original contracting parties who personally gave the credit, against the other who personally incurred the debt, or against his heirs, if they were bound to the payment; as by the obligee against the obligor, by the landlord against the tenant, etc. The declaration, in such cases, states that the defendant "owes to," as well as "detains from," the plaintiff the debt or thing in question; and hence the action is said to be "in the debet et detinet." Where the declaration merely states that the defendant detains the debt, (as in actions by and against an executor for a debt due to or from the testator,) the action is said to be "in the detinet" alone. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 119, G.; 3 Bl. Comm. 155.

DEBET ET SOLET. (Lat. He owes and is used to.) Where a man owes in a writ of right or to recover any right of which he is for the first time dispossessed, as of a suit at a mill or in case of a writ of quod permissat.
he brings his writ in the *debet et solet*. Reg. Orig. 1449; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 122, M.

Debet quis juris subjacere ubi delinquat. One [every one] ought to be subject to the law [of the place] where he offends. 3 Inst. 34. This maxim is taken from Bracton. Bract. fol. 154b.

Debet sui enique domus esse per fugium tutissimum. Every man's house should be a perfectly safe refuge. Clason v. Shotwell, 12 Johns. (N. Y.) 31, 54.

Debile fundamentum fallit opus. A weak foundation frustrates [or renders vain] the work [built upon it.] Shep. Touch. 60; Noy, Max. 5, max. 12; Flinch, Law, b. 1, ch. 3. When the foundation falls, all goes to the ground; as, when the cause of action fails, the action itself must of necessity fail. Wing, Max. 113, 114, max. 40; Broom, Max. 180.

DEBET. A sum charged as due or owing. The term is used in book-keeping to denote the charging of a person or an account with all that is supplied to or paid out for him or for the subject of the account.


DEBITA LAICORUM. L. Lat. In old English law. Debts of the laity, or of lay persons. Debts recoverable in the civil courts were anciently so called. Crabb, Eng. Law, 107.

Debta sequuntur personam debitoris. Debts follow the person of the debtor; that is, they have no locality, and may be collected wherever the debtor can be found. 2 Kent, Comm. 429; Story, Conf. Laws, § 362.

DEBITOR. In the civil and old English law. A debtor.

Debitor non presumpit donare. A debtor is not presumed to make a gift. Whatever disposition he makes of his property is supposed to be in satisfaction of his debts. 1 Kames, Eq. 212. Where a debtor gives money or goods, or grants land to his creditor, the natural presumption is that he means to get free from his obligation, and not to make a present, unless donation be expressed. Ersk. Inst. 3, 3, 93.

Debitorum pactio libera creditorum petitio nec tolli nec minui potest. 1 Poth. Obl. 108; Broom, Max. 697. The rights of creditors can neither be taken away nor diminished by agreements among the debtors.

DEBITRIX. A female debtor.

DEBITUM. Something due, or owing; a debt.

Debitum et contractus sunt nullius loci. Debt and contract are of [belong to] no place; have no particular locality. The obligation in these cases is purely personal, and actions to enforce it may be brought anywhere. 2 Inst. 231; Story, Conf. Laws, § 362; 1 Smith, Lead. Cas. 340, 363.

DEBITUM IN PRESENTI SOLVEDUM IN FUTURO. A debt or obligation complete when contracted, but of which the performance cannot be required till some future period.

DEBITUM SINE BREVI. L. Lat. Debt without writ; debt without a declaration. In old practice, this term denoted an action begun by original bill, instead of by writ. In modern usage, it is sometimes applied to a debt evidenced by confession of judgment without suit. The equivalent Norman-French phrase was "debit sans brev." Both are abbreviated to d. s. b.

DEBT. A sum of money due by certain and express agreement; as by bond for a determinate sum, a bill or note, a special bargain, or a rent reserved on a lease, where the amount is fixed and specific, and does not depend upon any subsequent valuation to settle it. 3 Bl. Comm. 154; Camden v. Allen, 26 N. J. Law, 398; Appeal of City of Erie, 91 Pa. 398; Dickey v. Leonard, 77 Ga. 151; Hagar v. Reclamation Dist., 111 U. S. 701, 4 Sup. Ct. 668, 28 L. Ed. 559; Appeal Tax Court v. Rice, 50 Md. 302. A debt is a sum of money due by contract. It is most frequently due by a certain and express agreement, which fixes the amount, independent of extraneous circumstances; but it is not essential that the contract should be express, or that it should fix the precise amount to be paid. U. S. v. Colt, 1 Pet. C. 145, Fed. Cas. No. 14,839.

Standing alone, the word "debt" is as applicable to a sum of money which has been promised at a future day, as to a sum of money now due and payable. To distinguish between the two, it may be said of the former that it is a debt owing, and of the latter that it is a debt due. Whether a claim or demand is a debt or not is in no respect determined by a reference to the time of payment. A sum of money which is certainly and in all events payable is a debt, without regard to the fact whether it be payable now or at a future time. A sum payable upon a contingency, however, is not a debt, or does not become a debt until the contingency has happened. People v. Arguello, 37 Cal. 624.

The word "debt" is of large import, including not only debts of record, or judgments, and debts by special, but also obligations arising under simple contract, to a very wide extent; and in its popular sense includes all that is due to a man under any form of obligation or promise. Gray v. Bennett, 3 Metc. (Mass.) 522, 523.

"Debt" has been differently defined, owing to the different subject-matter of the statutes in which it has been used. Ordinarily, it imports
a sum of money arising upon a contract, express or implied. In its more general sense, it is defined to be that which is due from one person to another, whether money, goods, or services; that which one person is bound to pay or perform to another. Under the legal-tender statutes, it seems to import any obligation by contract, express or implied, which may be discharged by money through the voluntary action of the debtor. Whatever he may be at liberty to perform his obligation by the payment of a specific sum of money, the party owing the obligation may interpose in respect to what, in the statute, is termed "debt." Kimpton v. Bronson, 45 Barb. (N. Y.) 618.

The word is sometimes used to denote an aggregate of separate debts, or the total sum of the existing claims against a person or company. Thus we speak of the "national debt," the "bonded debt" of a corporation, etc.

**Synonyms.** The term "demand" is of much broader import than "debt," and embraces rights of action belonging to the debtor or beyond those which could appropriately be called "debts." In this respect the term "demand" is one of very extensive import. In re Denny, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 223.

The words "debt" and "liability" are not synonymous. As applied to the pecuniary relations of parties, liability is a term of broader significance than debt. The legal acceptance of debt is a sum of money due by certain and express agreement. Liability is responsibility; the state of one who is bound in law and justice to do something which may be enforced by action. This liability may arise from contracts either express or implied, or in consequence of torts committed. McElfresh v. Kirkendall, 36 Iowa, 226; "Debt" is not exactly synonymous with "duty." A debt is a legal liability to pay a specific sum of money; a duty is a legal obligation to perform some act. Allen v. Dickson, Minor (Ala.) 120.

**In practice.** The name of a common-law action, which lies to recover a certain specific sum of money, or a sum that can readily be reduced to a certainty. 3 Bl. Comm. 154; 3 Steph. Comm. 461; 1 Tidd. Pr. 3.

It is said to lie in the debt and detinue, (when it is stated that the defendant owes and detains,) or in the detinue, (when it is stated merely that he detains,) Debt in the detinue for goods differs from detinue, because it is not essential in this action, as in detinue, that the specific property in the goods should have been seen at the time the action is brought. Dyer, 24b.

**Debt by simple contract.** A debt or demand founded upon a verbal or implied contract, or upon any written agreement that is not under seal. Debt by specialty. A debt due, or acknowledged to be due, by some deed or instrument under seal; as a deed of covenant, or reservation, or lease, or bond or obligation. 2 Bl. Comm. 465; Kerr v. Lycdecker, 51 Ohio St. 240. 37 N. E. 267. 23 L. R. 494; Parrott v. Thompson, 188.

**Debt ex mutuo.** A species of debt or obligation mentioned by Glanville and Bracton, and which arose ex mutuo, out of a certain kind of loan. Glanv. p. 10. c. 3; Bract. fol. 99. See MUTUUM; EX MUTUUM. Debt of record. A debt which appears to be due by the evidence of a court of record, as by a judgment or recog- nisance. 2 Bl. Comm. 465; Legal debts. Those that are recoverable in a court of common law, as debt on a bill of exchange, a bond, or a simple contract; and, which, in business or by law, may be between the debtor and creditor, no interest is payable, as distinguished from active debt; i.e., a debt legally due and which is recoverable. 8 Allen (Mass.) 348; Guild v. Walter, 182 Mass. 225, 65 N. E. 65. Mutual debts. Money due on both sides between two persons. Passive debt. A debt which is due to any person, or to another, whether money, goods, or services; that which one person is bound to pay or perform to another. Under the legal-tender statutes, it seems to import any obligation by contract, express or implied, which may be discharged by money through the voluntary action of the debtor. Whatever he may be at liberty to perform his obligation by the payment of a specific sum of money, the party owing the obligation may interpose in respect to what, in the statute, is termed "debt." Kimpton v. Bronson, 45 Barb. (N. Y.) 618.

In this sense, the terms "active" and "passive" are applied to certain debts due from the Spanish government to Great Britain. Wharton. In another sense of the words, a debt is "active" or "passive" according as the person of the creditor or debtor is regarded; a passive debt being that which a man owes; an active debt that which is owing to him. In this meaning every debt is both active and passive, active as regards the creditor, passive as regards the debtor. Public debt. That which is due or owing by the government of a state or nation. The terms "public debt" and "public securities," used in legislation, are terms generally applied to national or state obligations and dues, and would rarely, if ever, be construed to include town debts or obligations; nor would the term "public revenue" ordinarily be confined to revenues arising from town taxes. Morgan v. Cree, 46 Vt. 773, 14 Am. Rep. 640. Pure debt. In Scotch law, a debt due and payable, and distinct from all other debts or obligations, is called a debt due, payable at a fixed day in the future, and a contingent debt, which will only become due upon the happening of a certain contingency. Simple contract debt. One where the contract upon which the obligation arises is neither ascertained by matter of record nor yet by deed, or other special instrument; or by mere oral evidence the most simple of any, or by notes unsealed, which are capable of a more easy proof, and therefore only better than a verbal promise. 2 Bl. Comm. 466.

**DEBTEE.** A person to whom a debt is due; a creditor. 3 Bl. Comm. 18; Plowd. 543. Not used.

**DEBTOR.** One who owes a debt; he who may be compelled to pay a claim or demand. Common debtor. In Scotch law. A debtor whose effects have been arrested by several creditors. In regard to these creditors, he is their common debtor, bound by this term is distinguished in the proceedings that take place in the competition. Bell.—Debtor's act 1869. The statute 32 & 33 Vict. c. 32. Repeals imprisonment for debt in England, and for the punishment of fraudulent debtors. 2 Steph. Comm. 150—164. Not to be confounded with the Bankruptcy Act of 1869. Mosley & Whitely.—Debt- or'or's summons. In English law. A summons issuing from a court having jurisdiction in bankruptcy, upon the creditor presenting a liquidated debt of not less than £50, which he has failed to collect after reasonable effort, stating that if the debtor fail, within one week if a trader, and within three weeks if a non-trader, to pay or compound for the sum specified, a petition may be presented against him praying that he may be adjudged bankrupt. Bankruptcy Act 1869, § 7; Robs. Bankr.; Mosley & Whitely.

**DECALOGUE.** The ten commandments given by God to Moses. The Jews called them the "Ten Words," hence the name.

**DECANATUS.** A deanery. Spelman. A company of ten persons. Calvin,
DECANIA. The office, jurisdiction, territory, or command of a decanus, or dean. Spelman.

DECANUS. In ecclesiastical and old European law. An officer having supervision over ten; a dean. A term applied not only to ecclesiastical, but to civil and military, officers. Decanus monasticus; a monastic dean, or dean of a monastery; an officer over ten monks. Decanus in majori ecclesia; dean of a cathedral church, presiding over ten prebendaries. Decanus episcopal; a bishop's or rural dean, presiding over ten clerks or parishes. Decanus friborgi; dean of a friborg. An officer among the Saxons who presided over a friborg, titling, decennary, or association of ten inhabitants; otherwise called a "titling man," or "borsholder." Decanus militaris; a military officer, having command of ten soldiers. Spelman.

In Roman law. An officer having the command of a company or "mess" of ten soldiers. Also an officer at Constantinople having charge of the burial of the dead.

DECAPITATION. The act of beheading. A mode of capital punishment by cutting off the head.

DECEASE, n. Death; departure from life, not including civil death, (see DEATH.) In re Zeph's Estate, 50 Hun, 523, 3 N. Y. Supp. 460.

DECEASE, v. To die; to depart life, or from life. This has always been a common term in Scotch law. "Gif ane man deceasit." Skene.

DECEDENT. A deceased person; one who has lately died. Etymologically the word denotes a person who is dying, but it has come to be used in law as signifying a dead person, (testate or intestate,) but always with reference to the settlement of his estate or the execution of his will. In re Zeph's Estate, 50 Hun, 523, 3 N. Y. Supp. 460.


A subtle trick or device, whereunto may be referred all manner of craft and collusion used to deceive and defraud another by any means whatsoever, which hath no other or more proper name than deceit to distinguish the offense. [West Symb. § 88;.] Jacob.

The word "deceit," as well as "fraud," excludes the idea of mistake, and imports knowledge that the artifice or device used to deceive or defraud is untrue. Farwell v. Metcalf, 61 Ill. 373.

In old English law. The name of an original writ, and the action founded on it, which lay to recover damages for any injury committed deceitfully, either in the name of another, (as by bringing an action in another's name, and then suffering a nonsuit, whereby the plaintiff became liable to costs,) or by a fraudulent warranty of goods, or other personal injury committed contrary to good faith and honesty. Reg. Orig. 112-116; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 95, E, 95.

Also the name of a judicial writ which formerly lay to recover lands which had been lost by default by the tenant in a real action, in consequence of his not having been summoned by the sheriff, or by the collusion of his attorney. Rosc. Real Act. 136; 3 Bl. Comm. 160.

—Deceitful plea. A sham plea; one alleging as facts things which are obviously false on the face of the plea. Gray v. Gidière, 4 Strob. (S. C.) 443.

DECEM TALES. (Ten such; or ten tales, jurors.) In practice. The name of a writ which issues in England, where, on a trial at bar, ten jurors are necessary to make up a full panel, commanding the sheriff to summon the requisite number. 3 Bl. Comm. 304; Reg. Jud. 308; 3 Steph. Comm. 602.

DECEMVIRI LITIBUS JUDICANDIS. Lat. In the Roman law. Ten persons (five senators and five equites) who acted as the council or assistants of the pretor, when he decided on matters of law. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 8. According to others, they were themselves judges. Calvin.

DECENNA. In old English law. A titthing or decennary; the precinct of a frankpledge; consisting of ten freeholders with their families. Spelman.

DECENNARIUS. Lat. One who held one-half a virgate of land. Du Cange. One of the ten freeholders in a decennary. Id.; Calvin. Decennarius. One of the decennarii, or ten freeholders making up a titthing. Spelman.


Deceptus non defectivus, juris substantiam. The laws help persons who are deceived, not those deceiving. Tray. Lat. Max. 149.

DECESSUS. In the civil and old English law. Death; departure.

Decet tamen principem servare leges quibus ipsa servatus est. It behoves, indeed, the prince to keep the laws by which he himself is preserved.

DECIDE. To decide includes the power and right to deliberate, to weigh the reasons for and against, to see which preponderate, and to be governed by that preponderance. Darden v. Lines, 2 Fla. 371; Com. v. Anthes, 5 Gray (Mass.) 263; In re Milford & M. R. Co., 63 N. H. 570, 36 Atl. 545.

DECIES TANTUM. (Ten times as much.) The name of an ancient writ that was used against a juror who had taken a bribe in money for his verdict. The injured party could thus recover ten times the amount of the bribe.

DECIME. In ecclesiastical law. Tenths, or tithes. The tenth part of the annual profit of each living, payable formerly to the pope. There were several valuations made of these livings at different times. The decima (tenths) were appropriated to the crown, and a new valuation established, by 26 Hen. VIII., c. 3. 1 Bl. Comm. 264. See TITHES.

Decima debentur parocho. Tithes are due to the parish priest.

Decima de declamatis solvi non debent. Tithes are not to be paid from that which is given for tithes.

Decima de jure divino et canonica institutione pertinere ad personam. Dal. 50. Tithes belong to the parson by divine right and canonical institution.

Decima non debent solvi, ubi non est annuus renovatio; et ex annuitatibus simul semel. Cro. Jac. 42. Tithes ought not to be paid where there is not an annual renovation, and from annual renovations once only.

DECIMATION. The punishing every tenth soldier by lot, for mutiny or other failure of duty, was termed "decimation legionis" by the Romans. Sometimes only the twentieth man was punished, (vicresinatio,) or the hundredth, (centesinatio.)

DECIME. A French coin of the value of the tenth part of a franc, or nearly two cents.

Decipi quam fallere est tutius. It is safer to be deceived than to deceive. Lofft, 396.

DECISION. In practice. A judgment or decree pronounced by a court in settlement of a controversy submitted to it and

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"Decision" is not synonymous with "opinion." A decision of the court is its judgment; the opinion is the reasons given for that judgment. Houston v. Williams, 13 Cal. 27, 73 Am. Dec. 565; Craig v. Bennett, 150 Ind. 9, 62 N. E. 273.

DECISIVE OATH. In the civil law. Where one of the parties to a suit, not being able to prove his charge, offered to refer the decision of the cause to the oath of his adversary, which the adversary was bound to accept, or tender the same proposal back again, otherwise the whole was taken as confessed by him. Cod. 4, 1, 12.

DECLARANT. A person who makes a declaration.

DECLARATION. In pleading. The first of the pleadings on the part of the plaintiff in an action at law, being a formal and methodical specification of the facts and circumstances constituting his cause of action. It commonly comprises several sections or divisions, called "counts," and its formal parts follow each other in this order: Title, venue, commencement, cause of action, counts, conclusion. The declaration, at common law, answers to the "libel" in ecclesiastical and admiralty law, the "bill" in equity, the "petition" in civil law, the "complaint" in code pleading, and the "count" in real actions. U. S. v. Ambrose. 108 U. S. 330, 2 Sup. Ct. 682, 27 L. Ed. 740; Buckingham v. Murray, 7 Houst. (Del.) 176, 30 Atl. 779; Smith v. Fowle. 12 Wend. (N. Y.) 10; Railway Co. v. Nugent, 86 Md. 340, 38 Atl. 779, 39 L. R. A. 161.

In evidence. An unsworn statement or narration of facts made by a party to the transaction, or by one who has an interest in the existence of the facts recounted. Or a similar statement made by a person since deceased, which is admissible in evidence in some cases, contrary to the general rule, e. g., a "dying declaration."

In practice. The declaration or declaratory part of a judgment, decree, or order is that part which gives the decision or opinion of the court on the question of law in the case. Thus, in an action raising a question as to the construction of a will, the judgment or order declares that, according to the true construction of the will, the plaintiff has become entitled to the residue of the testator's estate, or the like. Sweet.

In Scotch practice. The statement of a criminal or prisoner, taken before a magistrate. 2 Alls. Crim. Pr. 555.

—Declaration of Independence. A formal declaration or announcement, promulgated July
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4, 1776, by the congress of the United States of America. In the name and behalf of the people of the colonies, asserting and proclaiming their independence of the British crown, vindicating their rights as a political and independent nation.—Declaration of intention. A declaration made by an alien, as a preliminary to naturalization, before a court of record, to the effect that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to be faithful and true to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty whereof at the time he may be a citizen or subject. Rev. St. § 2165 (U. S. Comp. St. § 1901, p. 1929).—Declaration of Paris. The name given to an agreement announcing four important rules of international law effectuated between the principal European powers at the Congress of Paris in 1856. These rules are: (1) Privateering is and remains abolished; (2) the neutral flag covers enemy's goods, except contraband of war; (3) neutral goods, except contraband of war, are not liable to confiscation under a hostile flag; (4) blockades, to be binding, must be effective.—Declaration of right. See Bill of Rights.—Declaration of trust. The act by which the person who holds the legal title to property or an estate acknowledges and declares that he holds the same in trust for the use of another person or for certain specified purposes. The name is also used to designate the deed or other writing enjoining another to institute a declaratory action. Griffin v. Maxfield, 66 Ark. 513, 51 S. W. 332.—Declaration of war. A public and formal proclamation by a nation, through its executive or legislative department, that a state of war exists between itself and another nation, and forbidding all persons to aid or assist the enemy.—Dying declaration. Statements made by a person who is lying at the point of death, and is conscious of his approaching dissolution, in reference to the manner in which he received the injuries of which he is dying, or other immediate cause of his death, and in reference to the person who inflicted such injuries or the connection with such injuries of a person who is charged or suspected of having committed them; which statements are admissible in evidence in a trial for homicide where the killing of the declarant is the crime charged to the defendant. Simons v. People, 150 Ill. 68, 36 N. E. 1010; State v. Trusty, 1 Pennewill (Del.) 319, 49 S. 706; State v. Jones, 47 La. Ann. 175, 13 South. 515; Bell v. State, 72 Miss. 507, 17 South. 232; People v. Fuhrig, 127 Cal. 412, 59 Pac. 633; State v. Farham, 48 La. Ann. 1309, 20 South. 727.

DECLARATOR. In Scotch law. An action whereby it is sought to have some right of property, or of status, or other right judiciously ascertained and declared. Bell. —Declarator of trust. An action resorted to against a trustee who holds property upon titles ex facie for his own benefit. Bell.

DECLARATORY. Explanatory; designed to fix or elucidate what before was uncertain or doubtful. —Declaratory action. In Scotch law. An action in which the right of the pursuer (or plaintiff) is claimed to be declared, but nothing claimed to be done by the defender, (defendant.) Ersk. Inst. 5, 1, 46. Otherwise called an “action of declaratory.”—Declaratory judgment. A declaratory judgment is one which simply declares the rights of the parties, or expresses the opinion of the court on a question of law, without ordering anything to be done.—Declaratory part of a law. That which clearly defines rights to be observed and wrongs to be eschewed.—Declaratory statute. One enacted for the purpose of removing doubts or putting an end to conflicting decisions in regard to what the law is in relation to a particular matter. It may either be express of the common law. (1 Bl. Comm. 86; Gray v. Bennett, 3 Metc. [Mass.] 527.) or may declare what shall be taken to be the true meaning and intention of a previous statute, though in the latter case such enactments are more commonly called "expository statutes."

DECLARE. To solemnly assert a fact before witnesses, e. g., where a testator declares a paper signed by him to be his last will and testament. Lane v. Lane, 95 N. Y. 498.

This also is one of the words customarily used in the promise given by a person who is affirmed as a witness, "sincerely and truly declare and affirm." Hence, to make a positive and solemn asseveration. Bassett v. Denn, 17 N. J. Law, 433.

With reference to pleadings, it means to draw up, serve, and file a declaration; e. g., a "rule to declare." Also to allege in a declaration as a ground or cause of action; as, "he declares upon a promissory note."

DECLINATION. In Scotch law. A plea to the jurisdiction, on the ground that the judge is interested in the suit.

DECLINATOIRES. In French law. Pleas to the jurisdiction of the court; also of lie pendens, and of connexité, (q. v.)

DECLINATORY PLEA. In English practice. The plea of sanctuary, or of benefit of clergy, before trial or conviction. 2 Hale, P. C. 236; 4 Bl. Comm. 333. Now abolished. 4 Steph. Comm. 400, note; 1d. 456, note.

DECLINATURE. In Scotch practice. An objection to the jurisdiction of a judge. Bell.

DECOCTION. The act of boiling a substance in water, for extracting its virtues. Also the liquor in which a substance has been boiled; water impregnated with the principles of any animal or vegetable substance boiled in it. Webster; Sykes v. Magone (C. C.) 38 Fed. 497.

In an indictment "decoction" and "infusion" are ejusdem generis; and if one is alleged to have been administered, instead of the other, the variance is immaterial. 3 Camp. 74.

DECOCTOR. In the Roman law. A bankrupt; a spendthrift; a squanderer of public funds. Calvin.

DECOLLATIO. In old English and Scotch law. Decollation; the punishment of beheading. Fleta, lb. 1, c. 21, § 6.

DECONES. In French law. A name formerly given to those persons who died
without confession, whether they refused to confess or whether they were criminals to whom the sacrament was refused.

DECOY. To inveigle, entice, tempt, or lure; as, to decoy a prisoner within the jurisdiction of a court so that he may be served with process, or to decoy a fugitive criminal to a place where he may be arrested without extradition papers, or to decoy one away from his place of residence for the purpose of kidnapping him and as a part of that act. In all these uses, the word implies enticement or luring by means of some fraud, trick, or temptation, but excludes the idea of force. Ebering v. State, 136 Ind. 117, 35 N. E. 1023; John v. State, 6 Wyo. 263, 44 Pac. 51; Campbell v. Hudson, 106 Mich. 625, 64 N. W. 483.


DEGREE. In practice. The judgment of a court of equity or admiralty, answering to the judgment of a court of common law. A decree in equity is a sentence or order of the court, pronounced on hearing and understanding all the points in issue, and determining the right of all the parties to the suit, according to equity and good conscience. 2 Daniell, Ch. Pr. 386; Wooster v. Handy (C. C.) 22 Fed. 56; ROWLEY v. VAN BENTHEUSEN, 16 Wend. (N. Y.) 383; Vance v. Rockwell, 3 Colo. 243; Halbert v. Alford (Tex.) 16 S. W. 514.

Decree is the judgment of a court of equity, and is, to most intents and purposes, the same as a judgment of a court of common law. A decree, as distinguished from an order, is final, and is made at the hearing of the cause, whereas an order is interlocutory, and is made on motion or petition. Wherever an order may, in a certain event resulting from the direction contained in the order, lead to the termination of the suit in like manner as a decree made at the hearing, it is called a "decretal order." Brown.

In French law. Certain acts of the legislature or of the sovereign which have the force of law are called "decrees" as the Berlin and Milan decrees.

In Scotch law. A final judgment or sentence of court by which the question at issue between the parties is decided.

Classification. Decrees in equity are either final or interlocutory. A final decree is one which fully and finally disposes of the whole litigation, determining all questions raised by the case, and leaving nothing that requires further judicial action. Travis v. Waters, 12 Johns. (N. Y.) 508; Mills v. Hog, 7 Paige (N. Y.) 19, 31 Am. Dec. 271; Core v. Strickler, 24 W. Va. 659; EX parte Crittenden, 10 Ark. 339. An interlocutory decree is a provisional or preliminary decree, which is not final and does not determine the suit, but directs some further proceedings preparatory to the final decree. A decree pronounced for the purpose of ascertaining matter of law or fact preparatory to a final decree. 1 Barb. Ch. Pr. 326, 327; Teaff v. Hewitt, 1 Ohio St. 339, 59 Am. Dec. 634; Wooster v. Handy (C. C.) 22 Fed. 56; Beebe v. Russell, 19 How. 283, 15 L. Ed. 687; Jenkins v. Wild, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 543.

—Consent decree. One entered by consent of the parties; it is not properly a judicial sentence, but is in the nature of a solemn contract or agreement of the parties, made under the sanction of the court, and is in effect an admission by them that the decree is a just determination of their rights upon the real facts of the case, if such facts had been proved. Allen v. Richardson, 9 Hilch. Eq. (C. S.) 53; Kelly v. Milan (C. C.) 21 Fed. 642; Schmidt v. Mining Co., 29 Or. 8, 40 Pac. 1014, 52 Am. St. Rep. 753; Decree dative of law. An order of a probate court appointing an administrator.—Decree nisi. A provisional decree, which would be made absolute on motion unless cause be shown against it. In English practice, it is the order made by the court for divorce, nisi prius, the jury sitting given in support of a petition for dissolution of marriage; it remains imperfect for at least six months, (which period may be shortened by the court down to one month,) and then, unless cause be shown, it is made absolute on motion, and the dissolution takes effect, subject to appeal. Whatman v. Deeree of substitution. In Scotch practice. A decree by which a debt is ascertained. Bell. In technical language, a decree which is requisite to found a title in the person of the creditor, whether the necessity arises from the death of the debtor or of the creditor. Id.—Decree of forgoing. In Scotch law. A decree made after a defendant (g. v.) ordering the debt to be paid or the effects of the debtor to be delivered to the arresting creditor. Bell.—Decree of insolvency. One entered in a probate court, when the estate in question is to be insolvent, that is, that the assets are not sufficient to pay the debts in full. Bush v. Decree dative of law. An order of a probate court appointing an administrator.—Decree of nullity. In Scotch law. The decree of a feudal court allowing a stipend under different heritors. It is equivalent to the appointment of a tithe rent-charge.—Decree of modification. In Scotch law. A decree of the feudal court modifying or confirming a stipend.—Decree of nullity. One entered in a suit for the annulment of a marriage, and adjudging the marriage to have been null and void ab initio. See NULLITY.—Decree of registration. In Scotch law. A proceeding giving immediate execution to the creditor: similar to a warrant of attorney to confess judgment.—Decree pro confesso. One entered in a court of equity in favor of the complainant where the defendant has made an answer to the bill and its allegations are consequently taken "as confessed." Ohio Cent. R. Co. v. Central Trust Co., 133 U. S. 83, 10 Sup. Ct. 250, 33 L. Ed. 561.

DECRET. In Scotch law. The final judgment or sentence of a court.

—Decret absolverit. A decree dismissing a claim, or acquitting a defendant. 2 Kames, Eq. 367.—Decret arbitratio. A decree arbitrating. 1 Kames, Eq. 312, 313; 2 Kames Eq. 367.—Decret cognitionis causa. When a creditor brings his action against the heir of his debtor, in order to cause judgment against him and attach the lands, and the heir appears and renounces the succession, the court then pronounces "decree cognitionis causa." Bell.—Decret co omni contentum. One where
the decision is in favor of the plaintiff. Emm. Inst. 4, 3, 5.—Decret of valuation of teinds. A sentence of the court of sessions, (who are now in the place of the commissioners for the valuation of teinds,) determining the extent and value of teinds. Bell.

DECREMENTUM MARIS. Lat. In old English law. Decrease of the sea; the receding of the sea from the land. Callis, Sewers, (53,) 65. See Relicition.

DECREPIT. This term designates a person who is disabled, incapable, or incompetent, either from physical or mental weakness or defects, whether produced by age or other causes, to such an extent as to render the individual comparatively helpless in a personal conflict with one possessed of ordinary health and strength. Hall v. State, 16 Tex. App. 11, 49 Am. Rep. 824.

DECRETA. In the Roman law. Judicial sentences given by the emperor as supreme judge.

Decreta conciliorum non ligant reges nostros. Moore, 906. The decree of councils bind not our kings.

DECRETAL ORDER. See Decree; Order.

DECRETALES BONIFACII OCTAVI. A supplemental collection of the canon law, published by Boniface VIII. in 1298, called, also, "Liber Sextus Decretalium," (Sixth Book of the Decretals.)

DECRETALES GREGORII NONI. The decretals of Gregory the Ninth. A collection of the laws of the church, published by order of Gregory IX. in 1227. It is composed of five books, subdivided into titles, and each title is divided into chapters. They are cited by using an X, (or catra:) thus "Cap. X de Regula Juris," etc.

DECRETELS. In ecclesiastical law. Letters of the pope, written at the suit or instance of one or more persons, determining some point or question in ecclesiastical law, and possessing the force of law. The decreets form the second part of the body of canon law.

This is also the title of the second of the two great divisions of the canon law, the first being called the "Decree," (decretum.)

DECRETO. In Spanish colonial law. An order emanating from some superior tribunal, promulgated in the name and by the authority of the sovereign, in relation to ecclesiastical matters. Schm. Civil Law, 93, note.

DECRETUM. In the civil law. A species of imperial constitution, being a judgment or sentence given by the emperor upon hearing of a cause. (quod imperator cognovit credebuit.) Inst. 1, 2, 5.

In canon law. An ecclesiastical law, in contradistinction to a secular law, (i.e.) 1 Mackeld. Civil Law, p. 51, § 33, (Kaufmann's note.)

DECRETUM GRATIANI. Gratian's decree, or decretum. A collection ofecclesiastical law in three books or parts, made in the year 1151, by Gratian, a Benedictine monk of Bologna, being the oldest as well as the first in order of the collections which together form the body of the Roman canon law. 1 Bl. Comm. 82; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 67.

DECROWNING. The act of depriving of a crown.

DECRY. To cry down; to deprive of credit. "The king may at any time decry or cry down any coin of the kingdom, and make it no longer current." 1 Bl. Comm. 278.

DECURIO. Lat. A decurion. In the provincial administration of the Roman empire, the decurions were the chief men or official personages of the large towns. Taken as a body, the decurions of a city were charged with the entire control and administration of its internal affairs; having powers both magisterial and legislative. See 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 54.

DEDBANA. In Saxon law. An actual homicide or manslaughter.

DEDI. (Lat. I have given.) A word used in deeds and other instruments of conveyance when such instruments were made in Latin, and anciently held to imply a warranty of title. Deakins v. Hollis, 7 Gill & J. (Md.) 315.

DEDI ET CONCESSI. I have given and granted. The operative words of conveyance in ancient charters of feuftment, and deeds of gift and grant; the English "given and granted" being still the most proper, though not the essential, words by which such conveyances are made. 2 Bl. Comm. 33, 316, 317; 1 Steph. Comm. 164, 177, 473, 474.

DEDICATE. To appropriate and set apart one's private property to some public use; as to make a private way public by acts evincing an intention to do so.

DEDICATION. In real property law. An appropriation of land to some public use, made by the owner, and accepted for such use by or on behalf of the public; a deliberate appropriation of land by its owner for any general and public uses, reserving to himself no other rights than such as are compatible with the full exercise and enjoyment.
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Express or implied. A dedication may be express, as where the intention to dedicate is expressly manifested by a deed or an explicit oral or written declaration of the owner, or some other explicit manifestation of his purpose to devote the land to the public use. An implied dedication may be shown by some act or course of conduct on the part of the owner from which a reasonable inference of intent may be drawn, or which is inconsistent with any other theory than that he intended a dedication. Culmer v. Salt Lake City, 27 Utah 272, 75 Pac. 620; San Antonio v. Sullivan, 23 Tex. Civ. App. 619, 57 S. W. 42; Kent v. Pratt, 73 Conn. 573, 48 Atl. 418; Hurley v. West St. Paul, 88 Minn. 401, 90 N. W. 427; People v. Marin County, 103 Cal. 223, 37 Pac. 203, 26 L. R. A. 659.

Common-law or statutory. A common-law dedication is one made as above described, and may be either express or implied. A statutory dedication is one made under and in conformity with the provisions of a statute regulating the subject, and is of course necessarily express. San Antonio v. Sullivan, 23 Tex. Civ. App. 619, 57 S. W. 42; People v. Marin County, 103 Cal. 223, 37 Pac. 203, 26 L. R. A. 659.

In copyright law. The first publication of a work, without having secured a copyright, is a dedication of it to the public; that having been done, any one may republish it. Bartlett v. Crittenden, 5 McLean, 32, Fed. Cas. No. 1,076.

DEDICATION-DAY. The feast of dedication of churches, or rather the feast day of the saint and patron of a church, which was celebrated not only by the inhabitants of the place, but by those of all the neighboring villages, who usually came thither; and such assemblies were allowed as lawful. It was usual for the people to feast and to drink on those days. Cowell.

DEDIMUS ET CONCESSIMUS. (Lat. We have given and granted.) Words used by the king, or where there were more gran-tors than one, instead of dedi et concessi.

DEDIMUS POTESTATEM. (We have given power.) In English practice. A writ or commission issuing out of chancery, empowering the persons named therein to perform certain acts, as to administer oaths to defendants in chancery and take their an-swers, to administer oaths of office to justices of the peace, etc. 3 Bl. Comm. 447. It was anciency allowed for many purposes not now in use, as to make an attorney, to take the acknowledgment of a fine, etc.

In the United States, a commission to take testimony is sometimes termed a "dedimus potestatem." Biddicum v. Kirk, 3 Cranch, 288, 2 L. Ed. 444; Sergeant's Jesssee v. Biddle, 4 Wheat. 508, 4 L. Ed. 627.

DEDIMUS POTESTATEM DE AT- TORNTO FACIENDO. In old English practice. A writ, issued by royal authority, empowering an attorney to appear for a defendant. Prior to the statute of Westminster 2, a party could not appear in court by attorney without this writ.

DEDITION. The act of yielding up any- thing; surrender.

DEDITTITI. In Roman law. Criminals who had been marked in the face or on the body with fire or an iron, so that the mark could not be erased, and subsequently manu-mitted. Calvin.

DEDUCTION. By "deduction" is understood a portion or thing which an heir has a right to take from the mass of the succession before any partition takes place. Civil Code La. art. 1358.

DEDUCTION FOR NEW. In marine insurance. An allowance or drawback credited to the insurers on the cost of repairing a vessel for damage arising from the perils of the sea insured against. This allowance is usually one-third, and is made on the theory that the parts restored with new materials are better, in that proportion than they were before the damage.

DEED. A sealed instrument, containing a contract or covenant, delivered by the party to be bound thereby, and accepted by the party to whom the contract or covenant runs. A writing containing a contract sealed and delivered to the party thereto. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 239.

In its legal sense, a "deed" is an instrument in writing, upon paper or parchment, between parties able to contract, subscribed, sealed, and delivered. Insurance Co. v. Avery, 60 Ind. 572; 4 Kent, Comm. 472.

In a more restricted sense, a written agreement, signed, sealed, and delivered, by which one person conveys land, tenements, or hereditaments to another. This is its ordinary modern meaning. Sanders v. Riedinger, 50 App. Div. 277, 51 N. Y. Supp. 937; Reed v. Hazleton, 37 Kan. 321, 15 Pac. 177; Dudley v. Sumner, 5 Mass. 470; Fisher v. Pender, 52 N. C. 485.

The term is also used as synonymous with "fact," "actualty," or "act of parties." Thus a thing "in deed" is one that has been really or expressly done; as opposed to "in law," which means that it is merely implied or presumed to have been done.

—Deed in fee. A deed conveying the title to land in free simple with the usual covenants. Rudd v. Savelli, 44 Ark. 152; Moody v. Rail-way Co., 5 Wash. 690, 32 Pac. 751.—Deed in dented, or Indenture. In conveyancing. A deed executed or purporting to be executed in
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parts, between two or more parties, and distinguishing, in writing, the edge of the paper, precious parchment on which it is written indented or cut at the top in a particular manner. This was formerly done at the top or side, in a line resembling the teeth of a saw; a formality derived from the ancient practice of dividing chartographs; but the cutting is now made either in a waving line, or more commonly by notching or nicking the paper at the edge. 2 Bl. Comm. 265, 266; Litt. § 370; Smith, Cont. 12.—Deed of covenant. Covenants are sometimes entered into by a separate deed, or by title, or for the indemnity of a purchaser or mortgagee, or for the production of title-deeds. A covenant with a person is sometimes taken for the payment of a debt, instead of a bond with a condition, but the legal remedy is the same in either case.

—Deed of release. One releasing property from the incumbrance of a mortgage or similar pledge upon payment or performance of the conditions; more specifically, where a deed of trust to one or more trustees has been executed, pledging real property for the payment of a debt or the performance of other conditions, substantially as in the case of a mortgage, a deed of release is the conveyance executed by the trustees, after payment or performance, for the purpose of divesting themselves of the legal title and releasing it in the original owner. See Swain v. McMillan, 30 Mont. 433, 76 Pac. 943.—Deed of separation. An instrument by which a husband through the medium of some third person acting as trustee, provision is made by a husband for separation from his wife and for her separate maintenance. Whitney v. Whitney, 15 Misc. Rep. 72, 36 N. Y. Supp. 891.—Deed of trust. An instrument in use in many states, taking the place and serving the uses of a common-law mortgage, by which the legal title to real property is placed in one or more trustees, to secure the repayment of a sum of money or the performance of other conditions. Bank v. Pierce, 144 Cal. 434, 77 Pac. 1012. See Trust Deed.—Deed poll. In conveyancing, a deed of one part or made by one party only, and originally as called because the edge of the paper or parchment was polled or cut in a straight line, wherein it was distinguished from a deed indented or indenture. As to a special use of this term in Pennsylvania in colonial times, see Herron v. Dater, 120 U. S. 464, 2 Sup. Ct. 630, 30 L. Ed. 745.—Deed to cancel. A deed under a fine or common recovery, to show the object thereof.—Deed to lead uses. A deed made before a fine or common recovery, to show the object thereof.

As to "Quitclaim" deed, "Tax Deed," "Trust Deed," and "Warranty" deed, see those titles.


DEEMSTERS. Judges in the Isle of Man, who decide all controversies without process, writings, or any charges. These judges are chosen by the people, and are said by Speelman to be two in number. Speelman.

DEER-FALED. A park or fold for deer.

DEER-HAYES. Engines or great nets made of cord to catch deer. 19 Hen. VIII. c. 11.

DEFACE. To mar or destroy the face (that is, the physical appearance of written or inscribed characters as expressive of a definite meaning) of a written instrument, signature, inscription, etc., by obliteration, erasure, cancellation, or superinscription, so as to render it illegible or unrecognizable. Linney v. State, 6 Tex. 1, 55 Am. Dec. 756. See Cancel.

DEFACTION. The act of a defaulter; misappropriation of trust funds or money held in any fiduciary capacity; failure to properly account for such funds. Usually spoken of officers or corporations or public officials. In re Butts (D. C.) 120 Fed. 970; Crawford v. Burke, 201 Ill. 551, 66 N. E. 533. Also set-off. The diminution of a debt or claim by deducting from it a smaller claim held by the debtor or payor. Iron Works v. Cuppett, 41 Iowa, 104; Houk v. Foley, 2 Pen. & W. (Pa.) 250; McDonald v. Lee, 12 La. 495.

DEFAK. To set off one claim against another; to deduct a debt due to one from a debt which one owes. Johnson v. Signal Co., 57 N. J. Eq. 79, 40 Atl. 139; Pepper v. Warren, 2 Marv. (Del.) 225, 43 Atl. 91. This verb corresponds only to the second meaning of "defalcation" as given above; a public officer or trustee who misappropriates or embezzeles funds in his hands is not said to "defalk."


DEFAKES. L. Fr. Infamous. Brit. c. 15.

DEFAULT. The omission or failure to fulfill a duty, observe a promise, discharge an obligation, or perform an agreement. State v. Moom, 52 Neb. 770, 73 N. W. 299; Osborn v. Rogers, 49 Hun, 245, 3 N. Y. Supp. 623; Mason v. Aldrich, 36 Minn. 283, 30 N. W. 884.

In practice: Omission; neglect or failure. When a defendant in an action at law omits to plead within the time allowed him for that purpose, or fails to appear on the trial, he is said to make default, and the judgment entered in the former case is technically called a "judgment by default." 3 Bl.
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Comm. 396; 1 Tidd, Pr. 382; Page v. Sutton, 29 Ark. 306.

Defect of issue. Failure to have living children or descendants at a given time or fixed point. George v. Morgan, 16 Pa. 106.—Defaulter. One who makes a default. One who misappropriates money held by him in an official or fiduciary character, or fails to account for such money, etc., as directed. See infra.—Defect of parties. In pleading and practice. Insufficiency of the parties before a court in any given proceeding to give it jurisdiction and authority to decide the controversy, arising from the omission or failure to join plaintiffs or defendants who should have been brought in; never applied to superfluity of parties or the improper addition of plaintiffs or defendants. Maeder v. Plano Mfg. Co., 17 S. D. 653; 97 N. W. 843; Railroad Co. v. Schuyler, 17 N. Y. 603; Palmer v. Davis, 28 N. Y. 246; Beach v. Water Co. 25 Mont. 379, 65 Pac. 111; Weatherby v. Meiklejohn, 61 Wis. 67, 20 N. W. 374.—Defect of substance. An imperfection in the body or substantive part of a legal instrument, plea, indictment, etc., consisting in the omission of something which is essential to be set forth. State v. Startup, 39 N. J. Law, 432; Flexner v. Dickerson, 65 Ala. 132.

DEFEASANCE. An instrument which defeats the force or operation of some other deed or estate. That which is in the same deed is called a "condition," and that which is in another deed is a "defeasance." Com. Dig. "Defeasance."

In conveyancing. A collateral deed made at the same time with a feoffment or other conveyance, containing certain conditions, upon the performance of which the estate then created may be defeated or totally undone. 2 Bl. Comm. 327; Co. Litt. 238, 237.

An instrument accompanying a bond, recognizance, or judgment, containing a condition which, when performed, defeats or undone it. 2 Bl. Comm. 342; Co. Litt. 238, 237; Miller v. Quick, 158 Mo. 405; 59 S. W. 965; Harrison v. Phillips' Academy, 12 Mass. 466; Lippincott v. Tilton, 14 N. J. Law, 361; Nugent v. Riley, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 119, 35 Am. Dec. 355.

DEFEASIBLE. Subject to be defeated, annulled, revoked, or undone upon the happening of a future event or the performance of a condition subsequent, or by a conditional limitation. Usually spoken of estates and interests in land. For instance, a mortgagee's estate is defeasible (liable to be defeated) by the mortgagor's equity of redemption.

Defeasible fee. An estate in fee but which is liable to be defeated by some future contingency; e.g., a vested remainder which might be defeated by the death of the remainderman before the time fixed for the taking effect of the devise. Forsythe v. Lansing, 106 Ky. 518, 59 S. W. 854; Wills v. Wills, 86 Ky. 486, 3 S. W. 906.—Defeasible title: One that is liable to be annulled or made void, but not one that is already void or an absolute nullity. Elder v. Schumacher, 18 Colo. 433, 33 Pac. 175.

DEFEAT. To prevent, frustrate, or circumvent; as in the phrase "hinder, delay, or defeat creditors." Coleman v. Walker, 3 Metc. (Ky.) 65, 77 Am. Dec. 163; Walker v. Sayers, 5 Bush (Ky.) 581.

To overcome or prevail against in any contest; as in speaking of the "defeated party" in an action at law. Wood v. Bailey, 21 Wall. 642, 22 L. Ed. 689; Goff v. Wilburn (Ky.) 79 S. W. 233.

To annul, undo, or terminate; as, a title or estate. See DEFEASIBLE.

DEFECTION. The want or absence of some legal requisite; deficiency; imperfection; insufficiency. Haney-Campbell Co. v. Creamery Ass'n, 119 Iowa, 188, 93 N. W. 297; Bliven v. Sioux City, 85 Iowa, 346, 52 N. W. 246.

Defect of form. An imperfection in the style, manner, arrangement, or non-essential parts of a legal instrument, plea, indictment, etc., as directed. See infra.—Defect of parties. In pleading and practice. Insufficiency of the parties before a court in any given proceeding to give it jurisdiction and authority to decide the controversy, arising from the omission or failure to join plaintiffs or defendants who should have been brought in; never applied to superfluity of parties or the improper addition of plaintiffs or defendants. Maeder v. Plano Mfg. Co., 17 S. D. 653; 97 N. W. 843; Railroad Co. v. Schuyler, 17 N. Y. 603; Palmer v. Davis, 28 N. Y. 246; Beach v. Water Co. 25 Mont. 379, 65 Pac. 111; Weatherby v. Meiklejohn, 61 Wis. 67, 20 N. W. 374.—Defect of substance. An imperfection in the body or substantive part of a legal instrument, plea, indictment, etc., consisting in the omission of something which is essential to be set forth. State v. Startup, 39 N. J. Law, 432; Flexner v. Dickerson, 65 Ala. 132.

DEFECTIVE. Lacking in some particular which is essential to the completeness, legal sufficiency, or security of the object spoken of; as, a "defective" highway or bridge. (Munson v. Derby, 37 Conn. 310, 9 Am. Rep. 332; Whitney v. Ticonderoga, 53 Hun, 214, 6 N. Y. Supp. 844) machinery, (Machinery Co. v. Brady, 60 Ill. App. 379) writ or recognizance, (State v. Lavalle, 9 Mo. 836; McArthur v. Boynton, 19 Colo. App. 234, 74 Pac. 542;) or title, (Coperthin v. Oppermann, 76 Cal. 151, 18 Pac. 256.)

DEFECTUS. Lat. Defect; default; want; imperfection; disqualification.

—Challenge propter defectum. A challenge to a juror on account of some obvious disqualification, such as insanity, etc. See CHALLENGE.—Defectus sanguinis. Failure of the blood, i. e., failure or want of issue.

DEFEND. To prohibit or forbid. To deny. To contest and endeavor to defeat a claim or demand made against one in a court of justice. Boehmer v. Irrigation Dist., 117 Cal. 19, 48 Pac. 908. To oppose, repel, or resist.

In covenants of warranty in deeds, it means to protect, to maintain or keep secure, to guaranty, to agree to indemnify.


In common usage, this term is applied to the party put upon his defense, or summoned to answer a charge or complaint, in any species of action, civil or criminal, at law or in equity. Strictly, however, it does not apply to the person against whom a real action is brought, for in that proceeding the technical usage is to call
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the parties respectively the "demandant" and the "tenant."

-Defendant in error. The distinctive term appropriate to the party against whom a writ of error is sued out.

DEFENDEMUS. Lat. A word used in grants and donations, which binds the donor and his heirs to defend the donee, if any one go about to lay any incumbrance on the thing given other than what is contained in the deed of donation. Bract. l. 2, c. 16.

DEFENDEN. (Fr.) To deny; to defend; to conduct a suit for a defendant; to forbid; to prevent; to protect.

DEFENDEN. In Scotch and canon law. A defendant.

DEFENDER OF THE FAITH. A peculiar title belonging to the sovereign of England, as that of "Catholic" to the king of Spain, and that of "Most Christian" to the king of France. These titles were originally given by the popes of Rome; and that of Defender Fidei was first conferred by Pope Leo X. on King Henry VIII., as a reward for writing against Martin Luther; and the bull for it bears date quinto Idus Octob., 1521. Enc. Lond.

DEFENDER EX PER CORPUS SUM. To offer duel or combat as a legal trial and appeal. Abolished by 59 Geo. III. § 46. See Battel.

DEFENDER EX UNICA MANU. To wage law; a denial of an accusation upon oath. See Wager of Law.

DEFENDIT VIM ET INJURIAM. He defends the force and injury. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 39, § 1.

DEFENDOUR. L. Fr. A defender or defendant; the party accused in an appeal. Brit. c. 22.

DEFENATION. The act of lending money on usury.

DEFENDA. In old English law. A park or place fenced in for deer, and defended as a property and peculiar for that use and service. Cowell.

DEFENSE. That which is offered and alleged by the party proceeded against in an action or suit, as a reason in law or fact why the plaintiff should not recover or establish what he seeks; what is put forward to defeat an action. More properly what is sufficient when offered for this purpose. In either of these senses it may be either a denial, justification, or confession and avoidance of the facts averred as a ground of action, or an exception to their sufficiency in point of law. Whitfield v. Insurance Co. (C. C.) 125 Fed. 270; Miller v. Martin, 8 N. J. Law, 204; Bailer v. Humphall, 16 Neb. 127, 20 N. W. 108; Cohn v. Hussen, 66 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 151; Railroad Co. v. Illinchclffe, 34 Misc. Rep. 49, 68 N. Y. Supp. 558; Brower v. Netlts, 6 Ind. App. 323, 33 N. E. 672.

In a stricter sense, defense is used to denote the answer made by the defendant to the plaintiff's action, by demurrer or plea at law or answer in equity. This is the meaning of the term in Scotch law. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 68.

Haf defense was that which was made by the form, "defends the force and injury, and says," (defendit vim et injuriam, et dicta)

Full defense was that which was made by the form "defends the force and injury when and where it shall behoove him, and the damages, and whatever else, he ought to defend," (defendit vim et injuriam quando et ubi curia consideravit, et damna et quibusdam quod ipse defendere debet, et dicta,) commonly shortened into "defends the force and injury when," etc. Gilb. Com. 2d, 186; & Term, 632; 3 Bos. & P. 9, note; Co. Litt. 1. 127b.

In matrimonial suits, in England, defenses are divided into absolute, i. e., such as, being established, make satisfaction of the plaintiff's claim impossible; complete answer to the petition, so that the court can exercise no discretion, but is bound to dismiss the petition; and discretionary, or such as, being established, leaves to the court a discretion whether it will pronounce a decree or dismiss the petition. Thus, in a suit for dissolution, conversion is an absolute, adultery by the petitioner a discretionary, defense. Browne, Div. 30.

Defense also means the forcible repelling of an attack made unlawfully with force and violence.

In old statutes and records, the term means prohibition; denial or refusal. Enconter le defense et le commandement de roy; against the prohibition and commandment of the king. St. Westm. I. c. 1. Also a state of severity, or of several or exclusive occupancy; a state of inclosure.

-Affidavit of defense. See AFFIDAVIT.—Affirmative defense. In code pleading. New matter constituting a defense; new matter which, assuming the complaint to be true, constitutes a defense to it. Carter v. Bank, 33 Misc. Rep. 128, 67 N. Y. Supp. 300.—Equitable defense. In English practice, a defense to an action on grounds which, prior to the passage of the common-law procedure act, (17 & 18 Vict. c. 125,) would have been cognizable only in a court of equity. In American practice, a defense which is cognizable in a court of equity, but which is available there only, and not in an action at law, except under the reformed codes of practice. Kelly v. Hurd, 74 Mo. 570; New York v. Holdiber, 44 Misc. Rep. 906, 90 N. Y. Supp. 63.—Frivolous defense. One which at first glance can be seen to be merely pretentious, setting up some ground which cannot be sustained by argument. Dominion Nat. Bank v. Olympia Cotton Mills (C. C.) 129 Fed. 182.—Meritorious defense. One going to the merits, substance, or essentials of the case, as distinguished from dilatory or technical objections. Cooper v. Lumley, Co. Litt., 61 Ark. 36, 31 S. W. 981.—Partial defense. One which goes only to a part of the cause of action, or which only tends to mitigate the plaintiff's right to be awarded. Cooper v. Bank, 33 Misc. Rep. 128, 67 N. Y. Supp. 300.—Peremptory defense. A defense which insists that the plaintiff never had the right to institute the suit, or that, if he had, the original right is extinguished or determined.
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Bouv. Inst. no. 4206.—Pretermitted defense. One which was available to a party and of which he might have had the benefit if he had pleaded it in due season, but which cannot afterwards be heard as a basis for affirming a recovery. Swennes v. Speirs, 120 Wis. 88, 97 N. W. 511. —Sham defense. A false or fictitious defense, interposed in bad faith, and manifestly untrue, insufficient, or irrelevant on its face. —Self-defense. See that title. —Defense au fond en droit. In French and Canadian law. A demurrer. —Defense au fond en fait. In French and Canadian law. The general issue. 3 Low. Can. 421. —Legal defense. (1) A defense which is complete and adequate in point of law. (2) A defense which may be set up in a law court: as distinguished from an "equitable defense," which is cognizable only in a court of equity or court possessing equitable powers.

DEFENSIVA. In old English law. A lord or earl of the marches, who was the warden and defender of his country. Cowell.

DEFENSIVE ALLEGATION. In English ecclesiastical law. A species of pleading, where the defendant, instead of denying the plaintiff's charge upon oath, has any circumstances to offer in his defense. This entitles him, in his turn, to the plaintiff's answer upon oath, upon which he may proceed to proofs as well as his antagonist. 3 Bl. Comm. 100; 3 Steph. Comm. 720.

DEFENSIVE WAR. A war in defense of, or for the protection of, national rights. It may be defensive in its principles, though offensive in its operations. 1 Kent, Comm. 50, note.

DEFENSE. That part of any open field or place that was allotted for corn or hay, and upon which there was no common or feeding, was ancienly said to be in defense; so of any meadow ground that was laid in for hay only. The same term was applied to a wood where part was inclosed or fenced, to secure the growth of the underwood from the injury of cattle. Cowell.

DEFENSOR. In the civil law. A defender; one who assumed the defense of another's case in court. Also an advocate. A tutor or curator.

In canon law. The advocate or patron of a church. An officer who had charge of the temporalities of the church.

In old English law. A guardian, defender, or protector. The defendant in an action. A person vouch'd in to warranty.

—Defensor civitatis. Defender or protector of a city or municipality. An officer under the Roman empire, whose duty it was to protect the people against the injustice of the magistrates, the violence of the subaltern officers, and the rapacity of the money-lenders. Schm. Civil Law, Intro. 18; Cod. I, 55, 4. He had the powers of a judge, with jurisdiction of pecuniary causes to a limited amount, and the lighter species of offenses. Cod. 1, 55, 1; Nov. 16, c. 9, § 2; Id. c. 8, § 1. He had also the care to be the public record, and powers similar to those of a notary in regard to the execution of wills and conveyances. —Defensor fidel. Defender of the faith. See DEFENDER.

DEFENSUM. An inclosure of land; any fenced ground. See DEFENSO.

DEFERRED. Delayed; put off; remand ed; postponed to a future time.
—Deferred life annuities. In English law. Annuities for the life of the purchaser, but not commencing until a date subsequent to the date of buying them, so that, if the purchaser die before that date, the purchase money is lost. Granted by the chancellor in the construction of the national debt. See 16 & 17 Vict. c. 45, § 2. Wharton. —Deferred stock. See Stock.

DEFICIENCY. A lack, shortage, or insufficiency. The difference between the total amount of the debt or payment meant to be secured by a mortgage and that realized on foreclosure and sale when less than the total. A judgment or decree for the amount of such deficiency is called a "deficiency judgment" or "deedec." Goldsmith v. Brown, 35 Barb. (N. Y.) 492.

—Deficiency bill. In parliamentary practice, an appropriation bill covering items of expense omitted from the general appropriation bill or bills, or for which insufficient appropriations were made. It intended to cover a variety of such items. It is commonly called a "general deficiency bill;" if intended to make provision for expenses which must be met immediately, or which cannot wait the ordinary course of the general appropriation bills, it is called an "urgent deficiency bill."

Deficiente uno saesinasse non potest esse hares. 3 Co. 41. On a blood being wanting, he cannot be heir. But see 5 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106, § 9, and 33 & 34 Vict. c. 23, § 1.

DEFICIT. Something wanting, generally in the accounts of one intrusted with money, or in the money received by him. Mutual L. & B. Ass'n v. Price, 19 Fla. 133.

DEFINE. To debase, deflower, or corrupt the chastity of a woman. The term does not necessarily imply force or ravishment, nor does it connote previous immeasurateness. State v. Montgomery, 79 Iowa, 737, 45 N. W. 292; State v. Fernald, 88 Iowa, 553, 55 N. W. 534.


"An examination of our Session Laws will show that acts have frequently been passed, the constitutionality of which has never been questioned, and the provisions of which were conferred could not be considered as merely explaining or making more clear those previously conferred or attempted to be, although the word 'define' was used in the title. In legislation it
is frequently used in the creation, enlarging, and extending the powers and duties of boards and officers, in defining certain offenses and providing punishment for the same, and thus enlarging and extending the scope of the criminal law. And it is properly used in the title where the object of the act is to determine or fix boundaries, more especially where a dispute has arisen concerning them. It is used between different governments, as to define the extent of a kingdom or country.” People v. Bradley, 36 Mich. 452.

DEFINITIO. Lat. Definition, or, more strictly, limiting or bounding; or, as in the maxims of the civil law: Omissa definitio periculosa est, parum est enim ut non subverti possit, (Dig. 50, 17, 202) i. e., the attempt to bring the law within the boundaries of precise definitions is hazardous, as there are but few cases in which such a limitation cannot be subverted.

DEFINITION. A description of a thing by its properties; an explanation of the meaning of a word or term. Webster. The process of stating the exact meaning of a word by means of other words. Worcester. See Warner v. Beers, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 103; Marvin v. State, 19 Ind. 181; Mickle v. Miles, 1 Grant, Cas. (Pa.) 328.

DEFINITIVE. That which finally and completely ends and settles a controversy. A definitive sentence or judgment is put in opposition to an interlocutory judgment. A distinction may be taken between a final and a definitive judgment. The former term is applicable when the judgment exhausts the powers of the particular court in which it is rendered: while the latter word designates a judgment that is above any review or contiguity of reversal. U. S. v. The Peggy, 1 Cranch, 103; 2 L. Ed. 49. —Definitive sentence. The final judgment, decree, or sentence of an ecclesiastical court. 3 Bl. Comm. 101.

DEFLORATION. Seduction or debauching. The act by which a woman is deprived of her virginity.

DEFORCE. In English law. To withhold wrongfully; to withhold the possession of lands from one who is lawfully entitled to them. 3 Bl. Comm. 172; Phelps v. Baldwin, 17 Conn. 212.

In Scotch law. To resist the execution of the law; to oppose by force a public officer in the execution of his duty. Bell.

DEFORCEMENT. Deforcement is where a man wrongfully holds lands to which another person is entitled. It therefore includes disseisin, abatement, discontinuance, and inturrutum. Co. Litt 277b; 331b; Foxworth v. White, 5 Strob. (S. C.) 115; Woodruff v. Brown, 17 N. J. Law, 269; Hopper v. Hopper, 21 N. J. Law, 543. But it is applied especially to cases, not falling under those heads, where the person entitled to the freehold has never had possession; thus, where a lord has a seignory, and lands escheat to him proper defectum sanquinita, but the seisin is withheld from him, this is a deforcement, and the person who withholds the seisin is called a “deforcее.” 3 Bl. Comm. 172.

In Scotch law. The opposition or resistance made to messengers or other public officers while they are actually engaged in the exercise of their offices. Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 32.

DEFORCIAL. One who wrongfully keeps the owner of lands and tenements out of the possession of them. 2 Bl. Comm. 350.

DEFORCIAL. L. Lat. To withhold lands or tenements from the rightful owner. This is a word of art which cannot be supplied by any other word. Co. Litt. 331b.


DEFOSION. The punishment of being buried alive.


DEFRADATION. In Spanish law. The crime committed by a person who fraudulently avoids the payment of some public tax.

DEFRADATION. Privation by fraud.

DEFRUCTUS. Deceased; a deceased person. A common term in Scotch law.


DEGASTER. L. Fr. To waste.

DEGRADATION. A deprivation of dignity; dismission from office. An ecclesiastical censure, whereby a clergyman is divested of his holy orders. There are two sorts by the canon law,—one summary, by word only; the other solemn, by stripping the party degraded of those ornaments and rights which are the ensigns of his degree. Degradation is otherwise called “deposition,” but the canonists have distinguished between these two terms, deeming the former as the greater punishment of the two. There is likewise a degradation of a lord or
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A term for waste in the French law.

DEGRADING. Reviling; holding one up to public obloquy; lowering a person in the estimation of the public.

DEGREE. In the law of descent and family relations. A step or grade, i.e., the distance, or number of removes, which separates two persons who are related by consanguinity. Thus we speak of cousins in the "second degree."

In criminal law. The term "degree" denotes a division or classification of one specific crime into several grades or degrees of guilt, according to the circumstances attending its commission. Thus, in some states, there may be "murder in the second degree."

DEHORS. L. Fr. Out of; without; beyond; foreign to; unconnected with. Dehors is the record; foreign to the record. 3 Bl. Comm. 887.

DEI GRATIA. Lat. By the grace of God. A phrase used in the formal title of a king or queen, importing a claim of sovereignty by the favor or commission of God. In ancient times it was incorporated in the titles of inferior officers (especially ecclesiastical) but in later use was reserved as an assertion of "the divine right of kings."

DEI JUDICIO. The judgment of God. The old Saxon trial by ordeal, so called because it was thought to be an appeal to God for the justice of a cause, and it was believed that the decision was according to the will and pleasure of Divine Providence. Wharton.

DEJACION. In Spanish law. Surrender; release; abandonment; e.g., the act of an insolvent in surrendering his property for the benefit of his creditors, of an heir in renouncing the succession, the abandonment of insured property to the underwriters.

DEJERATION. A taking of a solemn oath.

DEL BIEN ESTRE. L. Fr. In old English practice. Of well being; of form. The same as de bene esse. Britt. c. 30.

DEL CREDERE. In mercantile law. A phrase borrowed from the Italians, equivalent to our word "guaranty" or "warranty," or the Scotch term "warrandice;" an agreement by which a factor, when he sells goods on credit, for an additional commission, (called a "del credere commission") guarantees the solvency of the purchaser and his performance of the contract. Such a factor is called a "del credere agent." He is a mere surety, liable only to his principal in case the purchaser makes default. Story, Ag. 28; Loeb v. Heilman, 83 N. Y. 603; Lewis v. Brehme, 33 Md. 424, 3 Am. Rep. 100; Leverick v. Meigs, 1 Cow. (N. Y.) 633; Buffner v. Hewitt, 7 W. Va. 604.

DELAISSEMENT. In French marine law. Abandonment. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. ch. 17.

DELATE. In Scotch law. To accuse. Delated, accused. Delatis off arte and parte, accused of being accessory to. 3 How. St. Tr. 425, 440.

DELATIO. In the civil law. An accusation; or information.

DELATOR. An accuser; an informer; a sycophant.

DELATURA. In old English law. The reward of an informer. Whishaw.

DELAY. To retard; obstruct; put off; hinder; interpose obstacles; as, when it is said that a conveyance was made to "hinder and delay creditors." Mercantile Co. v. Arnold, 108 Ga. 449, 34 S. E. 176; Ellis v. Valentine, 65 Tex. 532.

DELECTUS PERSONE. Lat. Choice of the person. By this term is understood the right of a partner to exercise his choice and preference as to the admission of any new members to the firm, and as to the persons to be so admitted, if any.

In Scotch law. The personal preference which is supposed to have been exercised by a landlord in selecting his tenant, by the members of a firm in making choice of partners, in the appointment of persons to office, and other cases. Nearly equivalent to personal trust, as a doctrine in law. Bell.

Delegata potestas non potest delegari. 2 Inst. 597. A delegated power cannot be delegated.

DELEGATE. A person who is delegated or commissioned to act in the stead of another; a person to whom affairs are committed by another; an attorney.

A person elected or appointed to be a member of a representative assembly. Usually spoken of one sent to a special or occasional assembly or convention. Manston v. McIntosh, 58 Minn. 525, 60 N. W. 672, 23 L. R. A. 605.

The representative in congress of one of the organized territories of the United States.

—Delegates, the high court of. In English law. Formerly the court of appeal from the ecclesiastical and admiralty courts. Abolished upon the judicial committee of the privy council being constituted the court of appeal in such cases.
DELEGATION. A sending away; a putting into commission; the assignment of a debt to another; the intrusting another with a general power to act for the good of those who depute him.

At common law. The transfer of authority by one person to another; the act of making or commissioning a delegate.

The whole body of delegates or representatives sent to a convention or assembly from one district, place, or political unit are collectively spoken of as a "delegation."

In the civil law. A species of novation which consists in the change of one debtor for another, when he who is indebted substitutes a third person who obligates himself in his stead to the creditor, so that the first debtor is acquitted and his obligation extinguished, and the creditor contents himself with the obligation of the second debtor. Delegation is essentially distinguished from any other species of novation, in this: that the former demands the consent of all three parties, but the latter that only of the two parties to the new debt. 1 Domat, § 2318; Adams v. Power, 48 Miss. 454.

Delegation is novation effected by the intervention of another person whom the debtor, in order to be liberated from his creditor, gives to such creditor, or to him whom the creditor appoints; and such person so given becomes obliged to the creditor in the place of the original debtor. Burge, Sur. 173.

Delegatus non potest delegare. A delegate cannot delegate; an agent cannot delegate his functions to a subagent without the knowledge or consent of the principal; the person to whom an office or duty is delegated cannot lawfully devolve the duty on another, unless he be expressly authorized so to do. 9 Coke, 77; Broom, Max. 840; 2 Kent, Comm. 653; 2 Steph. Comm. 119.

DELEGATE. In French marine law. A discharging of ballast (lext) from a vessel.

DELETE. In Scotch law. To erase; to strike out.

DELT. A quarry or mine. 31 Eliz. c. 7.

Deliberandum est diu quod statuendum est semel. 12 Coke, 74. That which is to be resolved once for all should be long deliberated upon.

DELIVERATE, v. To weigh, ponder, discuss. To examine; to consult, in order to form an opinion.

DELIVERATE, adj. By the use of this word, in describing a crime, the idea is conveyed that the perpetrator weighs the motives for the act and its consequences, the nature of the crime, or other things connected with his intentions, with a view to a decision thereon; that he carefully considers all these; and that the act is not suddenly committed. It implies that the perpetrator must be capable of the exercise of such mental powers as are called into use by deliberation and the consideration and weighing of motives and consequences. State v. Boyle, 28 Iowa, 324.

"Deliberation" and "premeditation" are of the same character of mental operations, differing only in degree. Deliberation is but protracted premeditation. In other words, in law, deliberation is premeditation in a cool state of the blood, or, when there has been time of reflection, it is premeditation continued beyond the period within which there has been time for the blood to cool, in the given case. Deliberation is not only to think of beforehand, which may be but for an instant, but the inclination to do the act is considered, weighed, pondered upon, for such a length of time after a provocation is given as the jury may find was sufficient for the blood to cool. One in a heat of passion may premeditate without deliberating. Deliberation is only exercised in a cool state of the blood, while premeditation may be either in that state of the blood or in the heat of passion. State v. Grind, 33 Wash. 440, 74 Pac. 663; State v. Dodds, 54 W. Va. 288, 46 S. E. 228; State v. Fairbairn, 121 Mo. 137, 25 S. W. 253; State v. State, 143; State v. Greenleaf, 71 N. H. 606, 54 Atl. 38; State v. Flaske, 63 Conn. 388, 28 Atl. 572; Craft v. State, 3 Kan. 481; State v. Speed, 27 Mo. 533; Dealey v. State, 45 Neb. 836, 84 N. W. 446, 34 L. R. A. 851; Cannon v. State, 60 Ariz. 564, 51 S. W. 150.

DELIVERATION. The act or process of deliberating. The act of weighing and examining the reasons for and against a contemplated act or course of conduct or a choice of acts or means. See DELIBERATE.

Delictus debitor est odiosus in leges. A luxurious debtor is odious in law. 2 Bulst. 148. Imprisonment for debt has now, however, been generally abolished.

DELICT. In the Roman and civil law. A wrong or injury; an offense; a violation of public or private duty.

It will be observed that this word, taken in its most general sense, is wider in both directions than our English term "tort." On the one hand, it includes those wrongful acts which, while directly affecting some individual or his property, yet extend in their injurious consequences to the peace or security of the community at large, and hence rise to the grade of crimes or misdemeanors. These acts were termed in the Roman law "public delicts," while those for which the only penalty exacted was compensation to the person primarily injured were denominated "private delicts." On the other hand, the term appears to have included injurious actions which transpired without any malicious intention on the part of the doer. Thus Pothier gives the name "quasi delicts" to the acts of a person who, without malignity, but by an inexcusable imprudence, causes an injury to another. Poth. Obl. 116. But the term is used in modern jurisprudence as a convenient synonym of "tort:" that is, a wrongful and injurious violation of a jus in rem or right available against all the world. This appears in the two contrasted phrases "actions ex contractu" and "actions ex delicto."

Quasi delict. An act whereby a person, without malice, but by fault, negligence, or im-
DELIQUENT, n. In the civil law. He who has been guilty of some crime, offense, or failure of duty.

DELIQUENT, adj. As applied to a debt or claim, it means simply due and unpaid at the time appointed by law or fixed by contract; as, a delinquent tax. Chauncey v. Wass, 35 Minn. 1, 30 N. W. 826; Gallup v. Schmidt, 154 Ind. 196, 56 N. E. 450. As applied to a person, it commonly means that he is grossly negligent or in willful default in regard to his pecuniary obligations, or even that he is dishonest and unworthy of credit. Boyle v. Ewart, Rice (S. C.) 140; Ferguson v. Pittsburgh, 153 Pa. 395, 28 Atl. 118; Grocers' Ass'n v. Exton, 18 Ohio Ct. R. 321.

DELIRIUM. In medical jurisprudence. Delirium is that state of the mind in which it acts without being directed by the power of volition, which is wholly or partially suspended. This happens most perfectly in dreams. But what is commonly called "delirium" is always preceded or attended by a feverish and highly diseased state of the body. The patient in delirium is wholly unconscious of surrounding objects, or conceives them to be different from what they really are. His thoughts seem to drift about, wandering and tossing amidst distracted dreams. And his observations, when he makes any, as often happens, are wild and incoherent; or, from excess of pain, he sinks into a low muttering, or silent and death-like stupor. The law contemplates this species of mental derangement as an intellectual eclipse; as a darkness occasioned by a cloud of disease passing over the mind; and which must soon terminate in health or in death. Owling's Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 386, 17 Am. Dec. 311; Supreme Lodge v. Lapp, 74 S. W. 656, 25 Ky. Law Rep. 74; Clark v. Ellis, 9 Or. 132; Brogden v. Brown, 2 Add. 441.

DELIRIUM FEBRILE. In medical jurisprudence. A form of mental aberration incident to fevers, and sometimes to the last stages of chronic diseases.

DELIRIUM TREMENS. A disorder of the nervous system, involving the brain and setting up an attack of temporary delusional insanity, the person being in an excited condition or mania, caused by excessive and long continued indulgence in alcoholic liquors, or by the abrupt cessation of such use after a protracted debauch. See INSANITY.


DELIBERATION. In practice. The verdict rendered by a jury.

—Second deliverance. In practice. A writ allowed a plaintiff in replevin, where the defendant has obtained judgment for return of the goods, by default on nonsuit, in order to have the same distress again delivered to him, on giving the same security as before. 3 Bl. Comm. 150; 3 Steph. Comm. 688.

DELIBERATION. In conveying the final and absolute transfer of a deed, properly executed, to the grantee, or to some person for his use, in such manner that it cannot be recalled by the grantor. Black v. Shrieve, 13 N. J. Eq. 401; Klirg v. Turner, 16 N. C. 14.

In the law of sales. The tradition or transfer of the possession of personal property from one person to another.

In medical jurisprudence. The act of a woman giving birth to her offspring. Blake v. Junkins, 35 Me. 433.

Absolute and conditional delivery. An absolute delivery of a deed, as distinguished from conditional delivery or delivery in escrow, is one which is complete upon the actual transfer of the instrument from the possession of the grantor. Dyer v. Skadan, 128 Mich. 348, 87 N. W. 277, 92 Am. St. Rep. 461. A conditional delivery of a deed is one which passes the deed from the possession of the grantor, but is not to be completed by possession of the grantee, or a third person as his agent, until the happening of a specified event. Dyer v. Skadan, 128 Mich. 348, 87 N. W. 277, 92 Am. St. Rep. 461; Schmidt v. Deegan, 49 Wis. 300, 27 W. W. 83.

Actual and constructive. In the law of sales, actual delivery consists in the giving real
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Possession of the thing sold to the vendee or his special agents who are identified with him in law and represent him. Constructive delivery is a general term, comprehending all those acts which, although not truly conferring a real possession of the thing sold on the vendee, have been held, by construction of law, equivalent to acts of real delivery. In this sense constructive delivery includes symbolic delivery and all those traditions fidejussiae which have been admitted into the law as sufficient to vest the absolute property in the vendee and bar the rights of lien and stoppage in transitu, such as marking and setting apart the goods as belonging to the vendee, charging him with warehousing, etc. Bolin v. Hufnagel, 1 Rawle (Pa.) 19. A constructive delivery of personality takes place when the goods are set apart and notice given to the person to whom they are to be delivered (The Nitania, 131 Fed. 229, 65 C. C. A. 215), or when, without actual transfer of the goods or their symbol, the conduct of the parties is such as to be inconsistent with any other supposition than that there has been a change in the nature of the holding. Swaford v. Smytt, 68 Mo. App. 631, 67 S. W. 701; Holliday v. White, 33 Tex. 435.

SYMBOLICAL DELIVERY. The constructive delivery of the subject-matter of a sale, where it is cumbersome or inaccessible, by the actual delivery of a symbol of the article which truly conferring the right, is accepted as the symbol or representative of it, or which renders access to it possible, or which is the evidence of the possession, sale, or delivery; as the key of a warehouse, or a bill of lading of goods on shipboard. Winslow v. Fletcher, 53 Conn. 390, 4 Atl. 250; Miller v. Lacey, 7 Honst. (Del.) 30 & 30 Atl. 440.

DELIVERY BOND. A bond given upon the security of goods (as under the revenue laws) conditioned for their restoration to the defendant, or the payment of their value, if not adjudged.

DELIVERY ORDER. An order addressed, in England, by the owner of goods to a person holding them on his behalf, requesting him to deliver them to a person named in the order. Delivery orders are chiefly used in the case of goods held by dock companies, wharfingers, etc.

DELUSION. In medical jurisprudence. An insane delusion is an unreasoning and incorrigible belief in the existence of facts which are either impossible absolutely, or, at least, impossible under the circumstances of the individual. It is never the result of reasoning and reflection; it is not generated by the mind, and it cannot be dispelled by them; and hence it is not to be confounded with an opinion, however fantastic the latter may be. Guitoune's Case (D. C.) 10 Fed. 170. See INSANITY.

DEM. An abbreviation for "demise;" e.g., Doe dem. Smith, Doe, on the demise of Smith.

DEMAIN. See DEMESNE.

DEMAND, v. In practice. To claim as one's due; to require; to ask relief; to summon; to call in court. "Although solemnly demanded, comes not, but makes default."

DEMAND, n. A claim; the assertion of a legal right: a legal obligation asserted in the courts. "Demand" is a word of art of an extent greater in its signification than any other word except "claim." Co. Litt. 291; In re Denny, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 220.

Demand embraces all sorts of actions, rights, and titles, conditions before or after breach, executions, appeals, rents of all kinds, covenants, annuities, contracts, recognizances, statutes, customs, etc. A release of all demands to date bears an action for damages accruing after the date from a nuisance previously erected. Veder v. Veder, 1 Denio (N. Y.) 257.


An imperative request preferred by one person to another, under a claim of right, requiring the latter to do or yield something or to abstain from some act.

D-E-MAND IN RECONVEYANCE. A demand which the defendant institutes in consequence of that which the plaintiff has brought against him. Used in Louisiana. Equivalent to a "counterclaim" elsewhere. McLeod v. Berschey, 33 Wis. 177, 14 Am. Rep. 775. Legal demand. A demand properly made, as to form, time, and place, by a person lawfully authorized. Rose v. Ely, 23 Me. 118. On demand. A promissory note payable "on demand" is a present debt, and is payable without any actual demand, or, if a demand is necessary, the bringing of a suit is enough. Appeal of Andrews, 99 Pa. 424. Personal demand. A demand for payment of a bill or note, made upon the drawer, acceptor, or maker, in person. See 1 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 588.

DEMANDA. In Spanish law. The petition of a plaintiff, setting forth his demand. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 10, l. 3.

DEMANDANT. The plaintiff or party suing in a real action. Co. Litt. 127.

DEMANDRESS. A female demandant.

DEMEASE. In old English law. Death.

DEMENBRATION. In Scotch law. Maliciously cutting off or otherwise separating one limb from another. 1 Hume, 323; Bell.

DEMENS. One whose mental faculties are enfeebled; one who has lost his mind; distinguishable from amens, one totally insane. 4 Coke, 123.

DEMENTED. Of unsound mind.

DEMENTENANT EN AVANT. L. Fr. From this time forward. Kelham.

DEMENTIA. See INSANITY.

DEMESNE. Domain; dominical; held in one's own right, and not of a superior; not allotted to tenants.

In the language of pleading, own; proper; original. Thus, son assaut demesne, his own assault, his assault originally or in the first place.

Ancient demesne, see ANCIENT.—Demesne as of fee. A man is said to be seized
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As to deme "Mark," "Official," "Vill," see those titles.

DEMI. French. Half; the half. Used chiefly in composition.

DEMI-SANGUE, or DEMY-SANGUE.

DEMOBIT. In old records. A half or moiety.

DEMIES. In some universities and colleges this term is synonymous with "scholars."

DEMINUTO. In the civil law. A taking away; loss or deprivation. See CAPITIS DEMINUTO.

DEMISE, n. In conveyancing. To convey or create an estate for years or life; to lease. The usual and operative word in leases: "Have granted, demised, and to farm let, and by these presents do grant, demise, and to farm let." 2 Bl. Comm. 317; 1 Stepb. Comm. 476; Co. Litt. 45a.

DEMISE, v. In conveyancing. A conveyance of an estate to another for life, for years, or at will; most commonly for years; a lease. 1 Stepb. Comm. 475. Voorhees v. Church, 5 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 71; Gilmore v. Hamilton, 85 Ind. 196.

DEMOBIT. A posthumous grant; commonly a lease or covenant for a term of years; sometimes applied to any conveyance, in fee, for life, or for years. Pub. St. Mass. 1852, p. 1280.

"Demise" is synonymous with "lease" or "let," except that demise ex stil termini implies a covenant for title, and also a covenant for quiet enjoyment, whereas lease or let implies neither of these covenants. Brown.

The word is also used as a synonym for "decease" or "death." In England it is especially employed to denote the death of the sovereign.

DEMISE and redeemise. In conveyancing. Mutual leases made from one party to another on each side, of the same land, or something out of it; as when A. grants a lease to B. at a nominal rent, (as of a pepper corn,) and B. redeemis the same property to A. for a shorter time at a real, substantial rent. Jacob; Whishaw. Demise of the crown. The natural dissolution of the king is generally so called; an expression which signifies merely a transfer of property. By demise of the crown we mean only that, in consequence of the disunion of the king's natural body from his body politic, the kingdom is transferred or demised to his successor, and so the royal dignity remains perpetual. 1 Bl. Comm. 242; Plowd. 324. Several demises. In English practice. In the action of ejectment, it was formerly customary, in case there were any doubt as to the legal estate being in the plaintiff, to insert in the declaration several demises from as many different persons; but this was rendered unnecessary by the provisions of the common-law procedure acts. Single demise. A declaration in ejectment might contain either one demise or several. When it contained only one, it was called a "declaration with a single demise."

DEMISI. Lat. I have demised or leased. Demisit, conceasi, et ad firmam traditid; have demised, granted, and to farm let. The usual operative words in ancient leases, as the corresponding English words are in the modern forms. 2 Bl. Comm. 317, 318. Koch v. Hustis, 113 Wis. 599; 87 N. W. 834; Kinney v. Watts, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 40.

DEMISIO. L. Lat. A demise or letting. Chiefly used in the phrase ex demissione (on the demise), which formed part of the title of the cause in the old actions of ejectment, where it signified that the nominal plaintiff (a fictitious person) held the estate "on the demise" of, that is, by a lease from, the real plaintiff.

DEMOBILIZATION. In military law. The dismissal of an army or body of troops from active service.

DEMOCRACY. That form of government in which the sovereign power resides in and is exercised by the whole body of free citizens; as distinguished from a monarchy, aristocracy, or oligarchy. According to the theory of a pure democracy, every citizen should participate directly in the business of governing, and the legislative assembly should comprise the whole people. But the ultimate lodgment of the sovereignty being the distinguishing feature, the introduction of the representative system does not remove a government from this type. However, a government of the latter kind is sometimes specifically described as a "representative democracy."

DEMOCRATIC. Of or pertaining to democracy, or to the party of the democrats.

DEMONETIZATION. The disposal of a particular metal for purposes of salvage. The withdrawal of the value of a metal as money.
DEMONSTRATIO. Lat. Description; addition; denomination. Occurring often in the phrase, "Falsa demonstratio nos nocet," (a false description does not harm.)

DEMONSTRATION. Description; pointing out. That which is said or written to designate a thing or person.


DEMONSTRATIVE LEGACY. See Legacy.

DEMOSTER. In Scotch law. A doomsman. One who pronounced the sentence of court. 1 How. State Tr. 937.

DEMUR. To present a demurrer; to take an exception to the sufficiency in point of law of a pleading or state of facts alleged. See Demurrer.

—Demurrable. A pleading, petition, or the like, is said to be demurrable when it does not state such facts as support the claim, prayer, or defense put forward. 5 Ch. Div. 379.—Demurrant. One who demurs: the party who, in pleading, interposes a demurrer.

DEMURRAGE. In maritime law. The sum which is fixed by the contract of carriage, or which is allowed, as remuneration by the charterer of a ship for the detention of his vessel beyond the number of days allowed by the charter-party for loading and unloading or for sailing. Also the detention of the vessel by the freighter beyond such time. See 3 Kent, Comm. 203; 2 Steph. Comm. 185. The Apollo, 9 Wheat. 378, 6 L. Ed. 113; Fisher v. Aede, 44 How. Plea. 463. (Y.) 440; Wardin v. Bemus 32 (Conn.) 273, 85 Am. Dec. 255; Cross v. Beard, 26 N. Y. 57; The J. E. Owen (D. C.) 54 Fed. 185; Fulkerson v. Clark, 11 R. I. 283.

Demurrage is only an extended freight or reward to the vessel, in compensation for the earnings she is improperly caused to lose. Every improper detention of a vessel may be considered a demurrage, and compensation under that name be obtained for it. Donaldson v. McDowell, Holmes, 290, Fed. Cas. No. 3,683.

Demurrage is the allowance or compensation due to the master or owners of a ship, by the freighter, for the time the vessel may have been detained beyond the time specified or implied in the contract of affreightment or the charter-party. Bell.

DEMURER. In pleading. The formal mode of disputing the sufficiency in law of the pleading of the other side. In effect it is an allegation that, even if the facts as stated in the pleading to which objection is taken be true, yet their legal consequences are not such as to put the demurring party to the necessity of answering them or proceeding further with the cause. Reid v. Field, 83 Va. 26, 1 S. E. 365; Parish v. Sloan, 23 N. C. 608; Goodman v. Ford, 23 Miss. 595; Hostetter Co. v. Kuhlman Co. (C. C.) 99 Fed. 733.

An objection made by one party to his opponent's pleading, alleging that he ought not to answer it, for some defect in law in the pleading. It admits the facts, and refers the law arising thereon to the court. 7 How. 581.

It imports that the opposing party will not proceed, but will wait the judgment of the court whether he is bound so to do. Co. Lit. 71b; Steph. Pl. 61.

In Equity. An allegation of a defendant, which, admitting the matters of fact alleged by the bill to be true, shows that as they are therein set forth they are insufficient for the plaintiff to proceed upon or to oblige the defendant to answer; or that, for some reason apparent on the face of the bill, or on account of the admission of some matter which ought to be contained therein, or for want of some circumstances which ought to be attendant thereon, the defendant ought not to be compelled to answer to the whole bill, or to some certain part thereof. Mitf. Eq. Pl. 107.

Classification and varieties. A general demurrer is a demurrer framed in general terms, without showing specifically the nature of the objection, and which is usually resorted to where the objection is to matter of substance. Steph. Pl. 140—142; 1 Chit. Pl. 693. See Reid v. Field, supra; 83 Va. 26, 1 S. E. 365; U. S. v. National Bank (C. C.) 73 Fed. 381; McGuire v. Van Pelt, 55 Ala. 344; Taylor v. Taylor, 87 Mich. 64, 49 N. W. 519. A special demurrer is one which excepts to the sufficiency of the pleadings on the opposite side, and shows specifically the nature of the objection, and the particular ground of the exception. 13 Pet. Just. no. 3022; Darcey v. Lake, 46 Miss. 117; Christmas v. Russell, 5 Wall. 303, 18 L. Ed. 475; Shaw v. Chase, 77 Mich. 833. 3 A good demurrer is one which, in order to sustain itself, requires the aid of a fact not appearing on the face of the pleading objected to, and the other words of the pleading or the facts assumed the existence of a fact not already pleaded, and which constitutes the ground of objection. Wright v. Weber, 17 Pa. Super. Ct. 655; Walker v. Conant, 65 Mich. 104, 31 N. W. 786; Brooks v. Gibbons, 4 Paige (N. Y.) 375; Clarke v. Land Co., 113 Ga. 21, 38 S. E. 225. A parol demurrer (not properly a demurrer at all) was a staying of the pleadings; a suspension of the proceedings in an action during the nonage of an infant, especially in a real action. N. Y. abol. 3 Bl. Comm. 300.

—Demurrer book. In practice. A record of the issue on a demurrer at law, containing a transcript of the pleadings, with proper evidence; and intended for the use of the court and counsel on the argument. 3 Bl. Comm. 317: 3 Steph. Comm. 381. —Demurrer in equity. This name is sometimes given to a ruling on an objection to evidence, but is not properly a demurrer at all. Mandelert v. Land Co., 104 Wis. 423, 60 N. W. 726. —Demurrer to evidence. This proceeding (now practically obsolete) was analogous to a demurrer to a pleading. It was an objection or exception by one of the parties in an action at law, to the effect that the evidence which his adversary had produced was insufficient in point of law (whether true or not) to make out the case. Upon joinder in demurrer, the jury was discharged, and the case was ar-
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General and specific. In code pleading, a general demurrer is one which puts all the material averments of the complaint or petition. and permits the defendant to prove any and all facts tending to negative those averments or any of them. Mauldin v. Ball, 5 Mont. 96, 1 Pac. 400; Goode v. Eliwood Lodge, 100 Ind. 251, 66 N. E. 742. A specific denial is a specific denial applicable to one particular allegation of the complaint. Gas Co. v. San Francisco. 9 Cal. 470; Sands v. Maclay, 2 Mont. 38; Seward v. Miller, 6 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 312.

DENIER. 1 Fr. In old English law. Denial; refusal. Denier is when the rent (being demanded upon the land) is not paid. Finch, Law, b. 3, c. 5.

DENIER A DIEU. In French law. Earnest money; a sum of money given in token of the completion of a bargain. The phrase is a translation of the Latin Denarius Dei, (q. v.)

DENIZATION. The act of making one a denizen; the conferring of the privileges of citizenship upon an alien born. Cro. Jac. 540. See DENIZED.

DENIZE. To make a man a denizen or citizen.

DENIZEN. In English law. A person who, being an alien born, has obtained ex donacione regis, letters patent to make him an English subject—a high and incommunicable branch of the royal prerogative. A denizen is in a kind of middle state between an alien and a natural-born subject, and partakes of the status of both of these. 1 Bl. Comm. 374; 7 Coke, 6.

The term is used to signify a person who, being an alien by birth, has obtained letters patent making him an English subject. The king may deny, but not naturalize, a man; the latter requiring the consent of parliament, as under the naturalization act, 1870, (38 & 34 Vict. c. 14.) A denizen holds a position midway between an alien and a natural-born or naturalized subject, being able to take lands by purchase or devise, (which an alien could not until 1870,) but not able to take lands by descent, (which a natural-born or naturalized subject may do.) Brown.

The word is also used in this sense in South Carolina. See McClennagh v. McClennaghan, 1 Strob. Eq. (S. C.) 319, 47 Am. Dec. 532.

A denizen, in the primary, but obsolete, sense of the word, is a natural-born subject of a country. Co. Litt. 129a.

DENMAN'S (LORD) ACT. An English statute, for the amendment of the law of evidence, (6 & 7 Vict. c. 85,) which provides that no person offered as a witness shall thereafter be excluded by reason of incapacity, from crime or interest, from giving evidence.

DENMAN'S (MR.) ACT. An English statute, for the amendment of procedure in criminal trials. (28 & 29 Vict. c. 18,) allowing counsel to sum up the evidence in criminal as in civil trials, provided the prisoner be defended by counsel.

DENOMBREMENT. In French feudal law. A minute or act drawn up, on the creation of a fief, containing a description of
the set, and all the rights and incidents belonging to it. Guyot, Inst. Feud. c. 3.

Denominatio fieri debet a dignioribus. Denomination should be made from the more worthy.

DENOUNCE. An act or thing is "denounced" when the law declares it a crime and prescribes a punishment for it. State v. De Hart, 109 La. 570, 33 South. 605. The word is also used (not technically but popularly) as the equivalent of "accuse" or "inform against."

DENOUNCEMENT. In Spanish and Mexican law. A denouncement was a judicial proceeding, and, though real property might be acquired by an alien in fraud of the law, that is, without observing its requirements,—he nevertheless retained his right and title to it, but was liable to be deprived of it by the proper proceeding of denouncement, which in its substantive characteristics was equivalent to the inquest of office found, at common law. De Merle v. Mathews, 26 Cal. 477.

The "denouncement of a new work" is a proceeding to obtain an order of court, in the nature of an injunction, against the construction of a new building or other work, which, if completed, would injuriously affect the plaintiff's property. Von Schmidt v. Huntington, 1 Cal. 53.

In Mexican mining law. Denouncement is an application to the authorities for a grant of the right to work a mine, either on the ground of new discovery, or on the ground of forfeiture of the rights of a former owner, through abandonnement or contravention of the mining law. Cent. Dict. See Castillo v. U. S., 2 Black, 100, 17 L. Ed. 360.

DENSHIRING OF LAND. (Otherwise called "burn-beating.") A method of improving land by casting parings of earth, turf, and stubble into heaps, which when dried are burned into ashes for a compost. Cowell.

DENUMERATION. The act of present payment.

DENUNCIA DE OBRA NUEVA. In Spanish law. The denouncement of a new work; being a proceeding to restrain the erection of some new work, as, for instance, a building which may, if completed, injuriously affect the property of the complainant; it is of a character similar to the interdicts of possession. Escrib. Von Schmidt v. Huntington, 1 Cal. 63.

DENUNCIATION. In the civil law. The act by which an individual informs a public officer, whose duty it is to prosecute offenders, that a crime has been committed.

In Scotch practice. The act by which a person is declared to be a rebel, who has disobeyed the charge given on letters of barning. Bell.

DENUNCIATIO. In old English law. A public notice or summons. Bract. 302b.

DEODAND. (L. Lat. Deo dandum, a thing to be given to God.) In English law. Any personal chattel which was the immediate occasion of the death of any reasonable creature, and which was forfeited to the crown to be applied to pious uses, and distributed in alms by the high almoner. 1 Hale, F. C. 419; Fietsa, 1b. 1, c. 25; 1 Bl. Comm. 300; 2 Steph. Comm. 305.

DEOR HEDGE. In old English law. The hedge inclosing a deer park.

DEPART. In pleading. To forsake or abandon the ground assumed in a former pleading, and assume a new one. See DEPARTURE.

In maritime law. To leave a port; to be out of a port. To depart imports more than to sail, or set sail. A warranty in a policy that a vessel shall depart on or before a particular day is a warranty not only that she shall sail, but that she shall be out of the port on or before that day. 3 Maule & S. 461; 3 Kent, Comm. 307, note. "To depart" does not mean merely to break ground, but fairly to set forward upon the voyage. Moir v. Assur. Co., 6 Taunt. 241; Young v. The Orpheus, 119 Mass. 185; The Helen Brown (D. C.) 28 Fed. 111.

DEPARTMENT. 1. One of the territorial divisions of a country. The term is chiefly used in this sense in France, where the division of the country into departments is somewhat analogous, both territorially and for governmental purposes, to the division of an American state into counties.

2. One of the divisions of the executive branch of government. Used in this sense in the United States, where each department is charged with a specific class of duties, and comprises an organized staff of officials; e.g., the department of state, department of war, etc.

DEPARTURE. In maritime law. A deviation from the course prescribed in the policy of insurance.

In pleading. The statement of matter in a repilication, rejoinder, or subsequent pleading, as a cause of action or defense, which is not pursuant to the previous pleading of the same party, and which does not support and fortify it. 2 Williams, Saund. 84a, note 1; 2 Wils. 98; Co. Litt. 304a; Railway Co.
DEPARTURE


A departure, in pleading, is when a party quits or departs from the case or defense which he has first assumed or recourses to another. White v. Joy, 15 N. Y. 83; Allen v. Watson, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 206; Kimberlin v. Carter, 49 Ind. 111.

A departure takes place when, in any pleading, the party deserts the ground that he took in his last antecedent pleading, and resorts to another. Steph. Pl. 410. Or, in other words, when the second pleading contains matter not pursuant to the former, and which does not support and fortify it. Co. Litt. 394a. Hence a departure obviously can never take place till the replication. Steph. Pl. 410. Each subsequent pleading must pursue or support the former one; i.e., the replication must support the declaration, and the rejoinder the plea, without departing out of it. 3 Bl. Comm. 310.

DEPARTURE IN DESPITE OF COURT. In old English practice. The tenant in a real action, having once appeared, was considered as constructively present in court until again called upon. Hence if, upon being demanded, he failed to appear, he was said to have "departed in spite [i. e., contempt] of the court."

DEPASTURE. In old English law. To pasture. "If a man depastures unprofitable cattle in his ground." Bunn. 1, case 1.

DEPECULATION. A robbing of the prince or commonwealth; an embezzling of the public treasure.

DEPENDENCY. A territory distinct from the country in which the supreme sovereign power resides, but belonging rightfully to it, and subject to the laws and regulations which the sovereign may think proper to prescribe. U. S. v. The Nancy, 3 Wash. C. C. 286, Fed. Cas. No. 15,854.

It differs from a colony, because it is not settled by the citizens of the sovereign or another state; and from possession, because it is held by other title than that of mere conquest.

DEPENDENT. Deriving existence, support, or direction from another; conditioned, in respect to force or obligation, upon an extraneous act or fact.

—Dependent contract. One which depends or is conditional upon another. One which it is not the duty of the contractor to perform until some obligation contained in the same agreement has been performed by the other party. Ham. Parties, 17, 29, 30, 109.—Dependent covenant. See COVENANT.

DEPENDING. In practice. Pending or undetermined; in progress. See 5 Coke, 47.

DEPESAS. In Spanish-American law. Spaces of ground in towns reserved for commons or public pasturage. 12 Pet. 443, note, 9 L. Ed. 1150.

DEPONE. In Scotch practice. To depose; to make oath in writing.

DEPONENT. In practice. One who deposes (that is, testifies or makes oath in writing) to the truth of certain facts; one who gives under oath testimony which is reduced to writing; one who makes oath to a written statement. The party making an affidavit is generally so called.

The word "deponent," from which is derived "deponent," has relation to the mode in which the oath is administered, (by the witness placing his hand upon the book of the holy evangelists,) and as to whether the testimony is delivered orally or reduced to writing. "Deponent" is included in the term "witness," but "witness" is more general. Bliss v. Shuman, 47 Me. 248.

DEPONER. In old Scotch practice. A deponent. 3 How. State Tr. 695.

DEPOPULATION AGGRORUM. In old English law. The crime of destroying, ravaging, or laying waste a country. 2 Hale, P. C. 333; 4 Bl. Comm. 373.

DEPOPULATION. In old English law. A species of waste by which the population of the kingdom was diminished. Depopulation of houses was a public offense. 12 Coke, 30, 31.

DEPORTATION. Lat. In the civil law. A kind of banishment, where a condemned person was sent or carried away to some foreign country, usually to an island, (in Latin deportatum,) and thus taken out of the number of Roman citizens.

DEPORTATION. Banishment to a foreign country, attended with confiscation of property and deprivation of civil rights. A punishment derived from the deportatio (q. v.) of the Roman law, and still in use in France.

In Roman law. A perpetual banishment, depriving the banished of his rights as a citizen; and, consequently, debarred from residing in Italy (q. v.) and exile. (q. v.) 1 Brown, Civil & Adm. Law, 125, note; Inst. 1, 12, 1, and 2; Dig. 48, 22, 14, 1.

In American law. The removal or sending back of an alien to the country from which he came, as a measure of national police and without any implication of punishment or penalty.

"Transportation," "extradition," and "deportation," although each has the effect of removing a person from a country, are different things and for different purposes. Transportation is by way of punishment of one convicted of an offense against the laws of the country; extradition is the surrender to another country of one accused of an offense against its laws, there to be tried and punished if found guilty. Deportation is the removing of an alien out of the country simply because his presence is deemed inconsistent with the public welfare, and without any punishment being imposed or contemplated, either under the laws of the country out of which he is sent, or under those of the country to which he is taken. Fong Yue Ting v. U. S., 149 U. S. 698, 13 Sup. Ct. 1018, 37 L. Ed. 905.
DEPOSE. In practice. In ancient usage, to testify as a witness; to give evidence under oath.

In modern usage. To make a deposition; to give evidence in the shape of a deposition; to make statements which are written down and sworn to; to give testimony which is reduced to writing by a duly-qualified officer and sworn to by the deponent.

To deprive an individual of a public employment or office against his will. Wolfius, Inst. § 1003. The term is usually applied to the deprivation of all authority of a sovereign.


A ballot of goods to be kept by the bailee without reward, and delivered according to the object or purpose of the original trust. Story, Ballm. § 41.

A deposit, in general, is an act by which a person receives the property of another; binding himself to preserve it and return it in kind. Civ. Code La. art. 2923.

When chattels are delivered by one person to another to keep for the use of the bailor, it is called a "deposit." Code Ga. 1882, § 2103.

The word is also sometimes used to designate money lodged with a person as an earnest or security for the performance of some contract, to be forfeited if the depositor fails in his undertaking.

Classification. According to the classification of the civil law, deposits are of the following several sorts: (1) Necessity, made upon some sudden emergency, and from some pressing necessity; as, for instance, in case of a fire, a shipwreck, or other overwhelming calamity, when property is confided to any person whom the depositor may meet without proper opportunity for reflection or choice, and whence it is called "miseraeble depositum." (2) Voluntary, which arises from the mere consent and agreement of the parties. Civ. Code La. art. 2964; Dig. 16, 3, 2; Story, Ballm. § 44. The common law has made no such division. There is another class of deposits called "involuntary," which may be without the assent or even knowledge of the depositor; as lumber, etc., left upon another's land by the subsistence of a flood. The civilans again divide deposits into "simple deposits," made by one or more persons having a common interest, and "questeations," made by one or more persons, each of whom has a different and adverse interest in controversy touching it; and these last are of two sorts, "conventional," or such as are made by the mere agreement of the parties without any judicial act; and "judicial," or such as are made by order of a court in the course of some proceeding. Civ. Code La. art. 2971.

There is another class of deposits called "irregular," as when a person, having a sum of money which he does not think safe in his own hands, confides it to another, who is to return to him, not the same money, but a like sum when he shall demand it. Poth. du Depot. 82, 83; Story, Ballm. § 84. A regular deposit is a strict or special deposit; a deposit which must be returned in specific; i. e., the thing deposited must be returned. A quasi deposit is a kind of implied or involuntary deposit, which takes place where a party comes lawfully to the possession of another person's property, by finding it. Story, Ballm. § 85. Particularly with reference to money, deposits are also classed as general or special. A general deposit is where the money deposited is not itself to be returned, but an equivalent in money (that is, a like sum) is to be returned. It is equivalent to a loan, and the money deposited becomes the property of the depository. Insurance Co. v. Landers, 43 Ala. 138. A special deposit is a deposit in which the identical thing deposited is to be returned to the depositor. The particular object of this kind of deposit is safe-keeping. Koetting v. State, 88 Wis. 502, 60 N. W. 822. In banking law, this kind of deposit is contrasted with a "general" deposit, as above; but in the civil law it is the antithesis of an "irregular" deposit. A gratuitous or naked deposit is a ballot of goods to be kept for the depositor without hire or reward on either side, or one for which the depository receives no consideration beyond the mere possession of the thing deposited. Civ. Code Ga. 1805, § 2921; Civ. Code Cal. § 1844. Properly and originally, all deposits are of this description; for according to the Roman law, a ballot of goods for which hire or a price is to be paid, is not called "depositum" but "locatio." If the owner of the property pays for its custody or care, it is a "locatio custodiei;" if, on the other hand, the baillee pays for the use of it, it is "locatio rel." (See Locatio.) But in the modern law of those states which have been influenced by the Roman jurisprudence, a gratuitous or naked deposit is distinguished from a "deposit for hire," in which the baillee is to be paid for his services in keeping the article. Civ. Code Cal. 1903, § 1851; Civ. Code Ga. 1805, § 2921.

In banking law. The act of placing or lodging money in the custody of a bank or banker, for safety or convenience, to be withdrawn at the will of the depositor or under rules and regulations agreed on; also the money so deposited.

General and special deposits. Deposits of money in a bank are either general or special.
A general deposit (the ordinary form) is one which is to be repaid on demand, in whole or in part as called for, in any current money, not the money at which money is deposited. In this case, the title to the money deposited passes to the bank, which becomes debtor to the depositor for the amount. A special deposit is one in which the depositor is entitled to the return of the identical thing deposited (gold, bullion, securities, etc.) and the title to the property remains in him, the deposit being usually made only for purposes of safe-keeping. Shipman v. State Bank, 59 Hun, 621, 13 N. Y. Supp. 475; State v. Clark, 4 Ind. 315; Brahm v. Atkins, 78 Ga., 268; Fulton Bank, 2 Wall. 252, 17 L. Ed. 785. There is also a specific deposit, which exists where money or property is given to a bank for some specific and particular purpose, as a note for collection, money to pay a particular note, or property for some other specific purpose. Officer v. Officer, 120 Iowa, 289, 94 N. W. 947, 98 Am. St. Rep. 385.

—Deposit account. An account of sums lodged with a bank not to be drawn upon by checks, and usually not to be withdrawn except after a fixed notice.—Deposit company. A company whose business is the safe-keeping of securities or other valuables deposited in boxes or safe-deposit buildings which are leased to the depositors.—Deposit of title-deeds. A method of pledging real property as security for a loan by placing the title-deeds of the land in the keeping of the lender as pledge.

DEPOSITORY. The party receiving a deposit; one with whom anything is lodged in trust, as "depository" is the place where it is put. The obligation on the part of the depository "is that he keep the thing with reasonable care, and, upon request, restore it to the depositor, or otherwise deliver it, according to the original trust.

DEPOSITION. In Scotch law. Deposit or depositum, the species of bailment so called. Bell.

DEPOSITION. The testimony of a witness taken upon interrogatories, not in open court, but in pursuance of a commission to take testimony issued by a court, or under a general law on the subject, and reduced to writing and duly authenticated, and intended to be used upon the trial of an action in court. Law of 1758, Fed. 972. 19 C. C. A. 259; Indianapolis Water Co. v. American Strawboard Co. (C. C.) 45 Fed. 355.

A deposition is a written declaration under oath, made upon notice to the adverse party for the purpose of enabling him to attend and cross-examine; or upon written interrogatories. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 2004; Code Civ. Proc. Dak. § 465.

A deposition is evidence given by a witness under interrogatories, oral or written, and usually written down by an official person. In its generic sense, it embraces all written evidence verified by oath, and includes affidavits; but, in legal language, a distinction is maintained between depositions and affidavits. Stimpson v. Brooks, 3 Blatch. 466, Fed. Cas. No. 18,454.

The term sometimes is used in a special sense, to denote a statement made orally by a person on oath before an examiner, commissioner, or officer of the court, but not in open court, and taken down in writing by the examiner or under his direction. Sweet.

DEPÔT. In French law. The depositum of the Roman and the deposit of the English law. It is of two kinds, being either (1) dépôt simply so called, and which may be either voluntary or necessary, and (2) sequestration, which is a deposit made either under an agreement of the parties, and to abide the event of pending litigation regarding it, or by virtue of the direction of the court or a judge, pending litigation regarding it. Brown; Civ. Code La. 2897.

In American law. (1) A railroad freight or passenger station; a place on the line of a railroad where passengers may enter and leave the trains and where freight is deposited for delivery; but more properly, only a place where the carrier is accustomed to receive merchandise, deposit it, and keep it ready for transportation or delivery.Magee v. Transportation Co., 45 N. Y. 520, 6 Am. Rep. 124; IIII v. Railroad Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 75 S. W. 876; Kurnes v. Drake, 103 Ky. 134, 44 S. W. 444; Railroad Co. v. Smith, 71 Ark. 189, 71 S. W. 947; State v. New Haven & N. Co., 37 Conn. 163. (2) A place where military stores or supplies are kept or troops assembled. U. S. v. Caldwell, 19 Wall. 268, 22 L. Ed. 114.

DEPRAVE. To deface; vilify; exhibit contempt for. In England it is a criminal offense to "deprave" the Lord's supper or the Book of Common Prayer. Steph. Crim. Dig. 69.

DEPREDACTION. In French law. Pillage, waste, or spoliation of goods, particularly of the estate of a decedent.
DEPRIVATION. In English ecclesiastical law. The taking away from a clergyman his benefice or other spiritual promotion or dignity, either by sentence declaratory in the proper court for it and sufficient causes or in pursuance of divers penal statutes, which declare the benefice void for some nonfeasance or neglect, or some malfeasance or crime. 3 Steph. Comm. 87, 88; Burn, Ecc. Law, tit. "Deprivation."

DEPRIVE. In a constitutional provision that no person shall be "deprived of his property" without due process of law, this word is equivalent to the term "take," and denotes a taking altogether, a seizure, a direct appropriation, dispossession of the owner. Sharpless v. Philadelphia, 21 Pa. 167, 59 Am. Dec. 759; Wynehamer v. People, 13 N. Y. 467; Munn v. People, 69 Ill. 88; Grant v. Courter, 24 Barb. (N. Y.) 238.

DEPUTIZE. To appoint a deputy; to appoint or commission one to act as deputy to an officer. In a general sense, the term is descriptive of empowering one person to act for another in any capacity or relation, but in law it is almost always restricted to the substitution of a person appointed to act for an officer of the law.


A deputy differs from an assignee, in that an assignee has an interest in the office itself, and does all riot in his own name, for whom his grantor shall not answer, except in special cases; but a deputy has not any interest in the office, and is only the shadow of the officer in whose name he acts. And there is a distinction in doing an act by an agent and by a deputy. An agent can only bind his principal when he does the act in the name of the principal. But a deputy may do the act and sign his own name, and it binds his principal: for a deputy has, in law, the whole power of his principal. Wharton.

—Deputy consul. See Consul.—Deputy lieutenant. The deputy of a lord lieutenant of a county in England.—Deputy sheriff. One appointed to act in the place and stead of the sheriff in the latter's absence. A general deputy (sometimes called "undersheriff") is one who, by virtue of his appointment, has authority to execute all the ordinary duties of the office of sheriff, and who executes process without any special authority from his principal. A special deputy, who is an officer pro hac vice, is one appointed for a special occasion or a special service, as, to serve a particular writ or to assist in keeping the peace when a riot or tumult is expected or in progress. He acts under a specific and not a general appointment and authority. Allen v. Smith, 12 N. J. Law. 102; Wilson v. Russell, 4 Dak. 376, 91 N. W. 442.—Deputy steward.

A steward of a manor may depute or authorize another to hold a court; and the acts done in a court so held will be as legal as if the court had been held by the chief steward in person. So an under steward or deputy may authorize another as subdeputy, pro hac vice, to hold a court for him; such limited authority not being inconsistent with the rule delegatus non potest delegare. Wharton.

DERAIGN. Seems to mean, literally, to confound and disorder, or to turn out of course, or to displace; as deraignment or departure out of religion, in St. 31 Hen. VIII. c. 6. In the common law, the word is used generally in the sense of to prove; viz., to deraign a right, deraign the warranty, etc. Glenav. lib. 2, c. 6; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 146. Perhaps this word "deraign," and the word "deraignment," derived from it, may be used in the sense of to prove and a proving, by disproving of what is asserted in opposition to truth and fact. Jacob.

DERECHE. In Spanish law. Law or right. Derecho común, common law. The civil law is so called. A right. Derechos, rights. Also, specifically, an impost laid upon goods or provisions, or upon persons or lands, by way of tax or contribution. Noe v. Card, 14 Cal. 576, 605.

DERELICT. Forsaken; abandoned; deserted; cast away.

Personal property abandoned or thrown away by the owner in such manner as to indicate that he intends to make no further claim thereto. 2 Bl. Comm. 9; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 9.

Land left uncovered by the receding of water from its former bed. 2 Rolle, Abr. 170; 2 Bl. Comm. 282; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. 109.

In maritime law. A boat or vessel found entirely deserted or abandoned on the sea, without hope or intention of recovery or return by the master or crew, whether resulting from wreck, accident, necessity, or voluntary abandonment. U. S. v. Stone (C. C.) 8 Fed. 243; Cromwell v. The Island City, 1 Black, 121, 17 L. Ed. 70; The Hyderabad (D. C.) 11 Fed. 754; The Fairfield (D. C) 30 Fed. 700; The Aquila, 1 C. Rob. 41.

—Quasi derelict. When a vessel, without being abandoned, is no longer under the control or direction of those on board, (as where part of the crew are dead, and the remainder are physically and mentally incapable of providing for their own safety,) she is said to be quasi derelict. Sturtevant v. Nicholas, 1 Newb. Adm. 449, Fed. Cas. No. 13,676.

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In the civil law. The voluntary abandonment of goods by the owner, without the hope or the purpose of returning to the possession. Jones v. Nunn, 12 Ga. 473; Livermore v. White, 74 Me. 456, 43 Am. Rep. 600.

Derivativa potestas non potest esse major primitiva. Noy, Max.; Wing. Max. 68. The derivative power cannot be greater than the primitive.

DERIVATIVE. Coming from another; taken from something preceding; secondary; that which has not its origin in itself, but owes its existence to something foregoing.

-Derivative conveyances. Conveyances which presuppose some other conveyance precedent, and only serve to enlarge, confirm, alter, restrain, restore, or transfer the interest granted by such original conveyance. They are releases, confirmations, surrenders, assignments, and defeasances. 2 Bl. Comm. 224.

DEROGATION. The partial repeal or abolishing of a law, as by a subsequent act which limits its scope or impairs its utility and force. Distinguished from abrogation, which means the entire repeal and annulment of a law. Dig. 50, 17, 102.

DEROGATORY CLAUSE. In a will, this is a sentence or secret character inserted by the testator, of which he reserves the knowledge to himself, with a condition that no will he may make thereafter should be valid, unless this clause be inserted word for word. This is done as a precaution to guard against later wills being extorted by violence, or otherwise improperly obtained. By the law of England such a clause would be void, as tending to make the will irrevocable. Wharton.

Derogatur legi, cum pars detractitur; abrogatur legi, cum prorsus tollitur. To derogate from a law is to take away part of it; to abrogate a law is to abolish it entirely. Dig. 50, 17, 102.

DESAFUERO. In Spanish law. An irregular action committed with violence against law, custom, or reason.

DESA茅RTION. In English law. The case where there is a will, and includes all who proceed from the body of the person named; as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Amb. 397; 2 Hill. Real Prop. 242.

DESCENDER. Descent; in the descent. See FORMEDON.

DESCENDIBLE. Capable of passing by descent, or of being inherited or transmitted by devise, (spoken of estates, titles, offices, and other property.) Collins v. Smith, 105 Ga. 525, 31 S. E. 449.

DESCENT. Hereditary succession. Succession to the ownership of an estate by inheritance, or by any act of law, as distinguished from “purchase.” Title by descent is the title by which one person, upon the death of another, acquires the real estate of the latter as his heir at law. 2 Bl. Comm. 201; Com. Dig. “Descent,” A; Adams v. Aklerlund, 168 Ill. 622, 46 N. E. 442; Starr v. Hamilton, 22 Fed. Cas. 1,107; In re Donahue’s Estate, 36 Cal. 323; Shippen v. Izard, 1 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 224; Brower v. Hunt, 18 Ohio St. 338; Allen v. Bland, 134 Ind. 78, 33 N. E. 774.

Classification. Descents are of two sorts, lineal and collateral. Lineal descent is descent in a direct or right line, as from father or grandfather to son or grandson. Collateral descent is descent in a collateral or oblique line, that is, up to the common ancestor and then down from him, as from brother to brother, or between cousins. Levy v. McCartee, 6 Pet. 112, 8 L. Ed. 334. They are also distinguished into immediate and collateral descents. But these terms are used in different senses. A descent may be said to be a mediately or immediate descent of the estate or right; or it may be said to be mediately or immediate, in regard to the medianness or immediacy of the pedigree or consanguinity. Thus, a descent from the grandfather, who dies in possession, to the grandchild, the father being then dead, or from the uncle to the nephew, the brother being dead, is, in the former sense, an immediate descent, although the one is collateral and the other lineal; for the heir is in the pen. On the other hand, with reference to the line of pedigree or consanguinity, a descent is often said to be immediate, when the ancestor from whom the party derives his blood is immediate, and without any intervening link or degree; and mediately, when the kindred is derived from him mediamente altero, another ancestor intervening between them. Thus a descent in lines from father to son in this sense is mediately; but a descent from grandfather to grandson, the father being dead, or from uncle to nephew, the brother being dead, is deemed mediately; the father and the brother being, in these latter cases, the medium defenso, as it is called, of the descent or consanguinity. Levy v. McCartee, 6 Pet. 112, 8 L. Ed. 334; Furenes v. Mickelson, 86 Iowa, 598, 33 N. W. 418; Garner v. Wood, 71 Md. 37, 17 Atl. 1051.

Descent was denoted, in the Roman law, by the term “successio,” which is also used by Bracton, and from which has been derived the successio of the Scotch and French jurisprudence.

DESCENT. The devolving of reality upon the heir on the death of his ancestor intestate.
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In re Sutherland (D. C.) 53 Fed. 551. There is a difference between desertion and simple "absence without leave;" in order to constitute the former, there must be an intention not to return to the service. Hansen v. South Saltuate, 115 Mass. 336.

In maritime law. The act by which a seaman deserts and abandons a ship or vessel, in which he had engaged to perform a voyage, before the expiration of his time, and without leave. By desertion, in the maritime law, is meant, not a mere unauthorized absence from the ship without leave, but an unauthorized absence from the ship, with an intention not to return to her service, or, as it is often expressed, animo non revertendi; that is, with an intention to desert. Coffin v. Jenkies, 3 Story, 108. Fed. Cas. No. 2,948; The Union (D. C.) 20 Fed. 559; The Mary C. Conery (D. C.) 9 Fed. 223; The George, 10 Fed. Cas. 294.

DESHONORA. In Spanish law. Dishonor; injury; slander. Las Partidas, pt. 7, tit. 9, 1, 1, 6.

DESIGN. In the law of evidence. Purpose or intention, combined with plan, or implying a plan in the mind. Burill, Circ. Ev. 351; State v. Grant, 86 Iowa, 216, 53 N. W. 120; Ernest v. State, 20 Fla. 388; Hogan v. State, 36 Wis. 226.

As a term of art, the giving of a visible form to the conceptions of the mind, or invention. Binns v. Woodruff, 4 Wash. C. C. 48, Fed. Cas. No. 1,424.

In patent law. The drawing or depiction of an original plan or conception for a novel pattern, model, shape, or configuration, to be used in the manufacturing or textile arts or the fine arts, and chiefly of a decorative or ornamental character. "Design patents" are contrasted with "utility patents;" but equally involve the making of the invention of the inventive faculty. Gorham Co. v. White, 14 Wall. 524, 20 L Ed. 731; Manufacturing Co. v. Odell (D. C.) 18 Fed. 321; Binns v. Woodruff, 3 Fed. Cas. 424; Henderson v. Tompkins (C. C.) 60 Fed. 758.

"Design, in the view of the patent law, is that characteristic of a physical substance which, by means of lines, images, configuration, and the like, taken as a whole, makes an impression, through the eye, upon the mind of the observer. The essence of a design resides, not in the elements individually, nor in their method of arrangement, but in the totality, that is, in that definable whole that awakens some sensation in the observer's mind. Impressions thus imparted may be complex or simple; in one a mingled impression of graceful and strength, in another the impression of strength alone. But whatever the impression, it must be attached in the mind of the observer, to the object observed, a sense of uniqueness and character." Pelouse Scale Co. v. American Cutlery Co., 102 Fed. 913, 45 C. C. A. 32.

Designatio justiciariorum est: regico juridicito vero ordinario a lego. 4 Inst. 74. The appointment of justices is by the
king, but their ordinary jurisdiction by the law.

DESIGNATIO PERSONÆ. The description of a person or a party to a deed or contract.

Designatio unius est exclusio alterius, et expressum facit cessare tacitum. Co. Litt. 210. The specifying of one is the exclusion of another, and that which is expressed makes that which is understood to cease.

DESIGNATION. A description or descriptive expression by which a person or thing is denoted in a will without using the name.

DESIREE. This term, used in a will in relation to the management and distribution of property, has been interpreted by the courts with different shades of meaning, varying from the mere expression of a preference to a positive command. See McMurry v. Stanley, 69 Tex. 227, 6 S. W. 412; Stewart v. Stewart, 61 N. J. Eq. 25, 47 Atl. 633; In re Marti's Estate, 132 Cal. 609, 61 Pac. 994; Weber v. Bryant, 161 Mass. 400, 57 N. E. 203; Appeal of City of Philadelphia, 112 Pa. 470, 4 Atl. 4; Mechan v. Brennan, 18 App. Div. 365, 45 N. Y. Supp. 57; Brasher v. Marsh, 15 Ohio St. 111; Major v. Herndon, 78 Ky. 123.

DESINDENCE. A term used in the Spanish law, denoting the act by which the boundaries of an estate or portion of a country are determined.


DESPACHEURS. In maritime law. Persons appointed to settle cases of average.

DESPATCHES. Official communications of official persons on the affairs of government.

DESPERATE. Hopeless; worthless. This term is used in inventories and schedules of assets, particularly by executors, etc., to describe debts or claims which are considered impossible or hopeless of collection. See Schultz v. Pulver, 11 Wend. (N. Y.) 305.

DESPERATE DEBT. A hopeless debt; an irrecoverable obligation.


DESPITUS. Contempt. See DESPIE. A contempitable person. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 5.

DESPJOAR. A possessory action of the Mexican law. It is brought to recover possession of immovable property, of which one has been despoiled (despojado) by another.

DESPOIL. This word involves, in its signification, violence or clandestine means by which one is deprived of that which he possesses. Its Spanish equivalent, despajar, is a term used in Mexican law. Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 263.

DESPOSANOS. The act of broaching persons to each other.

DESPOSORIO. In Spanish law. Esposus; mutual promises of future marriage. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 6, c. 1, § 1.

DESPOT. This word, in its original and most simple acceptance, signifies master and supreme lord; it is synonymous with monarch; but taken in bad part, as it is usually employed, it signifies a tyrant. In some states, despot is the title given to the sovereign, as king is given in others. Enc. Lond.

—DESPOTISM. That abuse of government where the sovereign power is not divided, but united in the hands of a single man, whatever may be his official title. It is not, properly, a form of government. Toullier, Dr. Civ. Fr. tit. prêl. n. 32. "Despotism" is not exactly synonymous with "autocracy," for the former involves the idea of tyranny or abuse of power, which is not necessarily implied by the latter. Every despotism is autocratic; but an autocracy is not necessarily despotic.—DESPOTISM. To act as a despot. Webster.

DESRENABLE. L. Fr. Unreasonable. Britt. c. 121.

DESSAISSEMENT. In French law. When a person is declared bankrupt, he is immediately deprived of the enjoyment and administration of all his property; this deprivation, which extends to all his rights, is called "dessaissement." Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 556.

DESTINATION. The purpose to which it is intended an article or a fund shall be applied. A testator gives a destination to a legacy when he prescribes the specific use to which it shall be put.

The port at which a ship is to end her voyage is called her "port of destination." Paradesmus, no. 600.

DESTITUTE. A "destitute person" is one who has no money or other property available for his maintenance or support. Norridgewock v. Solon, 49 Me. 355; Woods v. Perkins, 45 La. Ann. 347, 9 South. 48.

DESTROY. As used in policies of insurance, leases, and in maritime law, this term is often applied to an act which renders the subject useless for its intended purpose, though it does not literally demolish or annihilate it. In re McCabe, 11 Pa. Super. Ct. 564; Solomon v. Kingston, 24 Hun (N. Y.) 594; Insurance Co. v. Felthamman, 118 Ala. 308, 23 South. 759; Spalding v. Munford, 37 Mo. App. 281. To "destroy" a vessel means to unfit it for further service, beyond the
DETECTIO. In the civil law. That condition of fact under which one can exercise his power over a corporeal thing at his pleasure, to the exclusion of all others. It forms the substance of possession in all its varieties. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 238.

DETERMINATION. The act of keeping back or withholding; either accidentally or by design, a person or thing. See DETAINER.

—Detention in a reformatory, as a punishment or measure of prevention, is where a juvenile offender is sentenced to be sent to a reformatory school, to be there detained for a certain period of time. 1 Russ. Crimes, 82.

DETERMINABLE. That which may cease or determine upon the happening of a certain contingency. 2 Bl. Comm. 121.

As to determinable "Fees" and "Freehold," see those titles.

DETERMINATE. That which is ascertained; what is particularly designated.

DETERMINATION. The decision of a court of justice. Shirley v. Birtch, 16 Or. 1, 18 Pac. 344; Henavle v. Railroad Co., 154 N. Y. 278, 48 N. E. 523. The ending or expiration of an estate or interest in property, or of a right, power, or authority.

DETERMINE. To come to an end. To bring to an end. 2 Bl. Comm. 121; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 580.

DETESTATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A summoning made, or notice given, in the presence of witnesses, (denuntiatio facta cum testatione.) Dig. 50, 16, 40.

DETTINET. Lat. He detains. In old English law. A species of action of debt, which lay for the specific recovery of goods, under a contract to deliver them. 1 Reeves, Eng. Law, 159.

In pleading. An action of debt is said to be in the detinnet when it is alleged merely that the defendant withholds or unjustly detains from the plaintiff the thing or amount demanded.

An action of replevin is said to be in the detinnet when the defendant retains possession of the property until after judgment in the action. Bull. N. P. 52; Chit. Pl. 145.

DETECTIO. In practice. A form of action which lies for the recovery, in specie, of personal chattels from one who acquired possession of them lawfully, but retains it without right, together with damages for the detention. 3 Bl. Comm. 152. Stinott v. Felock, 165 N. Y. 444, 59 N. E. 265, 53 L. R. A. 585, 80 Am. St. Rep. 736; Penny v. Davis,
DEUTEROGAMY. The act, or condition, of one who marries a wife after the death of a former wife.

DEVADIATUS, or DIVADIATUS. An offender without sureties or pledges. Cowell.

DEVASTATION. Wasteful use of the property of a deceased person, as for extravagant funeral or other unnecessary expenses. 2 Bl. Comm. 508.

DEVASTAVERUNT. They have wasted. A term applied in old English law to waste by executors and administrators, and to the process issued against them therefor. Cowell. See DEVASTAVIT.

DEVASTAVIT. Lat. He has wasted. The act of an executor or administrator in wasting the goods of the deceased; mismanagement of the estate by which a loss occurs; a breach of trust or misappropriation of assets held in a fiduciary character; any violation or neglect of duty by an executor or administrator, involving loss to the decedent's estate, which makes him personally responsible to heirs, creditors, or legatees. Clift v. White, 12 N. Y. 531; Beardsley v. Marsteller, 120 Ind. 319, 22 N. E. 315; Steel v. Holladay, 20 Or. 70, 25 Pac. 69, 10 L. R. A. 670; Dawes v. Boyston, 9 Mass. 353, 6 Am. Dec. 72; McGlaughlin v. McGlaughlin, 43 W. Va. 256, 27 S. E. 378.

Also, if plaintiff, in an action against an executor or administrator, has obtained judgment, the usual execution runs de bonis testatoris; but, if the sheriff returns to such a writ nulla bona testatoris nec propris, the plaintiff may, forthwith, upon this return, sue out an execution against the property or person of the executor or administrator, in as full a manner as in an action against him, sued in his own right. Such a return is called a "devastavit." Brown.

DEVENERUNT. A writ, now obsolete, directed to the king's escheators when any of the king's tenants in capite dies, and when his son and heir dies within age and in the king's custody, commanding the escheators, that by the oaths of twelve good and lawful men they shall inquire what lands or tenements by the death of the tenant have come to the king. Dyer, 360; Terms de la Ley.

DEVEST. To deprive; to take away; to withdraw. Usually spoken of an authority, power, property, or title; as, the estate is devested. Devest is opposite to invest. As to invest signifies to deliver the possession of anything to another, so to devest signifies to take it away. As to him.

It is sometimes written "divest" but "devest" has the support of the best authority. Burrill.

Any unnecessary or unexcused departure from the usual or general mode of carrying on the voyage insured. 15 Amer. Law Rev. 108.

Deviations are a departure from the course of the voyage insured, or an unreasonable delay in pursuing the voyage, or the commencement of an entirely different voyage. Civil Code Cal. § 2984.

A deviation is a voluntary departure from or delay in the usual and regular course of a voyage insured, without necessity or reasonable cause. This discharges the insurer, from the time of the deviation. Coffin v. Newburyport Marine Ins. Co., 9 Mass. 430.

In contracts. A change made in the progress of a work from the original terms or design or method agreed upon.

DEVICE. An invention or contrivance; any result of design; as in the phrase "gambling device," which means a machine or contrivance of any kind for the playing of an unlawful game of chance or hazard. State v. Blackstone, 115 Mo. 424, 22 S. W. 370. Also, a plan or project; a scheme to trick or deceive; a stratagem or artifice; as in the law relating to fraud and cheating. State v. Smith, 82 Minn. 342, 85 N. W. 12. Also an emblem, pictorial representation, or distinguishing mark or sign of any kind; as in the laws prohibiting the marking of ballots used in public elections with "manipulations of 'Baxter v. Ellis', 111 N. C. 124, 15 S. E. 938, 17 L. R. A. 382; Owens v. State, 64 Tex. 509; Steele v. Calhoun, 61 Miss. 556.

In a statute against gaming devices, this term is to be understood as meaning something formed by design, a contrivance, an invention. It is, to be distinguished from "substitute," which means something put in the place of another thing, or used instead of something else. Henderson v. State, 50 Ala. 91.

IN PATENT LAW. A plan or contrivance, or an application, adjustment, shaping, or combination of materials or members, for the purpose of accomplishing a particular result or serving a particular use, chiefly by mechanical means and usually simple in character or not highly complex, but involving the exercise of the inventive faculty.

DEVIL ON THE NECK. An instrument of torture, formerly used to extort confessions, etc. It was made of several irons, which were fastened to the neck and legs, and wrenched together so as to break the back. Cowell.

DEVISABLE. Capable of being devised. 1 Pow. Dev. 165; 2 Bl. Comm. 375.

DEVISAVIT VEL NON. In practice. The name of an issue sent out of a court of chancery, or one which exercises chancery jurisdiction. A court of law decides the invalidity of a paper asserted and denied to be a will, to ascertain whether or not the testator did devise, or whether or not that paper was his will. 7 Brown, Parl. Cas. 437; 2 Atk. 424; Asay v. Hoover, 5 Pa. 21, 45 Am. Dec. 713.


Synonyms. The term "devise" is properly restricted to real property; and is not applicable to testamentary dispositions of personal property, which are properly called "bequeaths" or "legacies." But this distinction will not be allowed in law to defeat the purpose of a testator; and all of such terms may be used interchangeably or applied indiscriminately to either real or personal property, if the context shows that such was the intention of the testator. Ladd v. Harvey, 21 N. H. 328; Borgner v. Brown, 133 Ind. 301, 35 N. E. 92; Oothout v. Rogers, 59 Hun. 97, 13 N. Y. Supp. 120; McCorkle v. Sherrill, 41 N. C. 170.

Classification. Devises are contingent or vested; that is, after the death of the testator. Contingent, when the vesting of any estate in the devisee is made to depend upon some future event, in which case, if the event never occur, or until it does occur, no estate vests under the devise. But, when the future event is referred to merely to determine the time at which the devisee shall come into the use of the estate, this does not hinder the vesting of the estate at the death of the testator. 1 Jarm. Wills, c. 28. Devises are also classified as__,__devise. A general devise is one which passes lands of the testator without a particular enumeration or description of them; as, a devise of "all my lands" or "all my other lands." In a more restricted sense, a general devise is one which grants a parcel of land without the addition of any words to show how great an estate is meant to be given, or without words indicating either a grant in perpetuity or a grant for a limited term; in this case it is considered as granting a life estate. Hitch v. Patten, 8 Houst. (Del.) 334, 16 Atl. 558, 2 L. R. A. 724. Specific devises are devises of lands particularly specified in the devise, as opposed to general and residuary devises of land. In which the local or other particular descriptions are not expressed. For example, "I devise my Hendon Hall estate" is a specific devise; but "I devise my all my lands," or, "all other my lands," is a general devise or a residuary devise. But all devises are (in effect) specific, even residuary devises being so. L. R. 3 Ch. 420; Id. 136. A conditional devise is one which depends upon the occurrence of a certain event, by which it is either to take effect or be defeated. Civ. Code Cal. § 1345. An executory devise of lands is such a disposition.
of them by will that thereby no estate vests at the death of the devisor, but only on some future contingency. It differs from a remainder in three very material points: (1) That it needs not any particular estate to support it; (2) that by it a fee-simple or other lease estate may be limited after a fee-simple; (3) that by this means a remainder may be limited of a chattel interest, after a particular estate for life created in the same. 2 Bl. Comm. 172. In a stricter sense, a limitation by will of a future contingent interest in lands, contrary to the rules of the common law. 4 Kent, Comm. 283; 1 Steph. Comm. 564. A limitation by will of a future estate or interest in land, which cannot, consistently with the rules of law, take effect as a remainder. 2 Pow. Dev. (by Jarman) 237. See Poor v. Considine, 6 Wall. 474. 18 L. Ed. 899; Bristol v. Atwater, 50 Conn. 406; Mangum v. Piester, 16 S. C. 325; Civ. Code Ga. 1895, § 3339; Thompson v. Hoop, 6 Ohio St. 487; Burleigh v. Clough, 52 N. H. 273; 13 Am. Rep. 23; In re Brown's Estate, 38 Pa. 224; Glover v. Condell, 163 Ill. 566, 45 N. E. 173, 35 L. R. A. 390. Lapsed devise. A devise which falls, or takes no effect, in consequence of the death of the devisee before the testator; the subject-matter of it being considered as not dispossessed of by the will. 1 Steph. Comm. 359; 4 Kent, Comm. 541. Murphy v. McKeon, 53 N. J. Eq. 406, 32 Atl. 374. Residuary devise. A devise of all the residue of the testator's real property, that is, all that remains over and above the other devises.

DEVESEE. The person to whom lands or other real property are devised or given by will. 1 Pow. Dev. c. 7.

Residuary devise. The person named in a will, who is to take all the real property remaining over and above the other devises.

DEVISOR. A giver of lands or real estate by will; the maker of a will of lands; a testator.

DEVOR. Fr. Duty. It is used in the statute of 2 Rich. II. c. 3, in the sense of duties or customs.

DEVOlUTION. The transfer or transition from one person to another of a right, liability, title, estate, or office. Francisco v. Aguirre, 94 Cal. 190, 29 Pac. 495; Owen v. Insurance Co., 56 Hun. 455, 10 N. Y. Supp. 75.

In ecclesiastical law. The forfeiture of a right or power (as the right of presentation to a living) in consequence of its non-user by the person holding it, or of some other act or omission on his part, and its resulting transfer to the person next entitled.

In Scotch law. The transference of the right of purchase, from the highest bidder at an auction sale, to the next highest, when the former fails to pay his bid or furnish security for its payment within the time appointed. Also, the reference of a matter in controversy to a third person (called "overman") by two arbitrators to whom it has been submitted and who are unable to agree.

DEVOlUTIVE APPEAL. In the law of Louisiana, one which does not suspend the execution of the judgment appealed from. State v. Allen, 51 La. Ann. 1842, 26 South. 434.

DEVOLVE. To pass or be transferred from one person to another; to fall on, or accrue to, one person as the successor of another; as, a title, right, office, liability. The term is said to be peculiarly appropriate to the passing of an estate from a person dying to a person living. Parr v. Parr, 1 Myln & K. 648; Babcock v. Maxwell, 29 Mont. 31, 74 Pac. 64. See Devolution.

DEVY. L. Fr. Dies; deceases. Bend- loe, 5.

DEXTANS. Lat. In Roman law. A division of the as, consisting of ten unciae; ten-twelfths, or five-sixths. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note m.

Dexterarius. One at the right hand of another.

Dextrar as DARE. To shake hands in token of friendship; or to give up oneself to the power of another person.

DI COLONNA. In maritime law. The contract which takes place between the owner of a ship, the captain, and the mariners, who agree that the voyage shall be for the benefit of all. The term is used in the Italian law. Emerig. Mar. Loans, § 5.


DIACONATE. The office of a deacon.

Diaconus. A deacon.

DIAGNOSIS. A medical term, meaning the discovery of the source of a patient's illness or the determination of the nature of his disease from a study of its symptoms. Said to be little more than a guess enlightened by experience. Swan v. Railroad Co., 70 Hun. 612, 29 N. Y. Supp. 337.

DIALECTICS. That branch of logic which teaches the rules and modes of reasoning.

DIALLAGE. A rhetorical figure in which arguments are placed in various points of view, and then turned to one point. Enc. Lond.

DIALOGUS DE SCACCARIO. Dialogue of or about the exchequer. An ancient treatise on the court of exchequer, attributed by some to Gervase of Tilbury, by others to Richard Fitz Nigel, bishop of London in the reign of Richard I. It is quoted by Lord Coke under the name of Ockham. Crabb, Eng. Law. 71.
DIANATIO. A logical reasoning in a progressive manner, proceeding from one subject to another. Enc. Lond.

DIARIUM. Daily food, or as much as will suffice for the day. Du Cange.

DIATIM. In old records. Daily; every day; from day to day. Spelman.

DICA. In old English law. A tally for accounts, by number of cuts, (taillées,) marks, or notches. Cowell. See TALLIA, TALLY.

DICAST. An officer in ancient Greece answering in some respects to our jurymen, but combining, on trials had before them, the functions of both judge and jury. The dicasts sat together in numbers varying, according to the importance of the case, from one to five hundred.

DICE. Small cubes of bone or ivory, marked with figures or devices on their several sides, used in playing certain games of chance. See Wetmore v. State, 55 Ala. 198.

DICTATE. To order or instruct what is to be said or written. To pronounce, word by word, what is meant to be written by another. Hamilton v. Hamilton, 6 Mart. (N. S.) (La.) 143.

DICTATION. In Louisiana, this term is used in a technical sense, and means to pronounce orally what is destined to be written at the same time by another. It is used in reference to uncoupative wills. Prendergast v. Prendergast, 16 La. Ann. 220, 79 Am. Dec. 575.

DICTATOR. A magistrate invested with unlimited power, and created in times of national distress and peril. Among the Romans, he continued in office for six months only, and had unlimited power and authority over both the property and lives of the citizens.

DICTORES. Arbitrators.

DICTUM. In general. A statement, remark, or observation. Gratia dictum; a gratuitous or voluntary representation; one which a party is not bound to make. 2 Kent, Comm. 483. Simplices dictum; a mere assertion; an assertion without proof. Bract. fol. 320.

The word is generally used as an abbreviated form of obiter dictum, "a remark by the way;" that is, an observation or remark made by a judge in pronouncing an opinion upon a cause, concerning some rule, principle, or application of law, or the solution of a question suggested by the case at bar, but not necessarily involved in the case or essential to its determination; any statement of the law enunciated by the court merely by way of illustration, argument, analogy, or suggestion. See Railroad Co. v. Schutte, 103 U. S. 118, 143, 26 L. Ed. 327; In re Woodruff (D. C.) 96 Fed. 317; Hart v. Stribling, 25 F. 433, 6 C. H. 555; Buchner v. Railroad Co., 60 Wis. 264, 19 N. W. 56; Rush v. French, 1 Artz. 96, 25 Pac. 816; State v. Clarke, 3 Nev. 572.

Dicta are opinions of a judge which do not embody the resolution or determination of the court, and made without argument, or full consideration of the point, are not the prescribed deliberate determinations of the judge himself. Obiter dicta are such opinions uttered by the way, not upon the point or question pending, as if turning aside for the time from the main topic of the case to collateral subjects. Rohrbach v. Insurance Co., 62 N. Y. 47, 58, 20 Am. Rep. 453.

In old English law. Dictum meant an arbitration, or the award of arbitrators.

In French law. The report of a judgment made by one of the judges who has given it. Poth. Proc. Civil, pt. 2, c. 5, art. 2.

-Dictum de Kenilworth. The edict or declaration of King Henry III. An edict or award between King Henry III. and all the barons and others who had been in arms against him; and so called because it was made at Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire, in the fifty-first year of his reign, containing a composition of five years' rent for the lands and estates of those who had forfeited them in that rebellion. Blount; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 62.

DIE WITHOUT ISSUE. See Dying Without Issue.

DIEI DICTIO. Lat. In Roman law. This name was given to a notice promulgated by a magistrate of his intention to present an impeachment against a citizen before the people, specifying the day appointed, the name of the accused, and the crime charged.

DIEM CLAUSIT EXTRENUM. (Lat.) He has closed his last day—died.) A writ which formerly lay on the death of a tenant, in capite, to ascertain the lands of which he died seized, and reclaim them into the king's hands. It was directed to the king's escheators. Fizth. Nat. Brer. 251, K; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 327.

A writ awarded out of the exchequer after the death of a crown debtor, the sheriff being commanded by it to inquire by a jury when and where the crown debtor died, and what chattels, debts, and lands he had at the time of his decease, and to take and seize them into the crown's hands. 4 Steph. Comm. 47, 48.

DIEIS. Lat. A day; days. Days for appearance in court. Provisions or maintenance for a day. The king's rents were anciently reserved by so many days' provisions. Spelman; Cowell; Blount.

-Dies a quo. (The day from which.) In the civil law. The day from which a transaction begins; the commencement of it; the conclusion being the dies a quo. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 185.—Dies amoris. A day of favor. The name given to the appearance day of the term on the fourth day, or quarto die post. It was the day given by the favor and indulgence of the court to the defendant for his appear-
since when all parties appeared in court, and had their appearance recorded by the proper officer. Wharton.—Dies eodit. The day before the day has ended, the day has ceased. Two expressions in Roman law which signify the vesting or fixing of an interest, and the interest becoming a determinate one. Sandars Just. Inst. (6th Ed.) 225, 232.—Dies communes in banco. Regular days for appearance in court; called also common return-days. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 57.—Dies datus. A day given or allowed, (to a defendant in an action) amounting to a continuance. But the name was appropriate only to a continuance before a determination filed; if afterwards allowed, it was called an "impalance."—Dies datus in banco. A day given in the bench, (or court of common pleas) Bract. fol. 277, 361. A day given in bank as distinguished from a day at nisi prius. Co. Litt. 133.—Dies datus partibus. A day given to the parties to an action; an adjournment or continuance. Crabb, Eng. Law, 217.—Dies datus prope partium. A day given on the prayer of the parties. Bract. fol. 328; Gilb. (Day of Fete) 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 60.—Dies dominions. The Lord's day; Sunday.—Dies excessores. In old English law. The added or increased day in leap years. Bract. fol. 359, 360.—Dies fasti. In Roman law. Days on which the courts were open, and justice could be legally administered; days on which it was not the duty of the preator to present a process to the three words, "do," "dico," "addico." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 39, and note; 3 Bl. Comm. 424, note; Calvin. Hence by analogy, "dies iridiciae," days," answering to the "dies juridicius" of the civil law.—Dies forint. In the civil law. Holidays. Dig. 2, 12, 2, 9.—Dies gratiae. In old English practice. A day of grace, courtesy, or favor. Co. Litt. 1348. The quarto diem post was sometimes so called. Id. 1350.—Dies interadi. In Roman law. Divided days; days on which the courts were open for a part of the day. Calvin.—Dies juridicius. A lawful day for the transaction of judicial or court business; a day on which the courts are or may be open for the transaction of business. Didsbury v. Van Tassell, 56 Hun, 423, 10 N. Y. Supp. 32.—Dies legitimus. In the civil and old English law. A lawful or lawful day; a term day; a day of appearance.—Dies march-ias. In old English law. The day of meeting of English and Scotch, which was annually held on the marches or borders to adjust their differences and preserve peace.—Dies nefasti. In Roman law. Days on which the courts were open, it was unlawful for the minister of justice; answering to the dies non juridicius of the English law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 35, note.—Dies non. An abbreviation. Dies non juridicius. (c. c.) Dies non juridicius. In practice. A day not judicial; not a court day. A day on which courts are not open for business, such as Sundays and some holidays. Havens v. Stiles, 8 Idaho, 250, 67 Pac. 921, 56 L. R. A. 736, 101 Am. St. Rep. 195; State v. Ricketts, 74 N. C. 393.—Dies pascha. (Day of pestilence.) The year was formerly divided into the days of the peace of the church and the days of the peace of the king, including in the two divisions all the days of the year. Crabb, Eng. Law, 33.—Dies solars. In old English law. A solar day, as distinguished from what was called "dies fasti." The sun's day (a lunar day) 3 both composing an artificial day. Bract. fol. 264. See Day.—Dies solis. In the civil and old English law. Sunday, (literally, the day of the sun.) See Cod. B. 1.—Dies utiles. Judicial days; useful or available days. A term of the Roman law, used to designate those special days occurring within the limited period of a praetorian period of time upon which it was lawful, or possible, to do a specific act.

Dies dominicus non est juridicus. Sunday is not a court day, or day for judicial proceedings, or legal purposes. Co. Litt. 135a; Noy. Max. 2; Wing. Max. 7, max. 5; Broom, Max. 21.

Dies ineptius pro complete habitetur. A day assigned is held as complete.

Dies inexactus pro conditionibus habitetur. An uncertain day is held as a condition.

DIET. A general legislative assembly in sometimes so called on the continent of Europe.

In Scotch practice. The sitting of a court. An appearance day. A day fixed for the trial of a criminal cause. A criminal cause as prepared for trial.

DIETA. A day's journey; a day's work; a day's expenses.

DIETS OF COMPEARANCE. In Scotch law. The days within which parties in civil and criminal prosecutions are cited to appear. Bell.

DIEU ET MON DROIT. Fr. God and my right. The motto of the royal arms of England, first assumed by Richard I.

DIEU SON AUTE. L. Fr. God his act; God's act. An event beyond human foresight or control. Terms de la Ley.

DIFFACERE. To destroy; to disfigure or deface.


Difficile est ut unus homo vicem duorum sustineat. 4 Coke, 118. It is difficult that one man should sustain the place of two.


DIFFORCIARE. In old English law. To deny, or keep from one. Difforciare rectum, to deny justice to any one, after having been required to do it.

DIGAMA, OR DIGAMY. Second marriage; marriage to a second wife after the death of the first, as "ulgamy," in law, is having two wives at once. Originally, a man who married a widow, or remarried again after the death of his wife, was said to be guilty of bigamy. Co. Litt. 40b, note.
DIGEST. A collection or compilation, embodying the chief matter of numerous books in one, disposed under proper heads or titles, and usually by an alphabetical arrangement, for facility in reference.

As a legal term, "digest" is to be distinguished from "abridgment." The latter is a summary or epitome of the contents of a single work, in which, as a rule, the original order or sequence of parts is preserved, and in which the principal labor of the compiler is in the matter of consolidation. A digest is wider in its scope; is made up of quotations or paraphrased passages; and has its own system of classification and arrangement. An "index" merely points out the places where particular matters may be found, without purporting to give such matters in extenso. A "treatise" or "commentary" is not a compilation, but an original composition, though it may include quotations and excerpts.

A reference to the "Digest," or "Dig.," is always understood to designate the Digest (or Pandects) of the Justinian collection; that being the digest _per eminence_, and the authoritative compilation of the Roman law.


DIGESTS. The ordinary name of the Pandects of Justinian, which are now usually cited by the abbreviation "Dig." instead of "Ff." as formerly. Sometimes called "Digest," in the singular.

DIGGING. Has been held as synonymous with "excavating," and not confined to the removal of earth. Sherman v. New York, 3 N. Y. 316.

DIGNITY. In canon law: A person holding an ecclesiastical benefice or dignity, which gave him some pre-eminence above mere priests and canons. To this class exclusively belonged all bishops, deans, archdeacons, etc.; but it now includes all the prebendaries and canons of the church. Brande.

DILIGENCE. Prudence; vigilant activity; attentiveness; or care, of which there are infinite shades, from the slightest momentary thought to the most vigilant anxiety; but the law recognizes only three degrees of diligence: (1) Common or ordinary, which men, in general, exert in respect of their own concerns; the standard is necessarily variable with respect to the facts, although it may be uniform with respect to the principle. (2) Great, which is extraordinary diligence, or that which very prudent persons take of their own concerns. (3) Low or slight, which is that which persons of less than common prudence, or indeed of no prudence at all, take of their own concerns.

The civil law is in perfect conformity with the common law. It lays down three degrees of diligence,—ordinary, (diligentia;) extraordinary, (exactissima diligentia;) slight, (levissima diligentia;) Story, Balim. 10.

There may be a high degree of diligence, a common degree of diligence, and a slight degree of diligence, with their corresponding degrees of negligence, and these can be clearly enough defined for all practical purposes, and,
with a view to the business of life, seem to be all that are really necessary. Common or ordinary diligence is that degree of diligence which men generally exercise in respect to their own concerns; high or great diligence, or of course extraordinary diligence, or that which every prudent person takes of their own concerns. Quality of diligence, or slight diligence, is that which persons of less than common prudence, or indeed of any prudence at all, take of their own concerns. Ordinary negligence is the want of ordinary diligence; slight, or less than ordinary, negligence is the want of great diligence; and gross or more than ordinary negligence is the want of slight diligence. Railroad Co. v. Rollins, 5 Kan. 180.

Other classifications and compound terms.—Due diligence. Such a measure of prudence, activity, or assiduity, as is properly to be expected from, and ordinarily exercised by, a reasonable and prudent man under the particular circumstances; not measured by an absolute standard, but depending on the relative facts of the special case. Perry v. Cedar Falls, 87 Iowa, 315, 54 N. W. 225; Dillman v. N. E. 160 Ill. 121; Hendricks v. W. U. Tel. Co., 126 N. C. 304, 35 S. E. 543, 78 Am. St. Rep. 638; Highland Ditch Co. v. Mumford, 5 Colo. 336—Extraordinary diligence. That extent of care and caution which persons of unusual prudence and circumstances use for securing and preserving their own property rights. Civ. Code Ga. 1895, § 2699; Railroad Co. v. Huggins, 88 Ga. 494, 15 S. E. 843; Railroad Co. v. White, 88 Ga. 803, 15 S. E. 802—Great diligence. Such a measure of care, prudence, and assiduity as persons of unusual prudence and discretion exercise in regard to any and all of their own affairs, or such persons of ordinary prudence may exercise in regard to very important affairs of their own. Railway Co. v. Rollins, 5 Kan. 180; Litchfield v. White, 7 N. Y. 459, 57 Am. Dec. 334; Rev. Codes N. Dak. 1899, § 2699—High diligence. The same as great diligence. Low diligence. The same as slight diligence. Necessary diligence. That degree of diligence which a person placed in a particular situation must exercise in order to entitle him to the protection of the law in respect to right of claims growing out of that situation, or to avoid being left without redress on account of his own culpable carelessness or negligence. Garabij v. Bayley, 25 Tex. Supp. 301; Sides v. Brown, 57 Mo. 12—Ordinary diligence is that degree of care which men of common prudence generally exercise in their own affairs in the course of business in which they live. Erie Bank v. Smith, 3 Brewst. (Pa.) 9; Zell v. Dunkle, 150 Pa. 373, 27 Atl. 38; Railroad Co. v. Scott, 42 Ill. 143; Briggs v. Taylor, 25 Id. 184; Railroad Co. v. Fisher, 40 Kan. 460, 30 Pac. 402; Railroad Co. v. Mitchell, 92 Ga. 77, 18 S. E. 290—Reasonable diligence. A fair, proper, and due degree of care and activity, measured with reference to the particular circumstances; such diligence, care, or attention as might be expected from a man of ordinary prudence and activity. Railroad Co. v. Gist, 31 Tex. Civ. App. 662, 73 S. W. 857; Bacon v. Steamboat Co., 90 Me. 46, 37 Atl. 338; Letta v. Clifford (C. C.) 47 Fed. 620; Rice v. Brook (C. C.) 20 Fed. 614—Special diligence. The measure of diligence and skill exercised by a good business man in his particular specialty, which must be commensurate with the duty to be performed and the individual circumstances of the case; not merely the diligence of an ordinary person or non-specialist. Brady v. Jefferson, 5 How. (Del.) 74.

In Scotch law and practice. Process of law, by which persons, lands, or effects are seized in execution or in security for debt. Ersk. Inst. 2, 11, 1. Brande. Process for

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enforcing the attendance of witnesses, or the production of writings. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 71.

DILIGIATUS. (Fr. De lege ejectus, Lat.) Outlawed.

DILLIGROUT. In old English law. Pottage formerly made for the king's table on the coronation day. There was a tenure in serjeantry, by which lands were held of the king by the service of finding this pottage at that solemnity.

DIME. A silver coin of the United States, of the value of ten cents, or one-tenth of the dollar.

DIMIDIA, DIMIDIUM, DIMIDIUS. Half; a half; the half.

DIMIDIES. The moiety or half of a thing.

DIMINUTIO. In the civil law. Diminution; a taking away; loss or deprivation. Diminutio capitis, loss of status or condition. See CAPITIS DIMINUTIO.

DIMINUTION. Incompleteness. A word signifying that the record sent up from an inferior to a superior court for review is incomplete, or not fully certified. In such case the party may suggest a "diminution of the record," which may be rectified by a certiorari. 2 Tidd, Fr. 1109.

DIMISI. In old conveyancing. I have demised. Dimisi, concessi, et ad firmam tradidi, have demised, granted, and to farm let. The usual words of operation in a lease. 2 Bl. Comm. 317, 318.

DIMISIT. In old conveyancing. [He] has demised. See DIMISI.

DIMISSORIE LITTERAE. In the civil law. Letters dimissory or dismissory, commonly called "apostles." (quia vulgo apostoli dicantur.) Dig. 50, 16, 109. See Apostoli, APOSTLES.

DIMISSORY LETTERS. Where a candidate for holy orders has a title of ordination in one diocese in England, and is to be ordained in another, the bishop of the former diocese gives letters dimissory to the bishop of the latter to enable him to ordain the candidate. Holthouse.

DINARCHY. A government of two persons.


In Roman law. A civil division of the Roman empire, embracing several provinces. Calvin.

DIOCESAN. Belonging to a diocese; a bishop, as he stands related to his own clergy or flock.
DIOCESAN COURTS. In English law. The consistorial courts of each diocese, exercising general jurisdiction of all matters arising locally within their respective limits, with the exception of places subject to peculiar jurisdiction; deciding all matters of spiritual discipline,—suspending or depriving clergymen,—and administering the other branches of the ecclesiastical law. 2 Steph. Com. 672.


DIOICHEIA. The district over which a bishop exercised his spiritual functions.

DIP. In mining law. The line of declination of strata; the angle which measures the deviation of a mineralized vein or lode from the vertical plane; the slope or slant of a vein, away from the perpendicular, as it goes downward into the earth; distinguished from the “strike” of the vein, which is its extension in the horizontal plane, or its lengthwise trend or course with reference to the points of the compass. King v. Mining Co., 9 Mont. 543, 24 Pac. 200; Duggan v. Davy. 4 Dak. 110, 26 N. W. 887.

DIPLOMA. In the civil law. A royal charter; letters patent granted by a prince or sovereign. Calvin.


A license granted to a physician, etc., to practice his art or profession. See Brooks v. State, 88 Ala. 122, 6 South. 902.

DIPLOMACY. The science which treats of the relations and interests of nations with nations.

Negotiation or intercourse between nations through their representatives. The rules, customs, and privileges of representatives at foreign courts.

DIPLOMATIC AGENT. In international law. A general name for all classes of persons charged with the negotiation, transaction, or superintendence of the diplomatic business of one nation at the court of another. See Rev. St. U. S. § 1674 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1149).

DIPLOMATICS. The science of diplomats, or of ancient writings and documents; the art of judging of ancient charters, public documents, diplomas, etc., and discriminating the true from the false. Webster.

DIPSONOMANIC. A person subject to dipsomania. One who has an irresistible desire for alcoholic liquors. See INSANITY.

DIPTYCHA. Diptycha; tablets of wood, metal, or other substance, used among the Romans for the purpose of writing, and folded like a book of two leaves. The diptycha of autolycus were especially employed for public registers. They were called διπτυχα in the Greek, and afterwards in the Roman, church, as registers of the names of those for whom supplication was to be made, and are ranked among the earliest monastic records. Burrill.

DIRECT. Immediate; by the shortest course; without circuit; operating by an immediate connection or relation, instead of operating through a medium; the opposite of indirect.

In the usual or natural course or line; immediately upwards or downwards; as distinguished from that which is out of the line, or on the side of it; the opposite of collateral.

In the usual or regular course or order, as distinguished from that which diverts, interrupts, or opposes; the opposite of cross or contrary.

—Direct attack. A direct attack on a judgment or decree is an attempt, for sufficient cause, to have it annulled, reversed, vacated, corrected, declared void, or enjoined, in a proceeding instituted for that specific purpose, such as an appeal, writ of error, bill of review, or injunction to restrain its execution; distinguished from a collateral attack, which is an attempt to impeach the validity or binding force of the judgment or decree as a side issue or in a proceeding instituted for some other purpose. Schneider v. Sellers, 25 Tex. Civ. App. 529, 61 S. W. 541; Smith v. Morrill, 12 Colo. App. 233, 55 Pac. 824; Morrill v. Morrill, 20 Or. 96, 25 Pac. 562; 1 L. R. A. 155, 23 Am. St. Rep. 96; Crawford v. McDonald, 38 Tex. 626, 33 S. W. 323; Elchhoff v. Elchhoff, 107 Cal. 42, 40 Pac. 24, 48 Am. St. Rep. 110.—Direct interest. A direct interest, such as would render the interested party incompetent to testify in regard to the matter, is an interest which is certain, and not contingent or doubtful. A matter which is dependent alone on the successful prosecution of an execution cannot be considered as uncertain, or otherwise than direct, in this sense. In re Van Alstine’s Estate, 26 Utah, 193, 72 Pac. 942.—Direct line. Property is said to descend or be inherited in the direct line when it passes in lineal succession: from ancestor to son, grandson, great-grandson, and so on.—Direct payment. One which is absolute and unconditional as to the time, amount, and the persons by whom and to whom it is to be made. People v. Boylan (C. C.) 25 Fed. 595. See Ancient Order of Hibernians v. Sparrow, 29 Mont. 132, 74 Pac. 107, 64 L. R. A. 128, 101 Am. St. Rep. 505; Hurd v. McClellan, 14 Colo. 213, 23 Pac. 792.


DIRECTION. 1. The act of governing; management; superintendence. Also the body of persons (called “directors”) who are charged with the management and administration of a corporation or institution.

2. The charge or instruction given by the court to a jury upon a point of law arising...
or involved in the case, to be by them applied to the facts in evidence.

3. The clause of a bill in equity containing the address of the bill to the court.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT. An officer having the control, management, and superintendence of the United States mint and its branches. He is appointed by the president, by and with the advice and consent of the senate.

DIRECTORS. Persons appointed or elected according to law, authorized to manage and direct the affairs of a corporation or company. The whole of the directors collectively form the board of directors. Brandt v. Godwin (City Ct.) 3 N. Y. Supp. 809; Maynard v. Insurance Co., 54 Cal. 48, 91 Am. Dec. 672; Pen. Code N. Y. 1903, § 614; Rev. St. Tex. 1896, art. 3006; Ky. St. 1903, § 575.

DIRECTORY. A provision in a statute, rule of procedure, or the like, is said to be directory when it is to be considered as a mere direction or instruction of no obligatory force, and involving no invalidating consequence for its disregard, as opposed to an imperative or mandatory provision, which must be followed. The general rule is that the prescriptions of a statute relating to the performance of a public duty are so far directory that, though neglect of them may be punishable, yet it does not affect the validity of the acts done under them, as in the case of a statute requiring an officer to prepare and deliver a document to another officer or on before a certain day. Maxw. Interp. St. 330, et seq. And see Pearce v. Morrice, 2 Adol. & El. 94; Nelms v. Vaughan, 54 Va. 606, 5 S. E. 704; State v. Conner, 86 Tex. 133, 23 S. W. 1103; Payne v. Fresco, 4 Kulip (Pa.) 26; Bladen v. Philadelphia, 60 Pa. 498.

—Directory trust. Where, by the terms of a trust, the fund is directed to be vested in a particular manner till the period arrives at which it is to be appropriated, this is called a "directory trust." It is distinguished from a discretionary trust, in which the trustee has a discretion as to the management of the fund. Deaderick v. Cantrell, 10 Yerg. 272, 31 Am. Dec. 576.

DIRITORES. In Roman law. Officers who distributed ballots to the people, to be used in voting. Tayl. Civil Law, 192.

DIRIMENT IMPEDIMENTS. In canon law. Absolute bars to marriage, which would make it null ab initio.

DISABILITY. The want of legal ability or capacity to exercise legal rights, either special or ordinary, or to do certain acts with proper legal effect, or to enjoy certain privileges or powers of free action. Berkin v. Marsh, 18 Mont. 152, 44 Pac. 528, 56 Am. St. Rep. 565.

At the present day, disability is generally used to indicate an incapacity for the full enjoyment of ordinary legal rights; thus married women, persons under age, insane persons, and felons convict are said to be under disability. Sometimes the term is used in a more limited sense, as when it signifies an impediment to marriage, or the restraints placed upon clergymen by reason of their spiritual avocations. Mosley & Whitney.

Classification. Disability is either general or special; the former when it incapacitates the person to the performance of all the legal acts of a general class, or giving to them their ordinary legal effect; the latter when it debars him from one specific act. Disability is also either personal or corporate; the former where it attaches to the particular person, and arises out of his status, his previous act, or his natural or juridical incapacity; the latter where it originates with a particular person, but extends also to his descendants or successors. Lord de le Warre's Case. 6 Coke, 1a; Avegno v. Schmidt, 113 U. S. 293, 5 Sup. Ct. 487, 28 L. Ed. 971. Considered with special reference to the capacity to contract a marriage, disability is either consensual or civil; a disability of the former class makes the marriage voidable only, while the latter, in general, avoids it entirely. The term civil disability is also used as equivalent to legal disability, both these expressions meaning disabilities or disqualifications created by positive law, as distinguished from physical disabilities. Ingalis v. Campbell, 18 Or. 401, 24 Pac. 694; Smith v. Territory, 3 Wash. T. 131, 13 Pac. 453; Meeks v. Vassault, 16 Fed. Cas. 1317; Wiesner v. Zaum, 39 Wis. 266; Bauman v. Grobe, 26 Ind. 421; Supreme Council v. Fairman, 62 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 390. A physical disability is a disability or incapacity caused by physical defect or infirmity, or bodily imperfection, or mental weakness or alienation; as distinguished from civil disability, which relates to the civil status or condition of the person, and is imposed by the law.

DISABLE. In its ordinary sense, to disable is to cause a disability, (q. v.)

In the old language of pleading, to disable is to take advantage of one's own or another's disability. Thus, it is "an express maxim of the common law that the party shall not disable himself;" but "this disability to disable himself • • • is personal." 4 Coke, 1229.

DISABLING STATUTES. These are acts of parliament, restraining and regulating the exercise of a right or the power of alienation; the term is specially applied to 1 Eliz. c. 10, and similar acts restraining the power of ecclesiastical corporations to make leases.

DISADVOCARE. To deny a thing.

DISAFFIRM. To repudiate; to revoke a consent once given; to recall an affirmation. To refuse one's subsequent sanction to a former act; to disclaim the intention of being bound by an antecedent transaction.

DISAFFIRMANCE. The repudiation of a former transaction. The refusal by one who has the right to refuse, (as in the case of a voidable contract,) to abide by his former acts, or accept the legal consequences of the same. It may either be "express" (in words) or "implied" from acts expressing
the intention of the party to disregard the obligations of the contract.

DISAFFOREST. To restore to their former condition lands which have been turned into forests. To remove from the operation of the forest laws. 2 Bl. Comm. 416.

DISAGREEMENT. Difference of opinion or want of uniformity or concurrence of views; as, a disagreement among the members of a jury, among the judges of a court, or between arbitrators. Darnell v. Lyon, 55 Tex. 436, 22 S. W. 304; Insurance Co. v. Doyling, 55 N. J. Law. 569, 27 Atl. 927; Fowble v. Insurance Co., 106 Mo. App. 527, 81 S. W. 485.

In real property law. The refusal by a grantee, lessee, etc., to accept an estate, lease, etc., made to him; the annulment of a thing that had essence before. No estate can be vested in a person against his will. Consequently no one can become a grantee, etc., without his agreement. The law implies such an agreement until the contrary is shown, but his disagreement renders the grant, etc., inoperative. Wharton.

DISALT. To disable a person.

DISAPPROPRIATION. In ecclesiastical law. This is where the appropriation of a benefice is severed, either by the patron presenting a clerk or by the corporation which has the appropriation being dissolved. 1 Bl. Comm. 385.

DISAVOW. To repudiate the unauthorized acts of an agent; to deny the authority by which he assumed to act.

DISBAR. In England, to deprive a barrister permanently of the privileges of his position; it is analogous to striking an attorney off the rolls. In America, the word describes the act of a court in withdrawing from an attorney the right to practise at his bar.

DISBOCATIO. In old English law. A conversion of wood grounds into arable or pasture; an assarting. Cowell. See ASSART.

DISBURSEMENTS. Money expended by an executor, guardian, trustee, etc., for the benefit of the estate in his hands, or in connection with its administration.

The term is also used under the codes of civil procedure, to designate the expenditures necessarily made by a party in the progress of an action, aside from the fees of officers and court costs, which are allowed, eo nomine, together with costs. Fertilizer Co. v. Glenn, 48 S. C. 494, 26 S. E. 780; De Chambers v. Cox, 60 Fed. 479, 9 C. C. A. 88; Bilyeu v. Smith, 18 Or. 335, 22 Pac. 1073.

DISCARCARE. In old English law. To discharge, to unload; as a vessel. Carcare et discarcare; to charge and discharge; to load and unload. Cowell.

DISCARGARE. In old European law. To discharge or unload, as a wagon. Spelman.

DISCEPTIO CAUSA. In Roman law. The argument of a cause by the counsel on both sides. Calvin.

DISCHARGE. The opposite of charge; hence to release; liberate; annul; unburden; discumber.

In the law of contracts. To cancel or unloose the obligation of a contract; to make an agreement or contract null and inoperative. As a noun, the word means the act or instrument by which the binding force of a contract is terminated, irrespective of whether the contract is carried out to the full extent contemplated (in which case the discharge is the result of performance) or is broken off before complete execution. Cort v. Railway Co., 17 Q. B. 145; Conm. v. Talbot, 2 Allen (Mass.) 162; Rivers v. Blom, 163 Mo. 442, 63 S. W. 812.

Discharge is a generic term; its principal species are rescission, release, accord and satisfaction, performance, judgment, composition, bankruptcy, merger, (q. v.) Leake, Cont. 413.

As applied to demands, claims, rights of action, incumbrances, etc., to discharge the debt or claim is to extinguish it, to annul its obligatory force, to satisfy it. And here also the term is generic; thus a debt, a mortgage, a legacy, may be discharged by payment or performance, or by any act short of that, lawful in itself, which the creditor accepts as sufficient. Blackwood v. Brown, 29 Mich. 484; Rangel v. Spring, 28 Me. 151.

To discharge a person is to liberate him from the binding force of an obligation, debt, or claim.

Discharge by operation of law is where the discharge takes place, whether it was intended by the parties or not; thus, if a creditor appoints his debtor his executor, the debt is discharged by operation of law, because the executor cannot have an action against himself. Co. Litt. 204b, note 1; Williams, Ex'm. 1218; Chit. Cont. 714.

In civil practice. To discharge a rule, an order, an injunction, a certificate, process of execution, or in general any proceeding in a court, is to cancel or annul it, or to revoke it, or to refuse to confirm its original provisional force. Nichols v. Chittenden, 14 Colo. App. 40, 59 Pac. 854.

To discharge a jury is to relieve them from any further consideration of a cause. This is done when the continuance of the trial is, by any cause, rendered impossible; also when the jury, after deliberation, cannot agree on a verdict.

In equity practice. In the process of accounting before a master in chancery, the discharge is a statement of expenses and
DISCHARGE

counter-claims brought in and filed, by way of set-off, by the accounting defendant; which follows the charge in order.

In criminal practice. The act by which a person in confinement, held on an accusation of some crime or misdemeanor, is set at liberty. The writing containing the order for his being so set at liberty is also called a "discharge." Morgan v. Hughes, 2 Term, 231; State v. Garthwaite, 23 N. J. Law, 143; Ex parte Paris, 18 Fed. Cas. 1104.

In bankruptcy practice. The discharge of the bankrupt is the step which regularly follows the adjudication of bankruptcy and the administration of his estate. By it he is released from the obligation of all his debts which were or might be proved in the proceedings, so that they are no longer a charge upon him, and so that he may thereafter engage in business and acquire property without its being liable for the satisfaction of such former debts. Southern L. & T. Co. v. Benbow (D. C.) 96 Fed. 528; In re Adler, 103 Fed. 44; Colton v. Depew, 59 N. J. Eq. 126, 44 Atl. 982.


In military law. The release or dismissal of a soldier, sailor, or marine, from further military service, either at the expiration of his term of enlistment, or previous thereto on special application therefor, or as a punishment. An "honorable" discharge is one granted at the end of an enlistment and accompanied by an official certificate of good conduct during the service. A "dishonorable" discharge is a dismissal from the service for bad conduct or as a punishment imposed by sentence of a court-martial for offenses against the military law. There is also in occasional use a form of "discharge without honor," which implies censure, but is not in itself a punishment. See Rev. St. U. S. §§ 1284, 1342, 1428 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, pp. 913, 944, 1010); Williams v. U. S., 137 U. S. 113, 11 Sup. Ct. 43, 34 L. Ed. 590; U. S. v. Sweet, 180 U. S. 471, 23 Sup. Ct. 638, 47 L. Ed. 907.

DISCLAIMER. The repudiation or renunciation of a right or claim vested in a person or which he had formerly alleged to be his. The refusal, waiver, or denial of an estate or right offered to a person. The disavowal, denial, or renunciation of an interest, right, or property imputed to a person or alleged to be his. Also the declaration, or the instrument, by which such disclaimer is published. Moores v. Clackamas County, 40 Or. 536, 67 Pac. 662.

Of estates. The act by which a party refuses to accept an estate which has been conveyed to him. Thus, a trustee is said to disclaim who releases to his fellow-trustees his estate, and relieves himself of the trust. Watson v. Watson, 13 Conn. 55; Kentucky Union Co. v. Cornett, 112 Ky. 677, 46 S. W. 728.

A renunciation or a denial by a tenant of his landlord's title, either by refusing to pay rent, denying any obligation to pay, or by setting up a title in himself or a third person, and this is a distinct ground of forfeiture of the lease or other tenancy, whether of land or tithe. See 16 Ch. Div. 730.

In pleading. A renunciation by the defendant of all claim to the subject of the demand made by the plaintiff's bill. Cooper Eq. Pl. 309; Mitf. Eq. Pl. 318.

In patent law. When the title and specifications of a patent do not agree, or when part of that which it covers is not strictly patentable, because neither new nor useful, the patentee is empowered, with leave of the court, to enter a disclaimer of any part of either the title or the specification, and the disclaimer is then deemed to be part of the letters patent or specification, so as to render them valid for the future. Johns. Pat. 151.

DISCLAmaTION. In Scotch law. Disavowal of tenure; denial that one holds lands of another. Bell.

DISCOMMUN. To deprive commonable lands of their commounable quality, by inclosing and appropriating or improving them.


In practice, a discontinuance is a chasm or gap left by neglecting to enter a continuance. By our practice, a neglect to enter a continuance, even in a defaulted action, by no means puts an end to it, and such actions may always be brought forward. Taft v. Northern Transp. Co., 56 N. H. 416.

The cessation of the proceedings in an action where the plaintiff voluntarily puts an end to it, either by giving notice in writing to the defendant before any step has been taken in the action subsequent to the answer, or at any other time by order of the court or a judge.

In practice, discontinuance and dismissal import the same thing, viz., that the cause is sent out of court. Thurman v. James, 48 Mo. 253.

In pleading. That technical interruption of the proceedings in an action which follows where a defendant does not answer the whole
DISCONTINUANCE OF AN ESTATE

The termination or suspension of an estate-toll, in consequence of the act of the tenant in toll, in conveying a larger estate in the land than he was by law entitled to do. 2 Bl. Comm. 275; 3 Bl. Comm. 171. An alienation made or suffered by tenant in toll, or by any that is seized in *auter droit*, whereby the issue in toll, or the heir or successor, or those in reversion or remainder, are driven to their action, and cannot enter. Co. Litt. 325a. The cesser of a seisin under an estate, and the acquisition of a seisin under a new and necessarily a wrongful title. Prest. Merg. c. 11.

Discontinuante nihil aliud significat quum intermittere, desussecere, interrumpere. Co. Litt. 325. To discontinue signifies nothing else than to intermit, to disuse, to interrupt.

DISCONTINUOUS. Occasional; intermittent; characterized by separate repeated acts; as, discontinuous easements and servitudes. See EASEMENT.

DISCONVENABLE. L. Fr. Improper; unfit. Kelham.

DISCOUNT. In a general sense, an allowance or deduction made from a gross sum on any account whatever. In a more limited and technical sense, the taking of interest in advance.

By the language of the commercial world and the settled practice of banks, a discount by a bank means a drawback or deduction made upon its advances or loans of money, upon negotiable paper or other evidences of debt payable at a future day, which are transferred to the bank. Flechner v. Bank, 8 Wheat. 338, 5 L. Ed. 631; Bank v. Baker, 15 Ohio St. 87.

Although the discounting of notes or bills, in its most comprehensive sense, may mean lending money and taking notes in payment, yet, in its more ordinary sense, the discounting of notes or bills means advancing a consideration for a bill or note, deducting or discounting the interest which will accrue for the time the note has to run. Loan Co. v. Towner, 13 Conn. 249.

Discounting by a bank means lending money upon a note, and deducting the interest or premium in advance. Bank v. Bruce, 17 N. Y. 507; State v. Sav. Inst., 48 Mo. 189.

The meaning of the term "to discount" is to take interest in advance, and in banking is a mode of loaning money. It is the advance of money not due till some future period, less the interest which would be due thereon when payable. Weckler v. Bank, 42 Md. 592, 20 Am. Rep. 54.

Discount, as we have seen, is the difference between the price and the amount of the debt, the evidence of which is transferred. That difference represents interest charged, being at the same rate, according to which the price paid, if invested until the maturity of the debt, will just produce its amount. Bank v. Johnson, 106 U. S. 273, 3 S. C. 742.

Discounting a note and buying it are not identical in meaning, the latter expression being used to denote the transaction when the seller does not indorse the note, and is not accountable for it. Bank v. Baldwin, 23 Minn. 206, 23 Am. Rep. 683.

In practice. A set-off or defalcation in an action. Vin. Abr. "Discount." But see Trabue's Ex'r v. Harris, 1 Metc. (Ky) 597.

Discount broker. A bill broker; one who discounts bills of exchange and promissory notes, and advances money on securities.

DISCOVERT. Not married; not subject to the disabilities of a coverture. It applies equally to a maid and a widow.

DISCOVERY. In a general sense, the ascertaining of that which was previously unknown; the disclosure or coming to light of what was previously hidden; the acquisition of notice of knowledge of given acts or facts; and, in regard to the "discovery" of fraud affecting the running of the statute of limitations, or the granting of a new trial for newly "discovered" evidence. Francis v. Wallace, 77 Iowa, 373, 42 N. W. 323; Parker v. Kuhn, 21 Neb. 413, 32 N. W. 74, 59 Am. Rep. 852; Laird v. Kilbourne, 70 Iowa, 88, 30 N. W. 9; Howton v. Roberts, 49 S. W. 340, 20 Ky. Law Rep. 1331; Marbough v. McCormick, 23 Kan. 43.

In international law. As the foundation for a claim of national ownership or sovereignty, discovery is the finding of a country, continent, or island previously unknown, or previously known only to its uncivilized inhabitants. Martin v. Waddell, 16 Pet. 400, 10 L. Ed. 907.

In patent law. The finding out some substance, mechanical device, improvement, or application, not previously known. In re Kemper, 14 Fed. Cas. 287; Dunbar v. Meyers, 94 U. S. 197, 24 L. Ed. 34.

Discovery, as used in the patent laws, depends upon invention. Every invention may, in a certain sense, embrace more or less of discovery, for it must always include something that is new; but it by no means follows that every discovery is an invention. Morton v. Infrmary, 5 Blatchf. 121, Fed. Cas. No. 9,865.

In practice. The disclosure by the defendant of facts, titles, documents, or other things which are in his exclusive knowledge or possession, and which are necessary to the party seeking the discovery as a part of a cause or action pending or to be brought in another court, or as evidence of his rights or title in such proceeding. Tucker v. U. S., 151 U. S. 164, 14 Sup. Ct. 299, 38 L. Ed. 112; Kelley v. Boettcher, 85 Fed. 55, 29 C. C. A. 14.

Also used of the disclosure by a bankrupt of his property for the benefit of creditors.

In mining law. As the basis of the right to locate a mining claim upon the public domain, discovery means the finding of mineralized rock in place. Migeon v. Railroad
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—Discovery, mill of. In equity pleading. A bill for the discovery of facts resting in the knowledge of the defendant, or of deeds or writings, or other things in his custody or power; but seeking no relief in consequence of the discovery, has been held in equity not proper for a party of proceedings at law till the discovery is made. Story, Eq. Pl. §§ 311, 312, and notes; Mitf. Eq. Pl. 63.

DISCREDIT. To destroy or impair the credibility of a person; to impeach; to lessen the degree of credit to be accorded to a witness or document, as by impugning the veracity of the one or the genuineness of the other; to disparage or weaken the reliance upon the testimony of a witness, or upon documentary evidence, by any means whatever.

DISCREPANCY. A difference between two things which ought to be identical, as between one writing and another; a variance, (q. v.)

Discretio est discernere per legem quid sit justum. 10 Coke, 140. Discretion is to know through law what is just.

DISCRETION. A liberty or privilege allowed to a judge, within the confines of right and justice, but independent of narrow and unbending rules of positive law, to decide and act in accordance with what is fair, equitable, and wholesome, as determined upon the peculiar circumstances of the case, and as discerned by his personal wisdom and experience, guided by the spirit, principles, and analogies of the law. Osborn v. United States Bank, 9 Wheat. 886, 6 L. Ed. 204; Ex parte Chase, 43 Ala. 310; Lent v. Tillson, 140 U. S. 316, 11 Sup. Ct. 825, 35 L. Ed. 419; State v. Cummings, 36 Mo. 278; Murray v. Buell, 74 Wis. 14, 41 N. W. 1010; Perry v. Salt Lake City Council, 7 Utah, 143, 25 Pac. 896, 11 L. R. A. 446.

When applied to public functionaries, discretion means a power or right conferred upon them by law of acting officially in certain circumstances, according to the dictates of their own judgment and conscience, uncontrolled by the judgment or conscience of others. This discretion undoubtedly is to some extent regulated by usage, or, if the term is preferred, by fixed principles. But by this is to be understood nothing more than that the same court cannot, consistently with its own dignity, and with its character and duty of administering impartial justice, decide in different ways two cases in every respect exactly alike. The question of fact whether the two cases are alike in every color, circumstance, and feature of necessity to be submitted to the judgment of some tribunal. Judges v. People, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 79, 90.

Lord Coke defines judicial discretion to be "discernere per legem quid sit justum." to see what would be just according to the laws in the premises. It does not mean a wild self-willfulness, which may prompt to any and every act; but this judicial discretion is guided by the law, (see what the law declares upon a certain statement of facts, and then decide in accordance with the law,) so as to do substantial equity and justice. Faber v. Brunner, 13 Mo. 543.

True, it is a matter of discretion; but then the discretion is not willful or arbitrary, but legal. And, although its exercise be not purely a matter of law, yet it "involves a matter of law or legal inference," in the language of the Code, and an appeal will lie, Lovinier v. Pearce, 70 N. C. 171.

In criminal law and the law of torts, it means the capacity to distinguish between what is right and wrong, lawful or unlawful, wise or foolish, sufficiently to render one amenable and responsible for his acts. Towle v. State, 3 Fla. 214.

—Judicial discretion, legal discretion. These terms are applied to the discretionary action of a judge or court, and mean discretion as above defined, that is, discretion bounded by the rules and principles of law, and not arbitrary, capricious, or unrestrained.

DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS. Such as are not marked out on fixed lines, but allow a certain amount of discretion in their exercise. Those which cannot be duly administered without the application of a certain degree of prudence and judgment.

DISCUSSION. In the civil law. A proceeding, at the instance of a surety, by which the creditor is obliged to exhaust the property of the principal debtor, towards the satisfaction of the debt, before having recourse to the surety; and this right of the surety is termed the "benefit of discussion." Civ. Code La. art. 3045, et seq.

In Scotch law. The ranking of the proper order in which heirs are liable to satisfy the debts of the deceased. Bell.

DISEASE. In construing a policy of life insurance, it is generally true that, before any temporary ailment can be called a "disease," it must be such as to indicate a vice in the constitution, or be so serious as to have some bearing upon general health and the continuance of life, or such as, according to common understanding, would be called a "disease." Cushman v. Insurance Co., 70 N. Y. 77; Insurance Co. v. Yung, 113 Ind. 150, 15 N. E. 220, 3 Am. St. Rep. 630; Insurance Co. v. Simpson, 88 Tex. 333, 31 S. W. 501, 28 L. R. A. 765, 53 Am. St. Rep. 757; Delaney v. Modern Acc. Club, 121 Iowa, 528, 97 N. W. 91, 63 L. R. A. 603.

DISENTAILING DEED. In English law. An enrolled assurance barring an entail, pursuant to 3 & 4 Wm. 1V. c. 74.

DISFRANCHISE. To deprive of the rights and privileges of a free citizen; to deprive of chartered rights and immunities; to deprive of any franchise, as of the right of voting in elections, etc. Webster.
DISFRANCHISEMENT. The act of disfranchising. The act of depriving a member of a corporation of his rights as such, by expulsion. 1 Bour. Inst. no. 192. Richards v. Clarksburg, 30 W. Va. 491, 4 S. E. 774; White v. Brownell, 4 Abb. Prac. (N. S.) (N. Y.) 192.

It differs from amotion, (q. v.) which is applicable to the removal of an officer from office, leaving him his rights as a member. Willcock. Mun. Corp. no. 708; Ang. & A. Corp. 237.

In a more popular sense, the taking away of the elective franchise (that is, the right of voting in public elections) from any citizen or class of citizens.

DISGAVEL. In English law. To deprive lands of that principal quality of gavelkind tenure by which they descend equally among all the sons of the tenant. 2 Wood. Lect. 76; 2 Bl. Comm. 85.

DISGRACE. Ignominy; shame; dishonor. No witness is required to disgrace himself. 13 How. State Tr. 17, 334.

DISGRADING. In old English law. The depriving of an order or dignity.

DISGUISE. A counterfeit habit; a dress intended to conceal the person who wears it. Webster.

Anything worn upon the person with the intention of so altering the wearer's appearance that he shall not be recognized by those familiar with him, or that he shall be taken for another person.

A person lying in ambush, or concealed behind bushes, is not in "disguise," within the meaning of a statute declaring the county liable in damages to the next of kin of any one murdered by persons in disguise. Dale County v. Gunter, 46 Ala. 118, 142.

DISHERISON. Disinheritance; depriving one of an inheritance. Obsolete. See Abernethy v. Orton, 42 Or. 437, 71 Pac. 327, 95 Am. St. Rep. 774.

DISHONOR. In mercantile law and usage. To refuse or decline to accept a bill of exchange, or to refuse or neglect to pay a bill or note at maturity. Shelton v. Braithwaite, 7 Mees. & W. 436; Brewster v. Arnold, 1 Wis. 270.

A negotiable instrument is dishonored when it is either not paid or not accepted, according to its tenor, on presentment for that purpose, or without presentment, where that is excused. Civ. Code Cal. § 3141.

Notice of dishonor. When a negotiable bill or note is dishonored by nonacceptance on presentment for acceptance, or by non-payment at its maturity, it is the duty of the holder to give immediate notice of such dishonor to the drawer, if it be a bill, and to the indorser, whether it be a bill or note. 2 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 970.

DISINCARCERATE. To set at liberty, to free from prison.

DISMISSED. The act of depriving a forced heir of the inheritance which the law gives him.

DISINHERITANCE. The act by which the owner of an estate deprives a person of the right to inherit the same, who would otherwise be his heir.

DISINTER. To exhume, unbury, take out of the grave. People v. Baumgartner, 135 Cal. 72, 66 Pac. 974.

DISINTERESTED. Not concerned, in respect to possible gain or loss, in the result of the pending proceedings; impartial, not biased or prejudiced. Chase v. Rutland, 47 Vt. 363; In re Big Run, 137 Pa. 500, 20 Atl. 711; McIlvorie v. Staples, 51 Me. 101, 16 Atl. 404; Wolcott v. Ely, 2 Allen (Mass.) 340; Hickerson v. Insurance Co., 86 Tenn. 193, 33 S. W. 1041, 22 L. R. A. 172.

—Disinterested witness. One who has no interest in the cause or matter in issue, and who is lawfully competent to testify. Jones v. Larrabee, 47 Me. 474; Warren v. Baxter, 45 Me. 105; Appeal of Combs, 106 Pa. 155; State v. Easterlin, 61 S. C. 71, 39 S. E. 250.

DISJUNCTIM. Lat. In the civil law. Separately; severally. The opposite of conjunction, (q. v.) Inst. 2, 20, 8.

DISJUNCTIVE ALLEGATION. A statement in a pleading or indictment which expresses or charges a thing alternatively, with the conjunction "or;" for instance, an averment that defendant "murdered or caused to be murdered," etc., would be of this character.

DISJUNCTIVE TERM. One which is placed between two contraries, by the affirming of one of which the other is taken away; it is usually expressed by the word "or."

DISMISSES. Tenths; tithes, (q. v.) The original form of "dime," the name of the American coin.

DISMISS. To send away; to discharge; to cause to be removed. To dismiss an action, or suit is to send it out of court without any further consideration or hearing. Bosley v. Bruner, 24 Miss. 402; Taft v. Northern Transp. Co., 36 N. H. 417; Goldsmith v. Smith (C. C.) 21 Fed. 614.

DISMISSAL. The dismissal of an action, suit, motion, etc. is an order or judgment finally disposing of it by sending it out of court, though without a trial of the issues involved. Frederick v. Bank, 106 Ill. 149; Dowling v. Polack, 18 Cal. 627; Brackenridge v. State, 27 Tex. App. 513, 11 S. W. 630, ¢ L. R. A. 300.

—Dismissal agreed. A dismissal entered in accordance with the agreement of the parties, amounting to an adjudication of the matters in dispute between them or to a renunciation by the complainant of the claims asserted in his

**DISMORTGAGE.** To redeem from mortgage.

**DISORDER.** Turbulent or riotous behavior; immoral or indecent conduct. The breach of the public decorum and morality.

**DISORDERLY.** Contrary to the rules of good order and behavior; contrary to the public peace or good order; turbulent, riotous, or indecent.

—**DISORDERLY conduct.** A term of loose and indefinite meaning (except as occasionally defined in statutes), but signifying generally any behavior that is contrary to law, and more particularly such as tends to disturb the public peace or decorum, scandalize the community, or shock the public sense of morality. People v. Keeper of State Reformationary, 173 N. Y. 465, 68 N. E. 864; People v. Davis, 80 App. Div. 449, 80 N. Y. Supp. 872; City of Mt. Sterling v. Hally, 106 Ky. 721, 74 S. W. 491; Pratt v. Brown, 80 Tex. 608, 16 S. W. 443; Kahn v. Macion, 96 Ga. 419, 22 S. E. 641; People v. Miller, 28 Hum. 82; Tyrrell v. Jersey City, 28 N. J. Law. 530.—**Disorderly house.** In criminal law. A house the inmates of which behave so badly as to become a nuisance to the neighborhood. It has a wide meaning, and includes bawdy houses, common gaming houses, and places of a like character. 1 Blah. Crim. Law, § 1108; State v. Wilson, 93 N. C. 688; Hickey v. State; 53 Ala. 614; State v. Garity, 46 N. H. 61; State v. Grososki, 50 Minn. 343, 94 N. W. 1077; Cheek v. Com., 79 Ky. 359; State v. McGahan, 48 W. Va. 458, 37 S. E. 573.—**Disorderly persons.** Such as are dangerous or hurtful to the public peace and welfare by reason of any misconduct or habit, and are therefore amendable to police regulation. The phrase is chiefly used in statutes, and the scope of the term depends on local regulations. See 4 Bl. Comm. 189. Code Cr. Proc. N. Y. 7903, § 899.

**DISPARAGARE.** In old English law. To bring together those that are unequal, (disparare conferre;) to connect in an indelicate and unworthy manner; to connect in marriage those that are unequal in blood and parentage.


**DISPARAGATION.** L. Fr. Disparagement; the matching an heir, etc., in marriage, under his or her degree or condition, or against the rules of decency. Kelham.

**DISPARAGE.** To connect unequally; to match unsuitably.

**DISPARAGEMENT.** In old English law. An injury by union or comparison with some person or thing of inferior rank or excellence.

Marriage without disparagement was marriage to one of suitable rank and character. 2 Bl. Comm. 70; Co. Litt. 82b; Shutt v. Caroiste, 36 N. C. 232.

**DISPARAGIUM.** In old Scotch law. Inequality in blood, honor, dignity, or otherwise. Skene de Verb. Sign.

Disparate non debent jungi. Things unlike ought not to be joined. Jenk. Cent. 24, marg.

**DISPARK.** To dissolve a park. Cro. Car. 59. To convert it into ordinary ground.

**DISPATCH, or DESPATCH.** A message, letter, or order sent with speed on affairs of state; a telegraphic message.

In maritime law. Diligence, due activity, or proper speed in the discharge of a cargo; the opposite of delay. Terjesen v. Carter, 9 Daly (N. Y.) 185; Moody v. Laths (D. C.) 2 Fed. 607; Sleeper v. Pulig, 22 Fed. Cas. 321.

—**Customary dispatch.** Such as accords with the rules, customs, and usages of the port where the discharge is made. —**Quick dispatch.** Speedy discharge of cargo without allowance for the customs or rules of the port or for delay from the crowded state of the harbor or wharf. Mott v. Frost (D. C.) 47 Fed. 82; Bjorkvist v. Certain Steel Rail Crop Ends (D. C.) 3 Fed. 717; Davis v. Wallace, 7 Fed. Cas. 182.

**DISPAUPER.** When a person, by reason of his poverty, is admitted to sue in forma pauperis, and afterwards, before the suit be ended, acquires any lands, or personal estate, or is guilty of anything whereby he is liable to have this privilege taken from him, then he loses the right to sue in forma pauperis, and is said to be dispaupered. Wharton.

Dispensatio est nulli prohibiti provida relaxatio, utilitate seu necessitate pen-saete; et est de iure dominio regi conces- sa, propter impossibilitatem praevidendi de omnibus particularibus. A dispensa-tion is the provident relaxation of a mala- rum prohibitions weighed from utility or necessity; and it is conceded by law to the king on account of the impossibility of foreknowledge concerning all particulars. 10 Coke, 82.

Dispensatio est vulnus, quod vulnerat jus commune. A dispensation is a wound, which wounds common law. Dav. Ir. K. B. 69.

**DISPENSATION.** An exemption from some laws; a permission to do something forbidden; an allowance to omit something commanded; the canonical name for a license. Wharton; Baldwin v. Taylor, 106
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DISPERSONARE. To scandalize or disparage. Blount.

DISPLACE. This term, as used in shipping articles, means "dislant," and does not import authority of the master to discharge a second mate, notwithstanding a usage in the whaling trade never to dislant an officer to a seaman. Potter v. Smith, 103 Mass. 98.

DISPONE. In Scotch law. To grant or convey. A technical word essential to the conveyance of heritable property, and for which no equivalent is accepted, however clear may be the meaning of the party. Paters. Comp.

DISPONO. Lat. To dispose of, grant, or convey. Disponeat, he grants or alienates. Jus dispensandi, the right of disposition, i. e., of transferring the title to property.


DISPOSABLE PORTION. That portion of a man's property which he is free to dispose of by will to beneficiaries other than his wife and children. By the ancient common law, this amounted to one-third of his estate if he was survived by both wife and children. 2 Bl. Comm. 492; Hopkins v. Wrght, 17 Tex. 36. In the civil law (by the Lex Faelidia) it amounted to three-fourths. Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 708, 771.

DISPOSING CAPACITY OR MIND. These are alternative or synonymous phrases in the law of wills for "sound mind," and "testamentary capacity," (q. v.)

DISPOSITION. In Scotch law. A deed of alienation by which a right to property is conveyed. Bell.

DISPOSITIVE FACTS. Such as produce or bring about the origination, transfer, or extinction of rights. They are either investitive, those by means of which a right comes into existence, discretive, those through which it terminates, or translatifice, those through which it passes from one person to another.

DISPOSSESS PROCEEDINGS. Summary process by a landlord to oust the tenant and regain possession of the premises for non-payment of rent or other breach of the conditions of the lease. Of local origin and colloquial use in New York.

DISPOSSESSION. Ouster; a wrong that carries with it the amotion of possession. An act whereby the wrong-doer gets the actual occupation of the land or hereditament. It includes abatement, intrusion, desulsion, discontinuance, deforcement. 3 Bl. Comm. 167.

DISPROVE. To refute; to prove to be false or erroneous; not necessarily by mere denial, but by affirmative evidence to the contrary. Irsh v. Irsh, 12 N. Y. Civ. Proc. R. 182.


DISPUTATIO FORI. In the civil law. Discussion or argument before a court. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 38; Dig. 1, 2, 2, 5.

DISPUTE. A conflict or controversy; a conflict of claims or rights; an assertion of a right, claim, or demand on one side, met by contrary claims or allegations on the other. Slaven v. Wheeler, 58 Tex. 25; Keith v. Levi (C. C.) 2 Fed. 745; Ft. Pitt Gas Co. v. Borough of Sewickley, 198 Pa. 201, 47 Atl. 957; Railroad Co. v. Clark, 92 Fed. 968, 35 C. C. A. 120.

—Disputable presumption. A presumption of law, which may be rebutted or disproved. See PRESUMPTIONS.—Matter in dispute. The subject of litigation; the matter for which a suit is brought and upon which issue is joined, and in relation to which jurors are called and witnesses examined. Lee v. Watson, 1 Wall. 239, 17 L. Ed. 557; Smith v. Adams, 130 U. S. 107, 9 Sup. Ct. 588, 32 L. Ed. 963.

DISQUALIFY. To divest or deprive of qualifications; to incapacitate; to render ineligible or unfit; as, in speaking of the "disqualification" of a judge by reason of his interest in the case, of a juror by reason of his holding a fixed preconceived opinion, or of a candidate for public office by reason of non-residence, lack of statutory age, previous commission of crime, etc. In re Tyers Estate, 41 Misc. Rep. 373, 94 N. Y. Supp. 934; In re Maguire, 57 Cal. 606, 40 Am. Rep. 125; Carroll v. Green, 148 Ind. 362, 47 N. E. 223; In re Nevitt, 117 Fed. 448, 54 C. C. A. 622; State v. Blair, 53 Va. 23.

DISRATE. In maritime law. To deprive a seaman or petty officer of his "rating" or rank; to reduce to a lower rate or rank.
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Dissolution, or Dissolation. To justify; to clear one's self of a fault; to traverse an indictment; to disprove. Enc. Lond.


Dissection. The anatomical examination of a dead body by cutting into pieces or excising one or more parts or organs. Wehle v. Accident Ass'n, 11 Misc. Rep. 36, 31 N. Y. Supp. 803; Sudduth v. Insurance Co. (C. C.) 106 Fed. 822; Rhodes v. Brandt, 21 Hun (N. Y.) 3.

Disseise. To dispossess; to deprive.

Disseisee. One who is wrongfully put out of possession of his lands; one who is disseised.

Disseisin. Dispossession; a deprivation of possession; a privation of servit; a usurpation of the right of servit and possession, and an exercise of such powers and privileges of ownership as to keep out or displace him to whom these rightfully belong. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 125; Probst v. Trustees, 129 U. S. 182, 9 Sup. Ct. 203, 32 L. Ed. 442; Bond v. O'Gara, 177 Mass. 159, 53 N. E. 275, 83 Am. St. Rep. 205; Moody v. Fleming, 4 Ga. 115, 45 Am. Dec. 210; Clapp v. Bromaghau, 9 Cow. (N. Y.) 553; Washburn v. Cutler, 17 Minn. 308 (GII. 203).

It is a wrongful putting out of him that is seized of the freehold, not, as in abatement or intrusion, a wrongful entry, where the possession was vacant, but an attack upon him who is in actual possession, and turning him out. It is an ouster from a freehold in deed, as abatement and intrusion are ousters in law. 3 Steph. Comm. 386.

When one man invades the possession of another, and by force or force turns him out of the occupation of his lands, this is termed a "disseisin," being a deprivation of that actual servit or corporeal possession of the freehold which the tenant before enjoyed. In other words, a disseisin is said to be when one enters intending to usurp the possession, and to oust another from the freehold. To constitute an entry a disseisin, there must be an ouster of the freehold, either by taking the profits or by claiming the inheritance. Brown.

According to the modern authorities, there seems to be no legal difference between the words "servit" and "possession," although there is a difference between the words "disseisin" and "dispossession." the former meaning an estate gained by wrong and injury, whereas the latter may be by right or by wrong; the former denoting an ouster of the disseisin, or some act equivalent to it, whereas by the latter no such act is implied. Slater v. Rawson, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 439.

Equitable disseisin is where a person is wrongfully deprived of the equitable servit of land, e. g., of the rents and profits. 2 Meriv. 171; 2 Jac. & W. 106.

Disseisin by election is where a person alleges or admits himself to be disseised when he has not really been so.

Dissellianum satis facit, qui uti non permittit possessorum, vel minus com- modo, licet omnino non expellat. Co. Litt. 381. He makes disseisin enough who does not permit the possessor to enjoy, or makes his enjoyment less beneficial, although he does not expel him altogether.

Disseisitrix. A female disseisor; a disseisress. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 12, § 4.

Disseisor. One who puts another out of the possession of his lands wrongfully.

Disseisress. A woman who unlawfully puts another out of his land.

Dissensus. Lat. In the civil law. The mutual agreement of the parties to a simple contract obligation that it shall be dissolved or annulled; technically, an undoing of the consensus which created the obligation. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 541.

Dissent. Contrariety of opinion; refusal to agree with something already stated or adjudged or to an act previously performed.

The term is most commonly used in American law to denote the explicit disagreement of one or more judges of a court with the decision passed by the majority upon a case before them. In such event, the non-concurring judge is reported as "dissenting."

—Dissenting opinion. The opinion in which a judge announces his dissent from the conclusions held by the majority of the court, and expounds his own views.

Dissenters. Protestant seceders from the established church of England. They are of many denominations, principally Presbyterians, Independents. Methodists, and Baptists; but, as to church government, the Baptists are Independents.


Dissimilium dissimilis est ratio. Co. Litt. 191. Of dissimilars the rule is dissimilar.

Dissimulatione tollitur injuria. An injury is extinguished by the forgiveness or reconciliation of the party injured. Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 108.

Dissolution. In contracts. The dissolution of a contract is the cancellation or abrogation of it by the parties themselves, with the effect of annulling the binding force of the agreement, and restoring each party to his original rights. In this sense it is frequently used in the phrase "dissolution of a partnership." Williston v. Camp, 9 Mont. 88, 22 Pac. 501.

Of corporations. The dissolution of a corporation is the termination of its exist-
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The crown may dissolve parliament either in person or by proclamation; the dissolution is usually by proclamation, after a prorogation. No parliament may last for a longer period than seven years. Septennial Act, 1 Geo. I. c. 38. Under 6 Anne, c. 37, upon a demise of the crown, parliament became ipso facto dissolved six months afterwards, but under the Reform Act, 1867, its continuance is now nowise affected by such demise. May, Parl. Pr. (6th Ed.) 48. Brown.

Dissolve. To terminate; abrogate; cancel; annul; disintegrate. To release or unloose the binding force of anything. As to "dissolve a corporation," to "dissolve an injunction." See Dissolution.

Dissolving Bond. A bond given to obtain the dissolution of a legal writ or process, particularly an attachment or an injunction, and conditioned to indemnify the opposite party or to abide the judgment to be given. See Sanger v. Hibbard, 2 Ind. T. 547, 53 S. W. 390.

Dissuade. In criminal law. To advise and procure a person not to do an act. To dissuade a witness from giving evidence against a person indicted is an indictable offense at common law. Hawk. P. C. b. 1, c. 21, § 15.

Distill. Subject to a process of distillation, i. e., vaporizing the more volatile parts of a substance and then condensing the vapor so formed. In law, the term is chiefly used in connection with the manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

- Distilled liquor or distilled spirits. A term which includes all potable alcoholic liquors obtained by the process of distillation, (such as whisky, brandy, rum, and gin) but excludes fermented and malt liquors, such as wine and beer. U. S. Rev. St. § 3248, 3283, 3299, U. S. Comp. St. 1901, pp. 2107, 2122, 2153; U. S. v. Anthony, 14 Biatchef, 92, Fed. Cas. No. 14,460; State v. Williamson, 21 Mo. 406; Boyd v. U. S., 3 Fed. Cas. 1068; Sardis v. U. S., 152 U. S. 570, 14 Sup. Ct. 720, 8 L. Ed. 556.—Distiller. Every person who produces distilled spirits, or who brews or makes mash, wort, or wash, fit for distillation or for the production of spirits, or who, by any process of evaporation, separates alcoholic spirit from any fermented substance, or who, making or keeping mash, wort, or wash, has also in his possession or use a still, shall be regarded as a distiller. Rev. St., U. S., § 3247 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2107).

See Johnson v. State, 44 Ala. 416; U. S. v. Frerichs, 25 Fed. Cas. 1218; U. S. v. Wittig, 26 Fed. Cas. 743; U. S. v. Rienoun (D. C.) 119 Fed. 411.—Distillery. The strict meaning of "distillery" is a place or building where alcoholic liquors are distilled or manufactured; not every building where the process of distillation is used. Atlantic Dock Co. v. Libby, 45 N. Y. 499; U. S. v. Blaisdell, 24 Fed. Cas. 1162.

Distincte et aperte. In old English practice. Distinctly and openly. Formal words in writs of error, referring to the return required to be made to them. Reg. Orig. 17.

Distinguenda sunt temporis. The time is to be considered. 1 Coke, 166; Bloss v. Tobey, 2 Pick. (Mass.) 327; Owens v. Missionary Society, 14 N. Y. 368, 393, 67 Am. Dec. 190.

Distinguenda sunt temporis; aliud est facere, aliud perferere. Times must be distinguished; it is one thing to do, another to perfect. 3 Leon. 243; Branch, Princ.

Distinguenda sunt temporis; distinguish temporas et concomitables leges. Times are to be distinguished; distinguish times, and you will harmonize laws. 1 Coke, 24. A maxim applied to the construction of statutes.

Distinguish. To point out an essential difference; to prove a case cited as applicable, inapplicable.

Distracted Person. A term used in the statutes of Illinois (Rev. Laws. Ill. 1833, p. 332) and New Hampshire (Dig. N. H. Laws, 1830, p. 539) to express a state of insanity. Snyder v. Snyder, 142 Ill. 90, 31 N. E. 303.

Distractio. Lat. In the civil law. A separation or division into parts; also an alienation or sale. Sometimes applied to the act of a guardian in appropriating the property of his ward.

—Distractio honorum. The sale at retail of the property of an insolvent estate, under the management of a curator appointed in the interest of the creditors, and for the purpose of realizing as much as possible for the satisfaction of their claim. Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 324.

—Distractio pignoris. The sale of a thing pledged or hypothecated, by the creditor or pledgee, to obtain satisfaction of his claim on the debtor's failure to pay or redeem. Idem. § 345.

Distrahere. To sell; to draw apart; to dissolve a contract; to divorce. Calvia.
DISTRAIN. To take as a pledge property of another, and keep the same until he performs his obligation or until the property is repossessed by the sheriff. In ancient times, the sheriff's deputy was used to secure an appearance in court, payment of rent, performance of services, etc. 3 Bl. Comm. 231; Fitiz. Nat. Brev. 32, B, C, 223. Boyd v. Howden, 3 Daly (N. Y.) 457; Byers v. Ferguson, 41 Or. 77, 63 Pac. 5.

Distrain is now generally resorted to for the purpose of enforcing the payment of rent, taxes, or other duties.

DISTRAINER, or DISTRAINOR. He who seizes a distress.

DISTRAINT. Seizure; the act of distraining or making a distress.

DISTRESS. The taking a personal chattel out of the possession of a wrong-doer into the custody of the party injured, to procure a satisfaction for a wrong committed; as for non-payment of rent, or injury done by cattle. Mol. & Lem., Tav. 1; 4 Litt. 47; Emig v. Cunningham, 62 Md. 460; Hard v. Nearsing, 44 Barb. (N. Y.) 488; Owen v. Boyle, 22 Me. 61; Evans v. Lincoln Co., 204 Pa. 448, 54 Atl. 321. The taking of beasts or other personal property by way of pledge, to enforce the performance of something due from the party distrained upon. 3 Bl. Comm. 231. The taking of a defendant's goods, in order to compel an appearance in court. Id. 280; 3 Steph. Comm. 301, 363. The seizure of personal property to enforce payment of taxes, to be followed by its public sale if the taxes are not voluntarily paid. Marshall v. Wadsworth, 64 N. H. 386, 10 Atl. 685. Also the thing taken by distraining, that which is seized to procure satisfaction. And in old Scotch law, a pledge taken by the sheriff from those attending fairs or markets, to secure their good behavior, and returnable to them at the close of the fair or market if they had been guilty of no wrong.

-Distress infinite. One that has no bounds with regard to its quantity, and may be repeated from time to time, until the stubbornness of the party is conquered. Such are distresses for fealty or suit of court, and for compelling jurors to attend. 3 Bl. Comm. 231.

Distress warrant. A writ authorizing an officer to make a distress; particularly, a writ authorizing the levy of a distress on the chattels of a tenant for non-payment of rent. Baileyville v. Lowell, 20 Me. 151; Bagwell v. Jamison, Cheves (S. C.) 252.—Grand distress, writ of. A writ formerly issued in the real action of a tenant for non-payment of rent, if it had been entered after the attachment; it commanded the sheriff to deprive the defendant's lands and chattels in order to compel appearance. It is no longer used, 23 & 24 Vic. c. 128, § 28, having abolished the action of quare impedit, and substituted for it the procedure in an ordinary suit for rent. 33 C. C. 381.

A supplementary distress for rent in arrear, allowed by law in some cases, where the goods seized under the first distress are not of sufficient value to satisfy the claim.

DISTRIBUTEE. An heir; a person entitled to share in the distribution of an estate. This term is admissible to any one of the persons who are entitled, under the statute of distributions, to the personal estate of one who is dead intestate. Henry v. Henry, 31 N. C. 278; Kitchen v. Southern Ry., 68 S. C. 554, 48 S. E. 4.

DISTRIBUTION. In practice. The apportionment and division, under authority of a court, of the remainder of the estate of an intestate, after payment of the debts and charges, among those who are legally entitled to share therein; the same as in the case of intestates. Hullet, 58 Iowa, 206, 9 N. W. 204; William Hill Co. v. Lawler, 116 Cal. 359, 45 Pac. 323; In re Creghton, 12 Neb. 280, 11 N. W. 313; Thomson v. Tracy, 60 N. Y. 180.

-Statute of distributions. A law prescribing the manner of the distribution of the estate of an intestate among his heirs or relatives. Such statutes exist in all the states.

DISTRIBUTIVE. Exercising or accomplishing distribution; apportioning, dividing, and assigning in separate items or shares.

-Distributive finding of the issue. The jury are bound to give their verdict for that party who, upon the evidence, appears to them to have succeeded in establishing his side of the issue. But there are cases in which an issue may be found distributively, i.e., in part for plaintiff, and in part for defendant. Thus, in an action for goods sold and work done, if the defendant pleaded that he never was indebted, on which issue was joined, a verdict might be found for the plaintiff as to the goods and for the defendant as to the work. See JUSTICE.—Distributive share. The share or portion which a given heir receives on the legal distribution of an intestate estate. People v. Beckwith, 20 N. Y. St. Rep. 97; Page v. Rives, 18 Fed. Cas. 902. Sometimes by an extension of meaning, the share or portion assigned to a given person on the distribution of any estate or fund, as under a will, to creditors or under insolvency proceedings.

DISTRICT. One of the portions into which an entire state or country may be divided, for judicial, political, or administrative purposes.

The United States are divided into judicial districts, in each of which is established a district court. They are also divided into election districts, collection districts, etc.

The circuit or territory within which a person may be compelled to appear. Cowell Circuit of authority; province. Enc. Lond.

-District attorney. The prosecuting officer of the United States government in each of the federal judicial districts. Also, under the state governments, the prosecuting officer who represents the state in each of its judicial districts. In some states, where the territory is divided, for judicial purposes called by some other name than "districts," the same officer is denominated "county attorney" or "state's attorney." Smith v. Scranton, 3 C. C. Rep. (P.) 84; State v. Salgue, 2 Nev. 324.—District clerk. The clerk of a district court of either a state or the United States.—District courts. A court of the United States, each having territorial jurisdiction over a dis-
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corporation aggregate. St. 11 Geo. IV. and 1 Wm. IV. c. 38.

A form of execution in the actions of detention and actions of nuisance. Brooke, Abr. pl. 26; Barnet v. Ihrie, 1 Rawle (Pa.) 44.

—Distraingas juratorae. A writ commanding the sheriff to have the bodies of the jurors, or to distress them by their lands and goods, that they may appear upon the day appointed. 3 Bl. Comm. 357. It issues at the suit of the party with the venue, though in theory afterwards, founded on the supposed neglect of the juror to attend. 3 Steph. by menw. 219. Super vice comitem. A writ to distress the goods of one who lately filled the office of sheriff, to compel him to do some act which he ought to have done before leaving the office; as to bring in the body of a defendant, or to sell goods attached under a fi. fa. —Distraingas venia comitem. A writ of distraint, directed to the coroner, may be issued against a sheriff if he neglects to execute a writ of venditioni exponens. Arch. Fr. 584.

DISTRINGERE. In feudal and old English law. To distress; to coerce or compel. Spelman; Calvin.

DISTURBANCE. 1. Any act causing annoyance, disquiet, agitation, or derangement to another, or interrupting his peace, or interfering with him in the pursuit of a lawful and appropriate occupation. Richardson v. State, 5 Tex. App. 472; State v. Stuth, 11 Wash. 423, 39 Pac. 666; George v. George, 47 N. H. 33; Varney v. French, 19 N. H. 293.

2. A wrong done to an incorporeal hereditament by hindering or disquieting the owner in the enjoyment of it. Finch, 187; 3 Bl. Comm. 235.

—Disturbance of common. The doing any act by which the right of another to his common is incumbered or diminished; as where one has no right of common puts his cattle into the common in which one who has a right of common puts in cattle which he cannot oust, or surcharges the common; or where the owner of the land, or other person, incloses or otherwise obstructs it. 3 Steph. Comm. 241; 3 Steph. Comm. 511, 512.—Disturbance of franchises. The disturbing or incumbering a man in the lawful exercise of his franchise, whereby the profits arising from it are diminished. 3 Bl. Comm. 236; 3 Steph. Comm. 510; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 1074, § 2472.—Disturbance of public worship. Any acts or conduct which interfere with the peace and good order of an assembly of persons lawfully met together for religious exercises. Lancaster v. State, 53 Ala. 25 Am. Rep. 625; Brown v. State, 46 Ala. 153; McElroy v. State, 25 Tex. 507.—Disturbance of tenure. In the law of tenure, disturbance is where a stranger, by menace, persuasion, or otherwise, causes a tenant to leave his tenure; this disturbance of tenure is an injury to the land for which an action may lie. 3 Bl. Comm. 414.—Disturbance of the peace. Interruption of the peace, quiet, and good order of a neighborhood or community, particularly when arising from a domestic quarrel or a collection of idle idlers. City of St. Charles v. Meyer, 58 Mo. 89; Yokum v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 21 S. W. 191. —Disturbance of ways. This happens where a person has a right of way over another's
DISTURBER. If a bishop refuse or neglect to examine or admit a patron's clerk, without reason assigned or notice given, he is styled a "disturber" by the law, and shall not have any title to present by lapse; for no man shall take advantage of his own wrong. 2 Bl. Comm. 278.

DITCH. The words "ditch" and "drain" have no technical or exact meaning. They both may mean a hollow space in the ground, natural or artificial, where water is collected or passes off. Goldthwaite v. East Bridgewater, 5 Gray (Mass.) 64; Wetmore v. Fiske, 15 R. I. 354, 5 Atl. 375.

DITES OUSTER. L. Fr. Say over. The form of awarding a respondeus ouster, in the Year Books, M. 6 Edw. III. 49.

DITTAY. In Scotch law. A technical term in civil law, signifying the matter of charge or ground of indictment against a person accused of crime. Taking up dittay in obtaining informations and presentments of crime in order to trial. Skene, de Verb. Sign.; Bell.

DIVERS. Various, several, sundry; a collective term grouping a number of unspecified persons, objects, or acts. Com. v. Butts, 124 Mass. 432; State v. Hodgson, 66 Vt. 134, 28 Atl. 1089; Muuro v. Alaire, 2 Cal. 314, 2 Cal. 325.

DIVERSION. A turning aside or altering the natural course of a thing. The term is chiefly applied to the unauthorized changing the course of a water-course to the prejudice of a lower proprietor. Merritt v. Parker, 1 N. J. Law, 490; Parker v. Griswold, 17 Conn. 399, 42 Am. Dec. 739.

DIVERSITE DES COURTS. A treatise on courts and their jurisdiction, written in French in the reign of Edward III. as is supposed, and by some attributed to Fitzherbert. It was first printed in 1525, and again in 1534. Crabb, Eng. Law, 530, 483.

DIVERSITY. In criminal pleading. A plea by the prisoner in bar of execution, alleging that he is not the same who was attainted, upon which a jury is immediately impaneled to try the collateral issue thus raised, viz., the identity of the person, and not whether he is guilty or innocent, for that has been already decided. 4 Bl. Comm. 396.

DIVERSO INTUITU. Lat. With a different view, purpose, or design; in a different view or point of view; by a different course or process. 1 W. Bl. 80; 4 Kent. Comm. 211, note.

DIVERSORIUM. In old English law. A lodging or inn. Townsh. Pl. 38.

DIVERT. To turn aside; to turn out of the way; to alter the course of things. Usually applied to water-courses. Ang. Water-Courses, § 97 et seq. Sometimes to roads. 8 East, 394.

DIVES. In the practice of the English chancery division, "dives costs" are costs on the ordinary scale, as opposed to the costs formerly allowed to a successful pauper suing or defending in formâ pauperis, and which consisted only of his costs out of pocket. Daniel, Ch. Pr. 43.

DIVEST. Equivalent to divest, (q. v.)

DIVESTITIVE FACT. A fact by means of which a right is divested, terminated, or extinguished; as the right of a tenant terminates with the expiration of his lease, and the right of a creditor is at an end when his debt has been paid. Holl. Jur. 332.

Divide et impera, cum radix et vertex imperii in obedientium consensu rata sunt. 4 Inst. 35. Divide and govern, since the foundation and crown of empire are established in the consent of the obedient.

DIVIDEND. A fund to be divided. The share allotted to each of several persons entitled to share in a division of profits or property. Thus, dividend may denote a fund set apart by a corporation out of its profits, to be apportioned among the shareholders, or the proportional amount falling to each. In bankruptcy or insolvency practice, a dividend is a proportional payment to the creditors out of the insolvent estate. State v. Comptroller of State, 54 N. J. Law, 155, 23 Atl. 122; Trustees of University v. North Carolina R. Co., 76 N. C. 103, 22 Am. Rep. 671; De Koven v. Alsop, 265 Ill. 300, 68 N. E. 530, 63 L. R. A. 597; Hyatt v. Allen, 55 N. Y. 532, 15 Am. Rep. 449; Cary v. Savings Union, 22 Wall. 38, 22 L. Ed. 779; In re Ft. Wayne Electric Corp. (D. C.) 94 Fed. 109; In re Fielding (D. C.) 96 Fed. 800.

In old English law. The term denotes one part of an indeniture, (q. v.)

—Preferred dividend. One paid on the preferred stock of a corporation; a dividend paid to one class of shareholders in priority to that paid to another. Chaffee v. Railroad Co., 55 Vt. 129; Taft v. Railroad Co., 8 R. I. 310, 5 Am. Rep. 575.—Scrip dividend. One paid in scrip, or in certificates of the ownership of a corresponding amount of capital stock of the company thereafter to be issued. Bailey v. Railroad Co., 22 Wall. 604, 22 L. Ed. 840.—Stock dividend. One paid in stock, that is, not in money, but in a proportional number of shares of the capital stock of the company, which is ordinarily increased for this purpose to a corresponding extent. Kaufman v. Char-
lottesville Woollen Mills Co. 82 Va. 673, 25 S. E. 1063; Thomas v. Gress 78 Md. 543, 28 Atl. 565, 44 Am. St. Rep. 310.—Ex dividend. A phrase used by stock brokers, meaning that a sale of corporate stock does not carry with it the seller’s right to receive his proportionate share of a dividend already declared and shortly payable.

DIVIDENDA. In old records. An indenture; one counterpart of an indenture.

DIVINARE. Lat. To divine; to conjecture or guess; to foretell. Dicinatio, a conjecturing or guessing.

Divinatio, non interpretat iter est, quae ommin Pro recedit a litera. That is guessing, not interpretation, which altogether departs from the letter. Bac. Max. 18, (in reg. 3) citing Yearb. 3 Hen. VI. 20.

DIVINE LAWS. As distinguished from those of human origin, divine laws are those on which the authorship is ascribed to God, being either positive or revealed laws or the laws of nature. Mayer v. Froble 40 W. Va. 246, 22 S. E. 58; Bordien v. State, 11 Ark. 527, 44 Am. Dec. 217.

DIVINE SERVICE. Divine service was the name of a feudal tenure, by which the tenants were obliged to do some special divine services in certain; as to sing so many masses, to distribute such a sum in alms, and the like. (2 Bl. Comm. 102; 1 Steph. Comm. 227.) It differed from tenure in frankalmoign, in this: that, in case of the tenure by divine service, the lord of whom the lands were helden might distrain for its non-performance, whereas, in case of frankalmoign, the lord has no remedy by distraint for neglect of the service, but merely a right of complaint to the visitor to correct it. Mozley & Whitlcy.

DIVISA. In old English law. A device, award, or decree; also a devise; also bounds or luittus of division of a parish or farm, etc. Cowell. Also a court held on the boundary, in order to settle disputes of the tenants.

Divisibilis est semper divisibilib. A thing divisible may be forever divided.

DIVISIBLE. That which is susceptible of being divided.

—Divisible contract. One which is in its nature and purposes susceptible of division and apportionment, having two or more parts in respect to matters and things contemplated and embraced by it, not necessarily dependent on each other nor intended by the parties so to be. Horseman v. Horseman, 43 Or. 83, 72 Pac. 698.

DIVISIM. In old English law. Severally; separately. Bract. fol. 47.

DIVISION. In English law. One of the smaller subdivisions of a county. Used in Lincolnshire as synonymous with “riding” in Yorkshire.

DIVISION OF OPINION. In the practice of appellate courts, this term denotes such a disagreement among the judges that there is not a majority in favor of any one view, and hence no decision can be rendered on the case. But it sometimes also denotes a division into two classes, one of which may comprise a majority of the judges; as when we speak of a decision having proceeded from a “divided court.”

DIVISIONAL COURTS. Courts in England, consisting of two or (in special cases) more judges of the high court of justice, sitting to transact certain kinds of business which cannot be disposed of by one judge.

DIVISUM IMPERIUM. Lat. A divided jurisdiction. Applied, e. g., to the jurisdiction of courts of common law and equity over the same subject. 1 Kent. Comm. 366; 4 Steph. Comm. 9.

DIVERGE. The legal separation of man and wife, effected, for cause, by the judgment of a court, and either totally dissolving the marriage relation, or suspending its effects so far as concerns the cohabitation of the parties. Atherton v. Atherton, 181 U. S. 155, 21 Sup. Ct. 544, 45 L. Ed. 794; Miller v. Miller, 33 Cal. 335; Cast v. Cast, 1 Utah, 112.

The dissolution is termed “divorce from the bond of matrimony,” or, in the Latin form of the expression, “a vinculo matrimonii,” the suspension, “divorce from bed and board,” “a mensa et thoro.” The former divorce puts an end to the marriage; the latter leaves it in full force. 2 Bish. Mar. & Div. § 225.

The term “divorce” is now applied, in England, both to decrees of nullity and decrees of dissolution of marriage, while in America it is used only in cases of divorce a mensa or a vinculo, a court granting nullity or dissolution of marriage being granted for the causes for which a divorce a vinculo was formerly obtainable in England.

—Divorce a mensa et thoro. A divorce from table and bed, or from bed and board. A partial or qualified divorce, by which the parties are separated and forbidden to live or cohabit together, without affecting the marriage itself. 1 Bl. Comm. 440; 3 Bl. Comm. 94; 2 Steph. Comm. 311; 2 Bish. Mar. & Div. § 225; Miller v. Clark, 23 Ind. 370; Rudolph v. Rudolph (Super. Buf.) 12 N. Y. Supp. 83; Zule v. Zule, 1 N. J. Eq. 99.—Diverge a vinculo matrimonii. A divorce from the bond of marriage. A total divorce of husband and wife, dissolving the marriage tie, and releasing the parties wholly from their matrimonial obligations. 1 Bl. Comm. 440; 2 Steph. Comm. 310, 311; 2 Bish. Mar. & Div. § 225; De Roch de Roch v. De Roch, 1 N. D. 17, 94 N. W. 778.—Diva divorce. A divorce obtained out of the state or country where the marriage was solemnized. 2 Kent, Comm. 106, et seq.—Diverse. A divorce from bed and board; or a judicial separation of husband and wife not dissolving the marriage tie.

Divortium dictum a divertendo, quia vir divertitur ab uxore. Co. Litt. 235. Divorce is called from divertendo, because a man is diverted from his wife.
DIXIEME. Fr. Tenth; the tenth part. Ord. Mar. liv. 1, tit. 1, art. 9.


DO. Lat. I give. The ancient and aptest word of seefinum and of gift. 2 Bl. Comm. 310, 316; Co. Litt. 9.

DO, DICO, ADDICO. Lat. I give, I say, I adjudge. Three words used in the Roman law, to express the extent of the civil jurisdiction of the praeator. Do denoted that he gave or granted actions, exceptions, and judicces; dico, that he pronounced judgment; addico, that he adjudged the controverted property, or the goods of the debtor, etc., to the plaintiff. Mackeld. Rom. Law § 39.

DO, LEGO. Lat. I give, I bequeath; or I give and bequeath. The formal words of making a bequest or legacy, in the Roman law. Titio et Seio hominem Stichum do, lego, I give and bequeath to Titius and Sefius my man Stichus. Inst. 2, 20, 8, 30, 31. The expression is literally retained in modern wills.

DO UT DES. Lat. I give that you may give; I give [you] that you may give [me]. A formula in the civil law, constituting a general division under which those contracts (termed "inominates") were classed in which something was given by one party as a consideration for something given by the other. Dig. 19, 4; Id. 19, 5, 5; 2 Bl. Comm. 444.

DO UT FACIAS. Lat. I give that you may do; I give [you] that you may do or make [for me.] A formula in the civil law, under which those contracts were classed in which one party gave or agreed to give money, in consideration the other party did or performed certain work. Dig. 19, 5, 5; 2 Bl. Comm. 444.

In this and the foregoing phrase, the conjunction "ut" is not to be taken as the technical means of expressing a consideration. In the Roman usage, this word imported a modus, that is, a qualification; while a consideration (cause) was more aptly expressed by the word "quid."

DOCIMASIA PULMONUM. In medical jurisprudence. The hydrostatic test used chiefly in cases of alleged infanticide to determine whether the child was born alive or dead, which consists in immersion of the foetal lungs in water. If they have never been inflamed they will sink, but will float if the child has breathed.

DOCK, v. To curtail or diminish, as to dock an entail.

DOCK, n. The cage or inclosed space in a criminal court where prisoners stand when brought in for trial.

The space, in a river or harbor, inclosed between two wharves. City of Boston v. Le BL. LAW DICT. (2d Ed.)—25
and the petition of the creditor, and their object was to obtain from the lord chancellor his fiat, authorizing the petitioner to prosecute his complaint against the bankrupt in the bankruptcy courts. Brown.

**DOCTOR.** A learned man; one qualified to give instruction of the higher order in a science or art; particularly, one who has received the highest academical degree in his art or faculty, as, a doctor of laws, medicine, or theology. In colloquial language, however, the term is practically restricted to practitioners of medicine. Harrison v. State, 102 Ala. 170, 15 South. 563; State v. McKnight, 131 N. C. 717, 42 S. E. 589, 59 L. R. A. 187.

This term means, simply, practitioner of physic, without respect to system pursued. A certificate of a homeopathic physician is a "doctor's certificate." Corsi v. Mareczek, 4 E. D. Smith (N. Y.) 1.

**DOCTOR AND STUDENT.** The title of a work written by St. Germain in the reign of Henry VIII. In which many principles of the common law are discussed in a popular manner. It is in the form of a dialogue between a doctor of divinity and a student in law, and has always been considered a book of merit and authority. 1 Kent, Comm. 504; Crabb, Eng. Law, 452.

**DOCTORS' COMMONS.** An institution near St. Paul's Churchyard, in London, where, for a long time previous to 1857, the ecclesiastical and admiralty courts used to be held.

**DOCTRINE.** A rule, principle, theory, or tenet of the law; as, the doctrine of merger, the doctrine of relation, etc.

**Doctrinal interpretation.** See **Interpretation.**

**DOCUMENT.** An instrument on which is recorded, by means of letters, figures, or marks, matter which may be evidentially used. In this sense the term "document" applies to writings; to words printed, lithographed, or photographed; to seals, plates, or stones on which inscriptions are cut or engraved; to photographs and pictures; to maps and plans. The inscription may be on stone or gems, or on wood, as well as on paper or parchment. 1 Whart. Ev. § 614; Johnson Steel Street-Rail Co. v. North Branch Steel Co. (C. C.) 48 Fed. 194; Arnold v. Water Co., 18 R. I. 188, 26 Atl. 55, 19 L. R. A. 602; Hayden v. Van Cortlandt, 84 Hun. 153, 32 N. Y. Supp. 607.

In the plural, the deeds, agreements, title papers, letters, receipts, and other written instruments used to prove a fact.

**In the civil law.** Evidence delivered in the forms established by law, of whatever nature such evidence may be. The term is, however, applied principally to the testimony of witnesses. Sav. Dr. Rom. § 165.

**Ancient documents.** Deeds, wills, and other writings more than thirty years old are so called; they are presumed to be genuine without express proof, when coming from the proper custody.—**Foreign document.** One which was prepared or executed in, or which comes from, a foreign state or country.—**Judicial documents.** Proceedings relating to litigation. They are divided into (1) judgments, decrees, and orders; (2) depositions, examinations, and inquisitions taken in the course of a legal process; (3) writs, warrants, pleadings, etc., which are incidental to any judicial proceedings. See 1 Starkie, Ev. 252.—**Public document.** A state paper, or other instrument of public importance or interest, issued or published by authority of congress or a state legislature. Also any document or record, evidencing or connected with the public business or the administration of public affairs, preserved in or issued by any department of the government. See Hammatt v. Emerson, 27 Me. 333, 46 Am. Dec. 308.—**Documentary evidence.** Such evidence as is furnished by written instruments, inscriptions, documents of all kinds, and also any inanimate objects admissible for the purpose, as distinguished from "oral" evidence, or that delivered by human beings viva voce.

**DODRANS.** Lat. In Roman law. A subdivision of the as, containing nine sesterces; the proportion of nine-twelfths, or three-fourths. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note.

**DOE, JOHN.** The name of the fictitious plaintiff in the action of ejectment. 3 Steph. Comm. 618.

**DOED-BANA.** In Saxon law. The actual perpetrator of a homicide.

**DOER.** In Scotch law. An agent or attorney. 1 Kames, Eq. 325.

**DOG-DRAW.** In old forest law. The manifest apprehension of an offender against venison in a forest, when he was found drawing after a deer by the scent of a hound led in his hand; or where a person had wounded a deer or wild beast, by shooting at him, or otherwise, and was caught with a dog drawing after him to receive the same. Manwood, Forest Law, 2, c. 8.

**DOG-LATIN.** The Latin of illiterate persons; Latin words put together on the English grammatical system.

**DOGGER.** In maritime law. A light ship or vessel; dogger-fish, fish brought in ships. Cowell.

**DOGGER-MEN.** Fishermen that belong to dogger-ships.

**DOGMA.** In the civil law. A word occasionally used as descriptive of an ordinance of the senate. See Nov. 2, 1, 1; Dig. 27, 1, 6.

**DOING.** The formal word by which services were reserved and expressed in old conveyances; as "rendering" (reddendo) was expressive of rent. Perk. c. 10, §§ 625, 655, 638.
DOITKIN, or DOIT. A base coin of small value, prohibited by St. 3 Hen. V. c. 1. We still retain the phrase, in the common saying, when we would undervalue a man, that he is not worth a doit. Jacob.

DOLE. A part or portion of a meadow is so called; and the word has the general signification of share, portion, or the like; as “to dole out” anything among so many poor persons, meaning to deal or distribute in portions to them. Holthouse.

In Scotch law. Criminal intent; evil design. Bell, Dict. voc. "Crime."

DOLES, or DOOLS. Slips of pasture left between the furrows of plowed land.


DOLG-BOTE. A recompense for a scar or wound. Cowell.

DOLI. Lat. See Dolus.

DOLLAR. The unit employed in the United States in calculating money values. It is coined both in gold and silver, and is of the value of one hundred cents.

DOLO. In Spanish law. Bad or mischievous design. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 1, c. 1, § 3.

Dolo facit qui petit quod redditurum est. He acts with guile who demands that which he will have to return. Broom, Max. 546.

Dolo malo pactum se non servaturum. Dig. 2, 14, 7, § 9. An agreement induced by fraud cannot stand.

Dolorus versatur in generalibus. A person intending to deceive deals in general terms. Wing. Max. 636; 2 Coke, 34a; 6 Clark & F. 699; Broom, Max. 289.

Dolum ex indicis perspicuis probari convenit. Fraud should be proved by clear tokens. Code, 2, 21, 6; 1 Story, Cont. § 629.

DOLUS. In the civil law. Guile; deceitfulness; malicious fraud. A fraudulent address or trick used to deceive some one; a fraud. Dig. 4, 3, 1. Any subtle contrivance by words or acts with a design to circumvent. 2 Kent, Comm. 509; Code, 2, 21.

Such acts or omissions as operate as a deception upon the other party, or violate the just confidence reposed by him, whether there be a deceitful intent (mals animus) or not. Poth. Traité de Dépôt, nn. 23, 27; Story, Bailm. § 20a; 2 Kent, Comm. 508, note.

Fraud, willfulness, or intentionality. In that use it is opposed to culpa, which is negligence merely, in greater or less degree. The policy of the law may sometimes treat extreme culpa as if it were dolus, upon the maxim culpa dolo comparatur. A person is always liable for dolus producing damage, but not always for culpa producing damage, even though extreme, e. g., a depositary is only liable for dolus, and not for negligence. Brown.

—Dolus bonus, dolus malus. In a wide sense, the Roman law distinguishes between "good," or rather "permissible" dolus and "bad" or fraudulent dolus. The former is justifiable or allowable deceit: it is that which a man may employ in self-defense against an unlawful attack, or for another permissible purpose, as when one disarms the truth to prevent a lunatic from injuring himself or others. The latter exists where one intentionally misleads another or takes advantage of another's error wrongly, by any form of deception, fraud, or cheating. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 179; Broom, Max. 546; 2 Kent, Comm. 508, note.—Dolus dans locum contractui. Fraud (or deceit) giving rise to the contract; that is, a fraudulent misrepresentation made by one of the parties to the contract, and relied upon by the other, and which was actually instrumental in inducing the latter to enter into the contract. Deol incapax. Capable of naivety or criminal intention; having sufficient discretion and intelligence to distinguish between right and wrong, and so to become amenable to the criminal laws.—Doli incapax. Incapable of criminal intention or malice; not of the age of discretion; not possessed of sufficient discretion and intelligence to distinguish between right and wrong to the extent of being criminally responsible for his actions.

Dolus auctoris non moest successori. The fraud of a predecessor prejudices not his successor.

Dolus circuitus non purgatur. Fraud is not purged by circuit. Bac. Max. 4; Broom, Max. 228.

Dolus est machinatorum, cum aliud disseminat aliud agit. Lane. 47. Deceit is an artifice, since it pretends one thing and does another.

Dolus et fraudem nemo patrocinentur, (patrocinari debent.) Deceit and fraud shall excuse or benefit no man. Yearb. 14 Hen. VIII. 8; Best. Ev. p. 469; § 428; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 306.

Dolus latet in generalibus. Fraud lurks in generalities. Tray. Lat. Max. 162.

Dolus versatur in generalibus. Fraud deals in generalities. 2 Coke, 34a; 3 Coke, 81a.

DOM. PROC. An abbreviation of Do-

MUS PROCERUM or DOMO PROCERUM; the house of lords in England. Sometimes expressed by the letters D. P.

DOMAIN. The complete and absolute ownership of land; a paramount and individual right of property in land. People v. Shearer, 30 Cal. 658. Also the real es-
tate so owned. The inherent sovereign pow-
er claimed by the legislature of a state, of
controlling private property for public uses,
is termed the "right of eminent domain."
2 Kent, Comm. 339. See EMINENT DOMAIN.

A distinction has been made between "prop-
erty" and "domain." The former is said to be
that quality which is conceived to be in the
thing itself, considered as belonging to such or
such person, exclusively of all others. By
the latter is understood that right which the owner
has of disposing of the property and the
"domain," and "property" are said to be correlative terms.
The one is the active right to dispose of;
the other a passive quality which follows the thing
and places it at the disposition of the owner.
3 Toullier, no. 83.

-National domain. A term sometimes ap-
plied to the aggregate of the property owned
directly by a nation. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 496.—Public domain. This term embraces all
lands, the title to which is in the United States,
including as well land occupied for the purposes
of federal buildings, arsenals, dock-yards, etc.,
as land of an agricultural or mineral character
not yet granted to private owners. Barker v.
Harvey, 181 U. S. 481, 21 Sup. Ct. 680, 45 L.
Ed. 953; Day Land & Cattle Co. v. State, 69
Tex. 526, 4 S. W. 865.

DOMBEC, DOMBOC. (Sax. From
dom, judgment, and bec, boc, a book.)
Dome-book or doom-book. A name given
among the Saxons to a code of laws. Sev-
eral of the Saxon kings published domboes,
but the most important one was that attributed
to Alfred, Crabb, Comm. Law, 7. This is
sometimes confounded with the celebrated
Domesday-Book. See DOME-BOOK, DOMES-
DAY.

DOME. (Sax.) Doom; sentence; judg-
ment. An oath. The homager's oath in the

DOME-BOOK. A book or code said to
have been compiled under the direction of
Alfred, for the general use of the whole
kingdom of England; containing, as is sup-
posed, the principal maxims of the common
law, the penalties for misdemeanors, and
the forms of judicial proceedings. It is said
to have been extant so late as the reign of
Edward IV., but is now lost. 1 Bl. Comm.
64, 65.

DOMESDAY, DOMESDAY-BOOK.
(Sax.) An ancient record made in the time
of William the Conqueror, and now remaining
in the English exchequer, consisting of
two volumes of unequal size, containing mi-
nute and accurate surveys of the lands in
England. 2 Bl. Comm. 49, 50. The work
was begun by five justices in each county in
1081, and finished in 1086.

DOMESMEN. (Sax.) An inferior kind
of judges. Men appointed to doom (judge)
in matters in controversy. Cowell. Suitors
in a court of a manor in ancient demesne,
who are judges there. Blount; Whishaw;
Termes de la Ley.

DOMESTIC, n. Domestics, or, in full,
domestic servants, are servants who reside
in the same house with the master they
serve. The term does not extend to work-
men or laborers employed out of doors. Ex-
parte Meason, 5 Bin. (Pa.) 167.
The Louisiana Civil Code enumerates as
domestics those who receive wages and stay
in the house of the person paying and em-
ploying them, for his own service or that of
his family; such as valets, footmen, cooks,
butlers, and others who reside in the house.
Persons employed in public houses are not

DOMESTIC, adj. Pertaining, belonging,
or relating to a home, a domicile, or to the
place of birth, origin, creation, or transac-
tion.

-Domestic animals. Such as are habi-
tuated to live in or about the habitations of
men, or such as contribute to the support of a family or
the wealth of the community. This term in-
cludes horses, (State v. Gould, 28 W. Va. 264; Osbom v.
Lenox, 2 Allen (Mass.) 207,) but may
or may not include dogs. See Wilcox v. State,
101 Ga. 503, 28 S. E. 981, 39 L. R. A. 709; State
v. Harriman, 75 Me. 56, 38 Am. Rep. 12; Hurley v. State,
30 Tex. App. 333, 17 S. W. 455, 28 Am. St. Rep. 918.—Domestic
courts. Those existing and having jurisdiction
at the place of the party's residence or domicile.

As to domestic "Administrators," "Attachment,
"Bill of Exchange," "Commerce," "Corporations," "Creditors,
"Factors," "Fictures, "Judgment," and "Manufactures,
see those titles.

DOMESTICUS. In old European law.
A seneschal, steward, or major domo; a
judge's assistant; an assessor, (q. v.) Spel-
man.

DOMICELLA. In old English law. A
damsel. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 20, § 80.

DOMICELLUS. In old English law. A
better sort of servant in monasteries; also
an appellation of a king's bastard.

DOMICILE. That place in which a man
has voluntarily fixed the habitation of him-
self and family, not for a mere special or
temporary purpose, but with the present in-
tention of making a permanent home, until
some unexpected event shall occur to induce
him to adopt some other permanent home.
In its ordinary acceptance, a person's domici-
 cle is the place where he lives or has his home.
In a strict and legal sense, that is properly
the domicile of a person where he has his true,
fixed, permanent home and principal establish-
ment, and to which, whenever he is absent, he
has the intention of returning. Anderson v.

Domicile is but the established, fixed, perma-
nent, or ordinary dwelling-place or place of resi-
dence of a person, as distinguished from a temporary
and transient, though actual, place of
residence. It is his legal residence, as dis-
tinguished from his temporary place of abode;
or his home, as distinguished from a place to which business or pleasure may temporarily call him.—Salem v. Lyne, 29 Conn.

Domicile is the place where a person has fixed his habitation and has a permanent residence, without any present intention of removing therefrom. Crawford v. Wilson, 4 Barb. (N. Y.) 504, 520.

One’s domicile is the place where one’s family permanently resides. Daniel v. Sullivan, 49 Ga. 277.

In international law, “domicile” means a residence at a particular place, accompanied with positive and presumptive proof of intending to continue there for an unlimited time. State v. Collector of Bordentown. 32 N. J. Law, 192.

“Domicile” and “residence” are not synonymous. The domicile is the home, the fixed place of habitation; while residence is a transient place of dwelling. Bartlett v. New York, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 44.

The domicile is the habitation fixed in any place, with an intention of always staying there, while simple residence is much more temporary in its character. New York v. Genet, 4 Hun (N. Y.) 489.

Classification. Domicile is of three sorts,—domicile by birth, domicile by choice, and domicile by operation of law. The first is the common case of the place of birth, domicilium originis; the second is that which is voluntarily acquired by a party, proprio motu; the last is consequential, as that of the wife arising from marriage. Story, Cond. Laws. 4. And see Raines v. Kinmonth, 115 Ky. 612, 74 S. W. 229; Price v. Price, 136 Pa. 617, 27 Atl. 291; White v. Brown, 29 Fed. Cas. 992. The following terms are also used: Commercial domicile. A domicile acquired by the maintenance of a commercial establishment; a domicile which a citizen of a foreign country may acquire by conducting business in another country. U. S. v. Chin Quong Look (D. C.) 52 Fed. 204; Lau Ow Bew v. U. S., 144 U. S. 47, 12 Sup. Ct. 517, 36 L. Ed. 340.—De facto domicilie. In French law, permanent and fixed residence in France of an alien who has not acquired French citizenship nor taken steps to do so, but who intends to make his home permanently or indefinitely in that country; called domicile “de facto” because domicile in the full sense of the word, as used in France, can only be acquired by an act equivalent to naturalization. In re Cruger’s Will, 36 Misc. Rep. 477, 73 N. Y. Supp. 812.—Domicile of origin. That which the parents. Phila. Pub. Dom. 25, 101. That which arises from a man’s birth and connections. 5 Vels. 760. The domicile of the parents at the time of birth, or what is termed the “domicile of origin,” constitutes the domicile of an infant, and continues until abandoned, or until the acquisition of a new domicile in a different place. Frentiss v. Barton, 1 Brock. 380, 393. Fed. Cas. No. 11,384.—Domicile of succession. This term, as distinguished from a commercial, political, or forensic domicile, means the actual residence of a person within some jurisdiction, of such a character as shall, according to the well-established principles of public law, give direction to the succession of his personal estate. Smith v. Croon, 7 Fis. 51.—Elected domicile. The domicile of parties fixed in a contract between them for the purposes of such contract. Woodworth v. Bank of America, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 417, 10 Am. Dec. 230.—Foreign domicile. A domicile established by a citizen or subject of one sovereignty within the territory of another.—National domicile. The domicile of a person, considered as being within the territory of a particular nation, and not with reference to a particular locality or subdivision of a nation.—Natural domicile. The same as domicile of origin or domicile by birth. Johnson v. Twenty-One

Bales, 13 Fed. Cas. 803.—Necessary domicile. That kind of domicile which exists by operation of law, as distinguished from voluntary domicile or domicile of choice. Phila. Dom. 27-97.

DOMICILED. Established in a given domicile; belonging to a given state or jurisdiction by right of domicile.

DOMICILIARY. Pertaining to domicile; relating to one’s domicile. Existing or created at, or connected with, the domicile of a suitor or of a decedent.

DOMICIATE. To establish one’s domicile; to take up one’s fixed residence in a given place. To establish the domicile of another person whose legal residence follows one’s own.

DOMICILIATION. In Spanish law. The acquisition of domiciliary rights and status, nearly equivalent to naturalization, which may be accomplished by being born in the kingdom, by conversion to the Catholic faith there, by taking up a permanent residence in some settlement and marrying a native woman, and by attaching oneself to the soil, purchasing or acquiring real property and possessions. Yates v. Iams, 10 Tex. 168.

DOMICILIVM. Lat. Domicile. (q. e.)

DOMIGERIUM. In old English law. Power over another; also danger. Bract. l. 4, t. 1, c. 10.

DOMINA, (DAME.) A title given to honorable women, who anciently, in their own right of inheritance, held a barony. Cowell.

DOMINANT TENEMENT. A term used in the civil and Scotch law, and thence in ours, relating to servitudes, meaning the tenement or subject in favor of which the service is constituted; as the tenement over which the servitude extends is called the “servient tenement.” Wharton; Walker v. Clifford, 128 Ala. 67, 29 South. 588, 86 Am. St. Rep. 74; Dillman v. Hoffman, 38 Wls. 572; Stevens v. Dennett, 51 N. H. 330.

DOMINATIO. In old English law. Lordship.

DOMINICA PALMARUM. (Dominica in romae palmarum.) L Lat. Palm Sunday. Townsh. Pl. 131; Cowell; Blount.

DOMINICAL. That which denotes the Lord’s day, or Sunday.

DOMINICIDE. The act of killing one’s lord or master.

DOMINICUM. Lat. Domain; demain; deuesne. A lordship. That of which one has the lordship or ownership. That which
remains under the lord's immediate charge and control. Spelman.

Property; domain; anything pertaining to a lord. Cowell.

In ecclesiastical law. A church, or any other building consecrated to God. Du Cange.


DOMINIO. Sp. In Spanish law. A term corresponding to and derived from the Latin dominium, (q. v.) Dominio alto, eminent domain; dominio directo, immediate ownership; dominio utile, beneficial ownership. Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 566.

DOMINION. Ownership, or right to property. 2 Bl. Comm. 1. Title to an article of property which arises from the power of disposition and the right of claiming it. Baker v. Westcott, 73 Tex. 129, 11 S. W. 167. "The holder has the dominion of the bill." 8 East, 579.

Sovereignty or lordship; as the dominion of the seas. Moll. de Jure Mar. 91, 92.

In the civil law, with reference to the title to property which is transferred by a sale of it, dominion is said to be either "proximate" or "remote." The former being the kind of title vesting in the purchaser when he has acquired both the ownership and possession of the article, the latter describing the nature of his title when he has only acquired the ownership of the property but there has been no delivery. Coles v. Perry, 7 Tex. 100.

DOMINION. In the civil and old English law. Ownership; property in the largest sense, including both the right of property and the right of possession or use.

The mere right of property, as distinguished from the possession or usufruct. Dig. 21, 2, 17. 1. Calvin. The right which a lord had in the fee of his tenant. In this sense the word is very clearly distinguished by Bracton from dominium.

The estate of a foecooee to uses. "The foecooee to use shall have the dominium, and the cestui que use the disposition." Latch. 137.

Sovereignty or dominion. Dominium maris, the sovereignty of the sea.

—Dominium directum. In the civil law. Strict ownership; that which was founded on strict law, as distinguished from equity. In later law. Property without use; the right of a landlord. Tayl. Civil Law, 478. In feudal law. Right of properly ownership; the right of a superior or lord, as distinguished from that of his vassal or tenant. The title or property which the sovereign in England is considered as possessing in all the lands of the kingdom, they being held, either immediately or mediately, by him as lord paramount.—Dominium directum et utile. The complete and absolute dominion in property; the union of the title and the exclusive use. Fairfax v. Hunter, 7 Cranch, 632, 3 L. Ed. 465. Dominium eminens. Eminent domain.—Dominium plenum. Full ownership; the union of the dominium directum with the dominium utile. Tayl. Civil Law, 478. —Dominium utile. In the civil law. Equitable or prorioritary ownership; that which was founded on equity. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 327, note. In later law. Use without property; the right of a tenant. Tayl. Civil Law, 478. In feudal law. Useful or beneficial ownership; the use and profit of the soil, as distinguished from the dominium directum, (q. v.) or ownership of the soil itself; the right of a vassal or tenant. 2 Bl. Comm. 100.

Dominium non potest esse in pendenti. Lordship cannot be in suspense, 4. e., property cannot remain in abeyance. Halk. Law Max. 39.

DOMINO VOLENTE. Lat. The owner being willing; with the consent of the owner.

DOMINUS. In feudal and ecclesiastical law. A lord, or feudal superior. Dominus rex, the lord the king; the king's title as lord paramount. 1 Bl. Comm. 887. Dominus caput, a chief lord. Dominus medius, a mean or intermediate lord. Dominus ilius, liege lord or sovereign. 1d.

Lord or sir; a title of distinction. It usually denoted a knight or clergyman, and, according to Cowell, was sometimes given to a gentleman of quality, though not a knight, especially if he were lord of a manor.

The owner or proprietor of a thing, as distinguished from him who uses it merely. Calvin. A master or principal, as distinguished from an agent or attorney. Story, Ag. § 3.

In the civil law. A husband. A family. Vicar.

Dominus capitis lece hurredis habetur, quates per defectum vel delictum extinctu saeuis sui tenentes. Co. Litt. 18. The supreme lord takes the place of the heir, as often as the blood of the tenant is extinct through deficiency or crime.

DOMINUS LITTIS. Lat. The master of the suit; 4. e., the person who was really and directly interested in the suit as a party, as distinguished from his attorney or advocate. But the term is also applied to one who, though notoriginally a party, has made himself such, by intervention or otherwise, and has assumed entire control and responsibility for one side, and is treated by the court as liable for costs. See In re Stover, 1 Curt. 201, Fed. Cas. No. 13,507.

DOMINUS NAVIS. In the civil law. The owner of a vessel. Dig. 39, 4, 11, 2.

Dominus non maritabit papulm nisi semel. Co. Litt. 9. A lord cannot give a ward in marriage but once.

Dominus rex nullum habere potest parem, multo minus superiorem. The king cannot have an equal, much less a superior. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 115.
DOMITÆ. Lat. Tame; domesticated; not wild. Applied to domestic animals, in which a man may have an absolute property. 2 Bl. Comm. 391.

DOMMAGES INTERETS. In French law. Damages.

DOMO REPARANDA. A writ that lay for one against his neighbor, by the anticipated fall of whose house he feared a damage and injury to his own. Reg. Orig. 153.

DOMUS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A house or dwelling; a habitation. Inst. 4, 4, 8; Townsh. Pl. 133-135. Bennet v. Bittle, 4 Rawle (Pa.) 342.


—Domus conversorum. An ancient house built or appointed by King Henry III, for such Jews as were converted to the Christian faith; but King Edward III., who expelled the Jews from the kingdom, deputed the place for the custody of the rolls and records of the chapter. Jacob.—Domus Dei. The house of God; a name applied to many hospitals and religious houses.—Domus mendicantium. A mendicant's house. 1 Hale, P. C. 556; State v. Brooks, 4 Conn. 446; State v. Sutcliffe, 4 Strob. (S. C.) 376.—Domus priorem. The house of lords, abbreviated into Dom. Proc. or D. P.

Domus sua cuique est tutissimum refugium. To every man his own house is his safest refuge. 5 Coke, 91b; 11 Coke, 82; 3 Inst. 160. The house of every one is to him as his castle and fortress, as well for his defense against injury and violence as for his repose. 5 Coke, 91b; Say. 227; Broom, Max. 432. A man's dwelling-house is his castle, not for his own personal protection merely, but also for the protection of his family and his property therein. Curtis v. Hubbard, 4 Hill (N. Y.) 437.

Domus tutissimum cuique refugium atque receptaculum sit. A man's house should be his safest refuge and shelter. A maxim of the Roman law. Dig. 2, 4, 18.

Domus clausa sunt semper suspicaciosa. 3 Coke, 81. Clandestine gifts are always suspicious.

Donari videtur, quod nullo jusre co-gente conceditur. Dig. 50, 17, 82. A thing is said to be given when it is yielded otherwise than by virtue of right.

DONATARIUS. A donee; one to whom something is given.

DONATIO. Lat. A gift. A transfer of the title to property to one who receives it without paying for it. Vieat. The act by which the owner of a thing voluntarily transfers the title and possession of the same from himself to another person, without any consideration. Its literal translation, "gift" has acquired in real law a more limited meaning, being applied to the conveyance of estates tail. 2 Bl. Comm. 316; Littleton, § 58; West, Symb. § 264; 4 Cruise, Dig. 51.

Classification. By the civil law (adopted into the English and American law) donations are either inter vivos (between living persons) or mortis causa (in anticipation of death). As to these forms see infra. A donation or gift as between living persons is called donatio vera or pura when it is a simple gift without compulsion or consideration, that is, resting solely on the generosity of the donor, as in the case of most charitable gifts. It is called donatio remuneratoria when given as a reward for past services, and donatio passiva or donation, as in the case of pensions and land-grants. It is called donatio sub modo (or modalis) when given for the attainment of some specific object or on condition that the donee shall do something not specially for the benefit of the donor, as in the case of the endowment of hospitals, colleges, etc., coupled with the condition that they shall be established and maintained. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 466; Fisk v. Flores, 43 Tex. 340; see v. Card, 14 Cal. 375. The following terms are also used: Donatio conditionalis, a conditional gift; donatio rerum; a gift made with reference to some service already done. (Fisk v. Flores, 43 Tex. 340). Donatio stricta et coercitura, a restricted gift, as an estate tail.

—Donatio inoECest. An inofficious (undue) gift; a gift of a thing so great as to be equivalent to his heir's property that the birthright portion of his heirs is diminished. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 468.

—Donatio inter vivos. A gift between the living. The ordinary kind of gift of any person to another. 2 Kent, Comm. 438; 2 Steph. Comm. 102. A term derived from the civil law. Inst. 2, 7. A donation inter vivos (between living persons) is an act by which the donee devests himself at present and irrevocably of the thing given in favor of the donee who accepts it. 21 Coke, 30b; 43 Tex. 340. Donatio mortis causa. A gift made by a person in sickness, who, apprehending his dissolution near, delivers, or causes to be delivered, to another the possession of any personal goods, to keep as his own in case of the donor's decease. 2 Bl. Comm. 514. The civil law defines it to be a gift with apprehension of death; that is, when anything is given upon condition that, if the donor dies, the donee shall possess it absolutely. The act should be done while the donor is alive or should repent of having made the gift, or if the donee should die before the donor. Adams v. Nicholas, 1 Miles (Pa.) 109-117. A gift in vico mortis, which is one which is made in contemplation, fear, or peril of death, and with intent that it shall take effect only in case of the death of the giver. Civ. Code, G. 1140. A donation mortis causa (in prospect of death) is an act to take effect when the donor shall no longer exist, by which he disposes of the whole or a part of his property, which is irrevocable. Civ. Code La. art. 1469.

—Donatio propter nuptias. A gift on account of marriage. In Florida. The following bridegroom's gift to the bride in anticipation of marriage and to secure her dowry was called "donatio auile nuptias," but by an ordinance of Justinian such gift might be made after as well as before marriage, and in that case it was called "donatio propter nuptias." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 572.


Donatio perfecta possessione accessorit. A gift is perfected (made complete) by the possession of the receiver. Jenk. Cent. 109, case 9. A gift is incomplete until possession is delivered. 2 Kent, Comm. 438.
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**DONATIO.** In ecclesiastical law. A mode of acquiring a benefice by deed of gift alone, without presentation, institution, or induction. 3 Steph. Comm. 23; Termes de la Ley.

**DONATOR.** A donor; one who makes a gift. *(donatio).*

**DONATORIUS.** A donee; a person to whom a gift is made; a purchaser. Bract. fol. 13, et seq.

**DONATORY.** The person on whom the king bestows his right to any forfeiture that has fallen to the crown.

**DONE.** Distinguished from "made." "A 'deed made' may no doubt mean an 'instrument made,' but a 'deed done' is not an 'instrument done,'—it is an 'act done,' and therefore these words, 'made and done,' apply to acts, as well as deeds." Lord Brougham, 4 Bell, App. Cas. 58.

**DONEE.** In old English law. He to whom lands were given; the party to whom a *donatio* was made.

In later law. He to whom lands or tenements are given in tail. Litt. § 57.

In modern and American law. The party executing a power; otherwise called the "appointer." 4 Kent, Comm. 316.

**DONIS, STATUTE DE.** See De Donis, the Statute.

**DONNEUR D'AVAL.** In French law. Guarantor of negotiable paper other than by indorsement.

**DONOR.** In old English law. He by whom lands were given to another; the party making a *donatio*.

In later law. He who gives lands or tenements to another in tail. Litt. § 57; Termes de la Ley.

In modern and American law. The party conferring a power. 4 Kent, Comm. 316.

**DONUM.** Lat. In the civil law. A gift; a free gift. Calvin. Distinguished from *munus.* Dig. 50, 16, 104.

**DOOM.** In Scotch law. Judicial sentence, or judgment. The decision or sentence of a court orally pronounced by an officer called a "dennister," "deemster." In modern usage, criminal sentences still end with the words "which is pronounced for doom."

**DOOMSDAY-BOOK.** See Domesday-Book.

**DOOR.** The place of usual entrance in a house, or into a room in the house. State v. McBeth, 49 Kan. 584, 31 Pac. 145.

**DORMANT.** Literally, sleeping; hence inactive; in abeyance; unknown; concealed.

Dormant claim. One which is in abeyance. Dormant execution. One which has not been satisfied, nor extinguished by lapse of time, but which has remained so long unexecuted that execution cannot now be issued upon it without first reviving the judgment, or one which has lost its lien on land from the failure to issue execution on it or take other steps to enforce it within the time limited by statute. 1 Black, Judgm. (2d Ed.) § 462; Draper v. Nixon, 93 Ala. 436, 4 South. 459. Dormant partner. See Partners.

**Dormiunt aliquando leges, nunquam moriuntur.** 2 Inst. 161. The laws sometimes sleep, never die.

**DORSUM.** Lat. The back. In *dorsum recordi,* on the back of the record. 5 Coke, 440.

**DORTURE.** (Contracted from dormiture.) A dormitory of a convent; a place to sleep in.

**DOS.** In Roman law. Dowry; a wife's marriage portion; all that property which on marriage is transferred by the wife herself or by another to the husband with a view of diminishing the burden which the marriage will entail upon him. It is of three kinds. *Proficissitatis dos* is that which is derived from the property of the wife's father or paternal grandfather. That dos is termed *adventitia* which is not *proficissitatis* in respect to its source, whether it is given by the wife from her own estate or by the wife's mother or a third person. It is termed *receptititia dos* when accompanied by a stipulation for its reclamation by the constitutus on the termination of the marriage. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 561, 563.

In old English law. The portion given to the wife by the husband at the church door, in consideration of the marriage; dowry; the wife's portion out of her deceased husband's estate in case he had not endowed her.

Dos rationabili. A reasonable marriage portion. A reasonable part of her husband's
estate, to which every widow is entitled, of lands of which her husband may have endowed her on the day of marriage. Co. Litt. 336. Dower, at common law. 2 Bl. Comm. 154.

Dos de dote peti non debet. Dower ought not to be demanded of dower. Co. Litt. 31; 4 Coke, 1225b. A widow is not dowable of lands assigned to another woman in dower. 1 Hill. Real Prop. 135.

Dos rationabilis vel legitima est causulis libet mulieris de quoeunquare tenemento tertia pars omnium terrarum et tene- mentorum, quae vir suas tenuit in domino suo ut de foedo, etc. Co. Litt. 336. Reasonable or legitimate dower belongs to every woman of a third part of all the lands and tenements of which her husband was seised in his demesne, as of fee, etc.

DOT. (A French word, adopted in Louisiana.) The fortune, portion, or dowry which a woman brings to her husband by the marriage.

DOTAGE. Dotage is that feeblemess of the mental faculties which proceeds from old age. It is a diminution or decay of that intellectual power which was once possessed. It is the slow approach of death; of that irrevocable cessation, without hurt or disease, of all the functions which once belonged to the living animal. The external functions gradually cease; the senses waste away by degrees; and the mind is imperceptibly visited by decay. Owings' Case, 1 Bla (Md.) 389, 17 Am. Dec. 311.

DOTAL. Relating to the dos or portion of a woman; constituting her portion; comprised in her portion.

Dotal property. In the civil law, in Louisiana, by this term is understood that property which the wife brings to the husband to assist him in bearing the expenses of the marriage establishment. Extradotal property, otherwise called "paraphernal property," is that which forms no part of the dowry. Civ. Code La. art. 2385; Pleitas v. Richardson, 147 U. S. 550, 13 Sup. Ct. 495, 37 L. Ed. 276.


DOTATION. The act of giving a dowry or portion; endowment in general, including the endowment of a hospital or other charitable institution.

DOTE, v. "To besoot" is to stupefy, to make dull or senseless, to make to dote; and "to dote" is to be delirious, silly, or insane. Gates v. Meredith, 7 Ind. 441.

DOTE ASSIGNANDA. A writ which lay for a widow, when it was judicially ascertained that a tenant to the king was seised of tenements in fee or fee-faitl at the day of his death, and that he held of the king in chief. In such case the widow might come into chancery, and then make oath that she would not marry without the king's leave, and then she might have this writ. These widows were called the "king's widows." Jacob; Holthouse.

DOTE UNDE NIHIL HABET. A writ which lies for a widow to whom no dower has been assigned. 3 Bl. Comm. 182. By 23 & 24 Vict. c. 126, an ordinary action commenced by writ of summons has taken its place; but it remains in force in the United States. Dower unde nihil habet (which title see.)

Dotti lex favet; premium pudoris est; ideo parceatur. Co. Litt. 31. The law favors dower; it is the reward of chastity; therefore let it be preserved.

DOTIS ADMINISTRATIO. Admeasurement of dower, where the widow holds more than her share, etc.

DOTISSA. A dowager.

DOUBLE. Twofold; acting in two capacities or having two aspects; multiplied by two. This term has ordinarily the same meaning in law as in popular speech. The principal compound terms into which it enters are noted below.

-Double adultery. Adultery committed by two persons each of whom is married to another as distinguished from "simple" adultery, where one of the participants is unmarried. Hunter v. U. S., 1 Pin. (Wls.) 91, 39 Am. Dec. 277.-Double avall of marriage. In Scotch law. Double the ordinary or single value of a marriage. Bell. See DUXEL AMOR MARRIAG. Double bond. In Scotch law. A bond with a penalty, as distinguished from a single bond. 2 Kames, Eq. 359.-Double complaint, or double quarrel. In ecclesiastical law. A grievance made known by a clerk or other person, to the archbishop of the province, against the ordinary, for delaying or refusing to do justice in some cause ecclesiastical, as to give sentence, institute a clerk, etc. It is termed a "double complaint," because it is most commonly made against both the judge and him at whose suit justice is denied or delayed; the effect whereof is that the archbishop, taking notice of the delay, directs his letters, under his authentic seal, to all clerks of his province, commanding them to admonish the ordinary, within a certain number of days, to do the justice required, or otherwise to appear before him or his official, and there allege the cause of his delay; and to signify to the ordinary that if he neither perform the thing enjoined, nor appear nor show cause against it, he himself, in his court of audience, will forthwith proceed to do the justice that is due.
DOUBLE — DOUBLE damages. See DAMAGES. — DOUBLE eagle. A gold coin of the United States of the value of twenty dollars. — DOUBLE entry. A system of keeping accounts of business transactions, by which the entries in the day-book, etc., are posted twice into the ledger. First, to a personal account; second, to an impersonal account, as "goodwill." Mosley & Whitby, T., p. 107, in English law. A fine sur done prant et rendre was called a "double fine," because it comprehended the fine sur cognizance, etc., some eco, etc., and a fine sur conscientia. 2 Bl. Comm. 335. — DOUBLE insurance is where divers insurances are made upon the same interest in the same subject against the same risks in favor of the same assured, in proportions exceeding the value. 1 Phill. Ins. §§ 329, 366. A double insurance exists where the same person is insured by several insurers separately in respect to the same subject and interest. Civ. Code Cal. § 2041; Wells v. Ins. Co. in 9 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 107; Insurance Co. v. Gwartz, 52 Pa. 529; Vose v. 209; Perkins v. Insurance Co., 12 Mass. 218; Lowell Mfr. Co. v. Safeguard F. Ins. Co., 88 N. Y. 605. — DOUBLE plea, DOUBLE possibility. See DIPLOMY. — PLEA: PLEADING. — DOUBLE possibility. A possibility upon a possibility. 2 Bl. Comm. 170. — DOUBLE rent. In English law, the possession of a premises, again in possession after the time for which he has given notice to quit, until the time of his quitting possession. Story, 49 Geor. II. c. 21. — DOUBLE taxation. The taxing of the same item or piece of property twice to the same person, or taxing it as the property of one person and again as the property of another, but this does not include the imposition of different taxes concurrently on the same property (e.g., a city tax and a school tax), nor the taxation of the same piece of property to different persons when they hold different interests in it or when it represents different values in their hands, as when both the mortgagor and mortgagee of property are taxed in respect to the interests in it, or when a tax is laid upon the capital or property of a corporation and also upon the value of its shares of stock in the hands of the separate stockholders. Cook v. Burlington, 59 Iowa 251, 13 N. W. 113, 44 Am. Rep. 679; Cheshire County Tel. Co. v. State, 63 N. H. 162; Nicolls v. M. & H. R. R. Co., 35 Ga. 17. — DOUBLE assessor. 91 Mich. 78, 51 N. W. 787, 16 L. R. A. 59. — DOUBLE use. In patent law. An application of a principle or process, previously known in some other form, but which does not lead to a new result or the production of a new article. De Lamar v. De Lamar Min. Co. (C. C.) 110 Fed. 542; In re Blandy, 3 Fed. Cas. 671. — DOUBLE value. In English law. This is a penalty on a tenant holding over after his landlord's notice to quit. By 4 Geo. II. c. 28, § 1, it is enacted that if any tenant for life or years hold over any lands, etc., after the determination of his estate, after demand made, and notice in writing given, for default in paying the rent, the landlord, or the person having the reversion or remainder therein, or his agent thereunto lawfully authorized, such tenant so holding over shall pay to the person so kept out of possession at the rate of double the yearly value of the lands, etc., so detained, for so long a time as the tenant so holding over continues in possession thereof. 2 Bl. Comm. 371. et seq. — DOUBLE vouch- er. This was when a common recovery was had. 1 Bl. Comm. 67. It was first conveyed to any indiffernt person against whom the praecipe was brought, and then he vouched the tenant in tall, who vouched over the common recover. 4 Bl. Comm. 671. If he had immediately against a tenant in tall, he barred only the estate in the premises of which he was then actually seized, whereas, if the recovery were had against another person, and the tenant in tall were vouched, it barred every latent right and interest which he might have in the lands recovered, the same. — DOUBLE waste. When a tenant bound to repair suffers a house to be wasted, and then unlawfully sells timber, it is considered a waste in fact, and a double waste. Co. Litt. 53. — DOUBLE will. A will in which two persons join, each leaving his property and estate to the other, so that the survivor takes the whole. Evans v. Smith, 25 Ga. 88, 73 Am. Dec. 751.


DOUBT. Uncertainty of mind; the absence of a settled opinion or conviction; the attitude of mind towards the acceptance of or belief in a proposition, theory, or statement, in which the judgment is not at rest but inclines alternately to either side. Rowe v. Baber. 93 Ala. 422, 8 South. 865; Smith v. Railway Co., 143 Mo. 33, 44 S. W. 718; West Jersey Traction Co. v. Camden Horse R. Co., 52 N. J. Eq. 452, 29 Atl. 333.

Reasonable doubt. This is a term often used, probably pretty well understood, but not easily defined. It is found in evidence, because every living being has a right to his property, and a right to his liberty, and every other right. It is that state of the case which, after the entire comparison and consideration of all the evidence, leaves the minds of jurors in that condition that they cannot say they feel an abiding conviction to a moral certainty of the truth of the charge. Donnelly v. State, 26 N. J. Law, 601, 615. A reasonable doubt is deemed to exist, within the rule that the jury should not convict unless satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt, when the evidence is not sufficient to satisfy the judgment of the truth of a proposition with such certainty that a prudent man would feel safe in acting upon it in his own important affairs. Arnold v. State, 23 Ind. 170. The burden of proof is upon the prosecutor. All the presumptions of law independent of evidence are in favor of innocence; and every person is presumed to be innocent until he is proved guilty. A double proof there is reasonable doubt remaining, the accused is entitled to the benefit of it by an acquittal; for it is not sufficient to establish a probability, though a strong one, and one which is free from all chance of error; for the evidence must establish the truth of the fact to a reasonable and moral certainty, a certainty that convinces and directs the understanding and satisfies the reason and judgment of those who are bound to act conscientiously upon it. This is proof beyond reasonable doubt; because if the law, which mostly depends upon considerations of a moral nature, should determine this, and would not require a certain, it would exclude all evidence altogether. Per Shaw, C. J., in Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 321. Borrow, the evidence was insufficient, yet the accu-
DOUBTFUL TITLE. One as to the validity of which there exists some doubt, either as to matter of fact or of law; one which invites or exposes the party holding it to litigation. Distinguished from a "marketable" title, which is of such a character that the courts will compel its acceptance by a purchaser who has agreed to buy the property or has bid it in at public sale. Herman v. Souers, 158 Pa. 424, 27 Atl. 1030, 38 Am. St. Rep. 851.

DOUN. L. F. A gift. Otherwise written "dow" and "downe." The thirty-fourth chapter of Britton is entitled "De Downa."

DOVE. Doves are animals "fors natura," and not the subject of larceny unless they are in the owner's custody; as, for example, in a dove-house, or when in the nest before they can fly. Com. v. Chace, 9 Pick. (Mass.) 15, 19 Am. Dec. 348; Ruckman v. Outwater, 28 N. J. Law, 581.

DOWABLE. Subject to be charged with dower; as dowerable lands. Entitled or entitled to dower. Thus, a dowerable interest in lands is such as entitles the husband to have such lands charged with dower.

DOWAGER. A widow who is endowed, or who has a jointure in lieu of dower. In England, this is a title or addition given to the widows of princes, dukes, earls, and other noblemen, to distinguish them from the wives of the heirs, who have right to bear the title. 1 Bl. Comm. 224.

-Dowage-queen. The widow of the king. As such she enjoys most of the privileges belonging to her as queen consort. It is not treason to conspire her death or violate her chastity, because the succession to the crown is not thereby endangered. No man, however, can marry her without a special license from the sovereign, on pain of forfeiting his lands or goods. 1 Bl. Comm. 233.

DOVER. The provision which the law makes for a widow out of the lands or tenements of her husband, for her support and the nurture of her children. Co. Litt. 304a; 2 Bl. Comm. 130; 4 Kent, Comm. 33: 1 Washb. Real Prop. 146; Chaplin v. Hill, 1 R. I. 452; Hill v. Mitchell, 5 Ark. 610; Smith v. Hines, 10 Fl. 238; Hoy v. Varner, 100 Va. 600, 42 S. E. 690.

Dower is an estate for the life of the widow in a certain portion of the following real estate of her husband, to which she has not relinquished her right during the marriage: (1) Of all lands of which the husband was seised in fee during the marriage; (2) of all lands to which another was seised in fee to his use; (3) of all lands to which, at the time of his death, he had a perfect equity, having paid all the purchase money therefor. Code Ala., 1896, § 1892.

The term is both technically and in popular acceptation, has reference to real estate exclusively.

"Dower," in modern use, is and should be distinguished from "dowry." The former is a provision for a widow on her husband's death; the latter is a bride's portion on her marriage. Wendler v. Lambeth, 163 Mo. 428, 63 S. W. 684.

-Dower ad ostium ecclesiae. Dower at the church door or porch. An ancient kind of dower in England, where a man, owning tenement in fee-simple, of full age, openly at the church door, where all marriages were formerly celebrated, after alliance made and troth plighted between them, endowed his wife with the whole of his lands, or such quantity as he pleased, at the same time specifying and ascertaining the same. 2 Bl. Comm. 132; 2 Steph. Comm. 302; 4 Kent, Comm. 35.

-Dower by custom. A kind of dower in England, regulated by custom, where the quantity allowed the wife differed from the proportion of the common law; as that the wife should have half the husband's lands; or, in some places, the whole; and, in some, only a quarter. 2 Bl. Comm. 132; Litt. § 37.

-Dow-er de la plus belle. L. F. Dower of the fairest part. A species of ancient English dower, incident to the old tenures, where there was a guardian in chivalry, and the wife occupied lands of the heir as guardian in socage. If the wife brought a writ of dower against such guardian in chivalry, he might show this matter, and pray that the wife might be endowed de la plus belle of the tenement in socage. Litt. § 48. This kind of dower was abolished with the military tenures. 2 Bl. Comm. 132.

-Dower ex aseman patria. Dower by the father's ancestor. A species of dower ad ostium ecclesiae, made when the husband's father was alive, and the son, by his consent expressly given, endowed his wife with parcel of his father's lands. Litt. § 40; 2 Bl. Comm. 133; Grogan v. Garrison, 27 Ohio St. 61.-Dower unde nihil habet. A writ of right which lay for a widow to whom no dower had been assigned.

DOWLE STONES. Stones dividing lands, etc. Cowell.


DOWRESS. A woman entitled to dower; a tenant in dower. 2 P. Wms. 707.

DOWRY. The property which a woman brings to her husband in marriage; now more commonly called a "portion." By dowry is meant the effects which the wife brings to the husband to support the expenses of marriage. Civil Code La. art. 2937.

This word expresses the proper meaning of the "dow" of the Roman, the "doti" of the French, and the "dote" of the Spanish law, but is a very different thing from "dower,"
with which it has sometimes been confounded.

By dowry, in the Louisiana Civil Code, is meant the effects which the wife brings to the husband to support the expenses of marriage. It is given to the husband, to be enjoyed by him so long as the marriage shall last, and the income of it belongs to him. He alone has the administration of it during marriage, and his wife cannot deprive him of it. The real estate settled as dowry is inalienable during marriage, unless the marriage contract contains a stipulation to the contrary. De Young v. De Young, 6 La. Ann. 786.

DOZEIN. L. Fr. Twelve; a person twelve years of age. St. 18 Edw. II.; Barring. Ob. St. 206.

DOZEN PEERS. Twelve peers assembled at the instance of the barons, in the reign of Henry III., to be privy counselors, or rather conservators of the kingdom.

DR. An abbreviation for "doctor;" also, in commercial usage, for "debtor," indicating the items or particulars in a bill or in an account-book chargeable against the person to whom the bill is rendered or in whose name the account stands, as opposed to "Cr." ("credit" or "creditor"), which indicates the items for which he is given credit. Jaqua v. Shewalter, 10 Ind. App. 234, 37 N. E. 1072.

DRACHMA. A term employed in old pleadings and records, to denote a great Townsh. Fl. 190.

An Athenian silver coin, of the value of about fifteen cents.

DRAKO REGIS. The standard, ensign, or military colors borne in war by the ancient kings of England, having the figure of a dragon painted thereon.

DRACONIAN LAWS. A code of laws prepared by Draco, the celebrated lawgiver of Athens. These laws were exceedingly severe, and the term is now sometimes applied to any laws of unusual harshness.

DRAFT. The common term for a bill of exchange; as being drawn by one person on another. Hinnewann v. Rosenback, 39 N. Y. 100; Douglass v. Wilkeson, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 643.

An order for the payment of money drawn by one person on another. It is said to be a Novem generalissimum, and to include all such orders. Wilkes v. Savage, 1 Story, 30, 29 Fed. Cas. 1228; State v. Warner, 90 Kan. 94, 56 Pac. 342.

Draft also signifies a tentative, provisional, or preparatory writing out of any document (as a will, contract, lease, etc.) for purposes of discussion and correction, and which is afterwards to be copied out in its final shape.

Also a small arbitrary deduction or allowance made to a merchant or importer, in the case of goods sold by weight or taxable by weight, to cover possible loss of weight in handling or from differences in scales. Marriott v. Brune, 9 How. 633, 13 L. Ed. 282; Seeberger v. Mfg. Co., 157 U. S. 183, 15 Sup. Ct. 583, 39 L. Ed. 665; Napoleon v. Barney, 17 Fed. Cas. 1149.

DRAFTSMAN. Any one who draws or frames a legal document, e. g., a will, conveyance, pleading, etc.

DRAGOMAN. An interpreter employed in the east, and particularly at the Turkish court.

DRAIN, v. To make dry; to draw off water; to rid land of its superfluous moisture by adapting or improving natural watercourses and supplementing them, when necessary, by artificial ditches. People v. Parks, 58 Cal. 639.

DRAIN, n. A trench or ditch to convey water from wet land; a channel through which water may flow off.

The word has no technical legal meaning. Any hollow space in the ground, natural or artificial, where water is collected and passes off, is a ditch or drain. Goldthwait v. East Bridge-water, 8 Gray (Mass.) 61.

The word "drain" also sometimes denotes the easement or servitude (acquired by grant or prescription) which consists in the right to drain water through another's land. See 3 Kent, Comm. 436.

DRA. In common parlance, this term means a drink of some substance containing alcohol, something which can produce intoxication. Lacy v. State, 32 Tex. 228.

-Dram-shop. A drinking saloon, where liquors are sold to be drunk on the premises. Wright v. People, 101 Ill. 129; Brockway v. State, 36 Ark. 436; Com. v. Marzynski, 149 Mass. 68, 21 N. E. 228.

DRAMATIC COMPOSITION. In copyright law. A literary work setting forth a story, incident, or scene from life, in which, however, the narrative is not related, but is represented by a dialogue and action; may include a descriptive poem set to music, or a pantomime, but not a composition for musical instruments alone, nor a mere spectacular exhibition or stage dance. Daly v. Paluer, 6 Fed. Cas. 1132; Carte v. Duff (C. C.) 25 Fed. 183; Tompkins v. Halleck, 133 Mass. 35, 43 Am. Rep. 480; Russell v. Smith, 12 Adol. & El. 236; Martinetti v. McGuire, 16 Fed. Cas. 920; Fuller v. Demis (C. C.) 50 Fed. 920.

DRAW, n. 1. A movable section of a bridge, which may be raised up or turned to one side, so as to admit the passage of vessels. Gildersleeve v. Railroad Co. (D. C.) 82 Fed. 706; Hughes v. Railroad Co.
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(C.C.) 18 Fed. 114; Railroad Co. v. Daniels, 90 Ga. 608, 17 S. E. 647.

2. A depression in the surface of the earth, in the nature of a shallow ravine or gulch, sometimes many miles in length, forming a channel for the escape of rain and melting snow draining into it from either side. Railroad Co. v. Sutherland, 44 Neb. 526, 62 N. W. 859.

DRAW, v. In old criminal practice. To drag (on a hurdle) to the place of execution. Anciently no hurdle was allowed, but the criminal was actually dragged along the road to the place of execution. A part of the ancient punishment of traitors was the being thus drawn. 4 Bl. Comm. 92, 377.

In mercantile law. To draw a bill of exchange is to write (or cause it to be written) and sign it.

In pleading, conveyancing, etc. To prepare a draft; to compose and write out in due form, as, a deed, complaint, petition, memorial.


In practice. To draw a jury is to select the persons who are to compose it, either by taking their names successively, but at hazard, from the jury box, or by summoning them individually to attend the court. Smith v. State, 138 Ala. 1, 34 South. 168.

In fiscal law and administration. To take out money from a bank, treasury, or other depository in the exercise of a lawful right and in a lawful manner. "No money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by law." Const. U. S. art. 1, § 9. But to "draw a warrant" is not to draw the money; it is to make or execute the instrument which authorizes the drawing of the money. Brown v. Fleischner, 4 Or. 149.

DRAWBACK. In the customs laws, this term denotes an allowance made by the government upon the duties due on imported merchandise when the importer, instead of selling it here, re-exports it; or the refunding of such duties if already paid. This allowance amounts, in some cases, to the whole of the original duties; in others, to a part only.

A drawback is a device resorted to for enabling a commodity affected by taxes to be exported and sold in the foreign market on the same terms as if it had not been taxed at all. It differs in this from a bounty, that the latter enables a commodity to be sold for less than its natural cost, whereas a drawback enables it to be sold exactly at its natural cost. Downs v. U. S., 113 Fed. 144, 51 C. C. A. 100.

DRAWEE. A person to whom a bill of exchange is addressed, and who is requested to pay the amount of money therein mentioned.

DRAWER. The person making a bill of exchange and addressing it to the drawee. Stevenson v. Walton, 2 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 265; Winnebago County State Bank v. Hustel, 119 Iowa, 115, 88 N. W. 70.

DRAWING. In patent law. A representation of the appearance of material objects by means of lines and marks upon paper, card-board, or other substance. Ampt v. Cincinnati, 8 Ohio Dec. 628.

DRAWLATCHES. Thieves; robbers. Cowell.

DRAWORD. A charge for the transportation of property in wheeled vehicles, such as drays, wagons, and carts. Soule v. San Francisco Gaslight Co., 54 Cal. 242.


DRENCHES, or DRENGES. In Saxon law. Tenants in capite. They are said to be such at the coming of some claim, the Conqueror, being put out of their estates, were afterwards restored to them, on their making it appear that they were the true owners thereof, and neither in auzillo or consello against him. Spelman.

DRENGEAGE. The tenure by which the drenches, or drenge, held their lands.

DRIFT. In mining law. An underground passage driven horizontally along the course of a mineralized vein or approximately so. Distinguished from "shaft," which is an opening made at the surface and extending downward into the earth vertically, or nearly so, upon the vein or intended to reach it; and from "tunnel," which is a lateral or horizontal passage underground intended to reach the vein or mineral deposit, where drifting may begin. Jungerson v. Diller, 114 Cal. 491, 46 Pac. 610, 55 Am. St. Rep. 83.

In old English law. A driving, especially of cattle.

Driftland, droeland, or dryland. A Saxon word, signifying a tribute or yearly payment made by some tenants to the king, or their landlords, for driving their cattle through a manor to fairs or markets. Cowell.—Drifts of the forest. A view or examination of what cattle are in a forest, chase, etc., that it may be known whether it be surcharged or not; and whose the beasts are, and whether they are commonable. These drifts are made at certain times in the year by the officers of the forest, when all cattle are driven into one pound or place inclosed, for the before-mentioned purposes, and also to discover whether any cattle of strangers be there, which ought not to be common. Mannwood, p. 2. c. 15.—Driftway. A road or way over which cattle are driven. 1 Taunt. 279. Smith v. Ladd, 41 Me. 314.

DRIFT-STUFF. This term signifies, not goods which are the subject of salvage, but
matters floating at random, without any known or discoverable ownership, which, if cast ashore, will probably never be reclaimed, but will, as a matter of course, accrue to the riparian proprietor. Watson v. Knowles, 13 R. I. 641.

**DRINCLEAN.** Sax. A contribution of tenants, in the time of the Saxons, towards a potation, or ale, provided to entertain the lord, or his steward. Cowell. See CENVISARI.

**DRINKING-SHOP.** A place where intoxicating liquors are sold, bartered, or delivered to be drunk on the premises. Portland v. Schmidt, 13 Or. 17, 6 Pac. 221.

**DRIP.** A species of easement or servitude obligating one man to permit the water falling from another man's house to fall upon his own land. 3 Kent, Comm. 438.

**DRIVER.** One employed in conducting a coach, carriage, wagon, or other vehicle, with horses, mules, or other animals, or a bicycle, tricycle, or motor car, though not a street railroad car. See Davis v. Petrinoich, 112 Ala. 654, 21 South. 344, 36 L. R. A. 615; Gen. St. Conn. 1902, I 2038; Isaacs v. Railroad Co., 47 N. Y. 122, 7 Am. Rep. 418.

**DROFEND, or DRODENNE.** A grove or woody place where cattle are kept. Jacob.

**DROFLAND.** Sax. A quit rent, or yearly payment, formerly made by some tenants to the king, or their landlords, for *driving* their cattle through a manor to fairs or markets. Cowell; Blount.

**DROIT.** In French law. Right, justice, equity, law, the whole body of law; also a right.

This term exhibits the same ambiguity which is discoverable in the German equivalent, *recht* and the English word *right.* On the one hand, these terms answer to the Roman *ius,* and thus indicate law in the abstract, considered as the foundation of all rights, or the complex of underlying moral principles which impart the character of justice to all positive law, or give it an ethical content. Taken in this abstract sense, the terms may be adjectives, in which case they are equivalent to "just," or nouns, in which case they may be paraphrased by the expressions "justice," "morality," or "equity." On the other hand, they serve to point out a right; that is, a power, privilege, faculty, or demand, inherent in one person, and incident upon another. In the latter signification, *droit* (or *recht* or *right*) is the correlative of "duty" or "obligation." In the former sense, it may be considered as opposed to wrong, injustice, or the absence of law. *Droit* has the further ambiguity that it is sometimes used to denote the existing body of law considered as one whole, or the sum total of a number of individual laws taken together. See *Jus*; *Recht*; *Right*.

—Droit d'assemblée. That property which is acquired by making a new species out of the material subject to the Roman *specification.*—Droit d'assemblée. A rule by which all the property of a deceased foreigner, or of a movable or immovable, was confiscated to the use of the state, to the exclusion of his heirs, whether claiming *en intestat* or under the will of the deceased. Finally abolished in 1819. Opel v. Shrop, 100 Iowa, 407, 69 N. W. 590, 37 L. R. A. 553.—Droit d'assemblée. The right of a stockbroker to sell the securities bought by him for account of a client, if the latter does not accept delivery thereof. The same expression is also applied to the sale by a stockbroker of securities deposited with him by his client, in order to guaranty the payment of operations for which the latter has given instructions. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 557.—Droit de biais. A right formerly claimed by the lords of the coasts of certain parts of France, to shipwrecks, by which not all the property of those who were cast away, were confiscated for the prince who was lord of the coast. Otherwise called "droit de bris sur la naufrage." This right of the coast chieftain was solemnly abrogated by Henry III. as duke of Normandy, Aquitaine, and Guienne, in a charter granted in 1229, reserved among the rolls at Bordeaux.—Droit de biais. In French feudal law. Right of ward. The guardianship of the estate and person of a noble vassal, to which the king, during his minority, was entitled. Steph. Lec. 250.—Droit de biais. In French feudal law. The duty incumbent on a vassal, holding lands within the royal domain, of supplying board and lodging to the king and to his suite while on a royal progress. Steph. Lec. 351.—Droit de greffe. In old French law. The right of selling various offices connected with the custody of judicial records or notarial acts. Steph. Lec. 354. A privilege of the French kings. —Droit de maîtrise. In old French law. A charge payable to the crown by any one who, after having served his apprenticeship in any commercial or religious brotherhood, sought to become a master workman in it on his own account. Steph. Lec. 354.—Droit de maître. In French feudal law. The duty incumbent on a vassal, supplying to the king's credit, during a certain period, such articles of domestic consumption as might be required for the royal household. Steph. Lec. 354.—Droit de maîtrise. In French feudal law. A relief payable by a noble vassal to the king as his seigneur, on every change in the ownership of his fief. Steph. Lec. 350.—Droit de maître. The right of a creditor to pursue the debtor's property into the hands of third persons for the enforcement of his claim. —Droits civils. This phrase in French law denotes private rights, the exercise of which is independent of the status (qualification) of citizens. Foreigners enjoy them; and the extent of that enjoyment is determined by the principle of reciprocity. Conversely, foreigners may be sued on contracts made by them in France. *En France, bien étranger.* In French law. (The written law.) The Roman civil law, or *Corpus Juris Civilis.* Steph. Lec. 120.—Droit international. International law. —Droit maritime. Maritime law.

In old English law. Law; right; a writ of right. Co. Litt. 1588.

—Autre droit. The right of another. —Droit-clos. An ancient writ, directed to the lord of ancient demesne on behalf of those of his tenants who held their lands as fiefs by charter in fee-simple, in fee-tail, for life, or in
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—Droit-droit. A double right; that is, the right of possession and the right of property. These two rights were, by the theory of our ancient law, distinct; and the above phrase was used to indicate the concurrence of both in one person, which concurrence was necessary to constitute a complete title to land. Mosley & Whittier.—Droits de admiralty. Rights or perquisites of the admiralty. A term applied to goods found derelict at sea. Applied also to property captured in time of war by non-commissioned vessels of a belligerent nation. 1 Kent, Comm. 96.

Droit ne done plus que soit demandé. The law gives not more than is demanded. 2 Inst. 286.

Droit ne peut pas mortel. Right cannot die. Jenk. Cent. 100, case 95.

DROITURAL. What belongs of right; relating to right; as real actions are either droitural or possessory.—droitural when the plaintiff seeks to recover the property. Finch, Law, 257.

DROMONES, DROMOS, DROMUNDA. These were at first high ships of great burden, but afterwards those which we now call "men-of-war." Jacob.

DROP. In English practice. When the members of a court are equally divided on the argument showing cause against a rule nisi, no order is made, i.e., the rule is neither discharged nor made absolute, and the rule is said to drop. In practice, there being a right to appeal, it has been usual to make an order in one way, the junior judge withdrawing his judgment. Wharton.

DROP-LETTER. A letter addressed for delivery in the same city or district in which it is posted.

DROVE. A number of animals collected and driven together in a body; a flock or herd of cattle in process of being driven; indefinite as to number, but including at least several. Caldwell v. State, 2 Tex. App. 54; McConville v. Jersey City, 39 N. J. Law, 43.


DROWN. To merge or sink. "In some cases a right of freehold shall drown in a chattel." Co. Litt. 596a, 321a.

DRU. A thicket of wood in a valley. Domeday.


DRUGGIST. A dealer in drugs; one whose business is to sell drugs and medicines. In strict usage, this term is to be distinguished from "apothecary." A druggist deals in the uncompounded medicinal substances; the business of an apothecary is to mix and compound them. But in America the two words are used interchangeably, as the same persons usually discharge both functions. State v. Holmes, 28 La. Ann. 707, 28 Am. Rep. 110; Haluline v. Com., 13 Bush (Ky.) 352; State v. Donaldson, 41 Minn. 74, 42 N. W. 781.

DRUMMER. A term applied to commercial agents who travel for wholesale merchants and supply the retail trade with goods, or take orders for goods to be shipped to the retail dealer. Robbins v. Shelby County Taxing Dist., 120 U. S. 489, 7 Sup. Ct. 592, 30 L. Ed. 694; Singleton v. Fritsch, 4 Lea (Tenn.) 96; Thomas v. Hot Springs, 34 Ark. 557, 36 Am. Rep. 24; Strain v. Chicago Portrait Co. (C. C.) 123 Fed. 835.

DRUNGARIUS. In old European law. The commander of a drungus, or band of soldiers. Applied also to a naval command- er. Spelman.

DRUNGUS. In old European law. A band of soldiers, (globus militum.) Spelman.

DRUNK. A person is "drunk" when he is so far under the influence of liquor that his passions are visibly excited or his judgment impaired, or when his brain is so far affected by potions of liquor that his intelligence, sense-perceptions, judgment, continuity of thought or of Ideas, speech, and co-ordination of volition with muscular action (or some of these faculties or processes) are impaired or not under normal control. State v. Pierce, 65 Iowa, 85, 21 N. W. 105; Elkin v. Buschser (Pa.) 16 Atl. 104; Sapp v. State, 116 Ga. 182, 42 S. E. 411; Ring v. Ring, 112 Ga. 554, 38 S. E. 330; State v. Savage, 69 Ala. 1, 7 South. 183, 7 L. R. A. 426; Lewis v. Jones, 59 Barb. (N. Y.) 607.

DRUNKARD. He is a drunkard whose habit it is to get drunk; whose ebriety has
become habitual. The terms "drunkard" and "habitual drunkard" mean the same thing. Com. v. Whitney, 5 Gray (Mass.) 83; Gourlay v. Gourlay, 16 R. I. 705, 19 Att. 142.

A "common" drunkard is defined by statute in some states as a person who has been convicted of drunkenness (or proved to have been drunk) a certain number of times within a limited period. State v. Kelly, 12 R. I. 535; State v. Flynn, 16 R. I. 10, 11 Att. 170. Elsewhere the word "common" in this connection is understood as being equivalent to "habitual." (State v. Savage, 89 Ala. 1, 7 South. 183, 7 L. R. A. 426; Com. v. McNamee, 112 Mass. 256; Commonwealth v. Elkins, 36 N. J. 823;) or perhaps as synonymous with "public," (Com. v. Whitney, 5 Gray [Mass.] 86.)

DRUNKENNESS. In medical jurisprudence. The condition of a man whose mind is affected by the immediate use of intoxicating drinks; the state of one who is "drunk." See DRUNK.

DRY. In the vernacular, this term means desiccated or free from moisture; but, in legal use, it signifies formal or nominal, without imposing any duty or responsibility, or unfruitful, without bringing any profit or advantage.

-Dry exchange. See EXCHANGE.—Dry mortgage. One which creates a lien on land for the payment of money, but does not impose any personal liability upon the mortgagor, collateral to or over and above the value of the premises. Frowenfeld v. Hastings, 134 Cal. 126; 59 Pac. 17; R. 12, 70 Wis. 827; 36 N. J. 823; or perhaps as synonymous with "public," (Com. v. Whitney, 5 Gray [Mass.] 86.)


DUARCHY. A form of government where two reign jointly.

Dans uxores eodem tempore habere non licet. It is not lawful to have two wives at the same time. Inst. 1, 10, 6; 1 Bl. Comm. 436.

DUBITANS. Doubting. Dobbin, J., dubitans. 1 Show. 354.

DUBITANTE. Doubting. Is affixed to the name of a judge, in the reports, to signify that he doubted the decision rendered.

DUBITATUR. It is doubted. A word frequently used in the reports to indicate that a point is considered doubtful.


DUCAT. A foreign coin, varying in value in different countries, but usually worth about $2.20 of our money.

DUCATUS. In feudal and old English law. A duchy, the dignity or territory of a duke.

DUCES TECUM. (Lat. Bring with you.) The name of certain species of writs, of which the subpena duces tecum is the most usual, requiring a party who is summoned to appear in court to bring with him some document, piece of evidence, or other thing to be used or inspected by the court.

DUCES TECUM LICET LANGUIDUS. (Bring with you, although sick.) In practice. An ancient writ, now obsolete, directed to the sheriff, upon a return that he could not bring his prisoner without danger of death, he being adeo languidus, (so sick;) whereupon the court granted a habeas corpus in the nature of a duces tecum licet languidus. Cowell; Blount.

DUCY OF LANCASTER. Those lands which formerly belonged to the dukes of Lancaster, and now belong to the crown in right of the duchy. The duchy is distinct from the county palatine of Lancaster, and includes all territory surrounding the city of Lancaster, at a distance from it, especially the Savoy in London and some land near Westminster. 3 Bl. Comm. 78.

-Duchy court of Lancaster. A tribunal of special jurisdiction, held before the chancellor of the duchy, or his deputy, concerning all matters of equity relating to lands helden of the crown in right of the duchy of Lancaster; which is a thing very distinct from the county palatine, (which has also its separate chancery, for sealing of writs, and the like,) and comprises much territory which lies at a vast distance from it; as particularly a very large district surrounded by the city of Westminster. The proceedings in this court are the same as were those on the equity side of the court of chancery, so that it seems not to be a court of record; and, indeed, it has been held that the court of chancery has a concurrent jurisdiction with the duchy court, and may take cognizance of the same causes. The appeal from this court lies to the court of appeal. Jud. Act 1873, § 18; 3 Bl. Comm. 78.

DUCKING-STOOL. See CASTIGATORY.

DUCROIRE. In French law. Guaranty; equivalent to del credere, (which see.)

DUE. 1. Just; proper; regular; lawful; sufficient; as in the phrases "due care," "due process of law," "due notice."

2. Owing; payable; justly owed. That which one contracts to pay or perform to another; that which law or justice requires to be paid or done.

3. Owed, or owing, as distinguished from payable. A debt is often said to be due from
a person where he is the party owing it, or primarily bound to pay, whether the time for payment has or has not arrived.

4. Payable. A bill or note is commonly said to be due when the time for payment of it has arrived.

The word "due" always imports a fixed and ascertained right to demand the payment or satisfaction. It is tantamount to saying that the right to the demand is a present one, and that the time for its performance is a past one. So, it is commonly said that a bill or note is due when matured and due, and that is the time at which the holder is entitled to demand its payment. In all cases of bills, notes, and other instruments of debt, the due date is the date at which the instrument was made and not the date of maturity. In cases of notes and bills of exchange, the due date is the date of the instrument, and not the date of its maturity.

Due. Just, proper, and sufficient care, so far as the circumstances demand it; the absence of negligence. This term, as usually understood in cases where the gist of the action is the defendant's negligence, implies not only that a party has not been negligent or careless, but that he has been guilty of no violation of a duty in relation to the subject-matter of the contract. If a party has not been guilty of negligence, he has not been guilty of a breach of the contract.

DUE BILL. A brief written acknowledgment of a debt. It is not made payable to order, like a promissory note. See Seefer
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v. Feerer, 93 Md. 716, 50 Atl. 406; Marrigan v. Page, 4 Humph. (Tenn.) 247; Currier v. Lockwood, 40 Conn. 350, 16 Am. Rep. 40; Lee v. Balcom, 9 Colo. 216, 11 Pac. 74. See 1 O. U.

DUEL. A duel is any combat with deadly weapons, fought between two or more persons, by previous agreement or upon a previous quarrel. Pen. Code Cal. § 225; State v. Fritz, 133 N. C. 725, 45 S. E. 957; State v. Herrlott, 1 McMul. (S. C.) 130; Bassett v. State, 44 Fla. 2, 33 South. 262; Davis v. Modern Woodmen, 98 Mo. App. 713, 75 S. W. 923.

DUELLUM. The trial by battle or judicial combat. See BATTLE.


DUKE, in English law, is a title of nobility, ranking immediately next to the Prince of Wales. It is only a title of dignity. Conferring it does not give any domain, territory, or jurisdiction over the place whence the title is taken. DUCHESS, the consort of a duke. Wharton.

DUKE OF EXETER’S DAUGHTER. The name of a rack in the Tower, so called after a minister of Henry VI. who sought to introduce it into England.

DULOCRACY. A government where servants and slaves have so much license and privilege that they domineer. Wharton.


DUM. Lat. While; as long as; until; upon condition that; provided that.

—Dum bene se gesserit. While he shall conduct himself well; during good behavior. Expressive of a tenure of office not dependent upon the pleasure of the appointing power, nor for a limited period, but terminable only upon the death or misconduct of the incumbent. — Dum servit opus. While the work glows; in the heat of action. 1 Kent, Comm. 120.—Dum fuit in prisia. In English law. A writ which lay for a man who had aliened lands under duress by imprisonment, to restore him his proper estates. 2 Inst. 482. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.—Dum fuit infra statum. (While he was within age.) In old English practice. A writ of entry which formerly lay for an infant after he had attained his full age, to recover lands which he had aliened in fee, in tail, or for life, during his infancy; and, after his death, his heir had the same remedy. Reg. Orig. 2286; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 192. G; Litt. § 406; Co. Litt. 247b.—Dum non fuit composit mensis. The name of a writ which the heirs of a person who was non com- pos mensis, and who aliened his lands, might have sued out to restore him to his rights. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.—Dum re- cessus fuit maleficium. While the offense was fresh. A term employed in the old law of appeal of rape. Bract. fol. 147.—Dum sola. While sole, or single. Dum sola fuit, while she shall remain sole. Dum sola et causa via- crit, while she lives single and chaste. Words of limitation in old conveyances. Co. Litt. 239a. Also applied generally to an unmarried woman in connection with something that was or might be done during that condition.

DUMB. One who cannot speak; a person who is mute.

DUMB-BIDDING. In sales at auction, when the minimum amount which the owner will take for the article is written on a piece of paper, and placed by the owner under a candlestick, or other thing, and it is agreed that no bidding shall avail unless equal to that, this is called "dumb-bidding." Bab. Auct. 44.

DUMMODO. Provided; provided that. A word of limitation in the Latin forms of conveyances, of frequent use in introducing a reservation; as in reserving a rent.

DUN. A mountain or high open place. The names of places ending in dun or don were either built on hills or near them in open places.

DUNA. In old records. A bank of earth cast up; the side of a ditch. Cowell.

DUNGEON. Such an under-ground prison or cell as was formerly placed in the strongest part of a fortress; a dark or subterraneous prison.

DUNIO. A double; a kind of base coin less than a farthing.

DUNNAGE. Pieces of wood placed against the sides and bottom of the hold of a vessel, to preserve the cargo from the effect of leakage; according to its nature and quality. Abb. Shipp. 227.

There is considerable resemblance between dunnage and ballast. The latter is used for trimming the ship, and bringing it down to a draft of water proper and safe for sailing. Dunnage is placed under the cargo to keep it from being wetted by water getting into the hold, or between the different parcels to
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DUNSETS. People that dwell on hilly places or mountains. Jacob.

Deo non possunt in solido unus rem possidere. Two cannot possess one thing in entirety. Co. Litt. 368.

Deo sunt instrumenta ad omnes res sanctas confirmandas aut impugnandas, ratio et authority. There are two instruments for confirming or impugning all things, — reason and authority. 8 Coke, 16.

DUODECIMARILE JUDICLUM. The trial by twelve men, or by jury. Applied to juries de mediate actus linguæ. Mol. de Jure Mar. 448.

DUODECIMA MANUS. Twelve hands. The oaths of twelve men, including himself, by whom the defendant was allowed to make his law. 3 Bl. Comm. 343.


DUODENA MANU. A dozen hands, &c., twelve witnesses to purge a criminal of an offense.

Duorum in solidum dominium vel possesso esse non possit. Ownership or possession in entirety cannot be in two persons of the same thing. Dig. 15, 6, 6, 15; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 245. Bract. fol. 239.

DUPLA. In the civil law. Double the price of a thing. Dig. 21, 2, 2.

DUPLEX QUERELA. A double complaint. An ecclesiastical proceeding, which is in the nature of an appeal from an ordinary’s refusal to institute, to his next immediate superior; as from a bishop to the archbishop. If the superior adjudges the cause of refusal to be insufficient, he will grant institution to the appellant. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 440.

DULPESX VALOR MARITAGI. In old English law. Double the value of the marriage. While an infant was in ward, the guardian had the power of tendering him or her a suitable match, without disapprobation, which if the infants refused, they forfeited the value of the marriage to their guardian, that is, so much as a jury would assess or any one would give to the guardian for such an alliance; and, if the infants married themselves without the guardian’s consent, they forfeited double the value of the marriage. 2 Bl. Comm. 70; Litt. 110; Co. Litt. 829.

DUPPLICATE. When two written documents are substantially alike, so that each might be a copy or transcript from the other, while both stand on the same footing as original instruments, they are called “duplicates.” Agreements, deeds, and other documents are frequently executed in duplicate, in order that each party may have an original in his possession. State v. Graffam. 74 Wis. 643, 45 N. W. 727; Grant v. Griffith, 39 App. Div. 107, 56 N. Y. Supp. 701; Trust Co. v. Codington County, 9 S. D. 159, 68 N. W. 314; Nelson v. Blakey, 54 Ind. 36.

A duplicate is sometimes defined to be the “copy” of a thing; but, though generally a copy, a duplicate differs from a mere copy, in having all the validity of an original. Nor, it seems, need it be an exact copy. Defined also to be the “counterpart” of an instrument; but in indentures there is a distinction between counterpart executed by the several parties respectively, each party affixing his or her seal to only one counterpart, and duplicate originales, each executed by all the parties. Toms v. Cuming, 7 Man. & G. 91, note. The old indentures, charters, or chirographs seem to have had the character of duplicates. Burrill.

The term is also frequently used to signify a new original, made to take the place of an instrument that has been lost or destroyed, and to have the same force and effect. Benton v. Martin, 40 N. Y. 347.

In English law. The certificate of discharge given to an insolvent debtor who takes the benefit of the act for the relief of insolvent debtors. The ticket given by a pawnbroker to the pawn of a chattel.

—Duplicate taxation. The same as “double” taxation. See Double-Duplicate will. A term used in England, where a testator executes two copies of his will, one to keep himself, and the other to be deposited with another person. Upon application for probate of a duplicate will, both copies must be deposited in the registry of the court of probate.

DUPICATIO. In the civil law. The defendant’s answer to the plaintiff’s replication; corresponding to the rejoinder of the common law.

Duplicazione possibilis lat lex non patitur. The law does not allow the doubling of a possibility. 1 Rolle, 321.

DUPICATUM J U S. Double right. Bract. fol. 239b. See Doro-Doro.

Duplicity. The technical fault, in pleading, of uniting two or more causes of action in one count in a writ, or two or more grounds of defense in one plea, or two or more breaches in a replication, or two or more offenses in the same count of an indictment. Twoster v. State, 6 Tex. App. 253; Waters v. People, 104 Ill. 547; Mullin v. Blumenthal, 1 Pennwills (Del.) 476, 42 Atl. 175; Devino v. Railroad Co., 63 Vt. 98, 20 Atl. 953; Tucker v. Ladd, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 452.
DUPLY, n. (From Lat. duplicato, q. v.) In Scotch pleading. The defendant's answer to the plaintiff's replication.

DUPLY, v. In Scotch pleading. To rejoin. "It is duplied by the panel." 3 State Trials, 471.


Durante abscedens. During absence. In some jurisdictions, administration of a decedent's estate is said to be granted durante abscedens in cases where the absence of the proper proponent of the will, or of an executor, delays or impedes the settlement of the estate. During absence, the estate of a decedent is administered by the executor. The ancient tenure of English judges was durante bene placito. 1 Bl. Comm. 297, 342. During minority, 2 Bl. Comm. 993; 5 Coke, 29, 30. Words taken from the old form of letters of administration. 5 Coke, ubi supra. During widowhood, 2 Bl. Comm. 124. During absence, 3 Coke 230; during absence, 10 East, 520. During virginitas. During virginity, as long as she remains unmarried. During life, during life.

DURBAR. In India. A court, audience, or levee. Mosley & Whitley.

DURESS, v. To subject to duress. A word used by Lord Bacon. "If the party duress'd do make any motion," etc. Bac. Max. 89, reg. 22.

DURESS, n. Unlawful constraint exercised upon a man whereby he is forced to do some act against his will. It may be either "duress of imprisonment," where the person is deprived of his liberty in order to force him to comply, or by violence, beating, or other actual injury, or duress per minas, consisting in threats of imprisonment or great physical injury or death. Duress may also include the same injuries, threats, or restraint exercised upon the man's wife, child, or parent. Noble v. Enos, 19 Ind. 78; Bank v. Sargent, 65 Neb. 594, 91 N. W. 597, 59 L. R. A. 296; Pierce v. Brown, 7 Wall. 214, 19 L. Ed. 134; Galusha v. Sherman, 105 Wis. 255, 81 N. W. 495, 47 L. R. A. 947; Radich v. Hutchins, 93 U. S. 213, 24 L. Ed. 409; Rollings v. Cate, 1 Helsk. (Tenn.) 97; Joannin v. Ogilvie, 49 Minn. 564, 52 N. W. 217, 16 L. R. A. 376, 32 Am. St. Rep. 581; Burns v. Burns (C. C.) 132 Fed. 493.

Duress consists in any illegal imprisonment, or legal imprisonment used for an illegal purpose, or threats of bodily or other harm, or other means amounting to or tending to coerce the will of another, and actually inducing him to do an act contrary to his free will. Code Ga. 1882, § 2337.

By duress, in its more extended sense, is meant that degree of severity, either threatened or impending or actually inflicted, which is sufficient to overcome the mind and will of a person of ordinary firmness. Duress per minas is restricted to fear of loss of life, or of mayhem, or loss of limb, or other remediless harm to the person. Fellows v. School Dist., 39 Me. 559.

Duress of imprisonment. The wrongful imprisonment of a person, or the illegal restraint of his liberty, in order to compel him to do some act. 1 Bl. Comm. 130, 131, 136, 137; 1 Steph. Comm. 137; 2 Kent. Comm. 493. Duress per minas. Duress by threats. The use of threats and menace to compel a person, by the fear of death, or grievous bodily harm, or mayhem or loss of limb, to do some lawful act, or to commit a misdemeanor. 1 Bl. Comm. 130; 4 Bl. Comm. 30; 4 Steph. Comm. 83. See Murr.

DURESSOR. One who subjects another to duress; one who compels another to do a thing, as by menace. Bac. Max. 90, reg. 22.

DURHAM. A county palatine in England, the jurisdiction of which was vested in the Bishop of Durham until the statute 6 & 7 Wm. IV. c. 19, vested it as a separate franchise and royalty in the crown. The jurisdiction of the Durham court of pleas was transferred to the supreme court of judicature by the Judicature act of 1873.

DURSLY. In old English law. Blows without wounding or bloodshed; dry blows. Blount.

DUSTUCK. A term used in Hindostan for a passport, permit, or order from the English East Indian Company. It generally meant a permit under their seal exempting goods from the payment of duties. Enc. Lond.

DUTCH AUCTION. See Auction.

DUTIES. In its most usual signification this word is the synonym of imposts or customs; but it is sometimes used in a broader sense, as including all manner of taxes, charges, or governmental impositions. Pollock v. Farmers' L. & T. Co., 158 U. S. 601, 55 Sup. Ct. 912, 59 L. Ed. 1108; Alexander v. Railroad Co., 3 Strob. (S. C.) 505; Pacific Ins. Co. v. Soule, 7 Wall. 433, 19 L. Ed. 95; Cooley v. Board of Wardens, 12 How. 299, 13 L. Ed. 996; Blake v. Baker, 115 Mass. 188.

Duties of detention. Taxes levied upon the removal from one state to another of property acquired by succession or testamentary disposition. Frederickson v. Louisiana, 32 How. 440, 16 L. Ed. 474; In re Strobel's Estate, 5 App. Div. 621, 39 N. Y. Supp. 169. Duties on imports. This term signifies not merely a duty on the act of importation, but a duty on the thing imported. It is not confined to a duty levied while the article is entering the country, but extends to a duty levied after it has entered the country. Brown v. Maryland, 12 Wheat. 437, 6 L. Ed. 678.

DUTY. In its use in jurisprudence, this word is the correlative of right. Thus, wherever there exists a right in any person, there also rests a corresponding duty upon
some other person or upon all persons generally. But it is also used, in a wider sense, to designate that class of moral obligations which lie outside the juridical sphere; such, namely, as rest upon an imperative ethical basis, but have not been recognized by the law as within its proper province for purposes of enforcement or redress. Thus, gratitude towards a benefactor is a duty, but its refusal will not ground an action. In this meaning "duty" is the equivalent of "moral obligation," as distinguished from a "legal obligation." See Kentucky v. Dennison, 24 How. 107, 16 L. Ed. 717; Harrison v. Bush, 5 El. & Bl. 349.

As a technical term of the law, "duty" signifies a thing due; that which is due from a person; that which a person owes to another. An obligation to do a thing. A word of more extensive signification than "debt," although both are expressed by the same Latin word "debitum." Beach v. Boynton, 26 Vt. 725, 733.

But in practice it is commonly reserved as the designation of those obligations of performance, care, or observance which rest upon a person in an official or fiduciary capacity; as the duty of an executor, trustee, manager, etc.

It also denotes a tax or impost due to the government upon the importation or exportation of goods.

Legal duty. An obligation arising from contract of the parties or the operation of the law. Riddell v. Ventilating Co., 27 Mont. 44, 69 Pac. 241. That which the law requires to be done or forbears to a determinate person or the public at large, correlated to a vested and coextensive right in such person or the public, as in the breach of which comes suit or negligence. Heaven v. Pender, 11 Q. B. Div. 506; Smith v. Clarke Hardware Co., 100 Ga. 163, 28 S. E. 73, 39 L. R. A. 507; Railroad Co. v. Ballentine, 84 Fed. 959, 26 C. C. A. 572.

Duumviril. (From duo, two, and viri, men.) A general appellation among the ancient Romans, given to any magistrates elected in pairs to fill any office, or perform any function. Brande.

Duumvirum municipalis were two annual magistrates in the towns and colonies, having judicial powers. Calvin.

Duumvirum municipale were officers appointed to man, equip, and refill the navies. 1d.

Dux. In Roman law. A leader or military commander. The commander of an army. Dig. 3, 2, 2, pr.

In feudal and old European law. Duke; a title of honor, or order of nobility. 1 Bl. Comm. 397; Crebb, Eng. Law, 236.

In later law. A military governor of a province. See Cod. 1, 27, 2. A military officer having charge of the borders or frontiers of the empire, called "dux limitis." Cod. 1, 49, 1 pr. At this period, the word began to be used as a title of honor or dignity.

D. W. I. In genealogical tables, a common abbreviation for "died without issue."

Dwell. To have an abode; to inhabit; to live in a place. Gardener v. Wagner, 9 Fed. Cas. 1,164; Ex parte Blumer, 27 Tex. 736; Purnell v. Johnson, 10 Mass. 302; Easttown v. Shrewsbury, 49 N. J. Law, 188, 6 Atl. 319.

Dwelling-house. The house in which a man lives with his family; a residence; the apartment or building, or group of buildings, occupied by a family as a place of residence.

In conveyancing. Includes all buildings attached to or connected with the house. 2 Hil. Real Prop. 338, and note.

In the law of burglary. A house in which the occupier and his family usually reside, or, in other words, dwell and lie in. Whart. Crim. Law, 357.

Dwelling-place. This term is not synonymous with a "place of pauper settlement." Lisbon v. Lyman, 49 N. H. 553.

Dwelling-place, or home, means some permanent abode or residence, with intention to remain; and is not synonymous with "domicile," as used in international law, but has a more limited and restricted meaning. Jefferson v. Washington, 19 Me. 283.

Dying declaration. See Declaration.

Dying without issue. At common law this phrase imports an indefinite failure of issue, and not a dying without issue surviving at the time of the death of the first taker. But this rule has been changed in some of the states, by statute or decisions, and in England by St. 7 Wm. IV., and 1 Vict. c. 26, § 29.

The words "die without issue," and "die without leaving issue," in a devise of real estate, import an indefinite failure of issue, and not the failure of issue at the death of the first taker. And no distinction is to be made between the words "without issue" and "without leaving issue," Wilson v. Wilson, 32 Barb. (N. Y.) 322; McGraw v. Davenport, 6 Port. (Ala.) 219.

In Connecticut, it has been repeatedly held that the expression "dying without issue," and like expressions, have reference to the time of the death of the party, and not to an indefinite failure of issue. Phelps v. Phelps, 55 Conn. 359, 11 Atl. 596.

Dying without children imports not a failure of issue at any indefinite future period, but a leaving no children at the death of the legatee. Condict v. King, 18 N. J. Eq. 375.

Dyke-Reed, or Dyke-reeve. An officer who has the care and oversight of the dykes and drains in feney counties.

Dysnomy. Bad legislation; the enactment of bad laws.
DYSPAREUNIA. In medical jurisprudence. Incapacity of a woman to sustain the act of sexual intercourse except with great difficulty and pain.

DYSPESIA. A state of the stomach in which its functions are disturbed, without the presence of other diseases, or when, if other diseases are present, they are of minor importance. Dungl. Med. Dict.

DYVOUR. In Scotch law. A bankrupt.

—DYVOUR’s habit. In Scotch law. A habit which debtors who are set free on a cessio bonorum are obliged to wear, unless in the summons and process of cessio it be libeled, sustained, and proved that the bankruptcy proceeds from misfortune. And bankrupts are condemned to submit to the habit, even where no suspicion of fraud lies against them, if they have been dealers in an illicit trade. Erak. Prin. 4, 8, 13.

E. A Latin preposition, meaning from, out of, after, or according. It occurs in many Latin phrases; but (in this form) only before a consonant. When the initial of the following word is a vowel, ea is used.

—E contr. From the opposite; on the contrary. —E converso. Conversely. On the other hand; on the contrary. Equivalent to e contrario. —E mera gratia. Out of mere grace or favor. —E pluribus unum. One out of many. The motto of the United States of America.

E. G. An abbreviation of exemplum gratiae. For the sake of an example.

EA. Sax. The water or river; also the mouth of a river on the shore between high and low water-mark.

Es est accipienda interpretatio, quae vitis caret. That interpretation is to be received [or adopted] which is free from fault [or wrong]. The law will not intend a wrong. Bac. Max. 17. (In reg. 3.)

EA INTENTIONE. With that intent. Held not to make a condition, but a confidence and trust. Dyer, 1359.

Es que, commendandì causa, in venditionibus dicatur, si palam apparent, venditorem non obligant. Those things which are said on sales, in the way of commendation, if [the qualities of the thing sold] appear openly, do not bind the seller. Dig. 18, 1, 43, pr.

Es ques dari impossibili sunt, vel que in rerum natura non sunt, pro non adjectis habentur. Those things which are impossible to be given, or which are not in the nature of things, are regarded as not added, as no part of an agreement.] Dig. 50, 17, 135.

Es que in curia nostra rite acta sunt debite executioni demandandi debent. Co. Litt. 280. Those things which are properly transacted in our court ought to be committed to a due execution.

Es que raro accidunt non temere in agendis negotii computantur. Those things which rarely happen are not to be taken into account in the transaction of business, without sufficient reason. Dig. 50, 17, 64.

EACH. A distributive adjective pronoun, which denotes or refers to every one of the persons or things mentioned; every one of two or more persons or things, composing the whole, separately considered. The effect of this word, used in the covenants of a bond, is to create a several obligation. Seller v. State, 160 Ind. 605, 67 N. E. 443; Knickerbocker v. People, 102 Ill. 233; Costigan v. Lunt, 104 Mass. 219.

Eadem causa diversis rationibus co-رام judicibus ecclesiasticis et secularibus ventilatur. 2 Inst. 622. The same cause is argued upon different principles before ecclesiastical and secular judges.

Eadem est ratio, eadem est lex. The same reason, the same law. Charles River Bridge v. Warren Bridge, 7 Pick. (Mass.) 498.

Eadem mens presumitur regis quae est juris et quae esse debet, praeceptor in dubitis. Hob. 154. The mind of the sovereign is presumed to be coincident with that of the law, and with that which it ought to be, especially in ambiguous matters.

EAGLE. A gold coin of the United States of the value of ten dollars.

EALDER, or EALDING. In old Saxon law. An elder or chief.

EALDERMAN, or EALDRMAN. The name of a Saxon magistrate; alderman; analogous to earl among the Danes, and senator among the Romans. See ALDERMAN.

EALDOR-BISCOP. An archbishop.

EALDORBURG. Sax. The metropolis; the chief city. Obsolete.

EALHUS. (Fr. eale, Sax., ale, and hus, house.) An ale-house.

EALHORDA. Sax. The privilege of assaying and selling beer. Obsolete.

EAR GRASS. In English law. Such grass which is upon the land after the mowing, until the feast of the Annunciation after. 3 Leon. 218.

EAR-MARK. A mark put upon a thing to distinguish it from another. Originally and literally, a mark upon the ear; a mode of marking sheep and other animals. Property is said to be ear-marked when it can be identified or distinguished from other property of the same nature. Money has no ear-mark, but it is an ordinary term for a privy mark made by any one on a coin.
EAR-WITNESS. In the law of evidence. One who attests or can attest anything as heard by himself.

EARL. A title of nobility, formerly the highest in England, now the third, ranking between a marquis and a viscount, and corresponding with the French "comte" and the German "graff." The title originated with the Saxons, and is the most ancient of the English peerage. William the Conqueror first made that title hereditary, giving it in fee to his nobles; and allotting them for the support of their state the third penny out of the sheriff's court, issuing out of all pleas of the shire, whence they had their ancient title "shiremen." At present the title is accompanied by no territory, private or judicial rights, but merely confers nobility and an hereditary seat in the house of lords. Wharton.

—Earl marshal of England. A great officer of state who had anciently several courts under his jurisdiction, as the court of chivalry and the court of honor. Under him is the herald's office, or college of arms. He was also a judge of the king's court. Without power or duty, this office is of great antiquity, and has been for several ages hereditary in the family of the Howards. 3 Bl. Comm. 68, 105; 3 Steph. Comm. 395, note—Earldom. The dignity or jurisdiction of an earl. The dignity only remains now, as the jurisdiction has been given over to the sheriff. 1 Bl. Comm. 339.

EARLES-PENNY. Money given in part payment. See Earnest.

EARNEST. The payment of a part of the price of goods sold, or the delivery of part of such goods, for the purpose of binding the contract. Howe v. Hayward, 108 Mass. 54, 11 Am. Rep. 306.

A token or pledge passing between the parties, by way of evidence, or ratification of the sale. 2 Kent, Comm. 405, note.

EARNINGS. This term is used to denote a larger class of credits than would be included in the term "wages." Somers v. Kelber, 115 Mass. 105; Jenks v. Dyer, 102 Mass. 235.


—Gross earnings and net earnings. The gross earnings of a business or company are the total receipts before deducting expenditures. Net earnings are the excess of the gross earnings over the expenditures defrayed in producing them, and aside from and exclusive of capital laid out in constructing and equipping the works or plant. State v. Railroad Co., 50 Minn. 311, 15 N. W. 307; People v. Roberts, 32 App. Div. 113, 52 N. Y. Supp. 850; Cincinnati, N. & C. R. R. Co. v. Indians, B. & N. Ry. Co., 44 Ohio St. 287, 7 N. E. 130; Mobile & O. R. Co. v. Tennessee, 153 U. S. 480, 14 Sup. Ct. 968, 38 L. Ed. 733; Union Pac. R. Co. v. U. S., 199 U. S. 420, 26 L. Ed. 274; Cottin v. Railway Co., 54 Conn. 196, 5 Atl. 851. —Surplus earnings of a company or corporation means the amount owned by the company over and above its capital and actual liabilities. People v. Com'r's of Taxes, 70 N. Y. 74.

EARTH. Soil of all kinds, including gravel, clay, loam, and the like, in distinction from the firm rock. Dickinson v. Poughkeepsie, 75 N. Y. 76.

EASEMENT. A right in the owner of one parcel of land, by reason of such ownership, to use a part of another parcel of land for a purpose not inconsistent with a general property in the owner. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 25.

A privilege which the owner of one adjacent tenement hath of another, existing in respect of their several tenements, by which that owner against whose tenement the privilege exists is obliged to suffer or not to do something on or in regard to his own land for the advantage of him in whose land the privilege exists. Termes de la Ley.

A private easement is a privilege, service, or conveyance which one neighbor has of another, by prescription, grant, or necessary implication, which gives him the right to pass over his land, a gate-way, water-course, and the like. Kilch. 105; 3 Cruise. Dig. 484. And see Harrison v. Boring, 44 Tex. 267; Albright v. Cortright, 64 N. J. Law. 330, 45 Atl. 634, 48 L. R. A. 610, 81 Am. St. Rep. 504; Wynn v. Garland, 19 Ark. 23, 68 Am. Dec. 190; Wessells v. Colebank, 174 Ill. 618, 51 N. E. 630; Terminal Land Co. v. Muir, 136 Cal. 36, 68 Pac. 308; Stevenson v. Wallace, 27 Grat. (Va.) 87.

The land against which the easement or privilege exists is called the "servient" tenement, and the estate to which it is annexed the "dominant" tenement; and their owners are called respectively the "servient" and "dominant" owner. These terms are taken from the civil law.

Synonyms. At the present day, the distinction between an "easement" and a "license" is well settled and fully recognized, although it becomes difficult in some of the cases to discover a substantial difference between them. An easement, it has appeared, is a liberty, privilege, or advantage in land, without profit and existing distinct from the ownership of the soil; and it has appeared, also, that a claim for an easement must be founded upon a deed or writing, or upon prescription, which supposes one. It is a permanent interest in another's land, with a right to enjoy it fully and without obstruction. A license, on the other hand, is a bare authority to do a certain act or series of acts upon another's land, without possessing any estate therein; and, it being founded in personal confidence, it is not assignable, and it is gone if the owner of the land who gives the license transfers his title to another, or if either party die. Cook v. Railroad Co., 40 Iowa, 456; Sargent v. Iron Co., 130 Pa. 907, 29 S. W. 361. 28 L. R. A. 421; Baldwin v. Taylor, 166 Pa. 507, 31 Atl. 250; Clark v. Giddon, 66 Va. 715, 15 Atl. 353; Asher v. Johnson, 118 Ky. 702, 82 S. W. 300.

Classification. Easements are classified as affirmative or negative; the former being those where the servient estate must permit something to be done upon the dominant estate (as to discharge water upon it); the latter being those whose owner of the servient estate is
prohibited from doing something otherwise lawful upon his estate, because it will affect the domain of another in respect to the light and air from the latter by building on the former.) 2 Washb. Real Prop. 301. Equitable L. Assur. Soc. v. Brennan (Sup.) 24 N. Y. Supp. 788; Pin hum v. Pin hum 70 N. Y. 460; Benefit Life Ins. Co. v. Roman, 91 N. Y. 612. They are also either continuous or discontinuous. An easement of the former kind is one in which the enjoyment is independent of human intervention, as, the flow of a stream, or one which may be enjoyed without any act on the part of the person entitled thereto, such as a light or air, as discharges the river, wherever it rains, a drain by which surface water is carried off, windows which admit light and air, and the like. Lampman v. Milks, 24 N. Y. 505; Bondell v. Blakemore, 66 Miss. 130, 5 South. 228, 14 Am. St. Rep. 550; Providence Tool Co. v. Engine Co., 9 R. I. 571. A continuous easement is sometimes termed an "apparent" easement, and defined as one depending on some artificial structure upon, or natural conformation of, the servient tenement, obvious and permanent, which constitutes the easement or is the means of enjoying it. Fettes v. Humphreys, 18 N. J. Eq. 260; Larsen v. Peterson, 53 N. J. Eq. 30. At 1004; Whalen v. Land Co., 65 N. J. Law, 206, 47 Atl. 445. Discontinuous, non-continuous, or non-apparent easements are those of the enjoyment of which can be restricted to one or a few individuals, while a public easement is one the right to the enjoyment of which is vested in the public generally or in an entire community, such as an easement of passage on the public streets and highways or of navigation on a stream. Kennelly v. Jersey City, 57 N. J. Law, 283, 30 Atl. 531, 26 L. R. A. 291; Nicoll v. Telephone Co., 62 N. J. Eq. 732, 42 Atl. 583; 72 Am. St. Rep. 686. They may also be either of necessity or of convenience. The former is the case where the easement is indispensable to the enjoyment of the dominant estate; the latter, where the easement increases the facility, comfort, or convenience of the enjoyment of the dominant estate either for the owner of the estate or connected with it. Easements are again either appurtenant or in gross. An appurtenant easement is one which is attached to and passes with the dominant tenement, and inures to the use and benefit of the owner of the estate in gross, while an easement in gross is not appurtenant to any estate in land (or not belonging to any person by virtue of his ownership of an estate in land) but a mere personal interest in, or right to use, the land of another. Cawdlawser v. Bailey, 17 R. I. 405, 25 Atl. 20, 14 L. R. A. 300; Pinkum v. Eau Claire, 81 Wis. 301, 51 N. W. 550; Stovall v. Coggins Granite Co., 116 Ga. 376, 42 SE. 723.

Equitable easements. The special easement conveys ownership of adjaaoy, proprietors from a common source, with specific intentions as to buildings for certain purposes, or with implied privileges in regard to certain buildings. Sibley v. Peachy (D. C.) 36 Fed. 106. Implied easements. An implied easement is an easement resting upon the principle that, where the owner of an estate delivers a part thereof, he grants by implication to the grantees all those apparent and visible easements which are necessary for the reasonable use of the property granted, which at the time of the grant are used by the owner of the entirety for the benefit of the part granted. Farley v. Howard, 33 Me. 297; 68 N. Y. Supp. 527; Intermitting easement. One which is usable only at times, and not continuously. Eaton v. Railroad Co., 51 N. H. 504, 12 Am. Rep. 147. Quasi easement. An easement that is not a true easement, but is sometimes called a "quasi easement." Gale, Easem. 516; Sweet. Secondary easement. One which is appurtenant to the principal or actual easement; an easement which is broader than such "secondary easements," that is, the right to do such things as are necessary for the full enjoyment of the easement itself. Tothe v. Bryce, 50 N. J. Eq. 589, 25 Atl. 182; North Fork Water Co. v. Edwards, 121 Cal. 662, 54 Pac. 69.

EAST. In the customs laws of the United States, the term "countries east of the Cape of Good Hope" means countries with which, formerly, the United States ordinarily carried on commercial intercourse by passing around that cape. Powers v. Comley, 101 U. S. 790, 25 L. Ed. 805.

EAST GREENWICH. The name of a royal manor in the county of Kent, England; mentioned in royal grants or patents, as descriptive of the tenure of free socage.

EAST INDIA COMPANY. The East India Company was originally established for prosecuting the trade between England and India, which they acquired a right to carry on exclusively. Since the middle of the last century, however, the company's political affairs had become of more importance than their commerce. In 1858, by 21 & 22 Vict. c. 106, the government of the territories of the company was transferred to the crown. Wharton.

EASTER. A feast of the Christian church held in memory of our Saviour's resurrection. The Greeks and Latins call it "pascha," (passover,) to which Jewish feast our Easter answers. This feast has been annually celebrated since the time of the apostles, and is one of the most important festivals in the Christian calendar, being that which regulates and determines the times of all the other movable feasts. Enc. Lond.

Easter offerings, or Easter-dues. In English law. Small sums of money paid to the parochial clergy by the parishioners at Easter as a compensation for personal tithes, or the tithe for personal labor; recoverable under 7 & 8 Wm. IV. c. 6, before justices of the peace.

Easter term. In English law. One of the four terms of the courts. It is now a fixed term, beginning on the 16th of April and ending on the 8th of May in every year, though sometimes prolonged so late as the 13th of May, under 11 Geo. IV. and 1 Wm. IV. c. 70. From November 2, 1875, the division of the legal year into terms is abolished so far as concerns the administration of justice. 3 Steph. Comm. 482-486; Mosley & Whittley.

Easterling. A coin struck by Richard II. which is supposed to have given rise to the name of "sterling," as applied to English money.
EASTERLY. This word, when used alone, will be construed to mean "due east." But that is a rule of necessity growing out of the indefiniteness of the term, and has no application where other words are used for the purpose of qualifying its meaning. Where such is the case, instead of meaning "due east," it means precisely what the qualifying word makes it mean. Fratt v. Woodward, 32 Cal. 227, 91 Am. Dec. 573; Scraper v. Pipes, 59 Ind. 164; Wittsee v. Mill & Min. Co., 7 Ariz. 95, 60 Pac. 896.

EASTINUS. An easterly coast or country.

EAT INDE SINE DIE. In criminal practice. Words used on the acquittal of a defendant, that he may go thence without a day, i.e., be dismissed without any further continuance or adjournment.

EATING-HOUSE. Any place where food or refreshments of any kind, not including spirits, wines, ale, beer, or other malt liquors, are provided for casual visitors, and sold for consumption therein. Act Cong. July 13, 1866, § 9 (14 St. at Large, 118). And see Carpenter v. Taylor, 1 Hilt. (N. Y.) 185; State v. Hall, 73 N. C. 253.

EAVES. The edge of a roof, built so as to project over the walls of a house, in order that the rain may drop therefrom to the ground instead of running down the wall. Center St. Church v. Machias Hotel Co., 51 Me. 413.

Eaves-drip. The drip or dripping of water from the eaves of a house on the land of an adjacent owner; the easement of having the water so drip, or the servitude of submitting to such drip; the same as the stilllicidium of the Roman law. See Stilllicidium.

EAVESDROPPING. In English criminal law. The offense of listening under walls or windows, or the caves of a house, to hearken after discourse, and thereupon to frame slanderous and mischievous tales. 4 Bl. Comm. 168. It is a misdemeanor at common law, indictable at sessions, and punishable by fine and finding sureties for good behavior. 1d.; Steph. Crim. Law, 109. See State v. Pennington, 3 Head (Tenn.) 300, 75 Am. Dec. 771; Com. v. Lovett, 4 Clark (Pa.) 5; Selden v. State, 74 Wis. 271, 42 N. W. 216, 17 Am. St. Rep. 144.


EBBA. In old English law. Ebb. Ebbae et fluctus; ebb and flow of tide; ebb and flood. Bract. folis. 255, 338. The time occupied by one ebb and flood was anciently granted to persons ensoled as being beyond sea, in addition to the period of forty days. See Fleta, 6. c. 8, § 2.

EBDOMADARIUS. In ecclesiastical law. An officer in cathedral churches who supervised the regular performance of divine service, and prescribed the particular duties of each person in the choir.

EBEREMORTH, EBEREMORS, EBEREMURDER. See ABEREMURDER.


Ecce modo mirum, quod femina fort breve regis, non nominando virum, conlactum robore legis. Co. Litt. 1320. Behold, indeed, a wonder! that a woman has the king's writ without naming her husband, who by law is united to her.

ECCENTRICITY. In criminal law and medical jurisprudence. Personal or individual peculiarities of mind and disposition which markedly distinguish the subject from the ordinary, normal, or average types of men, but do not amount to mental unsoundness or insanity. Ekin v. McCracken, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 535.

ECCHYMOSIS. In medical jurisprudence. Blackness. It is an extravasation of blood by rupture of capillary vessels, and hence it follows contusion; but it may exist, as in cases of scurvy and other morbid conditions, without the latter. Ry. Med. Jur. 172.


Ecloga eclesiæ decimas solvere non debet. Cro. Eliz. 479. A church ought not to pay tithes to a church.

Ecloga est domus mansionalis Omnypotentis Dei. 2 Inst. 164. The church is the mansion-house of the Omnypotent God.

Ecloga est infra statum et in custodia domini regis, qui tenetur iura et hereditates ejusdem manu tenere et defendere. 11 Coke, 40. The church is under age, and in the custody of the king, who is bound to uphold and defend its rights and inheritances.

Ecloga fungitur viso minoris; mellorem conditionem suam facere potest, detreroem nequaquam. Co. Litt. 341. The church enjoys the privilege of a minor;
It can make its own condition better, but not worse.

Ecclesia non moritur. 2 Inst. 3. The church does not die.

Ecclesia magis favendum est quam personae. Godol. Ecc. Law, 172. The church is to be more favored than the person.

Ecclesiae scultura. The image or sculpture of a church in ancient times was often cut out or cast in plate or other metal, and preserved as a religious treasure or relic, and to perpetuate the memory of some famous churches. Jacob.

Ecclesiarch. The ruler of a church.

Ecclesiastic. A clergyman; a priest; a man consecrated to the service of the church.

Ecclesiastical. Something belonging to or set apart for the church, as distinguished from "civil" or "secular," with regard to the world. Wharton.

Ecclesiastical authorities. In England, the clergy, under the sovereign, as temporal head of the church, set apart from the rest of the people by law, in order to sustain the public worship of God and the other ceremonies of religion, and to administer spiritual counsel and instruction. The several orders of the clergy are: (1) Archbishops and bishops; (2) deans and chapters; (3) archdeacons; (4) rural deans; (5) parsons (under whom are included appropriators) and vicars; (6) curates. Churchwardens or side-sen, and parish clerks and sextons, inasmuch as their duties are connected with the church, may be considered to be a species of ecclesiastical authorities. Wharton.

Ecclesiastical commissioners. In English law, a body corporate, erected by St. 6 & 7 Will. IV. c. 19, empowered, for the purpose of conducing to the efficiency of the established church, to be ratified by orders in council. Wharton. 5 Sc. Comm. 157—Ecclesiastical corporation. See Corporation.


Ecclius. The attorney, proctor, or advocate of a corporation. Episcoporum eccles.; bishops' proctors; church lawyers. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 65.

Echantillon. In French law. One of the two parts or pieces of a wooden tally. That in possession of the debtor is properly called the "tally," the other "echantillon." Poth. Obl. pt. 4, c. 1, art. 2, § 8.

Echevin. In French law. A municipal officer corresponding with alderman or burgess, and having in some instances a civil jurisdiction in certain causes of trifling importance.

Echolalia. In medical jurisprudence. The constant and senseless repetition of particular words or phrases, recognized as a sign or symptom of insanity or of aphasia.

Echouement. In French marine law. Stranding. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 12, s. 13, no. 1.

Eclampsia parturientium. In medical jurisprudence. Puerperal convulsions; a convulsive seizure which sometimes suddenly attacks a woman in labor or directly after, generally attended by unconsciousness and occasionally by mental aberration.

Eclectic practice. In medicine. That system followed by physicians who select their modes of practice and medicines from various schools. Webster.

"Without professing to understand much of medical phraseology, we suppose that the terms 'allopathic practice' and 'legitimate business' mean the ordinary method commonly adopted by the great body of learned and eminent physicians, which is taught in their institutions, established by their highest authorities, and accepted by the larger and more respectable portion of the community. By 'eclectic practice,' without imputing to it, as the counsel for the plaintiff seem inclined to, an odor of liberality, we presume is intended another and different system, unusual and eccentric, not connoted by the classes before referred to, but characterized by them as spurious and denounced as dangerous. It is sufficient to say that the two modes of treating human maladies are essentially distinct, and based upon different views of the nature and causes of diseases, their appropriate remedies, and the modes of applying them." Bradbury v. Barden, 94 Conn. 463.

Ecrivain. In French marine law. The clerk of a ship. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 11, s. 3, no. 2.
ECUMENICAL. General; universal; as an ecumenical council. Groesbeeck v. Duncomb, 41 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 244.

EDDERRBRECHE. In Saxon law. The offense of hedge-breaking. Obsolete.

EDESTIA. In old records. Buildings.

EDIT. A positive law promulgated by the sovereign of a country, and having reference either to the whole land or some of its divisions, but usually relating to affairs of state. It differs from a "public proclamation," in that it enacts a new statute, and carries with it the authority of law.

EDITAL CITATION. In Scotch law. A citation published at the market-cross of Edinburgh, and pier and shore of Leith. Used against foreigners not within the kingdom, but having a landed estate there, and against natives out of the kingdom. Bell.

EDITIUS OF JUSTINIAN. Thirteen constitutions or laws of this prince, found in most editions of the Corpus Juris Civilis, after the Novels. Being confined to matters of police in the provinces of the empire, they are of little use.

EDITUM. In the Roman law. An edict; a mandate, or ordinance. An ordinance, or law, enacted by the emperor without the senate; belonging to the class of constitutiones principis. Inst. 1, 2, 6. An edict was a mere voluntary constitution of the emperor; differing from a rescript, in not being returned in the way of answer; and from a decree, in not being given in judgment; and from both, in not being founded upon solicitation. Tayl. Civil Law, 233.

A general order published by the prae
tor on entering upon his office, containing the system of rules by which he would administer justice during the year of his office. Dig. 1, 2, 2, 10; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 35. Tayl. Civil Law, 214. See Calvin.

-Edictum annuum. The annual edict or system of rules promulgated by a Roman prae
tor immediately upon assuming his office, set
ting forth the principles by which he would be guided in determining causes during his term of office. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 36.-Edictum perpetuum. The perpetual edict. A compilation or system of law in fifty books, digested by Julian, a lawyer of great eminence under the reign of Adrian, from the prae
tor's edicts and other parts of the Jus Honorarium. All the remains of it which have come down to us are the extracts of it in the Digesta. Butl. Hor. Jur. 52.-Edictum provinciale. An edict or system of rules for the administration of justice, similar to the edict of the prae
tor, put forth by the procurators and propretors in the province of the Roman Empire. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 36.-Edictum Theodoric. This is the first collection of law that was made after the downfall of the Roman power in Italy. It was promulgated by Theodoric, king of the Ostrogoths, at Rome in A. D. 500. It consists of 154 chapters, in which we recognize parts taken from the Code and Novellae of Theodosius, from the Codices Gregorianus and Hermogeni
dius, and the Sententiae of Paulus. The edict was doubtless drawn up by Roman writers, but the original sources are more disfigured and altered than in any other compilation. This collection of law was intended to apply both to the Goths and the Romans, so far as its prov
cisions went; but, when it made no alteration in the Gothic law, that law was still to be in force. Savigny, Geschichte der R. R.—Edictum tralatitum. Where a Roman prae
tor, upon assuming office, did not publish a wholly new edict, but retained the whole or a principal part of the edict of his predecessor (as was usually the case) only adding to it such rules as appeared to be necessary to adapt it to chang
ing social conditions or juristic ideas, it was called "edictum tralatitum." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 36.

EDITUS. In old English law. Put forth or promulgated, when speaking of the pas
sage of a statute; and brought forth, or born, when speaking of the birth of a child.

EDUCATION. Within the meaning of a statute relative to the powers and duties of guardians, this term comprehends not merely the instruction received at school or college, but the whole course of training, moral, intellectual, and physical. Education may be particularly directed to either the mental, moral, or physical powers and faculties, but in its broadest and best sense it relates to them all. Mount Herman Boys' School v. Gill, 145 Mass. 139, 13 N. E. 354; Cook v. State, 90 Tenn. 407, 16 S. W. 471, 13 L. R. A. 183; Ruohs v. Backer, 6 Helsk. (Tenn.) 400, 19 Am. Rep. 598.

EFFECT. The result which an instrument between parties will produce in their relative rights, or which a statute will produce upon the enacting law, as discovered from the language used, the forms employed, or other materials for construing it.

The phrases "take effect," "be in force," "go into effect," etc., have been used interchangeably ever since the organization of the state. Maine v. State, 4 Ind. 342.

EFFECTS. Personal estate or property. This word has been held to be more compre
hensive than the word "goods," as including fixtures, which "goods" will not include. Bank v. Byram, 131 Ill. 92, 22 N. E. 842.

In wills. The word "effects" is equiva
tant to "property," or "worldly substance," and, if used simpliciter, as in a gift of "all my effects," will carry the whole personal estate. Ves. Jr. 507; Ward, Leg. 230. The addition of the words "real and personal" will extend it so as to embrace the whole of the testator's real and personal estate. Hogan v. Jackson, Comp. 304; The Alpens (D. C.) 7 Fed. 361.

This is a word often found in wills, and, being equivalent to "property," or "worldly substance," its force depends greatly upon the association of the adjectives "real" and "personal." "Real and personal effects"
would embrace the whole estate; but the word "effects" alone must be confined to personal estate simply, unless an intention appears to the contrary. Schouler, Wills, § 609. See Adams v. Akerlund, 168 Ill. 632, 48 N. E. 454; Ennis v. Smith, 14 How. 409, 14 L. Ed. 472.

Effectus sequitur causam. Wing. 226. The effect follows the cause.

EFFENDI. In Turkish language. Master; a title of respect.

EFFICIENT CAUSE. The working cause; that cause which produces effects or results; an intervening cause, which produces results which would not have come to pass except for its interposition, and for which, therefore, the person who set in motion the original chain of causes is not responsible. Central Coal & Iron Co. v. Pearce (K.Y.) 90 S. W. 450; Pullman Palace Car Co. v. Lasack, 145 Ill. 242, 32 N. E. 265, 18 L. R. A. 215.

EFFIGY. The corporeal representation of a person.
To make the effigy of a person with an intent to make him the object of ridicule is a libel. 2 Chit. Crim. Law, 866.

EFFLUX. The running of a prescribed period of time to its end; expiration by lapse of time. Particularly applied to the termination of a lease by the expiration of the term for which it was made.

EFFLUXION OF TIME. When this phrase is used in leases, conveyances, and other like deeds, or in agreements expressed in simple writing, it indicates the conclusion or expiration of an agreed term of years specified in the deed or writing, such conclusion or expiration arising in the natural course of events, in contradistinction to the determination of the term by the acts of the parties or by some unexpected or unusual incident or other sudden event. Brown.

EFFORCIALITER. Forthily; applied to military force.

EFFRACTION. A breach made by the use of force.

EFFRACTOR. One who breaks through; one who commits a burglary.

EFFUSIO SANGUINIS. In old English law. The shedding of blood; the mulct, fine, cite, or penalty imposed for the shedding of blood, which the king granted to many lords of manors. Cowell; Tomlins. See BLOODWRT.

EFFERS. In Saxon law. Ways, walks, or hedges. Blount.

EGALITY. Owlety, (q. v.) Co. Litt. 169a.

EGO. I; myself. This term is used in forming genealogical tables, to represent the person who is the object of inquiry.

EGO, TALIS. I, such a one. Words used in describing the forms of old deeds. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 14, § 5.

EGREDIENS ET EXEUNS. In old pleading. Going forth and issuing out of (land.) Townsh. Pl. 17.

EGYPTIANS, commonly called "Gypsies," (in old English statutes,) are counterfeit rogues, Welsh or English, that disguise themselves in speech and apparel, and wander up and down the country, pretending to have skill in telling fortunes, and to deceive the common people, but live chiefly by fleching and stealing, and, therefore, the statutes of 1 & 2 Mar. c. 4, and 5 Eliz. c. 20, were made to punish such as felons if they departed not the realm or continued to a month. Terms de la Ley.

El incumbit probatio, qui dicit, non qui negat; sum per rerum naturam factum negantis probatio nulla sit. The proof lies upon him who affirms, not upon him who denies; since, by the nature of things, he who denies a fact cannot produce any proof.

El nihil turpe, cui nihil satis. To him to whom nothing is enough, nothing is base. 4.Inst. 93.

EIA, or EY. An island. Cowell.

EIGNE. L. Fr. Eldest; eldest-born. The term is of common occurrence in the old books. Thus, bastard eigne means an illegitimate son whose parents afterwards marry and have a second son for lawful issue, the latter being called mulier paisne, (after-born.) Eigne is probably a corrupt form of the French "aini." 2 Bl. Comm. 248; Litt. § 399.

EIK. In Scotch law. An addition; as, cik to a reverson, cik, to a confirmation. Bell.

EINECIA. Eldership. See Esnecey.

EINETIUS. In English law. The oldest; the first-born. Spelman.

EIRE, or EYRE. In old English law. A journey, route, or circuit. Justices in eire were judges who were sent by commission, every seven years, into various counties to hold the assizes and hear pleas of the crown. 3 Bl. Comm. 58.

EIRENARCHA. A name formerly given to a justice of the peace. In the Digests, the word is written "irenarcha."
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Eisdem modis dissolvitur obligatio quae nascitur ex contractu, vel quasi, quibus contrahitur. An obligation which arises from contract, or quasi contract, is dissolved in the same ways in which it is contracted. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, § 19.

EISNE. The senior; the oldest son. Spelled, also, "eigne," "eines," "eisne," "eign." Terms de la Ley; Kelham.

EISNETIA, EINETIA. The share of the oldest son. The portion acquired by primogeniture. Terms de la Ley; Co. Litt. 1680; Cowell.

EITHER. May be used in the sense of "each." Childester v. Railway Co., 59 Ill. 87.

This word does not mean "all;" but does mean one or the other of two or more specified things. Ft. Worth St. R. Co. v. Roseville St. R. Co., 68 Tex. 168, 4 S. W. 534.

EJECT. To cast, or throw out; to oust, or dispossess; to put or turn out of possession. 3 Bl. Comm. 196, 199, 200. See Bohnam v. Southern Ry. Co., 112 Ky. 106, 65 S. W. 169.

EJECTA. In old English law. A woman ravished or deflowered, or cast forth from the virtuous. Blount.

EJECTION. A turning out of possession. 3 Bl. Comm. 199.

ELECTIONE CUSTODIE. In old English law. Ejectment of ward. This phrase, which is the Latin equivalent for the French "ejectment de garde," was the title of a writ which lay for a guardian when turned out of any land of his ward during the minority of the latter. Brown.

EJECTIOE FIRME. Ejection, or ejectment of farm. The name of a writ or action of trespass, which lay at common law where lands or tenements were let for a term of years, and afterwards the lessor, reversioner, remainder-man, or any stranger ejected or ousted the lessee of his term, firmus, or farm, (ipsum a firma eject.) In this case the latter might have his writ of ejection, by which he recovered at first damages for the trespass only, but it was afterwards made a remedy to recover back the term itself, or the remainder of it, with damages. Reg. Orig. 227b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 220, F, G; 3 Bl. Comm. 199; Litt. § 322; Crabb, Eng. Law, 200, 448. It is the foundation of the modern action of ejectment.

EJECTMENT. At common law, this was the name of a mixed action (springing from the earlier personal action of ejectioe firme) which lay for the recovery of the possession of land, and for damages for the unlawful detention of its possession. The action was highly fictitious, being in theory only for the recovery of a term for years, and brought by a purely fictitious person, as lessee in a supposed lease from the real party in interest. The latter's title, however, must be established in order to warrant a recovery, and the establishment of such title, though nominally a mere incumbrance to reality the object of the action. Hence this convenient form of suit came to be adopted as the usual method of trying titles to land. See 3 Bl. Comm. 199. French v. Robb, 67 N. J. Law, 260, 51 Atl. 569, 57 L. R. A. 956; 91 Am. St. Rep. 433; Crockett v. Lasbrook, 5 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 538, 17 Am. Dec. 98; Wilson v. Wightman, 36 App. Div. 41, 53 N. Y. Supp. 306; Hoover v. King, 43 Or. 261, 72 Pac. 580, 65 L. R. A. 790, 69 Am. St. Rep. 764; Hawkins v. Reichert, 28 Cal. 356.

It was the only mixed action at common law, the whole character of proceeding in which was anomalous, and depended on fictions invented and upheld by the court for the convenience of justice, in order to escape from the inconveniences which were found to attend the ancient forms of real and mixed actions.

It is also a form of action by which possessory titles to corporeal hereditaments may be tried and possession obtained.


-Equitable ejectment. A proceeding in use in Pennsylvania, brought to enforce specific performance of a contract for the sale of land, and for some other purposes, which is in form an action of ejectment, but is in reality a substitute for a bill in equity. Riel v. Gannon, 161 Pa. 289, 29 Atl. 55; McKendry v. McKendry, 131 Pa. 24, 21 Atl. 1078, 6 L. R. A. 505.-Justices ejectment. A statutory proceeding in Vermont, for the eviction of a tenant holding over after termination of the lease or breach of its conditions. Foss v. Stanton, 76 Vt. 365, 57 Atl. 942.

EJECTOR. One who ejects, puts out, or dispossesses another.

-Casual ejector. The nominal defendant in an action of ejectment; so called because, by a fiction of law peculiar to that action, he is supposed to come casually or by accident upon the premises and to eject the lawful possessor. 3 Bl. Comm. 203.

EJECTUM. That which is thrown up by the sea. Also jetasem, wreck, etc.


EJERCITORIA. In Spanish law. The name of an action lying against a ship's owner, upon the contracts or obligations made by the master for repairs or supplies. It corresponds to the actio exercitoria of the Roman law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 512.
EJIDOS. In Spanish law. Commons; lands used in common by the inhabitants of a city, pueblo, or town, for pasture, wood, threshing-ground, etc. Hart v. Burnett, 16 Cal. 554.

EJURATION. Renouncing or resigning one's place.

Ejus est interpretari cujus est conditione. It is his to interpret whose it is to enact. Tyl. Civil Law, 96.

Ejus est nullae, qui potest vellet. He who can will, [exercise volition,] has a right to refuse to will, [to withhold consent.] Dig. 50, 7, 3.

Ejus est periculum cujus est dominium aut commodum. He who has the dominion or advantage has the risk.

Ejus nulla culpa est, ut parere necessity sit. No guilt attaches to him who is compelled to obey. Dig. 50, 17, 169, pr. Obedience to existing laws is a sufficient extenuation of guilt before a civil tribunal. Broom, Max. 12, note.

EJUSDEM GENERIS. Of the same kind, class, or nature.

In statutory construction, the "ejusdem generis rule" is that where general words follow an enumeration of persons or things, by words of a particular and specific meaning, such general words are not to be construed in their widest extent, but are to be held as applying only to persons or things of the same general kind or class as those specifically mentioned. Black, Interp. Laws, 141; Cutshaw v. Denver, 19 Colo. App. 341, 75 Pac. 22; Ex parte Land, 1 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 462; Spalding v. People, 172 Ill. 49, 49 N. E. 303.

ELABORARE. In old European law. To gain, acquire, or purchase, as by labor and industry.

ELABORATUS. Property which is the acquisition of labor. Spelman.

ELDER BRETHREN. A distinguished body of men, elected as masters of Trinity House, an institution incorporated in the reign of Henry VIII., charged with numerous important duties relating to the marine, such as the superintendence of light-houses. Mosley & Whitley; 2 Steph. Comm. 502.

ELDER TITLE. A title of earlier date, but coming simultaneously into operation with a title of younger origin, is called the "elder title," and prevails.

ELDEST. He or she who has the great- est age.

The "eldest son" is the first-born son. If there is only one son, he may still be described as the "eldest." L. R. 7 H. L. 644.

Electa una vis, non datur recourse ad alteram. He who has chosen one way cannot have recourse to another. 19 Toull. no. 170.


Electio interna libera et spontanea separatio unius rei ab alia, sine compulsione, consistens in animo et voluntate. Dyer, 281. Election is an internal, free, and spontaneous separation of one thing from another, without compulsion, consisting in intention and will.


ELECTION. The act of choosing or selecting one or more from a greater number of persons, things, courses, or rights. The choice of an alternative. State v. Tucker, 54 Ala. 210.

The internal, free, and spontaneous separation of one thing from another, without compulsion, consisting in intention and will. Dyer, 281.

The selection of one man from among several candidates to discharge certain duties in a state, corporation, or society. Maynard v. District Canvassers, 84 Mich. 228, 47 N. W. 756, 11 L. R. A. 332; Brown v. Phillips, 71 Wis. 239, 36 N. W. 422; Wickersham v. Brittan, 93 Cal. 34, 28 Pac. 792, 15 L. R. A. 106.

The choice which is open to a debtor who is bound in an alternative obligation to select either one of the alternatives.

In equity. The obligation imposed upon a party to choose between two inconsistent or alternative rights or claims, in cases where there is clear intention of the person from whom he derives one that he should not enjoy both. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1075; Bliss v. Geer, 7 Ill. App. 617; Norwood v. Laslatter, 132 N. C. 52, 43 S. E. 50; Salentine v. Insurance Co., 79 Wls. 580, 48 N. W. 865, 12 L. R. A. 690.

The doctrine of election presupposes a plurality of gifts or rights, with an intention, express or implied, of the party who has a right to control one or both, that one should be a substitute for the other. 1 Swanst. 304, note 8; 3 Wood, Lect. 491; 2 Rep. Leg. 480-578.

In practice. The liberty of choosing (or the act of choosing) one out of several means
afforded by law for the redress of an injury, or one out of several available forms of action. Almy v. Harris, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 175.

In criminal law. The choice, by the prosecution, upon which of several counts in an indictment (charging distinct offenses of the same degree, but not parts of a continuous series of acts) it will proceed. Jackson v. State, 95 Ala. 17, 10 South. 657.

In the law of wills. A widow's election is her choice whether she will take under the will or under the statute; that is, whether she will accept the provision made for her in the will, and acquiesce in her husband's disposition of his property, or disregard it and claim what the law allows her. In re Cunningham's Estate, 157 Pa. 621, 20 Atl. 714, 21 Am. St. Rep. 216; Sills v. Gonzalez, 99 N. Y. 1, 20 Am. L. Rev. 18, 23, 28. But these sections have been repealed by 26 Vict. c. 29, which throws the duty of preparing the accounts on the declared agent of the candidate, and the duty of publishing an abstract of it on the returning officer. Warthon.—Election district. A subdivision of territory, whether of state, county, or city, the boundaries of which are fixed by law, for convenience in local or general elections. Chase v. Miller, 41 Pa. 420; Lane v. Gitto, 98 N. J. Law, 650, 54 Atl. 442.—Election day. A name sometimes given to the provision which a law or statute makes for a widow in case she elects to reject the provision made for her in the will and take what the statute accords. Adams v. Adams, 183 Mo. 306, 82 S. W. 693.—Election judges. In English law. Judges of the high court of justice in two sessions of 31 & 32 Vict. c. 127, § 11, and Jud. Act 1873, § 38, for the trial of election petitions.—Election petitions. Petitions for inquiry into the validity of elections of members of parliament when it is alleged that the return of a member is invalid for bribery or any other reason. They are heard by one of the judges, or by one of them, of the common-law divisions of the high court.—Equitable election. The choice to be made by a person who may, under a will or other instrument, have either one of two alternative rights or benefits, but not both. Peters v. Bain, 133 U. S. 670, 10 Sup. Ct. 354, 33 L. Ed. 696; Drake v. Wild, 70 Va. 52, 39 Atl. 248.—General election. (1) One at which the officers to be elected are such as belong to the general government—that is, the general and central politicians of the whole state: an election distinguished from an election of officers for a particular locality only. (2) One held for the selection of an officer after the expiration of the full term of the former officer; thus distinguished from a special election, which is one held to supply a vacancy in office occurring before the expiration of the full term for which the incumbent was elected. State v. King, 17 Mo. 514; Downs v. State, 78 Md. 128, 23 Atl. 1005; Mackin v. State, 62 Md. 247; Kenfield v. State, 109 Mo. 469.—Regular election. An election by the voters of a ward, precinct, or other small district, belonging to a particular party, of representatives or delegates to a convention which is to meet and nominate the candidates of their party to stand at an approaching municipal or general election. See State v. Hirsch, 125 Ind. 207, 24 N. E. 1062, 9 L. R. A. 170; People v. Cavanaugh, 112 Cal. 676, 44 Pac. 1057; State v. Woodruff, 68 N. J. Law, 80, 52 Atl. 1049.—Regular election. A general, usual, or stated election. When applied to elections, the terms "regular" and "general" are used interchangeably and synonymously. The word "regular" is used in reference to a general election occurring throughout the state. State v. Conrades, 45 Mo. 47; Ward v. Clark, 35 Kan. 315, 10 Pac. 827; People v. Babcock, 123 Cal. 307, 55 Pac. 1017.—Special election. An election for a particular emergency; out of the regular course; as one held to fill a vacancy arising by death of the incumbent of the office.

Electio ne sant rite et libere sine interrup- tione aliqua. Elections should be made in due form, and freely, without any interruption. 2 Inst. 169.

Elective. Dependent upon choice; bestowed or passing by election. Also pertaining or relating to elections; conferring the right of the elector to vote for an office. —Elective franchise. The right of voting at public elections; the privilege of qualified voters to cast their ballots for the candidates they favor at elections authorized by law. Parks v. State, 100 Ala. 634, 13 South. 766; People v. Barber, 48 Hun (N. Y.) 198; State v. Staten, 6 Cold. (Tenn.) 253.—Elec tive office. One which is to be filled by popular election. Rev. Laws Mass. 1902, p. 104, c. 11, § 1.

Elector. A duly qualified voter; one who has a vote in the choice of any officer; a constituent. Appeal of Cusick, 136 Pa. 450, 20 Atl. 574, 10 L. R. A. 228; Bergevin v. Curtz, 127 Cal. 86, 59 Pac. 312; State v. Tuttle, 53 Wis. 45, 9 N. W. 701. Also the title of certain German princes who formerly had a voice in the election of the German emperors.

Electors of president. Persons chosen by the people at a so-called "presidential election," to elect the president and vice-president of the United States.

Electoral. Pertaining to electors or elections; composed or consisting of electors.

Electoral college. The body of princes formerly entitled to elect the emperor of Germany. Also a name sometimes given in the United States, to the body of electors chosen by the people to elect the president and vice-president.

Electrocute. To put to death by passing through the body a current of electricity of high power. This term, descriptive of the method of inflicting the death penalty on convicted criminals in some of the states, is a vulgar neologism of hybrid origin, which should be discountenanced.

ELEEMOSYNA REGIS, and ELEEMOSYNA ARATRI, or CARUCARUM. A penney which King Ethelred ordered to be paid for every plow in England towards the support of the poor. Leg. Ethel. c. 1.

ELEEMOSYNÆ. Possessions belonging to the church. Blount.
ELEEMOSYNARIA. The place in a religious house where the common aims were deposited, and thence by the almoner distributed to the poor.

In old English law. The aumericum, ambry, or ambr; words still used in common speech in the north of England, to denote a pantry or cupboard. Cowell.
The office of almoner. Cowell.

ELEEMOSYNARIUS. In old English law. An almoner, or chief officer, who received the eleemosynary rents and gifts, and in due method distributed them to plous and charitable uses. Cowell; Wharton.
The name of an officer (lord almoner) of the English kings, in former times, who distributed the royal alms or bounty. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 23.

ELEEMOSYNARY. Relating to the distribution of alms, bounty, or charity; charitable.
—Eleemosynary corporations. See Corporations.

ELEGANTER. In the civil law. Accurately; with discrimination. Vezzie v. Williams, 3 Story, 611, 636, Fed. Cas. No. 16,907.

ELEGIT. (Lat. He has chosen.) This is the name, in English practice, of a writ of execution first given by the statute of Westm. 2 (15 Edw. I. c. 19) either upon a judgment for a debt or damages or upon the forfeit of a recognizance taken in the king's court. It is so called because it is in the choice or election of the plaintiff whether he will sue out this writ or a fi. fa. By it the defendant's goods and chattels are appraised and all of them (except oxen and beasts of the plow) are delivered to the plaintiff, at such reasonable appraisement and price, in part satisfaction of his debt. If the goods are not sufficient, the moiety of his freehold lands, which he had at the time of the judgment given, are also to be delivered to the plaintiff, to hold till out of the rents and profits thereof the debt be levied, or till the defendant's interest be expired. During this period the plaintiff is called "tenant by elegit," and his estate, an "estate by elegit." This writ, or its analogue, is in use in some of the United States, as Virginia and Kentucky. See 3 Bl. Comm. 418; Hutchison v. Grubbs, 80 Va. 234; North American F. Ins. Co. v. Graham, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 197.

ELEMENTS. The forces of nature. The elements are the means through which God acts, and "damages by the elements" means the same thing as "damages by the act of God." Poilack v. Poche, 35 Cal. 416, 95 Am. Dec. 115; Van Wormer v. Crane, 51 Mich. 363, 16 N. W. 688, 47 Am. Rep. 582; Hatch, Bl. Law Dict. (2d Ed.)—27


ELIGIBLE. As applied to a candidate for an elective office, this term means capable of being chosen; the subject of selection or choice; and also implies competency to hold the office if chosen. Demaree v. Scates, 50 Kan. 275, 32 Pac. 1123, 20 L. R. A. 97, 34 Am. St. Rep. 113; Carroll v. Green, 148 Ind. 362, 47 N. E. 223; Searcy v. Grow, 15 Cal. 121; People v. Purdy, 21 App. Div. 66, 47 N. Y. Supp. 601.

ELIMINATION. In old English law. The act of banishing or turning out of doors; rejection.

ELINGUATION. The punishment of cutting out the tongue.

ELISORS. In practice. Electors or choosers. Persons appointed by the court to execute writs of venire, in cases where both the sheriff and coroner are disqualified from acting, and whose duty is to choose—that is, name and return—the jury. 3 Bl. Comm. 355; Co. Litt. 158; 3 Steph. Comm. 597, note.

Persons appointed to execute any writ, in default of the sheriff and coroner, are also called "elisors." See Bruner v. Superior Court, 92 Cal. 239, 28 Pac. 341.

ELL. A measure of length, answering to the modern yard. 1 Bl. Comm. 275.

ELOGIUM. In the civil law. A will or testament.

ELOGINE. In practice. (Fr. éloigner, to remove to a distance; to remove afar off.) A return by a writ of replevin, when the chattels have been removed out of the way of the sheriff.

ELOIGNMENT. The getting a thing or person out of the way; or removing it to a distance, so as to be out of reach. Garneau v. Mill Co., 8 Wash. 467, 36 Pac. 463.

ELONGATA. In practice. Elongated; carried away to a distance. The old form of the return made by a sheriff to a writ of replevin, stating that the goods or beasts had been elonged; that is, carried to a distance, to places to him unknown. 3 Bl. Comm. 148; 3 Steph. Comm. 522; Fltzb. Nat. Brev. 73, 74; Archb. N. Pract. 552.

ELONGATUS. Elongated. A return made by a sheriff to a writ de homine repellegando, stating that the party to be replevied has been elongated, or conveyed out of his jurisdiction. 3 Bl. Comm. 129.

ELONGAVIT. In England, where in a proceeding by foreign attachment the plain-
tiff has obtained judgment of appraisement, but by reason of some act of the garnishee the goods cannot be appraised, (as where he has removed them from the city, or has sold them, etc.) the sergeant-at-mace returns that the garnishee has elognied them, 4. c., removed them out of the jurisdiction, and on this return (called an "elongavit") judgment is given for the plaintiff that an inquiry be made of the goods elognied. This inquiry is set down for trial, and the assessment is made by a jury after the manner of ordinary issues. Sweet.

**ELOPEMENT.** The act of a wife who voluntarily deserts her husband to cohabit with another man. 2 Bl. Comm. 130. To constitute an elopement, the wife must not only leave the husband, but go beyond his actual control; for if she abandons the husband, and goes and lives in adultery in a house belonging to him, it is said not to be an elopement. Cogswell v. Tibbetts, 3 N. H. 42.

**ELSEWHERE.** In another place; in any other place. See 1 Vern. 4, and note.

In shipping articles, this term, following the designation of the port of destination, must be construed either as void for uncertainty or as subordinate to the principal voyage stated in the preceding words. Brown v. Jones, 2 Gall. 477, Fed. Cas. No. 2,017.

**ELUVIONE.** In old pleading. Spring tides. Townsh. Pl. 197.

**EMANCIPATION.** The act by which one who was unfree, or under the power and control of another, is set at liberty and made his own master. Fremont v. Sandown, 56 N. H. 306; Porter v. Powell, 79 Iowa, 151. 44 N. W. 293, 7 L. R. A. 176, 18 Am. St. Rep. 333; Varney v. Young, 11 Vt. 238.

In Roman law. The enfranchisement of a son by his father, which was anciently done by the formality of an imaginary sale. This was abolished by Justinian, who substituted the simpler proceeding of a manumission before a magistrate. Inst. 1, 12, 6.

In Louisiana. The emancipation of minors is especially recognized and regulated by law.

In England. The term "emancipation" has been borrowed from the Roman law, and is constantly used in the law of parochial settlements. 7 Adol. & E. (N. S.) 574, note.

—Emancipation proclamation. An executive proclamation, declaring that all persons held in slavery in certain designated states and districts were and should remain free. It was issued January 1, 1863, by Abraham Lincoln, as president of the United States and commander in chief.

**EMBARGO.** A proclamation or order of state, usually issued in time of war or threatened hostilities, prohibiting the departure of ships or goods from some or all the ports of such state until further order. The William King, 2 Wheat. 148, 4 L. Ed. 206; Delano v. Bedford Ins. Co., 10 Mass. 351, 6 Am. Dec. 132; King v. Delaware Ins. Co., 14 Fed. Cas. 516.

Emargo is the hindering or detention by any government of ships of commerce in its ports. If the embargo is laid upon ships belonging to citizens of the state imposing it, it is called a "civil embargo;" if, as more commonly happens, it is laid upon ships belonging to the enemy, it is called a "hostile embargo." The effect of this latter embargo is that the vessels detained are restored to the rightful owners if no war follows, but are forfeited to the embargoing government if war does follow, the declaration of war being held to relate back to the original seizure and detention. Brown.

The temporary or permanent sequestration of the property of individuals for the purposes of a government, &c., to obtain vessels for the transport of troops, the owners being reimbursed for this forced service. Man. Int. Law, 145.

**EMBASSADOR.** See Ambassador.

**EMBASSAGE, or EMBASSY.** The message or commission given by a sovereign or state to a minister, called an "ambassador," empowered to treat or communicate with another sovereign or state; also the establishment of an ambassador.

**EMBER DAYS.** In ecclesiastical law. Those days which the ancient fathers called "quatuor temporae jejunii" are of great antiquity in the church. They are observed on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday next after Quadragesima Sunday, or the first Sunday in Lent, after Whitsun tide, Holyrood Day, in September, and St. Lucy's Day, about the middle of December. Brit. c. 53. Our almanacs call the weeks in which they fall the "Ember Weeks," and they are now chiefly noticed on account of the ordination of priests and deacons; because the canon appoints the Sundays next after the Ember weeks for the solemn times of ordination, though the bishops, if they please, may ordain on any Sunday or holiday. Enc. Lond.


Embezzlement is the fraudulent appropriation of property by a person to whom it has

Embezzlement is a species of larceny, and the term is applicable to cases of furtive and fraudulent appropriation by clerks, servants, or carriers of property coming into their possession by virtue of their employment. It is distinguished from "larceny," properly so called, as being committed in respect of property which is not at the time in the actual or legal possession of the owner. People v. Burr, 41 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 294; 4 Steph. Comm. 168.

Embezzlement is not an offense at common law, but was created by statute. "Embezze" includes in its meaning appropriation to one's own use, and therefore the use of the single word "embezze," in the indictment or information, contains within itself the charge that the defendant appropriated the money or property to his own use. State v. Wolf, 34 La. Ann. 1153.

EMBLEMATA TRIBONIANI. In the Roman law. Alterations, modifications, and additions to the writings of the older jurists, selected to make up the body of the Pandects, introduced by Tribonian and his associates who constituted the commission appointed for that purpose, with a view to harmonize contradictions, excise obsolete matter, and make the whole conform to the law as understood in Justinian's time, were called by this name. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 71.

EMBLEMATA. The vegetable chattels called "emblems" are the corn and other growth of the earth which are produced annually, not spontaneously, but by labor and industry, and thence are called "fructus industriales." Reiff v. Reiff, 64 Pa. 137.

The growing crops of those vegetable productions of the soil which are annually produced by the labor of the cultivator. They are deemed personal property, and pass as such to the executor or administrator of the occupier, whether he were the owner in fee, or for life, or for years, if he die before he has actually cultivated or gathered the same; and this, although, being affixed to the soil, they might for some purposes be considered, while growing, as part of the property. Wharton.

The term also denotes the right of a tenant to take and carry away, after his tenancy has ended, such annual products of the land as have resulted from his own care and labor.

Emblems are the away-going crop; in other words, the crop which is upon the ground and unreaaped when the tenant goes away, his lease having determined; and the right to emblems is the right in the tenant to take away the away-going crop, and for that purpose to come upon the land, and do all other necessary things thereon. Brown; Wood v. Nock, 54 Wis. 349; 54 N. W. 285; Davis v. Chambers 9 N. H. 73; Cottle v. Spitzer, 65 Cal. 402; 6 Pac. 935; 52 Am. Rep. 300; Sparrow v. Pond, 49 Minn. 412, 52 N. W. 36, 16 L. R. A. 193, 32 Am. St. Rep. 571.

EMBLEDOR DE GENTZ. L. Fr. A stealing from the people. The phrase occurs in the old rolls of parliament: "Whereas divers murders, embler de gentz, and robberies are committed," etc.

EMBOLISM. In medical jurisprudence. The mechanical obstruction of an artery or capillary by some body traveling in the blood current, as, a blood-clot (embolus), a globule of fat, or an air-bubble.

Embolism is to be distinguished from "thrombus," a thrombus being a clot of blood formed in the heart or a blood vessel in consequence of some impediment of the circulation from pathological causes, as distinguished from mechanical causes, for example, an alteration of the blood or walls of the blood vessels. When embolism occurs in the brain (called "cerebral embolism") there is more or less coagulation of the blood in the surrounding parts, and there may be apoplectic shock or paralysis of the brain, and its functional activity may be so far disturbed as to cause entire or partial insanity. See Cundall v. Haswell, 23 R. I. 508, 51 Atl. 426.

EMBRACEOR. A person guilty of the offense of embracery, (q. v.) See Co. Litt. 300.

EMBRACERY. In criminal law. This offense consists in the attempt to influence a jury corruptly to one side or the other, by promises, persuasions, entreaties, entertainments, docours, and the like. The person guilty of it is called "embraceor." Brown; State v. Williams, 136 Mo. 263, 38 S. W. 75; Grannis v. Branden, 5 Day (Conn.) 274, 5 Am. Dec. 145; State v. Brown, 95 N. C. 686; Brown v. Beauchamp, 5 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 415, 17 Am. Dec. 51.

EMENDA. Amends; something given in reparation for a trespass; or, in old Saxon times, in compensation for an injury or crime. Spelman.

EMENDALS. An old word still made use of in the accounts of the society of the Inner Temple, where so much in emendals at the foot of an account on the balance thereof signifies so much money in the bank or stock of the houses, for reparation of losses, or other emergent occasions. Spelman.

EMENDARE. In Saxon law. To make amends or satisfaction for any crime or trespass committed: to pay a fine; to be fined. Spelman. Emendare se, to redeem, or ransom one's life, by payment of a wergild.

EMENDATIO. In old English law. Amendment, or correction. The power of amending and correcting abuses, according to certain rules and measures. Cowell.

In Saxon law. A pecuniary satisfaction for an injury; the same as emenda, (q. v.) Spelman.

—Emendatio panis et cerevisie. In old English law. The power of supervising and correcting the weights and measures of bread and ale, (assisting bread and beer.) Cowell.
EMERGE. To arise; to come to light. "Unless a matter happen to emerge after issue joined." Hale, Anal. § 1.

EMERGENT YEAR. The epoch or date whence any people begin to compute their time.

EMIGRANT. One who quits his country for any lawful reason, with a design to settle elsewhere, and who takes his family and property, if he has any, with him. Vattel, b. 1, c. 13, § 224. See Williams v. Fears, 110 Ga. 584, 55 S. E. 699, 50 L. R. A. 655; The Danube (D. C.) 55 Fed. 965.

EMISSION. The act of changing one's domicile from one country or state to another.

It is to be distinguished from "expatriation." The latter means the abandonment of one's country and renunciation of one's citizenship in it, while emigration denotes merely the removal of person and property to a foreign state. The former is usually the consequence of the latter. Emigration is also used of the removal from one section to another of the same country.

EMINENCE. An honorary title given to cardinals. They were called "illustriissimi" and "reverendissimi" until the pontificate of Urban VIII.


The right of eminent domain is the right of the state, through its regular organization, to reassert, either temporarily or permanently, its dominion over any portion of the soil of the state on account of public exigency and for the public good. Thus, in time of war or insurrection, the proper authorities may possess and hold any part of the territory of the state for the common safety; and in time of peace the legislature may authorize the appropriation of the same to public purposes, such as the opening of roads, construction of defenses, or providing channels for trade or travel. Code Ga. 1882, § 2222.

The right of society, or of the sovereign, to dispose, in case of necessity, and for the public safety, of all the wealth contained in the state, is called "eminent domain." Jones v. Walker, 2 Payne 888, Fed. Cas. No. 7,507.

Eminent domain is the highest and most exact idea of property remaining in the government, or in the aggregate body of the people in their sovereign capacity. It gives a right to resume the possession of the property in the manner directed by the constitution and the laws of the state, whenever the public interest requires it. Beekman v. Saratoga & S. R. Co., 3 Paig. (N. Y.) 45, 73, 22 Am. Dec. 679.

"The exacting of money from individuals under the right of taxation, and the appropriation of private property for public use by virtue of the power of eminent domain, must not be confused. In paying taxes the citizen contributes his just and ascertained share to the expenses of the government under which he lives. But when his property is taken under the power of eminent domain, he is compelled to surrender to the public something above and beyond his due proportion for the public benefit. The matter is special. It is in the nature of a compulsory sale to the state." Black, Tax-Titles, § 3.

The term "eminent domain" is sometimes (but inaccurately) applied to the land, buildings, etc., owned directly by the government, and which have not yet passed into any private ownership. This species of property is much better designated as the "public domain," or "national domain."

EMISSARY. A person sent upon a mission as the agent of another; also a secret agent sent to ascertain the sentiments and designs of others, and to propagate opinions favorable to his employer.

EMISSION. In medical jurisprudence. The ejection or throwing out of any secretion or other matter from the body; the expulsion of urine, semen, etc.

EMIT. In American law. To put forth or send out; to issue. "No state shall emit bills of credit." Const. U. S. art. 1, § 10.

To issue; to give forth with authority; to put into circulation. See BILL OF CREDIT.

The word "emit" is never employed in describing those contracts by which a state binds itself to pay money at a future day for services actually received, or for money borrowed for present use. Nor are instruments executed for such purposes, in common language, denominated "bills of credit." The word "credit" conveys to the mind the idea of issuing paper intended to circulate through the community, for its ordinary purposes, as money, which paper is redeemable at a future day. Briscoe v. Bank of Kentucky, 11 Pet. 316, 9 L. Ed. 709; Craig v. Missouri, 4 Pet. 418, 7 L. Ed. 903; Ramsey v. Cox, 28 Ark. 209; Houston & T. C. R. Co. v. Texas, 177 U. S. 60, 20 Sup. Ct. 545, 44 L. Ed. 673.

In Scotch practice. To speak out; to state in words. A prisoner is said to emit a declaration. 2 Alls. Crim. Pr. 560.

EMMENAGOGUES. In medical jurisprudence. The name of a class of medicines supposed to have the property of promoting the menstrual discharge, and sometimes used for the purpose of procuring abortion.

EMOLUMENT. The profit arising from office or employment; that which is received as a compensation for services, or which is annexed to the possession of office as salary, fees, and perquisites; advantage; gain, public or private. Webster. Any perquisite,
EMOTIONAL INSANITY

The species of mental aberration produced by a violent excitement of the emotions or passions, though the reasoning faculties may remain unimpaired. See INSANITY.

EMPALEMENT. In ancient law. A mode of inflicting punishment, by thrusting a sharp pole up the fundament. Enc. Lond.

EMPANELL. See IMPANEL.

EMPARLANCE. See IMPARLANCE.


EMPEROR. The title of the sovereign ruler of an empire. This designation was adopted by the rulers of the Roman world after the decay of the republic, and was assumed by those who claimed to be their successors in the "Holy Roman Empire," as also by Napoleon. It is now used as the title of the monarch of some single countries, as lately in Brazil, and some composite states, as Germany and Austria-Hungary, and by the king of England as "Emperor of India." The title "emperor" seems to denote a power and dignity superior to that of a "king." It appears to be the appropriate style of the executive head of a federal government, constructed on the monarchial principle, and comprising in its organization several distinct kingdoms or other quasi sovereign states; as is the case with the German empire at the present day.

EMPHYTEUSIS. In the Roman and civil law. A contract by which a landed estate was leased to a tenant, either in perpetuity or for a long term of years, upon the reservation of an annual rent or canon, and upon the condition that the lessee should improve the property, by building, cultivating, or otherwise, and with a right in the lessee to alien the estate at pleasure or pass it to his heirs by descent, and free from any reversion, re-entry, or claim of forfeiture on the part of the grantor, except for non-payment of the rent. Inst. 3, 25, 3; 3 Bl. Comm. 232; Maine, Anc. Law, 280.

The right granted by such a contract, (ius emphyteuticum, or emphyteuticarium.) The real right by which a person is entitled to enjoy another's estate as if it were his own, and to dispose of its substance, as far as can be done without deteriorating it. Mackeld. Rom. Law. § 326.

EMPHYTEUTA. In the civil law. The person to whom an emphyteusis is granted;
cial employment, it is understood to mean some permanent employment or position." The word is more extensive than "clerk" or "officer." It signifies any one in place, or having charge or using a function, as well as one in office. See Ritter v. State, 111 Ind. 324, 12 N. E. 501; Palmer v. Van Santvoord, 153 N. Y. 612, 47 N. E. 915, 38 L. R. A. 402; Frick Co. v. Norfolk & O. V. R. Co., 86 Fed. 738, 22 C. C. A. 31; People v. Board of Police, 75 N. Y. 38; Finance Co v. Charleston, C. & C. R. Co. (C. C.) 62 Fed. 527; State v. Sarlis, 135 Ind. 186, 34 N. E. 1129; Hopkins v. Cromwell, 89 App. Div. 481, 85 N. Y. Supp. 839.

EMPLOYER. One who employs the services of others; one for whom employees work and who pays their wages or salaries.

- Employers' liability acts. Statutes defining or limiting the occasions and the extent to which employers shall be liable in damages for injuries to their employees occurring in the course of the employment, and particularly (in recent times) abolishing the common-law rule that the employer is not liable if the injury is caused by the fault or negligence of a fellow servant.

EMPLOYMENT. This word does not necessarily import an engagement or rendering services for another. A person may as well be "employed" about his own business as in the transaction of the same for a principal. State v. Canton, 43 Mo. 51.

EMPORIUM. A place for wholesale trade in commodities carried by sea. The name is sometimes applied to a seaport town, but it properly signifies only a particular place in such a town. Smith, Dict. Antiq.

EMPRESARIOS. In Mexican law. Undertakers or promoters of extensive enterprises, aided by concessions or monopolistic grants from government; particularly, persons receiving extensive land grants in consideration of their bringing emigrants into the country and settling them on the lands, with a view of increasing the population and developing the resources of the country. U. S. v. Maxwell Land-Grant Co., 121 U. S. 325, 7 Sup. Ct. 1015, 30 L. Ed. 940.

EMPRESTITIO. In Spanish law. A loan. Something lent to the borrower at his request. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 18, l. 70.

EMPTIO. In the Roman and civil law. The act of buying; a purchase.

- Emptio bonorum. A species of forced assignment for the benefit of creditors; being a public sale of an insolvent debtor's estate whereby the purchaser succeeded to all his property, rights, and claims, and became responsible for his debts and liabilities to the extent of a quota fixed before the transfer. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 521. - Emptio et venditio. Purchase and sale; sometimes translated "emption and vendition." The name of the contract of sale in the Roman law. Inst. 3, 23; Bract. fol. 47b. Sometimes made a compound word, emptio-venditio. - Emptio rei operatim. A purchase in the hope of an uncertain future profit; the purchase of a thing not yet in existence or not yet in the possession of the seller, as, the planting of a net or a crop to be grown, and the price of which is to depend on the actual gain. On the other hand, if the price is fixed and not subject to fluctuation, but is to be paid whether the gain be greater or less, it is called emptio speci. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 400.

EMPTOR. Lat. A buyer or purchaser. Used in the maxim "causæ emptor," let the buyer beware; i. e., the buyer of an article must be on his guard and take the risks of his purchase.

Empor emit quam minimus potest, venditor vendit quam maximus potest. The buyer purchases for the lowest price he can; the seller sells for the highest price he can. 2Kent, Comm. 488.

EMTIO. In the civil law. Purchase. This form of the word is used in the Digests and Code. Dig. 18, 1; Cod. 4, 49. See Emptio.

EMTOR. In the civil law. A buyer or purchaser; the buyer. Dig. 18, 1; Cod. 4, 49.

EMTRIX. In the civil law. A female purchaser; the purchaser. Cod. 4, 54, 1.

EN AREE. L. Fr. In time past. 2 Inst. 563.

EN AUTRE DROIT. In the right of another. See Autre Droit.

EN BANXE. L. Fr. In the bench. 1 Anders. 51.

EN BREVET. In French law. An acte is said to be en brevet when a copy of it has not been recorded by the notary who drew it.

EN DECLARATION DE SIMULATION. A form of action used in Louisiana. Its object is to have a contract declared judicially a simulation and a nullity, to remove a cloud from the title, and to bring back, for any legal purpose, the thing sold to the estate of the true owner. Edwards v. Ballard, 20 La. Ann. 169.

EN DEMEURE. In default. Used in Louisiana of a debtor who fails to pay on demand according to the terms of his obligation. See Bryan v. Cox, 3 Mart. (La. N. S.) 574.

En eschange il covient que les estates soient egales. Co. Litt. 50. In an exchange it is desirable that the estates be equal.

EN FAIT. Fr. In fact; in deed; actually.

EN GROS. Fr. In gross. Total; by, wholesale.
EN JUICIO. Span. Judicially; in a court of law; in a suit at law. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 8, c. 1.

EN MASSE. Fr. In a mass; in a lump; at wholesale.

EN MORT MEYNE. L. Fr. In a dead hand; in mortmain. Britt. c. 43.

EN OWEL MAIN. L. Fr. In equal hand. The word "oecl" occurs also in the phrase "oeclty of partition."

EN RECOUVREMENT. Fr. In French law. An expression employed to denote that an indorsement made in favor of a person does not transfer to him the property in the bill of exchange, but merely constitutes an authority to such person to recover the amount of the bill. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 533.

EN ROUTE. Fr. On the way; in the course of a voyage or journey; in course of transportation. McLean v. U. S., 17 Ct. Cl. 90.

EN VENTRE SA MERE. L. Fr. In its mother's womb. A term descriptive of an unborn child. For some purposes the law regards an infant "en ventre as in being. It may take a legacy; have a guardian; an estate may be limited to its use, etc. 1 Bl. Comm. 130.

EN VIE. L. Fr. In life; alive. Britt. c. 50.

ENABLING POWER. When the donor of a power, who is the owner of the estate, confers upon persons not seld to the fee the right of creating interests to take effect out of it, which could not be done by the donee of the power unless by such authority, this is called an "enabling power." 2 Rouv. Inst. no. 1928.

ENABLING STATUTE. The act of 32 Henry VIII. c. 28, by which tenants in tail, husbands seised in right of their wives, and others, were empowered to make leases for their lives or for twenty-one years, which they could not do before. 2 Bl. Comm. 319; Co. Litt. 44a. The phrase is also applied to any statute enabling persons or corporations to do what before they could not.

ENACH. In Saxon law. The satisfaction for a crime; the recompense for a fault. Skene.

ENACT. To establish by law; to perform or effect; to decree. The usual introductory formula in making laws is, "Be it enacted." In re Senate File, 25 Neb. 864, 41 N. W. 981.

—Enacting clause. That part of a statute which declares its enactment and serves to identify it as an act of legislation proceeding from the proper legislative authority. Various formulas are used for this clause, such as "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Illinois represented in general assembly," "Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled," "The general assembly do enact," etc. State v. Patterson, 98 N. C. 690, 4 S. E. 350; Pearce v. Vittum, 193 Ill. 192, 61 N. E. 1118; Territory v. Burns, 6 Mont. 72, 9 Pac. 452.

ENAJENACION. In Spanish and Mexican law. Alienation; transfer of property. The act by which the property in a thing, by lucrative title, is transferred, as a donation; or by onerous title, as by sale or barter. In a more extended sense, the term comprises also the contracts of emphyteusis, pledge, and mortgage, and even the creation of a servitude upon an estate. Escriche; Mulford v. Le Franc, 26 Cal. 88.

ENBREVER. L. Fr. To write down in short; to abbreviate, or, in old language, "imbreviates; to put into a schedule. Britt. c. 1.

ENCAUSTUM. In the civil law. A kind of ink or writing fluid appropriate to the use of the emperor. Cod. 1, 23, 6.

ENCEINTE. Pregnant. See PREGNANCY.

ENCHESON. The occasion, cause, or reason for which anything is done. Terminus de la Ley.

ENCLOSE. In the Scotch law. To shut up a jury after the case has been submitted to them. 2 Alls. Crim. Fr. 634. See INCLOSE.

ENCLOSURE. See INCLUSION.

ENCOMIENDA. In Spanish law. A grant from the crown to a private person of a certain portion of territory in the Spanish colonies, together with the concession of a certain number of the native inhabitants, on the feudal principle of commendation. 2 Woods. Pol. Science, 161, 162. Also a royal grant of privileges to the military orders of Spain.

ENCOURAGE. In criminal law. To instigate; to incite to action; to give courage to; to inspire; to embolden; to raise confidence; to make confident. Comitez v. Parkerson (C. C.) 50 Fed. 170; True v. Com., 90 Ky. 651, 14 S. W. 864; Johnson v. State, 4 Sneed (Tenn.) 621.

ENCROACH. To gain unlawfully upon the lands, property, or authority of another; as if one man presses upon the grounds of another too far, or if a tenant owes two shillings rent-service, and the lord exact three. So, too, the Spencers were said to
ENCROACH

ENCROACHMENT. An encroachment upon a street or highway is a fixture, such as a wall or fence, which intrudes into or invades the highway or incloses a portion of it, diminishing its width or area, but without closing it to public travel. State v. Keau, 69 N. H. 122, 45 Atl. 256, 48 L. R. A. 102; State v. Pomeroy, 73 Wis. 664, 41 N. W. 726; Barton v. Campbell, 54 Ohio St. 147, 42 N. E. 698; Grand Rapids v. Hughes, 15 Mich. 57; State v. Lever, 62 Wis. 387, 22 N. W. 376.

ENCUMBER. See INCURRUB. 

ENCUMBRANCE. See INCURRANCE.

END. Object; intent. Things are construed according to the end. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 10.

END LINES. In mining law, the end lines of a claim, as platted or laid down on the ground, are those which mark its boundaries on the shorter dimension, where it crosses the vein, while the "side lines" are those which mark its longer dimension, where it follows the course of the vein. But with reference to extra-lateral rights, if the claim as a whole crosses the vein, instead of following its course, the end lines will become side lines and vice versa. Consolidated Wyoming Gold Min. Co. v. Champion Min. Co. (C. C.) 63 Fed. 549; Del Monte Min. & Mill. Co. v. Last Chance Min. Co., 171 U. S. 55, 18 Sup. Ct. 895, 43 L. Ed. 72.

ENDENZIE, or ENDENIZEN. To make free; to enfranchise.

ENDOCARDITIS. In medical jurisprudence. An inflammation of the muscular tissue of the heart.

ENDORSE. See INDORSE.

ENDOWED SCHOOLS. In England, certain schools having endowments are distinctively known as "endowed schools," and a series of acts of parliament regulating them are known as the "endowed schools acts." Mozley & Whitney.

ENDOWMENT. 1. The assignment of dower; the setting off a woman's dower. 2 Bl. Comm. 135.

2. In appropriations of churches, (in English law,) the setting off of a sufficient maintenance for the vicar in perpetuity. 1 Bl. Comm. 387.

3. The act of settling a fund, or permanent pecuniary provision, for the maintenance of a public institution, charity, college, etc.

4. A fund settled upon a public institution, etc., for its maintenance or use.

The words "endowment" and "fund," in a statute exempting from taxation the real estate, the furniture and personal property, and the "endowment or fund" of religious and educational corporations, are ejusdem generis, and intended to comprehend a class of property different from either two, not real estate or chattels. The difference between the words is that "fund" is a general term, including the endowment, while "endowment" means that particular fund, or part of the fund, of the institution, bestowed for its more permanent uses, and usually kept sacred for the purposes intended. The word "endowment" does not, in such an enactment, include real estate. See First Reformed Dutch Church v. Lyon, 32 N. J. L. 501; Appeal of Wagner Institute, 116 Pa. 555, 11 Atl. 402; Floyd v. Rankin, 86 Cal. 139, 24 Pac. 636; Liggett v. Ladd, 17 Or. 89, 21 Pac. 133.

ENDowment policy. In life insurance. A policy which is payable when the insured reaches a given age, or upon his decease, if that occurs earlier. Carr v. Hamilton, 129 U. S. 252, 9 Sup. Ct. 256; 32 L. Ed. 663; State v. Orear, 144 Mo. 197, 45 S. W. 1061.

ENEMY, in public law, signifies either the nation which is at war with another, or a citizen or subject of such nation.

—Alien enemy. An alien, that is, a citizen or subject of a foreign state or power, residing within a given country, is called an "enemy." If the country where he lives is at peace with the country of which he is a citizen or subject; but if a state of war exists between the two countries, he is called an "enemy," and in that character is denied access to the courts or aid from any of the departments of government. —Enemy's properties. In enemy's properties. In- national law, and particularly in the usage of prize courts, this term designates any property which is engaged or used in illegal intercourse with the enemy, whether belonging to an ally or a citizen, as the illegal traffic stamps it with the hostile character and attaches to it all the personal consequences. The Resolute Ed- tenerger, 176 U. S. 568, 20 Sup. Ct. 489, 44 L. Ed. 592; The Sally, 8 Cranch. 382, 3 L. Ed. 507; Prize Cases, 2 Black, 674, 18 L. Ed. 450.


ENFEOFF. To invest with an estate by feoffment. To make a gift of any corporeal hereditaments to another. See Feoffment.

ENFEOFFMENT. The act of investing with any dignity or possession; also the instrument or deed by which a person is invested with possessions.

ENFITEUSIS. In Spanish law. Enmphy- teusis. (q. v.) See Mulford v. Le Franc, 26 Cal. 103.
ENFORCE. To put into execution; to cause to take effect; to make effective; as, to enforce a writ, a judgment, or the collection of a debt or fine. Breitenbach v. Bush, 44 Pa. 320, 84 Am. Dec. 442; Emery v. Emery, 9 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 132; People v. Christenson, 59 Ill. 158.

ENFRANCHISE. To make free; to incorporate a man in a society or body politic.

ENFRANCHISEMENT. The act of making free; giving a franchise or freedom to; investiture with privileges or capacities of freedom, or municipal or political liberty. Admission to the freedom of a city; admission to political rights, and particularly the right of suffrage. Anceintly, the acquisition of freedom by a villen from his lord.

The word is now used principally either of the manumission of slaves, (q. v.) of giving to a borough or other constituency a right to return a member or members to parliament, or of the conversion of copyhold into freehold. —Whitley.

—Enfranchisement of copyholds. In English law. The conversion of copyhold into freehold tenure, by a conveyance of the fee-simple of the property from the lord of the manor to the copyholder, or by a release from the lord of all seigniorial rights, etc., which destroys the customary descent, and also all rights and privileges annexed to the copyholder's estate. 1 Watk. Copyh. 362; 2 Steph. Comm. 51.

ENGAGEMENT. In French law. A contract. The obligation arising from a quasi contract.

The terms "obligation" and "engagement" are said to be synonymous, (17 Toullier, no. 1) but the Code seems specially to apply the term "engagement" to those obligations which the law imposes on a man without the intervention of any contract, either on the part of the obligor or the obligee. (article 1570.) An engagement to do or omit to do something amounts to a promise. Rue v. Rue, 21 N. J. Law, 369.

In English practice. The term has been appropriated to denote a contract entered into by a married woman with the intention of binding or charging her separate estate, or, with stricter accuracy, a promise which in the case of a person sui juris would be a contract, but in the case of a married woman is not a contract, because she cannot bind herself personally, even in equity. Her engagements, therefore, merely operate as dispositions or appointments pro tanto of her separate estate. Sweet.

ENGINE. This is said to be a word of very general signification; and, when used in an act, its meaning must be sought out from the act itself, and the language which surrounds it, and also from other acts in pari materia, in which it occurs. Abbott, J., 6 Maule & S. 192. In a large sense, it applies to all utensils and tools which afford the means of carrying on a trade. But in a more limited sense it means a thing of considerable dimensions, of a fixed or permanent nature, analogous to an erection or building. Id. 182. And see Leder v. Forsberg, 1 App. D. C. 41; Brown v. Benson, 101 Ga. 753, 29 S. E. 215.

ENGLESHERE. A law was made by Canute, for the preservation of his Danes, that, when a man was killed, the hundred or town should be liable to be amerced, unless it could be proved that the person killed was an Englishman. This proof was called "Engleshere." 1 Hale, P. C. 447; 4 Bl. Comm. 195; Spelman.

ENGLISHERS. L. Fr. England.

ENGLISH INFORMATION. In English law. A proceeding in the court of exchequer in matters of revenue.

ENGLISH MARRIAGE. This phrase may refer to the place where the marriage is solemnized, or it may refer to the nationality and domicile of the parties between whom it is solemnized, the place where the union so created is to be enjoyed. 6 Prob. Div. 51.

ENGRAVING. In copyright law. The art of producing on hard material incised or raised patterns, lines, and the like, from which an impression or print is taken. The term may apply to a text or script, but is generally restricted to pictorial illustrations or works connected with the fine arts, not including the reproduction of pictures by means of photography. Wood v. Abbott, 5 Blatchf. 325, Fed. Cas. No. 17,833; Higgins, v. Keuffel, 140 U. S. 428, 11 Sup. Ct. 731, 35 L. Ed. 470; In re American Bank Note Co., 27 Misc. Rep. 572, 58 N. Y. Supp. 276.

ENGROSS. To copy the rude draft of an instrument in a fair, large hand. To write out, in a large, fair hand, on parchment.

In old criminal law. To buy up so much of a commodity on the market as to obtain a monopoly and sell again at a forced price.

ENGROSSER. One who engrosses or writes on parchment in a large, fair hand. One who purchases large quantities of any commodity in order to acquire a monopoly, and to sell them again at high prices.

ENGROSSING. In English law. The getting into one's possession, or buying up, large quantities of corn, or other dead victuals, with intent to sell them again. The total engrossing of any other commodity, with intent to sell it at an unreasonable price. 4 Bl. Comm. 158, 150. This was a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment. Steph. Crim. Law, 95. Now repealed by 7 & 8 Vict. c. 24. 4 Steph. Comm. 291, note.
ENHANCED. This word, taken in an unqualified sense, is synonymous with "increased," and comprehends any increase of value, however caused or arising. Thornburn v. Doscher (C. C.) 32 Fed. 812.

ENHERITANCE. L. Fr. Inheritance.

ENTITIA PARTS. The share of the eldest A term of the English law descriptive of the lot or share chosen by the eldest of coparceners when they make a voluntary partition. The first choice (primer election) belongs to the eldest. Co. Litt. 166.

Entita pars semper preferenda est propter privilegium statis. Co. Litt. 166. The part of the elder sister is always to be preferred on account of the privilege of age.

ENJOIN. To require; command; positively direct. To require a person, by writ of injunction from a court of equity, to perform, or to abstain or desist from, some act. Clifford v. Stewart, 35 Me. 38, 49 Atl. 52; Lawrence v. Cooke, 32 Hun. 126.

ENJOYMENT. The exercise of a right; the possession and fruit of a right, privilege, or incorporeal hereditament.

—Adverse enjoyment. The possession or exercise of an easement, under a claim of right against the owner of the land out of which such easement is derived. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 42; Cox v. Forrest, 60 Md. 79.—Enjoyment, quiet, covenant for. See COVENANT.

ENLARGE. To make larger; to increase; to extend a time limit; to grant further time. Also to set at liberty one who has been imprisoned or in custody.

ENLARGER L'ESTATE. A species of release which inures by way of enlarging an estate, and consists of a conveyance of the ulterior interest to the particular tenant; as if there be tenant for life or years, remainder to another in fee, and he in remainder releases all his right to the particular tenant and his heirs, this gives him the estate in fee. 1 Steph. Comm. 518.

ENLARGING. Extending, or making more comprehensive; as an enlarging statute, which is a remedial statute enlarging or extending the common law. 1 Bl. Comm. 86, 87.

ENLISTMENT. The act of one who voluntarily enters the military or naval service of the government, contracting to serve in a subordinate capacity. Morrissy v. Perry, 137 U. S. 157, 11 Sup. Ct. 67, 34 L. Ed. 644; Babbitt v. U. S., 16 Ct. Cl. 213; Ericsson v. Beach, 40 Conn. 286.

The words "enlist" and "enlistment," in law, as in common usage, may signify either the complete fact of entering into the military service, or the first step taken by the recruit to wards that end. When used in the former sense, as in statutes conferring a right to compel the military service of enlisted men, the enlistment is not deemed completed until the man has been mustered into the service. Tyler v. Pomeroy, 8 Allen (Mass.) 450.

Enlistment does not include the entry of a person into the military service under a commission as an officer. Hilliard v. Stewarts-town, 48 N. H. 280.

Enlisted applies to a drafted man as well as a volunteer, whose name is duly entered on the military rolls. Sheffield v. Otis, 107 Mass. 252.

ENORMIA. In old practice and pleading. Unlawful or wrongful acts; wrongs. Et alia enormia, and other wrongs. This phrase constantly occurs in the old writs and declarations of trespass.

ENORMOUS. Aggravated. "So enormous a trespass." Vaughan, 115. Written "enormous," in some of the old books. Enormous is where anything is made larger than a rule or against law. Brownl. pt. 2, p. 10.

ENPLEET. Anciently used for implead. Cowell.

ENQUÊTE, or ENQUEST. In canon law. An examination of witnesses, taken down in writing, by or before an authorized judge, for the purpose of gathering testimony to be used on a trial.

ENRÉGISTREMENT. In French law. Registration. A formality which consists in inscribing on a register, specially kept for the purpose by the government, a summary analysis of certain deeds and documents. At the same time that such analysis is inscribed upon the register, the clerk places upon the deed a memorandum indicating the date upon which it was registered, and at the side of such memorandum an impression is made with a stamp. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 508.

ENROLL. To register; to make a record; to enter on the rolls of a court; to transcribe. Ream v. Com., 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 200.

—Enrolled bill. In legislative practice, a bill which has been duly introduced, finally passed by both houses, signed by the proper officers of each, approved by the governor (or president) and filed by the secretary of state. Sedgwick County Com'ts v. Bailey, 13 Kan. 608.

ENROLLMENT. In English law. The registering or entering on the rolls of chancery, king's bench, common pleas, or exchequer, or by the clerk of the peace in the records of the quarter sessions, of any lawful act; as a recognizance, a deed of bargain and sale, and the like. Jacob.

ENROLLMENT OF VESSELS. In the laws of the United States on the subject of merchant shipping, the recording and certification of vessels employed in coastwise or inland navigation; as distinguished from the "registration" of vessels employed in foreign commerce. U. S. v. Lectzel, 3 Wall. 508, 18 L. Ed. 67.
ENS LEGIS. L. Lat. A creature of the law; an artificial being, as contrasted with a natural person. Applied to corporations, considered as deriving their existence entirely from the law.

ENSCHEDULE. To insert in a list, account, or writing.

ENSERERAL. To seal. Ensealing is still used as a formal word in conveyancing.

ENSERVER. L. Fr. To make subject to a service or servitude. Brit. c. 54.

ENTAIL, v. To settle or limit the succession to real property; to create an estate tail.

ENTAIL, n. A fee abridged or limited to the issue, or certain classes of issue, instead of descending to all the heirs. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 66; Cowell; 2 Bl. Comm. 112, note.

Entail, in legal treatises, is used to signify an estate tail, especially with reference to the restraint which such an estate imposes upon its owner, or, in other words, the points wherein such an estate differs from an estate in fee-simple. And this is often its popular sense; but sometimes it is, in popular language, used differently, so as to signify a succession of life estates, as in the following: "an entail ends with A," meaning that A is the first person who is entitled to bar or cut off the entail, being in law the first tenant in tail. Mosley & Whitley.

-Break or bar an entail. To free an estate from the limitations imposed by an entail and permit its free disposition, anent the law of means of a fine or common recovery, but now by deed in which the tenant and next heir join. -Quasi entail. An estate pur autre vie may be granted, not only to a man and his heirs, but to a man and the heirs of his body, which is termed a "quasi entail;" the interest so granted not being properly an estate-tail. (For the statute De Domus applies only where the subject of the entail is an estate of inheritance, but yet so far in the nature of an estate-tail as it will go to the heir of the body as special occupant during the life of the cestui que vie, in the same manner as an estate of inheritance would descend, if limited to the grantee and the heirs of his body. Wharton.

ENTAILED. Settled or limited to specified heirs, or in tail.

-Entailed money. Money directed to be invested in realty to be entailed. 3 & 4 Wm. IV, c. 74, §§ 70, 71, 72.

ENTENCION. In old English law. The plaintiff's count or declaration.

ENTENDMENT. The old form of intend-ment, (q. v.) derived directly from the French, and used to denote the true meaning or significance of a word or sentence; that is, the understanding or construction of law. Cowell.

ENTER. In the law of real property. To go upon land for the purpose of taking possession of it. In strict usage, the entering is preliminary to the taking possession but in common parlance the entry is now merged in the taking possession. See Entry.

In practice. To place anything before a court, or upon or among the records, in a formal and regular manner, and usually in writing; as to enter an appearance, to enter a judgment. In this sense the word is nearly equivalent to setting down formally in writing, in either a full or abridged form.

-Entering judgments. The formal entry of the judgment on the rolls of the court, which is necessary before bringing an appeal or an action upon the judgment. Paulford v. Newberry, 100 Ill. 491; Winstead v. Evans (Tex. Civ. App.) 33 S. W. 680; Coe v. Erb, 59 Ohio St. 206, 52 N. E. 640, 69 Am. St. Rep. 904. -Entering short. When bills not due are paid into a bank by a customer, it is the custom of some bankers not to carry the amount of the bills directly to his credit, but to "enter them short," as it is called, t. e., to note down the receipt of the bills, their amounts, and the times when they become due in a particular column of the orage column, the amounts when received are carried forward into the usual cash column. Sometimes, instead of entering such bills short, bankers credit the customer directly with the amount of the bills as cash, charging interest on any advances they may make on their account, and allow him at once to draw upon them to that amount. If the banker becomes bankrupt, the property in bills entered short does not pass to his assignees, the customer is entitled to his money when they remain in his hands, or to their proceeds, if received, subject to any lien the bank or may have upon them. Wharton.

ENTEROUGEUR. L. Fr. A party challenging (claiming) goods; he who has placed them in the hands of a third person. Kelham.

ENTERTAINMENT. This word is synonymous with "board," and includes the ordinary necessaries of life. See Scattergood v. Warneman, 2 Miles (Pa.) 322; Lasar v. Johnson, 125 Cal. 543, 55 Pac. 162; In re Breslin, 45 Hun, 213.


ENTIRE. Whole; without division, separation, or diminution.

-Entire contract. See CONTRACT.—Entire day. This phrase signifies an undivided day, not parts of two days. An entire day must have a legal, fixed, precise time to begin, and a fixed, precise time to end. A day, in contemplation of law, comprises all the twenty-four hours, beginning and ending at twelve o'clock at night. Robertson v. State, 48 Ala. 225. In a statute requiring the closing of all liquor saloons during "the entire day of any election," etc., this phrase means the natural day of twenty-four hours, commencing at midnight, and ending at midnight. Haines v. State, 7 Tex. App. 30. —Entire interest. The whole interest or right, without division. Where a person in selling his tract of land sells also his entire interest in all improvements upon public land adjacent, or on this tract, the purchaser only a quitclaim of his interest in the improvements. McJery v. Duckworth, 13 La. Ann.
ENTIRE

410.—Entire tenancy. A sole possess'or by one person, called "severalty," which is contrary to several tenancy, where a joint or common possession is in one or more.—Entire use, benefit, etc. These words in the habendum of a trust-deed for the benefit of a married woman are equivalent to the words "sole use," or "sole and separate use," and consequently her husband takes nothing under such deed. Heathman v. Hall, 38 N. C. 414.

ENTIRETY. The whole, in contradistinction to a moiety or part only. When land is conveyed to husband and wife, they do not take by moieties, but both are seised of the entirety. 2 Kent, Comm. 132; 4 Kent, Comm. 362. Particulars, on the other hand, have not an entirety of interest, but each is properly entitled to the whole of a distinct moiety. 2 Bl. Comm. 188.

The word is also used to designate that which the law considers as one whole, and not capable of being divided into parts. Thus, a judgment, it is held, is an entirety, and, if void as to one of the two defendants, cannot be valid as to the other. So, if a contract is an entirety, no part of the consideration is due until the whole has been performed.

ENTITLE. In its usual sense, to entitle is to give a right or title. Therefore a person is said to be entitled to property when he has a right to it. Com. v. Moorhead, 7 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 516; Thompson v. Thompson, 107 Ala. 193, 18 South. 247.

In ecclesiastical law. To entitle is to give a title or ordination as a minister.

ENTREBAT. L. Fr. An intruder or interloper. Brit. c. 114.


ENTREPOET. A warehouse or magazine for the deposit of goods. In France, a building or place where goods from abroad may be deposited, and from whence they may be withdrawn for exportation to another country, without paying a duty. Brande; Webster.

ENTRY. 1. In real property law. Entry is the act of going peaceably upon a piece of land which is claimed as one's own, but which is held by another person, with the intention and for the purpose of taking possession of the same.

Entry is a remedy which the law affords to an injured party ousted of its lands by another person who has taken possession thereof without right. This remedy (which must in all cases be pursued peaceably) takes place in three only out of the five species of ouster, viz., abatement, intrusion, and dispossession; for, as in these three cases the original entry of the wrong-doer is unlawful, so the wrong may be remedied by the mere entry of the former possessor. But it is otherwise upon a discontinuance or defoutrance, for in these latter two cases the former possessor cannot remedy the wrong by entry, but must do so by action, inasmuch as the original entry being in these cases lawful, and therefore conferring an apparent right of possession, the law will not suffer such apparent right to be overthrown by the mere act or entry of the claimant. Brown. See Innerarity v. Mims, 1 Ala. 674; Moore v. Hodgdon, 18 N. H. 148; Riley v. People, 29 N. Y. 410; and Johnson v. Cobb, 28 S. C. 372, 7 S. E. 601.

—Foreclue entry. See that title. Re-entry. The resumption of the possession of leased premises by the landlord on account of the tenant's failure to pay the stipulated rent or otherwise to keep the conditions of the lease.—Open entry. An entry upon recognizance, for the purpose of taking possession, which is not clandestine nor effected by secret artifice or stratagem, and in some states by statute one which is accomplished in the presence of two witnesses. Thompson v. Kenyon, 100 Mass. 108.

2. In criminal law. Entry is the unlawful making one's way into a dwelling or other house, for the purpose of committing a crime therein.

In cases of burglary, the least entry with the whole or any part of the body, hand, or foot, or with any instrument or weapon, which is needed for the purpose of committing a felony, is sufficient to complete the offense. 3 Inst. 44. And see Walker v. State, 63 Ala. 49, 37 Am. Rep. 21; Com. v. Gladding, 91 Mass. 362; Ford v. State, 42 Tex. 280; State v. McCall, 4 Ala. 644, 59 Am. Dec. 314; Pen. Code N. Y. 1898, § 501; Pen. Code Tex. 1855, art. 840.

3. In practice. Entry denotes the formal inscription upon the rolls or records of a court of a note or minute of any of the proceedings in an action; and is frequently applied to the filing of a proceeding in writing, such as a notice of appearance by a defendant, and, very generally, to the filing of the judgment roll as a record in the office of the court. Thomason v. Ruggles, 69 Cal. 465, 11 Pac. 20; State v. Lamm, 9 S. D. 418, 69 N. W. 592.

—Entry of cause for trial. In English practice, the proceeding by a plaintiff in an action who has given notice of his intention to proceed with the proper officer of the court the instant record, with the panel of jurors annexed, and thus bringing the issue before the court for trial. By the rule of the common law, in later times, the parties to an action, personally or by their counsel, used to appear in open court and make their mutual statements and prove, instead of as at the present day delivering their mutual pleadings, until they arrived at the issue or precise point in dispute between them. During the progress of this oral statement, a minute of the various proceedings was made on parchment by an officer of the court appointed for that purpose. The parchment then became the record; in other words, the official history of the suit. Long after the practice of oral pleading had fallen into disuse, it continued necessary to enter the proceedings in like manner upon the parchment roll, and this was called "entry on the roll," or making up the "issue roll." But by a rule of H. T. 4 Wm. IV, the practice of making up the issue roll was abolished; and it was only necessary to make up the issue in the form prescribed for the purpose by a rule of H. T. 1853, and to deliver the same to the court and to the opposite party. The issue which was delivered to the court was called the "issue roll," and that was regarded as the official history of the suit, in like manner as the issue roll formerly was. Under the present practice, the
issue roll or nisi prius record consists of the papers delivered to the court, to facilitate the trial of the action, these papers consisting of the pleadings simply, with the notice of trial. Brown.

4. In commercial law. Entry denotes the act of a merchant, trader, or other business man in recording in his account-books the facts and circumstances of a sale, loan, or other transaction. Also the note or record so made. Bissell v. Beckwith, 22 Conn. 517; U. S. v. Creceius (D. C.) 34 Fed. 30. The books in which such memoranda are first (or originally) inscribed are called "books of original entry," and are prima facie evidence for certain purposes.

5. In revenue law. The entry of import goods at the custom house consists in submitting them to the inspection of the revenue officers, together with a statement or description of such goods, and the original invoices of the same, for the purpose of estimating the duties to be paid thereon. U. S. v. Legg, 105 Fed. 930, 45 C. C. A. 134; U. S. v. Baker, 24 Fed. Cas. 983; U. S. v. Seldenberg (C. C.) 17 Fed. 230.

6. In parliamentary law. The "entry" of a proposed constitutional amendment or of any other document or transaction in the journal of a house of the legislature consists in recording it in writing in such journal, and (according to most of the authorities) at length. See Koehler v. Hill, 60 Iowa, 543, 15 N. W. 699; Thomason v. Ruggles, 69 Cal. 405, 11 Pac. 20; Oakland Pav. Co. v. Hilton, 69 Cal. 479, 11 Pac. 3.

7. In copyright law. Depositing with the register of copyrights the printed title of a book, pamphlet, etc., for the purpose of securing copyright on the same. The old formula for giving notice of copyright was, "Entered according to act of congress," etc.

8. In public land laws. Under the provisions of the land laws of the United States, the term "entry" denotes the filing at the land-office, or inscription upon its records, of the documents required to found a claim for a homestead or pre-emption right, and as preliminary to the issuing of a patent for the land. Chotard v. Pope, 12 Wheat. 588, 6 L. Ed. 737; Sturr v. Beck, 133 U. S. 541, 10 Sup. Ct. 350, 33 L. Ed. 761; Goddard v. Storech, 57 Kan. 714, 48 Pac. 15; Goodnow v. Wells, 67 Iowa, 654, 25 N. W. 864.


9. In Scotch law. The term refers to the acknowledgment of the title of the heir, etc., to be admitted by the superior.

ENTRY. WRIT OF. In old English practice. This was a writ made use of in a form of real action brought to recover the possession of lands from one who wrongfully withheld the same from the demandant. Its object was to regain the possession of lands of which the demandant, or his ancestors, had been unjustly deprived by the tenant of the freehold, or under whom he held, and hence it belonged to the possessory division of real actions. It decided nothing with respect to the right of the property, but attached the demandant to that situation in which he was (or by law ought to have been) before the dispossession committed. 2 Bl. Comm. 180.

It was usually necessary to specify in the writ the degree or degrees in which the writ was brought, and it was said to be "in per" or "in the personal," according as there had been one or two descents or alienations from the original wrongdoer. If more than two such transfers had intervened, the writ was said to be "in the post." See 3 Bl. Comm. 181.

—Entry ad communem legem. Entry at common law. The name of a writ of entry which lay for a reversioner after the alienation and death of the particular tenant in fee simple of the life, against him who was in possession of the land. Brown.—Entry ad terminum qui praeerit. The writ of entry ad terminum qui praeerit lay where a man leases land to another for a term of years, and the tenant holds over his term. And if lands be leased to a man for a term of years of another's, and whose life the lands are leased dies, and the lessee holds over, then the lessor shall have this writ. Termes de la Ley.—Entry for marriage. A writ of entry causa matrimonii pro quoqui lies where lands or tenements are given to a man upon condition that he shall take the donor to be his wife within a certain time, and he does not espouse her within the said term, or espouses another woman, or makes himself a priest. Termes de la Ley.—Entry in casu consimili. An action in casu consimili lies where a tenant for life or by the curtesy aliens in fee. Termes de la Ley.—Entry in casu proviso. A writ of entry in casu proviso lies if a tenant in dower alien in fee, or for life, or for another's life, living the tenant in dower. Termes de la Ley.—Entry without assetment of the chapter. A writ of entry causa assequo capitulii lies where an abbott, prior, or such as hath a covert or common, aliens lands or tenements of the right of his church, without the assetment of the covert or chapter, and dies. Termes de la Ley.

ENUMERATED. This term is often used in law as equivalent to "mentioned
specifically, "designated," or "expressly named or granted;" as in speaking of "enumerated" governmental powers, items of property, or articles in a tariff schedule. See Bloomer v. Todd, 3 Wash. T. 500, 18 Pac. 135, 1 I. R. A. 111; Wolf v. U. S., 71 Fed. 261, 18 C. C. A. 41; San Francisco v. Pennie, 93 Cal. 465, 29 Pac. 66; Cutting v. Cutting, 20 Hun, 365.

Numeratio infirmat regular in casibus non numerat. Enumeration disaffirms the rule in cases not enumerated. Bac. Aph. 17.

Numeratio unius est exclusio alterius. The specification of one thing is the exclusion of a different thing. A maxim more generally expressed in the form "expressio unius est exclusio alterius," (q. v.)

ENUMERATORS. Persons appointed to collect census papers or schedules. 33 & 34 Vict. c. 106, § 4.

ENURE. To operate or take effect. To serve to the use, benefit, or advantage of a person. A release to the tenant for life commits to him in reversion; that is, it has the same effect for him as for the tenant for life. Often written "inure."

ENVOY. In international law. A public minister of the second class, ranking next after an ambassador.

Envoy is either ordinary or extraordinary; by custom the latter is held in greater consideration.

EO DIE. Lat. On that day; on the same day.

EO INSTANTE. Lat. At that instant; at the very or same instant; immediately. 1 Bl. Comm. 196, 240; 2 Bl. Comm. 168; Co. Litt. 298; 1 Coke. 138.

EO INTUITU. Lat. With or in that view; with that intent or object. Hale, Anal. § 2.

EO LOCI. Lat. In the civil law. In that state or condition; in that place, (ex loco) Calvin.

EO NOMINE. Lat. Under that name; by that appellation. Perinde ac si co nomine ibi tradita fuisse, just as if it had been delivered to you by that name. Inst. 2, 1, 43. A common phrase in the books.

Eodem ligamine quo ligatum est dissolvitur. A bond is released by the same formalities with which it is contracted. Co. Litt. 2126; Broom, Max. 391.

Eodem modo quo quid constitutitur, dissolvitur. In the manner in which [by the same means by which] a thing is constituted, it is dissolved. 6 Coke, 538.

EORIE. In Saxon law. An earl.

EOTH. In Saxon law. An oath.

EPIDEMIC. This term, in its ordinary and popular meaning, applies to any disease which is widely spread or generally prevailing at a given place and time. Pohalski v. Mutual L. Ins. Co., 36 N. Y. Super. Ct. 234.

EPILEPSY. In medical jurisprudence. A disease of the brain, which occurs in paroxysms with uncertain intervals between them.

The disease is generally organic, though it may be functional and symptomatic of irritation in other parts of the body. The attack is characterized by loss of consciousness, sudden falling down, distortion of the eyes and face, grinding or gnashing of the teeth, stereotonic respiration, and more or less severe muscular convulsions. Convulsive or epileptic, though a disease of the brain, is not to be regarded as a form of insanity, in the sense that a person thus afflicted can be said to be permanently insane for there may be little or no mental aberration in the intervals between the attacks. But the paroxysm is frequently followed by a temporary insanity, varying in particular instances from slight alienation to the most violent mania. In the latter form the affection is known as "epileptic fury." But this generally passes off within a few days. But the course of the principal disease is generally one of deterioration, the brain being gradually more and more deranged in its functions in the intervals of attack, and the mental and intellectual powers in general becoming enfeebled, leading to a greatly impaired state of mental efficiency, or to dementia, or a condition bordering on imbecility. See Andrews v. Anderson, 3 Pitts. R. (Pa.) 310; Lawton v. Sun Mutual Ins. Co., 2 Cush. (Mass.) 517.

—Hystero-epilepsy. A condition initiated by an apparently mild attack of convulsive hysteria, followed by an epileptiform convolution, and succeeded by a period of "clownism" (Oehler) in which the patient assumes a remarkable series of droll contortions or cataleptic poses, sometimes simulating the attitudes expressive of various passions, as, fear, joy, erethism, etc. The final stage is one of delirium with unusual hallucinations. The attack differs from true epilepsy in that the convulsions may continue without serious result for several successive days, while true epilepsy, if persistent, is always serious, associated with fever, and frequently fatal.

EPIMENIA. Expenses or gifts. Blount.

EPHANY. A Christian festival, otherwise called the "Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles," observed on the 6th of January, in honor of the appearance of the star to the three magi, or wise men, who came to adore the Messiah, and bring him presents. It is commonly called "Twelfth Day." Enc. Lond.

EPIQUEYA. In Spanish law. A term synonymous with "equity" in one of its senses, and defined as "the benign and prudent interpretation of the law according to the circumstances of the time, place, and person."
EPISCOPACY. The office of overlooking or overseeing; the office of a bishop, who is to overlook and oversee the concerns of the church. A form of church government by diocesan bishops. Trustees of Diocese of Central New York v. Colgrove, 4 Hn. (N. Y.) 386.

EPISCOPALIA. In ecclesiastical law. Synodals, pentecostals, and other customary payments from the clergy to their diocesan bishop, formerly collected by the rural deans. Cowell.

EPISCOPALIAN. Of or pertaining to episcopacy, or to the Episcopal Church.

EPISCOPATE. A bishopric. The dignity or office of a bishop.

EPISCOPUS. In the civil law. An overseer; an inspector. A municipal officer who had the charge and oversight of the bread and other provisions which served the citizens for their daily food. Vint.

In medieval history. A bishop; a bishop of the Christian church.

——Episcopos puero rum. It was an old custom that upon certain feasts some lay person should plait his hair, and put on the garments of a bishop, and in them pretend to exercise episcopal jurisdiction, and do several ludicrous actions, for which reason he was called "bishop of the boys:" and this custom obtained in England long after several constitutions were made to abolish it. Blunt.

Episcopus alterius mandato quam regia non tenetur obtentemare. Co. Lit. 124. A bishop needs not obey any mandate save the king’s.

Episcopus tenet placitum, in curia Christianiatis, de illo quae mere sunt spiritualia. 12 Coke, 44. A bishop may hold plea in a Court Christian of things merely spiritual.

EPISTOLA. A letter; a charter; an instrument in writing for conveyance of lands or assurance of contracts. Calvin; Spelman.

EPISTOLE. In the civil law. Rescripts; opinions given by the emperors in cases submitted to them for decision.

Answers of the emperors to petitions.
The answers of counsellors, (juris-consulti,) as Ulpian and others, to questions of law proposed to them, were also called "epistola." Opinions written out. The term originally signified the same as littera. Vint.

EPOCH. The time at which a new computation is begun; the time whence dates are numbered. Enc. Lond.

EQUAL. Alike; uniform; on the same plane or level with respect to efficiency, worth, value, amount, or rights. People v. Hoffman, 116 Ill. 587, 5 N. E. 600, 56 Am. Rep. 739.

Equal and uniform taxation. Taxes are said to be "equal and uniform" when no person of class of persons in the taxing district, whether it be a state, county, or city, is taxed at a different rate than are other persons in the same district upon the same value or the same thing, and where the objects of taxation are the same, by whomsoever owned or whatsoever they may be. Norris v. Waco, 87 Tex. 314, 22 S. W. 425; The Railroad Tax Cases (C. C.) 13 Fed. 733; Ottawa County v. Nelson, 19 Kan. 229.—Equal degree. Persons are said to be related to a decedent in equal degrees" when they are all removed by an equal number of steps or degrees from the common ancestor. Fidler v. Higgins, 21 N. J. Eq. 162; Helmes v. Elliott, 50 Tenn. 446, 14 S. W. 930, 10 L. R. A. 535.

Equal protection of the laws. The equal protection of the laws of a state is extended to persons within its jurisdiction, within the meaning of the constitutional requirement, when its courts are open to them on the same conditions as to others, and upon the same rules of evidence and modes of procedure, for the security of their persons and property, the prevention and redress of wrongs, and the enforcement of contracts; when they are subjected to no restrictions in the acquisition of property, the enjoyment of personal liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, which do not generally affect others; when they are liable to no other or greater burdens and charges than such as are laid upon others; and when no different or greater punishment is enforced against them for a violation of the laws. State v. Montgomery, 94 Me. 102, 47 Atl. 163, 80 Am. St. Rep. 386. And see Duncan v. Missouri, 152 U. S. 377, 14 Sup. Ct. 570, 38 L. Ed. 485; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Carland, 5 Mont. 146; 5 Pac. 195; Missourr v. Lewis, 133 U. S. 100, 13 S. L. Ed. 969; Cottine v. Godard, 133 U. S. 79, 22 Sup. Ct. 30, 46 L. Ed. 92: State Board of Assessors v. Central R. Co., 48 N. J. Law., 146, 4 Atl. 578; Minneapolis & St. L. R. Co. v. Beckwith, 129 U. S. 26, 9 Sup. Ct. 207, 32 L. Ed. 585.

EQUALITY. The condition of possessing the same rights, privileges, and immunities, and being liable to the same duties.

Equality is equity. Fran. Max. 9, max. 3. Thus, where an heir buys in an incumbrance for less than is due upon it, (except it be to protect an incumbrance to which he himself is entitled,) he shall be allowed no more than what he really paid for it, as against other incumbrancers upon the estate. 2 Vent. 333; 1 Vern. 49; 1 Salk. 155.

EQUALIZATION. The act or process of making equal or bringing about conformity to a common standard. The process of equalizing assessments or taxes, as performed by "boards of equalization" in various states, consists in comparing the assessments made by the local officers of the various counties or other taxing districts within the jurisdiction of the board and reducing them to a common and uniform basis, increasing or diminishing by such percentage as may be necessary, so as to bring about, within the entire territory affected, a uniform and equal ratio between the assessed value and the
actual cash value of property. The term is also applied to a similar process of leveling or adjusting the assessments of individual taxpayers, so that the property of one shall not be assessed at a higher (or lower) percentage of its market value than the property of another. See Harney v. Mitchell County, 44 Iowa, 202; Wallace v. Bullen, 6 Okl. 757, 54 Pac. 974; Poe v. Howell (N. M.) 67 Pac. 62; Chamberlain v. Walter, 60 Fed. 792; State v. Karr, 64 Neb. 514, 90 N. W. 268.

**EQUITY.** An officer of state under the master of the horse.

**EQUES.** Lat. In Roman and old English law. A knight.

**EQUILOCUS.** An equal. It is mentioned in Simeon Dunelm, A. D. 882. Jacob.

**EQUINOXES.** The two periods of the year (vernal equinox about March 21st, and autumnal equinox about September 22d) when the time from the rising of the sun to its setting is equal to the time from its setting to its rising. See Dig. 43, 13, 1, 8.

**EQUITABLE.** Just; conformable to the principles of natural justice and right.

Just, fair, and right, in consideration of the facts and circumstances of the individual case.

Existing in equity; available or sustaineable only in equity, or only upon the rules and principles of equity.

---Equitable action. One founded on an equity or cognizable in a court of equity; or, more specifically, an action arising, not immediately from the contract in suit, but from an equity in favor of a third person, not a party to it, but for whose benefit certain stipulations or promises were made. Cogin v. Lovell, 109 U. S. 104, 3 Sup. Ct. 132, 27 L. Ed. 903; Thomas v. Musical Mut. Protective Union, 121 N. Y. 45, 24 N. E. 24, 8 L. R. A. 173; Wailly v. Shelly (C. C.) 30 Fed. 745.---

**Equitable assignment.** An assignment which, though invalid at law, will be recognized and enforced in equity; e. g., an assignment of a chose in action, or of future acquisitions of the assignor. Holmes v. Evans, 129 N. Y. 140, 29 N. E. 223; Story v. Hull, 143 Ill. 500, 32 N. E. 265; First Nat. Bank v. Coates (C. C.) 8 Fed. 542.


**EQUITATURA.** In old English law. Traveling furniture, or riding equipments, including horses, horse harness, etc. Reg. Orig. 1009; St. Westm. 2, c. 39.

**EQUITY.** 1. In its broadest and most general signification, this term denotes the spirit and the habit of fairness, justness, and right dealing which would regulate the inter-course of men with men,—the rule of doing to all others as we desire them to do to us; or, as it is expressed by Justinian, "to live honestly, to harm nobody, to render to every man his due." Inst. 1, 1, 3. It is therefore the synonym of natural right or justice. But in this sense its obligation is ethical rather than jurial, and its discussion belongs to the sphere of morals. It is grounded in the precepts of the conscience, not in any sanction of positive law.

2. In a more restricted sense, the word denotes equal and impartial justice as between two persons whose rights or claims are in conflict; justice, that is, as ascertained by natural reason or ethical insight, independent of the formulated body of law. This is not a technical meaning of the term, except in so far as courts which administer equity seek to discover it by the agencies above mentioned, or apply it beyond the strict lines of positive law. See Miller v. Kenniston, 86 Me. 550, 30 Atl. 114.

3. In one of its technical meanings, equity is a body of jurisprudence, or field of jurisdiction, differing in its origin, theory, and methods from the common law.

It is a body of rules existing by the side of the original civil law, founded on distinct principles, and serving to inciden
talize to supersede the civil law in virtue of a superior sanctity inherent in those principles. Maine, Anc. Law, 27.

"As old rules become too narrow, or are felt to be out of harmony with advancing civilization, a machinery is needed for their gradual enlargement and adaptation to new views of society. One mode of accomplishing this object on a large scale, without appearing to disregard existing law, is the introduction, by the prerogative of some high functionary, of a more perfect body of rules, discoverable in his judicial conscience, which is to stand side by side with the law of the land, overriding it in case of conflict, as on some title of inherent superiority, but not purporting to repeal it. Such a body of rules has been called 'Equity.'" Holl. Jur. 50.

"Equity," in its technical sense, contradis
tinguished from natural and universal equity or justice, may well be described as a "portion of justice" or natural equity, not embodied in legislative enactments, or in the rules of common law, yet modified by a due regard thereto and to the complex relations and conveniences of an artificial state of society, and administered in regard to cases where the particular rights, in respect of which relief is sought come within some general class of rights enforced at law, or may be enforced without detriment or inconvenience to the community; but where, as to such particular rights, the ordinary courts of law cannot, or originally did not, clearly afford relief. Rob. Eq.

4. In a still more restricted sense, it is a system of jurisprudence, or branch of remedial justice, administered by certain tribunals, distinct from the common law courts, and empowered to decree "equity" in the sense last above given. Here it becomes a complex of well-settled and well-understood rules, principles, and precedents. See Hamilton v. Avery, 20 Tex. 633; Dalton v. Vander
veer, 8 Misc. Rep. 484, 29 N. Y. Supp. 342; Parmeter v. Bourne, 8 Wash. 45, 35 Pac. 586;
“The meaning of the word ‘equity,’ as used in its technical sense in English jurisprudence, comes back to this: that it is simply a term denoting that a particular protection exists, exercised, in the English system, by certain courts, and of which the extent and boundaries are not marked by legal principles, but are, so much as by the features of the original constitution of the English scheme of remedial law, and the accidents of its development.” Bispa. Eq. § 13. The law is equity. In some respects independent of, “law,” properly so called; the object of which is to render the administration of justice more complete, by affording relief where the courts of law are incompetent to give it, or to give it with effect, or by exercising certain branches of jurisdiction independent of them. This is equity in its proper modern sense; an elaborate system of rules and process, administered in many cases by distinct tribunals, (termed “courts of chancery”) and with exclusive jurisdiction over certain subjects. It is “still distinguished by its original and animating principle that no right should be enforced without an adequate remedy,” and its doctrines are founded upon the same basis of natural justice; but its action has become systematised, deprived of any loose and arbitrary character, and might once have degenerated to its and as carefully regulated by fixed rules and precedents as the law itself. Bur. 22.

Equity, its technical and scientific legal use, as a word natural justice nor even all that portion of natural justice which is susceptible of being judicially enforced. It has a more definite and definite purpose, and is used to denote a system of justice which was administered in a particular court,—the English high court of chancery,—which system can only be explained and explained by referring to the history of that court, and how it came to exercise what is known as its extraordinary jurisdiction.” Bispa. Eq. § 14.

That part of the law which, having power to enforce discovery, (1) administers trusts, mortgages, and other fiduciary obligations; (2) the courts of common law have no machinery; (3) supplies a specific and preventive remedy for common-law wrongs where courts of common law only give subsequent damages. Chute. Eq. 4.

—Equity, courts of. Courts which administer justice according to the system of equity, and which are distinguished by a peculiar procedure or practice. Frequently termed “courts of chancery.” See 1 Bl. Comm. 92.—Equity jurisdiction. This term includes not only the ordinary meaning of the word “jurisdiction,” the power residing in a court to hear and determine an action, but also a consideration of the cases and occasions when that power is to be exercised, in other words, the question whether the action will lie in equity. Anderson v. Carr. 65 Hun. 179, 19 N. Y. Supp. 693; People v. McKeon. 51 N. Y. 223.—Equity jurisdiction. That portion of remedial justice which is exclusively administered by courts of equity, as distinguished from courts of common law. Jackson v. Nimmo. 3 Lea (Tenn.) 609.—Equity of a statute. By this phrase is meant the rule of statutory construction which applies when the act is considered as a statute and a class of cases which are neither expressly named nor excluded, but which, from their analogy to law, are necessarily included in and justly within the spirit and general meaning of the law; such cases are said to be within the equity of the statute.”—Equity law. An equity court is one devoted exclusively to equity business, that is, in which no criminal cases are tried nor any cases requiring the impanneling of a jury. Hessegrave v. State. 63 Neb. 807, 80 N. W. 295.—Natural equity. A term sometimes employed in works on jurisprudence, and not, it seems, of any very certain meaning, but used as equivalent to justice, honesty, or morality in business relations, or man’s innate sense of right dealing and fair play. Inasmuch as justice is simply that state of affairs existing when a system of rules, doctrines, and precedents, and possesses, within the range of its own fixed principles and doctrines, there is nothing within the scope of natural law, the term “natural equity” may be understood to denote, in a general way, that which strikes the ordinary conscience and sense of justice as such, and is recognized as such. The introduction of a rule or doctrine is not the advance of the question whether the technical jurisprudence of the chancery courts would so regard it.

5. Equity also signifies an equitable right, i. e., a right enforceable in a court of equity; hence, a bill of complaint which did not show that the plaintiff had a right entitling him to relief was said to be demurrable for want of equity; and certain rights now recognized in all the courts are still known as “equities,” from having been originally recognized only in the court of chancery. Sweet.

—Better equity. The right which, in a court of equity, a second incumbrancer has who has taken securities against subsequent dealings to his prejudice, and on a prior interest, is expected to select to take although he had an opportunity. 1 Ch. Prec. 470, note; Bouv. Law Dict. See 3 Bouv. Inst. note 2422.—Counterfeiting equity. A contrary and balancing equity; an equity or right opposed to that which is sought to be enforced or recognized, and which ought not to be enforced or protected by a court; that is, because it is of equal strength and justice, and equally deserving of consideration.—Latent or secret equity. An equitable claim or right, the knowledge of which has been concealed from the parties for and against whom it exists, or which has been concealed from one or several persons interested in the subject-matter.—Perfect equity. An equitable claim which possesses nothing as a legal title or right except the formal conveyance or other instrument of writing; it should make no distinction of law; particularly, the equity or interest of a purchaser of real estate who has paid the purchase price in full and fulfilled all conditions resting on the interest, and which has not vested in the grantor, or person granting, as a deed or patent. See Shaw v. Lindsey. 60 Ala. 344; Smith v. Cockrell. 66 Ala. 75.—Equity of partners. A term or condition under which of each of them have the firm’s property applied to the payment of the firm’s debts. Colwell v. Bank. 16 R. I. 288, 17 Atl. 913.—Equity of redemption. The right of the mortgagee of an estate to redeem the same after it has been forfeited, at law, by a breach of the condition of the mortgage, upon paying the amount of debt, and title or right which may be recovered of the vendee. Navassa Guano Co. v. Richardson. 26 S. C. 401. 2 S. E. 307; Sellwood v. Gray. 11 Or. 334, 5 Pac. 196; Pace v. Elnandes. 47 N. J. Eq. 170. 20 Atl. 332; Simons v. Bryce. 10 S. C. 373.—Equity to a settlement. The equitable right of a wife, when her husband surrenys in equity for the re- duction of her equitable estate in the session, to have the whole or a portion of such estate settled upon herself and her children. Also a similar right now recognized by the equity courts as one to be asserted by an invalid husband. Also called the “wife’s equity.” Poindecker v. Jeffries. 15 Grat. (Va.) 313; Clarke v. McCready. 12 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 354.

Equity delights to do justice, and that not by halves. Tallman v. Varick. 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 279, 280; Story. Eq. Pl. § 72.
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Equity follows the law. Tal. 52. Equity adopts and follows the rules of law in all cases to which those rules may, in terms, be applicable. Equity, in dealing with cases of an equitable nature, adopts and follows the analogies furnished by the rules of law. A leading maxim of equity jurisprudence, which, however, is not of universal application, but liable to many exceptions. Story, Eq. Jur. § 64.

Equity looks upon that as done which ought to have been done. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 64g. Equity will treat the subject-matter, as to collateral consequences and incidents, in the same manner as if the final acts contemplated by the parties had been executed exactly as they ought to have been; not as the parties might have executed them. Id.

Equity suffers not a right without a remedy. 4 Bouv. Inst. no. 3726.

EQUIVALENT. In patent law. Any act or substance which is known in the arts as a proper substitute for some other act or substance employed as an element in the invention, whose substitution for that other act or substance does not in any manner vary the idea of means. It possesses three characteristics: It must be capable of performing the same office in the invention as the act or substance whose place it supplies; it must relate to the form or embodiment alone and not affect in any degree the idea of means; and it must have been known to the arts at the date of the patent as endowed with this capability. Duff Mfg. Co. v. Forgie, 59 Fed. 772, 8 C. C. A. 261; Norton v. Jensen, 49 Fed. 808, 1 C. C. A. 432; Imhauesser v. Duerr, 101 U. S. 635, 25 L. Ed. 945; Carter Math. Co. v. Haner (C. C.) 70 Fed. 859; Schilling v. Cranford, 4 Mackey (D. C.) 466.

EQUIVOCAL. Having a double or several meanings or senses. See Ambiguity.

EQUULEUS. A kind of rack for extorting confessions.

EQUUS COOPERUS. A horse equipped with saddle and furniture.

ERABILIS. A maple tree. Not to be confounded with arabilis, (arable land.)

ERASTIANS. The followers of Erastus. The sect obtained much influence in England, particularly among common lawyers in the time of Selden. They held that offenses against religion and morality should be punished by the civil power, and not by the censures of the church or by excommunication. Wharton.

ERASURE. The obliteration of words or marks from a written instrument by rubbing, scraping, or scratching them out. Also the place in a document where a word or words have been so removed. The term is sometimes used for the removal of parts of a writing by any means whatever, as by cancellation; but this is not an accurate use. Cloud v. Hewitt, 5 Fed. Cas. 1,085; Valier v. Brakke, 7 S. D. 343, 04 N. W. 180.

ERGISCUNDUS. In the civil law. To be divided. Judicium familiae ergiscundar, a suit for the partition of an inheritance. Inst. 4, 17, 4. An ancient phrase derived from the Twelve Tables. Calvin.

ERECT. One of the formal words of incorporation in royal charters. "We do, incorporate, erect, ordain, name, constitute, and establish."


ERGO. Lat. Therefore; hence; because.

ERGOLABI. In the civil law. Undertakers of work; contractors. Cod. 4, 59.

ERIACH. A term of the Irish Brehon law, denoting a pecuniary mulct or recompense which a murderer was judicially condemned to pay to the family or relatives of his victim. It corresponded to the Saxon "werewild." See 4 Bl. Comm. 313.

ERIGimus. We erect. One of the words by which a corporation may be created in England by the king's charter. 1 Bl. Comm. 473.

ERMINE. By metonymy, this term is used to describe the office or functions of a judge, whose state robe, lined with ermine, is emblematical of purity and honor without stain. Webster.

ERNES. In old English law. The loose scattered ears of corn that are left on the ground after the blinding.

EROSION. The gradual eating away of the soil by the operation of currents or tides. Distinguished from submergence, which is the disappearance of the soil under the water and the formation of a navigable body over it. Muir v. Norton, 100 N. Y. 433, 3 N. E. 564, 53 Am. Rep. 206.

ERRANT. Wandering; itinerant; applied to justices on circuit, and bailiffs at large, etc.

ERRATICUM. In old law. A waif or stray; a wandering beast. Cowell.
ERRATUM. Lat. Error. Used in the Latin formula for assigning errors, and in the reply thereto, "in nullo est erratum," i.e., there was no error, no error was committed.

ERROREUS. Involving error; deviating from the law. This term is never used by scribes or law writers as designating a corrupt or evil act. Thompson v. Doty, 72 Ind. 338.

ERRONICE. Lat. Erroneously; through error or mistake.

ERROR. A mistaken judgment or incorrect belief as to the existence or effect of matters of fact, or a false or mistaken conception or application of the law.

Such a mistaken or false conception or application of the law to the facts of a case as will furnish ground for a review of the proceedings upon a writ of error; a mistake of law, or false or illegal application of it, such as vitates the proceedings and warrants the reversal of the judgment.

Error is also used as an elliptical expression for "writ of error," as in saying that an error will lie; that a judgment may be reversed on error.

Assignment of errors. In practice. The statement of the plaintiff's case on a writ of error, setting forth the errors complained of; corresponding with the declaration in an ordinary Tidd, Pr. 1188; 3 Stat. Comm. 644. Wells v. Martin, 1 Ohio St. 358; Lamy v. Lamy, 4 N. M. (Johns) 43, 12 Pac. 650. A specification of the errors upon which the apppellant will rely, with such fullness as to give aid to the court in the examination of the transcript. Squires v. Foorman, 10 Cal. 298.—Clerical error. See CLERICAL.—Common error. (Lat. communis error, q. v.) An error for which there are many examples. "Common errors" which are in the law, see, e.g., 3, no. 64. Error coram nobis. Error committed in the proceedings "before us" i.e., error assigned as a ground for reviewing, modifying, or vacating a judgment within the same court, in which it was rendered. Error coram voce. Error in the proceedings "before you" which is used in a writ of error directed by a court of habeas corpus, to the court which tried the cause.

Error in fact. In judicial proceedings, error in fact occurs when, by reason of some fact which is unknown to the court and not apparent on the record (e.g., the coverpage, infancy, or death of one of the parties), it renders a judgment which is void or voidable. Cruger v. McCracken, 57 Tex. 354, 30 Am. W. 537; Kihlborg v. Wolff, 8 Ill. App. 371; Kasson v. Mills, 8 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 379; Tanner v. Marsh, 53 Barb. (N. Y.) 100.—Error in law. Error of the court in applying the law to the case on trial, e.g., in ruling on the admission of evidence, or in charging the jury. McKenzie v. Bismarck Water Co., 6 N. W. 361, 71 N. W. 608; Scherrv. v. Hale, 9 Mont. 63, 22 Pac. 151; Campbell v. Patterson, 7 Vt. 89.—Error nominate. Error of name. A mistake of detail in the name of a person; used in contradistinction to error de person, a mistake as to identity.—Error of law. He is under an error of law when he truly informed his mind of the existence of facts, but who draws from them erroneous conclusions of law. Civ. Code La. art. 1286; Wright's 19 Am. Dec. 308.—Error of fact. That is called "error of fact" which proceeds either from ignorance of that which really exists or from a mistaken belief in the existence of that which has none. Civ. Code La. art. 1282. See Norton v. Marden, 15 Me. 45, 32 Am. Dec. 132; Morwatt v. Newell, 1 Wend. 442; 35 Am. Dec. 508.—Fundamental error. In appellate practice. Error which goes to the merits of the cause of action, and which will be considered on review, whether assigned as error or not, where the justice of the case seems to require it. Hollywood v. Wellhausen, 25 Tex. Civ. App. 441, 68 S. W. 261.—Irremedial error. In appellate practice. An error committed in the progress of the trial below, but which was not prejudicial to the rights of the party assigning it, and for which, therefore, the court will not reverse the judgment, as, where the error was neutralized or corrected by subsequent proceedings in the case, or where, notwithstanding the error, the particular issue was found in that party's favor, or where, even if the error had not been committed, he could not have been legally entitled to prevail.—Invited error. In appellate practice. The principle of "invited error" is that if, during the progress of a cause, a party requests or moves the court to make a ruling which is actually erroneous, and the court does so, that party cannot take advantage of the error on appeal or review. 26 Am. Jur. 140, 143, 52 S. W. 1015.—Reversible error. In appellate practice. Such an error as warrants the appellate court in reversing the judgment before it. New Mexican R. Co. v. Hendricks, 6 N. M. 611, 30 Pac. 901.—Technical error. In appellate practice. A merely abstract or theoretical error, which is practically not injurious to the party assigning it. Epps v. State, 102 Ind. 539, 1 N. E. 491.—Errors excepted. A phrase appended to an account stated in order to exclude slight mistakes or omissions.

Error facutus nuda veritate in multa est probabilior; et sequenunro rationibus vincit veritatem error. Error artfully disguised [or colored] is, in many instances, more probable than naked truth; and frequently error overwhelms truth by [its show of] reasons. 2 Coke, 73.

Error juris nocet. Error of law injures. A mistake of the law has an injurious effect; that is, the party committing it must suffer the consequences. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 178; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 339, note.

Error nominis nuncquam nocet, si de identitate rei constat. A mistake in the name of a thing is never prejudicial, if it be clear that the identity of the thing itself, [where the thing intended is certainly known.] 1 Duer, Ins. 171. This maxim is applicable only where the means of correcting the mistake are apparent on the face of the instrument to be construed. Id.

Error qui non resistitur approbatur. An error which is not resisted or opposed is approved. Doct. & Stud. c. 40.

Errores ad sua principia referre est reseller. To refer errors to their sources is to refute them. 3 Inst. 15. To bring errors to their beginning is to see their last.

Errores scribentis nescere non debent. The mistakes of the writer ought not to harm. Jenk. Cent. 324.
ERTHMIOTUM. In old English law. A meeting of the neighborhood to compromise differences among themselves; a court held on the boundary of two lands.

Erbesciit lex filios ostigare parentes. 8 Coke, 116. The law blushes when children correct their parents.

ESBRANCATURA. In old law. A cutting off the branches or boughs of trees. Cowell; Spelman.

ESCALDARE. To scald. It is said that to scald hogs was one of the ancient tenures in serjeancy. Wharton.

ESCAMBIO. In old English law. A writ of exchange. A license in the shape of a writ, formerly granted to an English merchant to draw a bill of exchange on another in foreign parts. Reg. Orig. 184.

ESCAMBRIUM. An old English law term, signifying exchange.

ESCAPE. The departure or deliverance out of custody of a person who was lawfully imprisoned, before he is entitled to his liberty by the process of law.

The voluntarily or negligently allowing any person lawfully in confinement to leave the place. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, § 917.

Escapes are either voluntary or negligent. The former is the case when the keeper voluntarily concedes to the prisoner any liberty not authorized by law. The latter is the case when the prisoner contrives to leave his prison by forcing his way out, or any other means, without the knowledge or against the will of the keeper, but through the latter's carelessness or the insecurity of the building. Cortis v. Dalley, 21 App. Div. 1, 47 N. Y. Supp. 454; Lansing v. Fleet, 2 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 3, 1 Am. Dec. 142; Atkinson v. Jameson, 5 Term., 25; Butler v. Washburn, 25 N. H. 258; Martin v. State, 32 Ark. 124; Adams v. Turrentine, 39 N. C. 147.

—Escape warrant. In English practice. This was a warrant granted to retake a prisoner committed to the custody of the king's prison who had escaped therefrom. It was obtained on affidavits from the judge of the court in which the action had been brought, and was directed to all the sheriffs throughout England, commanding them to retake the prisoner and commit him to gaol when and where taken, there to remain until the debt was satisfied. Jacob; Brown.

ESCAPIO QUIETUS. In old English law. Delivered from that punishment which by the laws of the forest lay upon those whose beasts were found upon forbidden land. Jacob.

ESCAPITUM. That which comes by chance or accident. Cowell.

ESCEPPA. A measure of corn. Cowell.

ESCHEATOR. In English law. The name of an officer who was appointed in every county to look after the escheats which fell due to the king in that particular county,
and to certify the same into the exchequer. An escheator could continue in office for one year only, and was not re-eligible until three years. There does not appear to exist any such officer at the present day. Brown. See 10 Vin. Abr. 158; Co. Litt. 139.

ESCHECCUM. In old English law. A jury or inquisition.

ESCHIPARE. To build or equip. Du Cange.

ESCOT. A tax formerly paid in boroughs and corporations towards the support of the community, which is called "scot and lot."

ESCRIDANO. In Spanish law. An officer, resembling a notary in French law, who has authority to set down in writing, and verify by his attestation, transactions and contracts between private persons, and also judicial acts and proceedings.

ESCRITURA. In Spanish law. A written instrument. Every deed that is made by the hand of a public escribano, or notary of a corporation or council (concejo,) or sealed with the seal of the king or other authorized persons. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 7, c. 5.

ESCOQUERIE. Fr. Fraud, swindling, cheating.

ESCROW. A scroll; a writing; a deed. Particularly a deed delivered by the grantor into the hands of a third person, to be held by the latter until the happening of a contingency or performance of a condition, and then by him delivered to the grantee. Thomas v. Sowards, 25 Wis. 631; Patrick v. McCormick, 10 Neb. 1, 4 N. W. 312; Cagger v. Lansing, 57 Barb. (N. Y.) 427; Davis v. Clark, 58 Kan. 100, 48 Pac. 503; Easton v. Driscoll, 18 R. L. 318, 27 Atl. 445.

A grant may be deposited by the grantor with a third person, to be delivered on the performance of a condition, and on delivery by the depositary it will take effect. While in the possession of the third person, and subject to condition, it is called an "escrow." Civil-Code Cal. § 1057; Civil Code Dak. § 608.

The state or condition of a deed which is conditionally held by a third person, or the possession and retention of a deed by a third person pending a condition; as when an instrument is said to be delivered "in escrow." This use of the term, however, is a perversion of its meaning.

ESCROWL. In old English law. An escrow; a scroll. "And deliver the deed to a stranger, as an escrowl." Perk. c. 1, § 9; Id. c. 2, §§ 137, 138.

ESCUAGE. Service of the shield. One of the varieties of tenure in knight's service, the duty imposed being that of accompanying the king to the wars for forty days, at the tenant's own charge, or sending a substitute. In later times, this service was commuted for a certain payment in money, which was then called "escuage certain." See 2 Bl. Comm. 74, 75.

ESCURARE. To scour or cleanse. Cowell.

ESGLISE, or EGLISE. A church. Jacob.

ESKETORES. Robbers, or destroyers of other men's lands and fortunes. Cowell.

ESKIPPAMENTUM. Tackle or furniture; outfit. Certain towns in England were bound to furnish certain ships at their own expense and with double skippage or tackle. Cowell.

ESKIPPER, ESCHIPARE. To ship.

ESKIPPSION. Shippage, or passage by sea. Spelled also, "skippesone." Cowell.

ESLISORS. See Elisors.

ESNE. In old law. A hireling of servile condition.

ESNECY. Seniority; the condition or right of the eldest; the privilege of the eldest-born. Particularly used of the privilege of the eldest among coparceners to make a first choice of purpahs upon a voluntary partition.

ESPERA. A period of time fixed by law or by a court within which certain acts are to be performed, e. g., the production of papers, payment of debts, etc.

ESPERONS. L. Fr. Spurs.

ESPEDIENT. In Spanish law. A junction of all the separate papers made in the course of any one proceeding and which remains in the office at the close of it. Castillo v. U. S., 2 Black (U. S.) 109, 17 L. Ed. 300.

ESPLEES. An old term for the products which the ground or land yields; as the hay of the meadows, the herbage of the pasture, corn of arable fields, rent and services, etc. The word has been anciently applied to the land itself. Jacob; Fosgate v. Hydraulic Co., 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 298.

ESPONSALES. A mutual promise between a man and a woman to marry each other at some other time. It differs from a marriage, because then the contract is completed. Wood, Inst. 57.

ESPURIO. Spun. In Spanish law. A spurious child; one begotten on a woman.
who has promiscuous intercourse with many men. White, New Recip. b. 1, t. 5, c. 2, § 1.

ESQUIRE. In English law. A title of dignity next above gentleman, and below knight. Also a title of office given to sheriffs, serjeants, and barristers at law, justices of the peace, and others. 1 Bl. Comm. 406; 3 Steph. Comm. 15, note; Toullins. On the use of this term in American law, particularly as applied to justices of the peace and other inferior judicial officers, see Call v. Foresman, 5 Watts (Pa.) 331; Christian v. Ashley County, 24 Ark. 151; Com. v. Vance, 15 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 37.

ESSARTER. L. Fr. To cut down woods to clear land of trees and underwood; properly to thin woods, by cutting trees, etc., at intervals. Spelman.

ESSARTUM. Woodlands turned into tillage by uprooting the trees and removing the underwood.

ESSENCE. That which is indispensable to that of which it is the essence.

—Essence of the contract. Any condition or stipulation in a contract which is mutually understood and agreed by the parties to be of such vital importance that a sufficient performance of the contract cannot be had without exact compliance with it is said to be "of the essence of the contract."

ESSENDI QUIETUM DE TOLONIO. A writ to be quit of toll; it lies for citizens and burgesses of any city or town who, by charter or prescription, are entitled to be exempted from toll, where the same is exacted of them. Reg. Orig. 258.

ESSOIN, v. In old English practice. To present or offer an excuse for not appearing in court on an appointed day in obedience to a summons; to cast an essoin. Spelman. This was anciently done by a person whom the party sent for that purpose, called an "essoiner."

ESSOIN, n. In old English law. An excuse for not appearing in court at the return of the process. Presentation of such excuse. Spelman; 1 Sel. Pr. 4; Com. Dig. "Exofine," B 1. Essoin is now not allowed at all in personal actions. 2 Term. 16; 16 East, 7a; 3 Bl. Comm. 278, note.

—Essoin day. Formerly the first general return-day of the term, on which the courts sat to receive essoins, i.e., excuses for parties who did not appear in court, according to the summons of writs. 3 Bl. Comm. 278; Boote, Suit at Law, 130; Gilb. Com. Pl. 13; 1 Tidd, Pr. 107. But, by St. 11 Geo. IV. and 1 Wm. IV. c. 70, § 6, these days were done away with, as a part of the term.—Essoin de malo villis is when the defendant is in court the first day; but gone without pleading, and being afterwards surprised by sickness, etc., cannot attend, but sends two essoiners, who openly protest in court that he is detained by sickness in such a village, that he cannot come pro iurari and pro perdere; and this will be admitted, for it lieth on the plaintiff to prove whether the essoin is true or not. Jacob. —Essoin roll. A roll upon which essoins were formerly entered, together with the day to which they were adjoined. Boute, Suit at Law, 130; Rosc. Real Act. 162, 163; Gilb. Com. Pl. 13.

ESSOIINTOR. A person who made an essoin.

Est aliquid quod non oportet etiam si licet; quiquid vero non licet certe non oportet. Hob. 159. There is that which is not proper, even though permitted; but whatever is not permitted is certainly not proper.

EST ASCAVOIR. It is to be understood or known; "it is to-wilt." Lit. §§ 8, 45, 46, 57, 69. A very common expression in Littleton, esp. calling the commencement of a section; and, according to Lord Coke, "it ever teacheth us some rule of law, or general or sure leading point." Co. Litt. 16.

Est autem jus publicum et privatum, quod ex naturalibus praecipit aut genus, aut civilibus est collectum; et quod in jus scripto jus appellatur, id in lego Anglii rectum esse dicitur. Public and private law is that which is collected from natural precepts, on the one hand of nations, on the other of citizens; and that which in the civil law is called "jus," that, in the law of England, is said to be right. Co. Litt. 558.

Est autem vis legem simulans. Violence may also put on the mask of law.

Est ipsorum legislatorum tanquam viva vox. The voice of the legislators themselves is like the living voice; that is, the language of a statute is to be understood and interpreted like ordinary spoken language. 10 Coke, 101b.

Est quiddam perfectius in rebus hostias. Hob. 159. There is something more perfect in things allowed.

ESTABLISH. This word occurs frequently in the constitution of the United States, and is there used in different meanings: (1) To settle firmly, to fix unalterably; as to establish justice, which is the avowed object of the constitution. (2) To make or form; as to establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies, which evidently does not mean that these laws shall be unalterably established as justice. (3) To found, to create, to regulate; as: "Congress shall have power to establish post-roads and post-offices." (4) To found, recognize, confirm, or admit; as: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." (5) To create, to ratify, or confirm; as: "We,
the people," etc., "do ordain and establish this constitution." 1 Story, Const. § 454. And see Dickey v. Turnpike Co., 7 Dana (Ky.) 125; Ware v. U. S., 4 Wall. 632, 18 L. Ed. 389; U. S. v. Smith, 4 N. J. Law. 33.

Established ordinarly means to settle certainly, or fix permanently, what was before uncertain, doubtful, or disputed. Smith v. Forrest, 49 N. H. 290.

**ESTABLISHMENT.** An ordinance or statute. Especially used of those ordinances or statutes passed in the reign of Edw. I. 2 Inst. 156; Britt. c. 21.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF DOWER.** The assurance of dower made by the husband, or his friends, before or at the time of the marriage. Britt. cc. 102, 105.

**ESTACHE.** A bridge or start of stone or timber. Cowell.

**ESTADAL.** In Spanish law. In Spanish America this was a measure of land of sixteen square varas, or yards. 2 White, Recop. 159.

**ESTADIA.** In Spanish law. Delay in a voyage, or in the delivery of cargo, caused by the charterer or consignee, for which demurrage is payable.

**ESTANDARD.** L. Fr. A standard, (of weights and measures.) So called because it stands constant and immovable, and hath all other measures coming towards it for their conformity.

**ESTANQUES.** Wears or kiddies in rivers.

**ESTATE.** 1. The interest which any one has in lands, or in any other subject of property. 1 Prest. Est. 20. And see Van Rensselaer v. Poucher, 5 Denio (N. Y.) 40; Beall v. Holmes, 6 Har. & J. (Md.) 208; Mulford v. Le Franc, 26 Cal. 103; Robertson v. VanCleave, 129 Ind. 217, 22 N. E. 509, 20 N. E. 781, 15 L. R. A. 68; Ball v. Chadwick, 46 Ill. 31; Cutts v. Com., 2 Mass. 289; Jackson v. Parker, 9 Cow. (N. Y.) 81. An estate in lands, tenements, and hereditaments signifies such interest as the tenant has therein. 2 Bl. Comm. 103. The condition or circumstance in which the owner stands with regard to his property. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 2, § 942. In this sense, "estate" is constantly used in conveyances in connection with the words "right," "title," and "interest," and is, in a great degree, synonymous with all of them. See Co. Litt. 345.

**Classification.** Estates, in this sense, may be either absolute or conditional. An absolute estate is a full and complete estate (Cooper v. Cooper, 56 N. J. Eq. 48, 38 Atl. 198) or an estate in lands not subject to be divested upon any condition. In this phrase the word "absolute" is not used legally to distinguish a fee from a life-estate, but what a qualified or conditional fee from a fee simple. Greenawalt v. Greenawalt, 71 Pa. 483.

A conditional estate is one, the existence of which depends upon the happening or the non-happening of some uncertain event, whereby the estate may be created, enlarged, or finally defeated. 2 Bl. Comm. 151. Estates are also classed as executed or anticipatory. The former is that kind of estate which is properly cognizable in the courts of common law, though noticed, also, in the courts of equity. 1 Steph. Comm. 21. In Moore Sayre v. Moloney, 30 Or. 238, 47 Pac. 197; in re Qualifications of Electors, 19 R. I. 387, 35 Atl. 213. An equitable estate is an interest in property which may be, and often is, only enforced in a court of chancery. Avery v. Dufrees, 9 Ohio, 145. That is properly an equitable estate or interest for which a court of equity affords the only remedy; and of this nature, especially, is the benefit of every trust, express or implied, which is not converted into the legal estate, and the statute of use, or of custom are equities of redemption, constructive trusts, and all equitable charges. Burt. Comp. c. 8. Brown v. Freed, 43 Ind. 253; in re Qualifications of Electors, 19 R. I. 387, 35 Atl. 213.

**Other descriptive and compound terms.** A contingent estate is one which depends for its effect upon an event which may or may not happen, as, where an estate is limited to a person not yet born. Conventional estates are those freeholds not of inheritance or estates for life, which are created by the express acts of the parties, in contradistinction to those which are legal and arise from the operation of law. A dominant estate, in the law of easements, is the estate for the benefit of which the easement exists, or to whom the easement owes, as such, enjoyment over an adjoining estate. An expectant estate is one which is not yet in possession. In that enjoyment by possession to begin at a future time; a present or vested contingent right of future enjoyment. Examples are remainders and reversions. A future estate is an estate which is not now vested in the grantee, but is to commence in possession at some future time. It includes remainders, reversions, and estates limited to commence in futuro without a particular estate to support them, which last are not good at common law, except in the case of chattel interests. See 2 Bl. Comm. 195. An estate limited to commence in possession at a future day, either without the intervention of a precedent estate, or on the determination by lapse of time, or otherwise, of a precedent estate created at the same time. 11 Rev. St. N. Y. (3d Ed.) § 10. See Griffin v. Shepard, 124 N. Y. 70, 20 N. E. 323; Saldoisky v. Arbuckle, 50 Minn. 472, 25 N. W. 920; Ford v. Ford, 70 Wis. 19, 33 N. W. 188, 5 Am. St. Rep. 117. A particular estate is a limited estate which is taken out of the fee, and which precedes a remainder; as an estate for years to A., remainder to B. for life; or an estate for life to A., remainder to B. in tail. This particular estate is called the life-estate, or the "particular estate," and the tenant of such estate is called the "particular tenant." 2 Bl. Comm. 165; Bunting v. Meade, 19 Conn. 492; G. B. R. 492; 21 R. I. 490. A servient estate, in the law of easements, is the estate upon which the easement is imposed or against which it is enjoyed;
an estate subjected to a burden or servitude for the benefit of another estate. 

1. Walker v. Leford, 128 Ala. 67, 29 South. 588, 69 Am. St. Rep. 74; Stevens v. Dennett, 51 N. H. 330; Dillman v. Hoffman, 38 Wis. 512. A settled estate, in the technical law, is one created or limited under a settlement; that is, one in which the powers of alienation, devising, and transmission according to the ordinary rules of descent are restrained by the limitations of the settlement. Micklethwait v. Micklethwait, 4 C. B. (N. S.) 588. A vested estate is one in which there is an immediate right of present enjoyment or a present fixed right of future enjoyment; an estate as to which there is a person in being who would have an immediate right to the possession upon the ceasing of some intermediate or precedent estate. Taylor v. Gould, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 388; Flanner v. Fellows, 206 Ill. 156, 68 N. E. 1057.

—Original and derivative estates. An original is the first of several estates, bearing to each other the relation of a particular estate and a reversion. An original estate is contrasted with a derivative estate; and a derivative estate is a particular interest carved out of another estate of larger extent. Prest. Est. 125.

For the names and definitions of the various kinds of estates in land, see the following titles.

2. In another sense, the term denotes the property (real or personal) in which one has a right or interest; the subject-matter of ownership; the corpus of property. Thus, we speak of a "valuable estate," "all my estate," "separate estate," "trust estate," etc. This, also, is its meaning in the classification of property into "real estate" and "personal estate."

The word "estate" is a word of the greatest extension, and comprehends every species of property, real and personal. It describes both the corpus and the extent of interest. Deering v. Tucker, 56 Me. 284.

"Estate" comprehends everything a man owns, real and personal, and ought not to be limited in its construction, unless connected with some other word or words; there must necessarily have that effect. Pulliam v. Pulliam (C. C.) 10 Fed. 40.

It means, ordinarily, the whole of the property owned by any one, the reality as well as the personal. Hunter v. Husted, 45 N. C. 141.

Compound and descriptive terms.—Fast estate. Real property. A term sometimes used in wills. Lewis v. Smith, 9 N. Y. 502, 61 Am. Dec. 706.—Real estate. Landed property, including all estates and interests in lands which are held for life or for some greater estate, and whether such lands be of freehold or copyhold tenure. Wharton.—Homestead estate. See HOMESTEAD.—Movable estate. See MOBILE.—Residuary estate. See RESIDUARY.—Separate estate. See SEPARATE.—Trust estate. See TRUST.

3. In a wider sense, the term "estate" denotes a man's whole financial status or condition,—the aggregate of his interests and concerns, so far as regards his situation with reference to wealth or its objects, including debts and obligations, as well as possessions and rights.

Here not only property, but indebtedness, is part of the idea. The estate does not consist of the assets only. If it did, such expressions as "insolvent estate" would be misnomers. Debts and assets must be considered together, constituting the estate. It is only by regarding the demands against the original proprietor as constituting, together with his resources available to defray them, one entirety, that the phraseology of the law governing what is called "settlement of estates" can be justified. Abbott.

4. The word is also used to denote the aggregate of a man's financial concerns (as above) personified. Thus, we speak of "debts due the estate," or say that "A's estate is a stockholder in the bank." In this sense it is a fictitious or juridical person, the idea being that a man's business status continues his existence, for its special purposes, until its final settlement and dissolution.

5. In its broadest sense, "estate" signifies the social, civic, or political condition or standing of a person; or a class of men considered as grouped for social, civic, or political purposes; as in the phrases, "the third estate," "the estates of the realm." See 1 Bl. Comm. 155.

"Estate" and "degree," when used in the sense of an individual's personal status, are synonymous, and indicate the individual's rank in life. State v. Bishop, 40 Mo. 122.

ESTATE AD REMANENTIAM. An estate in fee-simple. Glan. l. 7, c. 1.

ESTATE AT SUFFERANCE. The interest of a tenant who has come rightfully into possession of lands by permission of the owner, and continues to occupy the same after the period for which he is entitled to hold by such permission. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 392; 2 Bl. Comm. 150; Co. Litt. 578.

ESTATE AT WILL. A species of estate less than freehold, where lands and tenements are let by one man to another, to have and hold at the will of the lessor; and the tenant by force of this lease obtains possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 145; 4 Kent. Comm. 110; Litt. 683. Or it is where lands are let without limiting any certain period for an estate. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 406, § 1543.

ESTATE BY ELEGIUM. See ELEGIUM.

ESTATE BY STATUTE MERCHANT. An interest whereby the creditor, under the custom of London, retained the possession of all his debtor's lands until his debts were paid. 1 Greenl. Cruise, Dig. 515. See STATUTE MERCHANT.

ESTATE BY THE CURTESY. Tenant by the curtesy of England is where a man survives a wife who was seised in fee-simple or fee-tell of lands or tenements, and has had issue male or female by her born alive and capable of inheriting the wife's estate as heir to her; in which case he will, on the decease of his wife, hold the estate during his life as tenant by the curtesy of England. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. § 1074.

ESTATE FOR LIFE. A freehold estate, not of inheritance, but which is held by
the tenant for his own life or the life or lives of one or more other persons, or for an indefinite period, which may endure for the life or lives of persons in being, and not beyond the period of a life. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 88.

**Estate for Years.** A species of estate less than freehold, where a man has an interest in lands and tenements, and a possession thereof, by virtue of such interest, for some fixed and determinate period of time; as in the case where lands are let for the term of a certain number of years, agreed upon between the lessor and the lessee, and the lessee enters thereon. 1 Steph. Comm. 325, 326. Blackstone calls this estate a “contract” for the possession of lands or tenements for some determinate period. 2 Bl. Comm. 140. See Hutcheson v. Hodnett, 115 Ga. 900, 42 S. E. 422; Despard v. Churchill, 53 N. Y. 192; Brown v. Bragg, 22 Ind. 125.

**Estate in Common.** An estate in lands held by two or more persons, with interests accruing under different titles; or accruing under the same title, but at different periods; or conferred by words of limitation importing that the grantees are to take in distinct shares. 1 Steph. Comm. 323. See Tenancy in Common.

**Estate in Coparcenary.** An estate which several persons hold as one heir, whether male or female. This estate has the three unities of time, title, and possession; but the interests of the coparceners may be unequal. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 414; 2 Bl. Comm. 188. See Coparcenary.

**Estate in Dower.** A species of life-estate which a woman is, by law, entitled to claim on the death of her husband, in the lands and tenements of which he was seized in fee during the marriage, and which her issue, if any, might by possibility have inherited. 1 Steph. Comm. 249; 2 Bl. Comm. 129; Cruise, Dig. tit. 6; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 124, § 1117; 4 Kent, Comm. 35. See Dower.

**Estate in Expectancy.** One which is not yet in possession, but the enjoyment of which is to begin at a future time; a present or vested contingent right of future enjoyment. These are remainders and reversions. Fenton v. Miller, 108 Mich. 246, 63 N. W. 960; In re Mercielo, 63 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 68; Greyson v. Clark, 41 Hun (N. Y.) 120; Ayers v. Trust Co., 187 Ill. 42, 58 N. E. 318.

**Estate in Fee-Simple.** The estate which a man has where lands are given to him and to his heirs absolutely without any end or limit put to his estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 106; Plowd. 557; 1 Prent. Est. 425; Litt. § 1. The word “fee,” used alone, is a sufficient designation of this species of estate, and hence “simple” is not a necessary part of the title, but it is added as a means of clearly distinguishing this estate from a fee-tail or from any variety of conditional estates.

**Estate in Fee-Tail.** Generally termed an “estate tail.” An estate of inheritance which a man has, to hold to him and the heirs of his body, or to him and particular heirs of his body. 1 Steph. Comm. 223. An estate of inheritance by force of the statute De Dotes, limited and restrained to some particular heirs of the donee, in exclusion of others. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. pp. 22, 23; § 971; Cruise, Dig. tit. 2, c. 1, § 12. See Tail: Fee-Tail.

**Estate in Joint Tenancy.** An estate in lands or tenements granted to two or more persons, to hold in fee-simple, fee-tail, for life, for years, or at will. 2 Bl. Comm. 180; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. 957. An estate acquired by two or more persons in the same land, by the same title, (not being a title by descent,) and at the same period; and without any limitation by words importing that they are to take in distinct shares. 1 Steph. Comm. 812. The most remarkable incident or consequence of this kind of estate is that it is subject to survivorship.

**Estate in Possession.** An estate whereby a present interest passes to and resides in the tenant, not depending on any subsequent circumstance or contingency. 2 Bl. Comm. 163. An estate where the tenant is in actual pervanancy, or receipt of the rents and other advantages arising therefrom. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 958, § 2322; Eberts v. Fisher, 44 Mich. 551, 7 N. W. 211; Sage v. Wheeler, 3 App. Div. 38, 37 N. Y. Supp. 1107.

**Estate in Remainder.** An estate limited to take effect in possession, or in enjoyment, or in both, subject only to any term of years or contingent interest that may intervene, immediately after the regular expiration of a particular estate of fee simple previously created together with it, by the same instrument, out of the same subject of property. 2 Fearne, Rem. § 159; 2 Bl. Comm. 163; 1 Greenl. Cruise, Dig. 701.

**Estate in Reversion.** A species of estate in expectancy, created by operation of law, being the residue of an estate left in the grantor, to commence in possession after the determination of some particular estate granted out by him. 2 Bl. Comm. 176; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 978, § 2345. The residue of an estate left in the grantor or his heirs, or in the heirs of a testator, commencing in possession on the determination of a particular estate granted or devised. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. p. 718, (723.) § 12. An estate in reversion is where any estate is derived, by
grant or otherwise, out of a larger one, leaving in the original owner an ultor estate immediately expectant on that which is so derived; the latter interest being called the "particular estate," (as being only a small part or particula of the original one,) and the ultimate interest, the "reversion." 1 Steph. Comm. 290. See REVERSION.

ESTATE IN SEVERALTY. An estate held by a person in his own right only, without any other person being joined or connected with him in point of interest, during his estate. This is the most common and usual way of holding an estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 179; Cruise, Dig. tit. 18, c. 1, § 1.


ESTATE OF FREEHOLD. An estate in land or other real property, of uncertain duration; that is, either of inheritance or which may possibly last for the life of the tenant at the least, (as distinguished from a leasehold;) and held by a free tenure, (as distinguished from copyhold or villeinage.)

ESTATE OF INHERITANCE. A species of freehold estate in lands, otherwise called a "fee," where the tenant is not only entitled to enjoy the land for his own life, but where, after his death, it is cast by the law upon the persons who successively represent him in perpetuum, in right of blood, according to a certain established order of descent. 1 Steph. Comm. 218; Litt § 1; Nellis v. Munson, 108 N. Y. 453, 15 N. E. 730; Roulston v. Hall, 66 Ark. 305, 50 S. W. 690, 74 Am. St. Rep. 97; Ipswich v. Topleyfield, 5 Metc. (Mass.) 351; Brown v. Freed, 43 Ind. 256.

ESTATE PUR AUTRE VIE. Estate for another's life. An estate in lands which a man holds for the life of another person. 2 Bl. Comm. 120; Litt § 56.

ESTATE TAIL. See ESTATE IN FER-TAIL.

ESTATE TAIL, QUASI. When a tenant for life grants his estate to a man and his heirs, as these words, though apt and proper to create an estate tail, cannot do so, because the grantor, being only tenant for life, cannot grant in perpetuum, therefore they are said to create an estate tail quasi, or improper. Brown.

ESTATE UPON CONDITION. An estate in lands, the existence of which depends upon the happening or not happening of some uncertain event, whereby the estate may be either originally created, or enlarged, or finally defeated. 2 Bl. Comm. 276; Co. Litt. 201a. An estate having a qualification annexed to it, by which it may, upon the happening of a particular event, be created, or enlarged, or destroyed. 4 Kent, Comm. 121.

ESTATE UPON CONDITION EXPRESSED. An estate granted, either in fee-simple or otherwise, with an express qualification annexed, whereby the estate granted shall either commence, be enlarged, or be defeated upon performance or breach of such qualification or condition. 2 Bl. Comm. 154. An estate of which the is so expressly defined and limited by the words of its creation that it cannot endure for any longer time than till the contingency happens upon which the estate is to fail. 1 Steph. Comm. 276.-ESTATE UPON CONDITION IMPLIED. An estate having a condition annexed to it inseparably from its essence and constitution, although no condition be expressed in words. 2 Bl. Comm. 152; 4 Kent, Comm. 121.

ESTATES OF THE REALM. The lords spiritual, the lords temporal, and the commons of Great Britain. 1 Bl. Comm. 158. Sometimes called the "three estates."

ESTEMENDAR, ESTENDART, OR STANDARD. An ensign for horsemen in war.

ESTER IN JUDGMENT. L. Fr. To appear before a tribunal either as plaintiff or defendant. Kelham.

ESTIMATE. This word is used to express the mind or judgment of the speaker or writer on the particular subject under consideration. It implies a calculation or computation, as to estimate the gain or loss of an enterprise. People v. Clark, 87 Hun (N. Y.) 203.

ESTOP. To stop, bar, or impede; to prevent; to preclude. Co. Litt. 352a. See ESTOPPEL.

ESTOPPEL. A bar or impediment raised by the law, which precludes a man from alleging or from denying a certain fact or state of facts, in consequence of his previous allegations oral or written, or conduct or admission, or in consequence of a final adjudication of the matter in a court of law. Demarest v. Hopper, 22 N. J. Law, 619; Martin v. Railroad Co., 83 Me. 190, 21 Atl. 740; Veeder v. Mudgett, 95 N. Y. 295; South v. Denton, 113 Ky. 312, 68 S. W. 375; Wilkins v. Sutcliffe, 114 N. C. 550, 19 S. E. 606.

A preclusion. In law, which prevents a man from alleging or denying a fact, in consequence of his own previous act, allegation, or denial of a contrary tenor. Steph. Pl. 239.

An admission of so conclusive a nature that the party whom it affords is not permitted to aver against it or offer evidence to controvert it. 2 Smith, Lead. Cns. 778.

Estoppel is that which concludes and "shuts a man's mouth from speaking the truth." When a fact has been agreed on, or decided in a court of record, neither of the parties shall be allowed to call it in question, and have it tried over again at any time thereafter, so long as the judgment or decree stands unreversed; and
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when parties, by deed or solemn act in pais, agree on a state of facts, and act on it, neither shall be allowed to deny a fact so agreed on, or be heard to dispute it; in other words, his mouth is shut, and he shall not say that which he had before in a solemn manner asserted to be true. Armfield v. Moore, 44 N. C. 157.

—Collateral estoppel. The collateral determination of a question by a court having general jurisdiction on the subject, of facts, with knowledge of the facts, to a party ignorant of the truth of the matter, with the intention that the other party should act upon it, and with the result that such party is actually induced to act upon it, to his damage. Bigelow, Estop. 494. And see Louisville Banking Co. v. Asher, 65 S. W. 851, 22 Ky. Law Rep. 1661; Bank v. Marston, 85 Me. 488, 27 Atl. 522; Richman v. Baldwin, 21 N. J. Law. 46; Railroad Co. v. Pordue, 40 W. Va. 53, 21 S. E. 755.—Pay day deed is where a party has executed a deed, that is, a writing under seal (as a bond) reciting a certain fact, and thereupon voided, in any action brought upon that instrument, the fact so recited. Steph. Pl. 197. A man shall always be estopped by his own deed, through no act of his, so as to aver or deny anything in contradiction to what he has once so solemnly and deliberately avowed. 2 Bl. Comm. 295; Flowd. v. Hudson v. Finlow 2 Pa. 441, 4 N. J. Law. 441; Taggart v. Rile 4 Or. 442; Appeal of Waters, 35 Pa. 526, 78 Am. Dec. 354.

—Estoppel by election. An estoppel predicated on a voluntary and intentional election or choice of one of several things which is inconsistent with another, the effect of the estoppel being to prevent the party so choosing from afterwards revoking his election or disputing the state of affairs or rights of others resulting from his original choice. Yates v. Hurd, 8 Colo. 343, 8 Pac. 576.—Estoppel by judgment. The estoppel raised by the rendition of a valid judgment by a court having jurisdiction, which prevents the parties to the action, and all who are privy with them, from afterwards disputing or drawing into controversy the particular facts or issues on which the judgment was based or which were or might have been determinative in the action. 15 Am. Jur. 504; State v. Torinus, 28 Minn. 175, 9 N. W. 725.—Estoppel by matter in pais. An estoppel by the conduct or admissions of the party, an estoppel not arising from deed; or matter of record. Thus, where one man has accepted rent of another, he will be estopped from afterwards denying, in an action with that person, that he was, at the time of such acceptance, his tenant. Steph. Pl. 197. The doctrine of estoppels in pais is one which, so far at least as that term is concerned, has grown up chiefly within the last few years. But it is, and always was, a familiar principle in the law of facts. It lies at the foundation of mora, and is a cardinal point in the exposition of promises, that one shall be bound by the state of facts which he has induced another to act upon. Hudd, C. J., Strong v. Elsworth, 26 Vt. 306, 373. And see West Winsted Sav. Bank v. Ford, 27 Conn. 290, 71 Am. Dec. 66; Dwin v. Davis, 26 Cal. 35, 36 Am. Dec. 157; Bank v. Lewis, 80 N. Y. Super. 19, 21, 17 N. Y. Supp. 375; Coogler v. Rogers, 25 Fla. 863, 7 South. 391, Merchants' Nat. Bank v. State Nat. Bank, 36 Idaho 10, 96 P. 875; Hensley v. Watterson, 39 W. Va. 214, 19 S. E. 533; Barnard v. Seminary, 49 Mich. 444, 13 N. W. 811.—Estoppel by matter of record. An estoppel not arising from deed; or matter of record; as a confession or admission made in pleading in a court of record, which precludes the party from afterwards contesting the same fact in the same suit. Steph. Pl. 197.—Estoppel by verdict. This term is sometimes applied to the estoppel arising from a former adjudication of the same fact or issue between the same parties or their privies. Chicago Theological Seminary v. People, 189 Ill. 438, 59 N. E. 977; Smalk v. Railway Co., 61 Minn. 423, 63 N. W. 1088. But this use is not correct, as it is for a verdict which creates an estoppel, but the judgment, and it is immaterial whether a jury participated in the trial or not.

In pleading. A plea, replication, or other pleading, which, without confessing or denying the matter of fact adversely alleged, relies merely on some matter of estoppel as a ground for excluding the opposite party from the allegation of the fact. Steph. Pl. 210; 3 Bl. Comm. 308.

A plea which neither admits nor denies the facts alleged by the plaintiff, but denies his right to allege them. Gould, Pl. c. 2, § 30.

A special plea in bar, which happens where a man has done some act or executed some deed which precludes him from averring anything to the contrary. 3 Bl. Comm. 308.

Esto veria mut arsendi, arsandi construend et claudendi. 13 Coke, 68. Estovers are of fire-bots, blow-bots, house-bots, and hedge-bots.

ESTOVERIUS HABENDIS. A writ for a wife judicially separated to recover her alimony or estovers.Obsolete.

ESTOVERS. An allowance made to a person out of an estate or other thing for his or her support, as for food and raiment. An allowance (more commonly called "almONY") granted to a woman divorced a mensa et thoro, for her support out of her husband's estate. 1 Bl. Comm. 441.

The right or privilege which a tenant has to furnish himself with so much wood from the demised premises as may be sufficient or necessary for his fuel, fences, and other agricultural operations. 2 Bl. Comm. 35; Woodf. Landl. & Ten. 232; Zimmerman v. Shreeve, 59 Md. 303; Lawrence v. Hunter, 9 Watts (Pa.) 78; Livingston v. Reynolds, 2 Hll (N. Y.) 159.

—Common of estovers. A liberty of taking necessary wood for the use or furniture of a house or farm from off another's estate, in common with the owner or with others. 2 Bl. Comm. 35.

ESTRAY. Cattle whose owner is unknown. 2 Kent, Comm. 350; Spelman; 29 Iowa, 437. Any beast, not wild, found within any lordship, and not owned by any man. Cowell; 1 Bl. Comm. 297.

Estrey must be understood as denoting a wandering beast whose owner is unknown to the person who takes it. An estrey is an animal that has escaped from its owner, and wanders or strays about; usually defined, at common law, as a wandering animal whose owner is unknown. An animal cannot be an estrey when on the range where it was raised, and permitted
by its owner to run, and especially when the owner is known to the party who takes it up. The fact of its being breachy or vicious does not make it an estray. Waites v. Glazt. 29 Iowa, 439; Roberts v. Barnes, 27 Wis. 423; Kinney v. Roe, 70 Iowa, 509, 30 N. W. 776; Shepherd v. Hawley, 4 Or. 208.

ESTREAT, n. To take out a forfeited recognition from the records of a court, and return it to the court of exchequer, to be prosecuted. See ESTREAT, n.

ESTREAT, n. (From Lat. extractum.) In English law. A copy or extract from the book of estreats, that is, the rolls of any court, in which the amercements or fines, recognizances, etc., imposed or taken by that court upon or from the accused, are set down, and which are to be levied by the bailiff or other officer of the court. Cowell; Brown. A forfeited recognition taken out from among the other records for the purpose of being sent up to the exchequer, that the parties might be sued thereon, was said to be estreated. 4 Bl. Comm. 233. And see Louisiana Society v. Cage, 45 La. Ann. 1394, 14 South. 422.

ESTRECIATUS. Straightened, as applied to roads. Cowell.

ESTREPE. To strip; to despoil; to lay waste; to commit waste upon an estate, as by cutting down trees, removing buildings, etc. To injure the value of a reversionary interest by stripping or spoiling the estate.

ESTREPEMENT. A species of aggravated waste, by stripping or devastating the land, to the injury of the reversioner, and especially pending a suit for possession.

—Estrepement, wrot of. This was a common-law writ of waste, which lay in particular for the reversioner against the tenant for life, in respect of damage or injury to the land committed by the latter. As it was only auxiliary to a real action for recovery of the land, and as equity afforded the same relief by injunction, the writ fell into disuse.

ET. And. The introductory word of several Latin and law French phrases formerly in common use.

ET ADJOURNATUR. And it is adjourned. A phrase used in the old reports, where the argument of a cause was adjourned to another day, or where a second argument was had. 1 Keb. 692, 754, 773.

ET AL. An abbreviation for et alii, "and others."

ET ALII EST CONTRA. And others on the other side. A phrase constantly used in the Year Books, in describing a joiner in issue. P. 1 Edw. II. Prat; et alii est contra, et sic ad patriam: ready; and others, est contra, and so to the country. T. 3 Edw. III. 4.

ET ALIUS. And another. The abbreviation et al. (sometimes in the plural written et alia) is affixed to the name of the person first mentioned, where there are several plaintiffs, grantees, persons addressed, etc.

ET ALLOCATUR. And it is allowed.

ET CEETERA. And others; and other things; and so on. In its abbreviated form (etc.) this phrase is frequently affixed to one of a series of articles or names to show that others are intended to follow or understood to be included. So after reciting the introductory words of a set formula, or a clause already given in full, etc. is added, as an abbreviation, for the sake of convenience. See Lathers v. Keogh, 39 Hun (N. Y.) 579; Com. v. Ross, 6 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 428; In re Schouler, 134 Mass. 426; High Court v. Schweltzer, 70 Ill. App. 143.

ET DE CEO SE METTENT EN LE PAYS. L. Fr. And of this they put themselves upon the country.

ET DE HOC PONIT SE SUPER PATRIAM. And of this he puts himself upon the country. The formal conclusion of a common-law plea in bar by way of traverse. The literal translation is retained in the modern form.

ET EI LEGITUR IN HEC VERBA. L. Lat. And it is read to him in these words. Words formerly used in entering the prayer of oxy on record.

ET HABEAS IBI TUNC HOC BREV. And have you then there this writ. The formal words directing the return of a writ. The literal translation is retained in the modern form of a considerable number of words.

ET HABUIT. And he had it. A common phrase in the Year Books, expressive of the allowance of an application or demand by a party. Parn. demanda la view. Et habuit, etc. M. 6 Edw. III. 49.

ET HOC PARATUS EST VERIFICARE. And this he is prepared to verify. The Latin form of concluding a plea in confession and avoidance.

These words were used, when the pleadings were in Latin, at the conclusion of any pleading which contained new affirmative matter. They expressed the willingness or readiness of the party so pleading to establish by proof the matter alleged in his pleading. A pleading which concluded in that manner was technically said to "conclude with a verification," in contradistinction to a pleading which simply denied matter alleged by the opposite party, and which for that reason was said to "conclude to the country," because the party merely put himself upon the country, or left the matter to the jury. Brown.
ET HOC PETIT QUOD INQUIRATUR
PER PATRIAM. And this he prays may be inquired of by the country. The conclusion of a plaintiff's pleading, tendering an issue to the country. 1 Salk. 6. Literally translated in the modern forms.

ET INDE PETIT JUDICIUM. And thereupon [or thereof] he prays judgment. A clause at the end of pleadings, praying the judgment of the court in favor of the party pleading. It occurs as early as the time of Bracton, and is literally translated in the modern forms. Bract. fol. 57b; Crabb, Eng. Law, 217.

ET INDE PRODUCIT SECTAM. And thereupon he brings suit. The Latin conclusion of a declaration, except against attorneys and other officers of the court. 3 Bl. Comm. 295.

ET MODO AD HUNC DIEM. Lat. And now at this day. This phrase was the formal beginning of an entry of appearance or of a continuance. The equivalent English words are still used in this connection.

ET NON. Lat. And not. A technical phrase in pleading, which introduces the negative averments of a special traverse. It has the same force and effect as the words "abate hoc," and is occasionally used instead of the latter.

ET SEQ. An abbreviation for et sequentia, "and the following." Thus a reference to "p. 1, et seq." means "page first and the following pages."

ET SIC. And so. In the Latin forms of pleading these were the introductory words of a special conclusion to a plea in bar, the object being to render it positive and not argumentative; as et sic nil debet.

ET SIC AD JUDICIUM. And so to judgment. Yearb. T. 1 Edw. II. 10.

ET SIC AD PATRIAM. And so to the country. A phrase used in the Year Books, to record an issue to the country.

ET SIC FECIT. And he did so. Yearb. P. 9 Hen. VI. 17.

ET SIC PENDET. And so [it hangs]. A term used in the old reports to signify that a point was left undetermined. T. Raym. 188.

ET SIC ULTERIUS. And so on; and so further; and so forth. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 50, § 27.

ET UX. An abbreviation for et uxor,— "and wife." Where a grantor's wife joins him in the conveyance, it is sometimes expressed (in abstracts, etc.) to be by "A. B. et ux."

ETIQUETTE OF THE PROFESSION.
The code of honor agreed on by mutual understanding and tacitly accepted by members of the legal profession, especially by the bar. Wharton.

Eun qui nocentem infamat, non est sequum et bonum ob easm rem condemnari; delicta enim nocentum nota esse opertet et expedit. It is not just and proper that he who speaks ill of a bad man should be condemned on that account; for it is fitting and expedient that the crimes of bad men should be known. Dig. 47, 10, 17; 1 Bl. Comm. 125.


EUENDO, MORANDO, ET REDEUNDO. Lat. Going, remaining, and returning. A person who is privileged from arrest (as a witness, legislator, etc.) is generally so privileged euendo, morando, et redeundo; that is, on his way to the place where his duties are to be performed, while he remains there, and on his return journey.

EUNOMY. Equal laws and a well-adjusted constitution of government.

EUNUCH. A male of the human species who has been castrated. See Domat, liv. prél. tit. 2, § 1, n. 10. Eckert v. Van Pelt, 69 Kan. 357, 76 Pac. 909, 66 L. R. A. 266.


EVASION. A subtle endeavoring to set aside truth or to escape the punishment of the law. This will not be allowed. If one person says to another that he will not strike him, but will give him a pot of ale to strike first, and, accordingly, the latter strikes, the returning the blow is punishable; and, if the person first striking is killed, it is murder, for no man shall evade the justice of the law by such a pretense. 1 Hawk. P. C. 81. So no one may plead ignorance of the law to evade it. Jacob.

EVASIVE. Tending or seeking to evade; elusive; shifting; as an evasive argument or plea.

EVENINGS. In old English law. The delivery at even or night of a certain portion of grass, or corn, etc., to a customary tenant, who performs the service of cutting, mowing, or reaping for his lord, given him
as a gratuity or encouragement. Kennett, Gloss.

**EVENT.** In reference to judicial and quasi judicial proceedings, the "event" means the conclusion, end, or final outcome or result of a litigation; as, in the phrase "abide the event," speaking of costs or of an agreement that one suit shall be governed by the determination in another. Reeves v. McGregor, 9 Adol. & El. 576; Benjamin v. Ver Nooy, 108 N. Y. 576, 61 N. E. 971; Commercial Union Assur. Co. v. Scammon, 53 Ill. App. 660.

*Eventsus est qui ex causâ sequitur; et dicitur eventus quia ex causâ eventit.* 9 Coke, 81. An event is that which follows from the cause, and is called an "event" because it eventuates from causes.


**EVERY.** Each one of all; the term includes all the separate individuals who constitute the whole, regarded one by one. Geary v. Parker, 65 Ark. 221, 47 S. W. 235; Purdy v. People, 4 Hill (N. Y.) 415.

*Every man must be taken to contemplate the probable consequences of the act he does.* Lord Ellenborough, 9 East, 277. A fundamental maxim in the law of evidence. Best, Pres. § 16; 1 Phil. Ev. 444.

**EVE-DROPPERS.** See EAVES-DROPPERS.

**EVICT.** In the civil law. To recover anything from a person by virtue of the judgment of a court or judicial sentence.

At common law. To dispossess, or turn out of the possession of lands by process of law. Also to recover land by judgment at law. "If the land is evicted, no rent shall be paid." 10 Coke, 128a.

**EVICTION.** Dispossessory by process of law; the act of depriving a person of the possession of lands which he has held, in pursuance of the judgment of a court. Reasoner v. Edmundson, 5 Ind. 395; Cowdrey v. Colt, 44 N. Y. 392, 4 Am. Rep. 690; Home Life Ins. Co. v. Sherman, 46 N. Y. 372. Technically, the dispossession must be by judgment of law; if otherwise, it is an ouster.

Eviction implies an entry under paramount title, so as to interfere with the rights of the granter. The object of the party making the entry is immaterial, whether it be to take all or a part of the land itself or merely an incorpooreal right. Phrases equivalent in meaning are "ouster by paramount title," "entry and disturbance," "possession under an elder title," and the like. Mitchell v. Warner, 5 Conn. 407. Eviction is an actual expulsion of the lessee out of all or some part of the demised premises. Pendleton v. Dyett, 4 Cow. (N. Y.) 581, 585.

In a more popular sense, the term denotes turning a tenant of land out of possession, either by re-entry or by legal proceedings, such as an action of ejectment. Sweet.

By a loose extension, the term is sometimes applied to the ousting of a person from the possession of chattels; but, properly, it applies only to realty.

In the civil law. The abandonment which one is obliged to make of a thing, in pursuance of a sentence by which he is condemned to do so. Poth. Contr. Sale, pt. 2, c. 1, § 2, art. 1, no. 83. The abandonment which a buyer is compelled to make of a thing purchased, in pursuance of a judicial sentence.

Eviction is the loss suffered by the buyer of the totality of the thing sold, or of a part thereof, occasioned by the right or claims of a third person. Civil Code, art. 2500.

*Actual eviction is an actual expulsion of the tenant out of all or some part of the demised premises; a physical ouster or dispossession from the very thing granted or some substantial part thereof. Knotts v. McGregor, 47 W. Va. 355, 35 S. E. 869; Talbott v. English, 156 Ind. 206, 59 Ind. 259, 36 S. E. 857; Seigel v. Neary, 38 Misc. Rep. 297, 77 N. Y. Supp. 834.* Embleton v. McCombe, 43 La. Ann. 575, 412 So. 924. Actual eviction, as the term is used with reference to breach of the covenants of warranty and of quiet enjoyment, means the inability of the purchaser to obtain possession by reason of a paramount outstanding title. Fritz v. Pusey, 31 Minn. 365, 18 N. W. 94. With reference to the relation of landlord and tenant, there is a "constructive eviction" when the former, without intent to oust the latter, does some act which deprives the tenant of the beneficial enjoyment of the demised premises or materially impairs such enjoyment. Realty Co. v. Fuller, 33 Misc. Rep. 106, 67 N. Y. Supp. 148; Talbott v. English, 156 Ind. 206, 59 Ind. 259.


The word "evidence," in legal acceptance, includes all the means by which any alleged matter of fact, the truth of which is submitted to investigation, is established or disproved. 1 Greenl. Ev. c. 1, § 1. That which is legally submitted to a jury, to enable them to decide upon the questions in dispute or issue, as pointed out by the pleadings, and distinguished from all comment and argument, is termed "evidence." 1 Starkie, Ev. pt. 1, § 3.

Synonyms distinguished. The term "evidence" is to be carefully distinguished from its synonyms, "proof" and "testimony." "Proof" is the logically sufficient reason for ascertaining the truth of a proposition advanced. In its juridical sense it is a term of wide import, and
Evidence comprehends everything that may be adduced at a trial, with a view to the legal rules, or the purpose of producing conviction in the mind of judge or jury, aside from mere argument; that is, everything that has a probative force intrinsically, and which, if true, must necessarily produce the actual combination of, original probative facts. But "evidence" is a narrower term, and includes only such facts as are to be adduced at trial, by the act of the parties, and through the aid of such concrete facts as witnesses, records, or other documents. Thus, to urge a pres- sumption of evidence is to urge a case is ad- ducing proof, but it is not offering evidence. "Testimony," again, is a still more restricted term. It properly means only such evidence as is delivered by a witness on the trial of a cause, either orally or in the form of affidavits or depositions. Thus, an ancient deed, when offered under proper circumstances, is evidence, but it could not strictly be called "testimony." "Bel- lieve" is a subjective condition resulting from proof. The conviction of the truth of a proposition, existing in the mind, and induced by persuasion, proof, or argument addressed to the judgment. The bill excepts states that all the "testimony" is in the record; but this is not equivalent to a statement that all the "evidence" is in the record. Testimony is one species of evidence, but the term "evidence" is a generic term which includes every species of it. And, in a bill of exceptions, the general term commonly means only such evidence as should be used in the statement as to its embracing the evidence, not the term "testimony," which is satisfied if the bill only contains all of that species of evidence. The statement that all the testimony in the record may, with reference to judical records, properly be termed an "affirmative pregnant." Gazette Printing Co. v. Morris, 60 Ind. 157.

The word "proof" seems to mean anything which serves, either immediately or meditately, to convince the mind of the truth or falsehood of a fact or proposition. It is also applied to the conviction generated in the mind by proof properly so called. The word "evidence" signifies, in its original sense, the state of being evident, i.e., plain, apparent, or notorious. But by an almost peculiar inflection of our language, it is applied to that which tends to render evident or to generate proof. Best. Ev. §§ 10, 12.

Classification. There are many species of evidence, and it is susceptible of being classified on several different principles. The more usual disclosures are:

Evidence is either judicial or extrajudicial. Judicial evidence is the means, sanctioned by law, of ascertaining in a judicial proceeding the truth respecting a question of fact. (Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1528.) While extrajudicial evidence is that which is used to satisfy private persons as to facts requiring proof.

Evidence is either primary or secondary. Primary evidence is that kind of evidence which, under every possible circumstance, affords the greatest certainty of the fact in question. Thus, a written instrument is itself the best possible evidence of its existence and contents. Secondary evidence is that which is inferior to primary evidence. When depositions, oral or oral evidence of its contents, is secondary evidence of the instrument and contents. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. §§ 1529-1530.

In other words, primary evidence means original or first-hand evidence; the best evidence that the nature of the case admits of; the evidence on which the support of the evidence, and which must fall before secondary evidence can be admitted. Thus, an original document is primary evidence; a copy of it would be sec- ondary evidence, a typewritten copy of the case or question suggests as the proper means of ascertaining the truth. See Cross v. Basket, 17 Or. 84, 21 Pac. 47; Civ. Code Ga. 1885 § 5104. Second-hand evidence is that which is evidence which becomes admissible, as being the next best, when the primary or best evidence of the fact in question is lost or inaccessible; as when a witness deposes to an instrument which is lost or destroyed. Williams v. Davis, 56 Tex. 253; Baucum v. George, 69 Cal. 939; Roberts v. Dixon, 50 Kan. 456, 31 Pac. 1083.

Evidence is either direct or indirect. Direct evidence is evidence directly proving any matter, as contrasted with circumstantial evidence, which is often called "indirect." It is usually conclusive, but, like other evidence, it is falla- ble, and the usual accused cannot be condemned with primary evidence in contrast to evidence which, in point of fact, it usually is primary. Brown, Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 310, 22 Am. Dec. 711; Pease v. Smith, 61 N. Y. 477; State v. Calder, 23 Mont. 504, 59 Pac. 903; People v. Palmer, 11 N. Y. St. Rep. 526; Lake County v. Neilon, 44 Or. 14, 74 Pac. 212. Indirect evidence is evidence which does not tend directly to prove the controverted fact, and by testifying to facts of other causes, it will follow as a logical inference. Inferential evidence as to the truth of a disputed fact, not by testimony of any witness to the fact, but by collation of the recognized methods of competent means. 1 Starke, Ev. § 15. See Code Civ. Proc. Cal. 1903, § 1832; Civ. Code Ga. 1895 § 5118. Evidence is either intrinsic or extrinsic. Intrinsic evidence is that which is derived from a document without anything to explain it. Extrinsic evidence is extrinsic evidence which is not contained in the body of an agreement, contract, and the like.

Compound and descriptive terms.—Admi- ministered evidence. Auxiliary or supple- mentary evidence, such as is presented for the purpose of explaining and completing other evidence. (Chiefs used in ecclesiastical law.)

Circumstantial evidence. That sort of proof of various facts or circumstances which attend the main fact in dispute, and therefore tend to prove its existence, or to sustain, by their consistency, the hypothesis claimed for. Or, as otherwise defined, it consists in reasoning from facts which are known or proved to establish such as are conjectured to exist. See, more fully, Circumstantial Evidence. Evidence by con- tent evidence. That which the very nature of the thing is to be proven requires, as the presence or non-presence of the thing where it is subject of inquiry. 1 Green. Ev. § 2; Chapman v. McAdams, 1 Lea (Tenn.) 504; Horbach v. State, 43 Tex. 245. Also, generally, admissible or relevant, as the opposite of "incom- petent," (see infra.) State v. Johnson, 12 Minn. 470 (Gill. 378), 93 Am. Dec. 241. Conclusive evidence is that which is incontrovertible, ei- ther because the law does not permit it to be contradicted, or because it is so strong and convincing as to overbear all proof to the contrary and establish the particular question with any reasonable doubt. Wood v. Chapin, 13 N. Y. 405. 67 Am. Dec. 62; Haupt v. Pohleman, 24 N. Y. Super. Ct. 121; Moore v. Hopkins, 83 Cal. 270. Evidence, in the event, oral evidence of its contents, is secondary evidence of the instrument and contents. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. §§ 1529-1530.

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20 Conn. 310; Roe v. Kalb, 37 Ga. 459. All evidence material to the issue, after such evidence has been given, is in a certain sense cumulative; that is, is added to what has been given before to support the issue therein. But cumulative evidence, in legal phrase, means evidence from the same or a new witness, simply repeating, in substance and effect, or adding to, what has been before testified to. Parshall v. Kilnke, 43 Barb. (N. Y.) 212. Evidence is not cumulative merely because it tends to establish the same ultimate or principally controverted fact. Evidence is cumulative evidence of the same kind to the same point. Able v. Frazier, 43 Iowa, 177. —**Documentary evidence** is the writing or printing on material objects, such documents of every kind in the widest sense of the term; evidence derived from conventional symbols (such as letters) by which ideas are represented on material substances. —**Evidence alludia**. Evidence from outside, from another source. In certain cases a written instrument may be explained by another written instrument, that is, by evidence drawn from sources exterior to the instrument itself, e.g., the testimony of a witness to conversations, admissions, or preliminary extrinsic facts. Testimony given in relation to some scientific, technical, or professional matter by experts, i.e., persons qualified to speak authoritatively by reason of knowledge, skill, or experience, is extraneous evidence. —**Extraneous evidence**. With reference to a contract, deed, will, etc., this is evidence, extraneous to the writing or writing itself, such as is not furnished by the document itself, but is derived from another source; the same as evidence alludia. (See supra.) —**Hearsay evidence**. Evidence of what is not permitted to be proved on the ground of the personal knowledge of the witness, but from the mere repetition of what he has heard others say. See, more fully, Hearsay —**Incompetent evidence**. Evidence which, under the established rules of evidence, is not admissible either because of its nature or by virtue of the rules, under the rules which the law does not permit to be presented at all, or in relation to the particular matter, on account of lack of originality or of some defect in the witness, the document, or the nature of the evidence itself. Texas Brewing Co. v. Dickey (Tex. Civ. App.) 43 S. W. 578; Bell v. Bumstead, 60 Hun, 580, 14 N. Y. Supp. 697; Atkins v. Elwell, 45 N. Y. 757; People v. Muillings, 82 Cal. 325, 23 Pac. 229, 17 L. R. A. 119. —**Inadmissible evidence**. Criminalitative evidence; that which tends, or is intended, to establish the guilt of the accused. —**Inexplicable evidence**. That without which particular facts cannot be established. —**Introductory evidence**. Evidence which, when taken together, inferentially establish or prove the fact in question to a reasonable degree of certainty; evidence drawn by human experience from the circumstances and effect and observation of human conduct; the proof of facts from which, with more or less certainty, according to the experience and judgment of mankind of their more or less universal connection, the existence of other facts can be deduced. In this sense the term is nearly equivalent to "circumstantial" evidence. See 1 Starkie, Ev. 555; 2 Saund. Pl. Ev. 675; Civil Code Ga. 1805, § 5143; Davis v. Curry, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 238; Horbach v. Miller, 4 Nebr. 44; State v. Miller, 9 Ind. 527; State v. Del Val, 51 Conn. 533. —**Material evidence**. Such as is relevant and goes to the substantial matters in issue, and has the effect of testing or corroborating or bearing on the decision of the case. Porter v. Valentine, 18 Misc. Rep. 213, 41 N. Y. Supp. 507. —**Mathematical evidence**. Evidence which is founded on absolute certainty. In its conclusions with absolute necessity and certainty. It is used in contradistinction to moral evidence. —**Moral evidence**. As opposed to mathematical evidence; in contradistinction to moral evidence, this term denotes that kind of evidence which, without developing an absolute and necessary certainty, generates a high degree of probability, or indicates the probability of which, upon analogy or induction, experience of the ordinary course of nature or the sequence of events, and the testimony of men. —**Newly-discovered evidence**. Evidence of a new and material fact, or new evidence in relation to a fact in issue, discovered by a party to a cause after the trial of the cause, and not produced at the trial of the cause therein. In re McManus, 35 Misc. Rep. 678, 72 N. Y. Supp. 409; Wynne v. Newman, 75 Va. 816; People v. Priori, 104 N. Y. 465, 58 N. E. 640. Thus what the witness thinks, believes, or infers in regard to facts in dispute, as distinguished from his personal knowledge of the facts themselves; not admissible unless, under the rule of evidence, an exception is made in the case of experts. See Lipscomb v. State, 75 Miss. 559, 23 South. 210. —**Oral evidence**. Evidence given by oral testimony; the testimony of a witness. —**Original evidence**. An original document, writing, or other material object introduced in evidence (Ballinger's Ann. Codes & St. Or. 1901, § 689) as distinguished from a copy of it or from extraneous evidence of its contents or purport. —**Parol evidence**. Oral or verbal evidence; that which is given by word of mouth; the ordinary kind of evidence, given by witnesses in court. 3 Bl. Comm. 368. In a particular sense, and with reference to contracts, deeds, wills, and other writings, parol evidence is that which is extraneous to or written evidence. See supra. —**Partial evidence** is that which goes to establish or to supply a part of the facts necessary to the point in dispute. It may be received, subject to be rejected as incompetent, unless connected with the fact in dispute by proof of other facts; for example, on an issue of title to real property, evidence of the continued possession of a remote occupant is partial, for it is of a detached fact, which may or may not be regarded as indications connected with the fact in dispute. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1834. —**Positive evidence**. Direct proof of the fact or point in issue; evidence which, without the possibility of a doubt or falsehood of a fact in issue, and does not arise from any presumption. It is distinguished from circumstantial evidence. 3 Bouv. Inst. 1785; Holmes, 21 Md. 27, 17 Atl. 711; Davis v. Curry, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 238; Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 310, 52 Am. Dec. 711. —**Presumptive evidence**. Evidence which, in the absence of contradicted, may be sufficient to raise a reasonable belief that the fact to which it relates is true. —**Prima facie evidence**. Evidence which, on a showing of a fact which admits of explanation or contradiction by other evidence, as distinguished from conclusive evidence. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 82. —**Reputable evidence**. Evidence which is not contradicted; such evidence, as, in the judgment of the law, is sufficient to establish a given fact, or the group or chain of facts constituting the party's claim or defense, so far as is consistent with the rule of evidence, will remain sufficient. Crane v. Morris, 6 Pet. 611, 5 L. Ed. 514; State v. Bur-
Evidence of Debt. A term applied to written instruments or securities for the payment of money, importing on their face the existence of a debt. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. p. 596, § 85.

Evidence of Title. A deed or other document establishing the title to property, especially real estate.

Evidentiary. Having the quality of evidence; constituting evidence; evidencing. A term introduced by Bentham, and, from its convenience, adopted by other writers.

Evocation. In French law. The withdrawal of a cause from the cognizance of an inferior court, and bringing it before another court or judge. In some respects this process resembles the proceedings upon cortsorari.

Ewage. (L. Fr. Ewe, water.) In old English law. Toll paid for water passage. The same as aquage. Tomlins.

Ewbrice. Adultery; spousal breach; marriage breach. Cowell; Tomlins.

Ewby. An office in the royal household where the table linen, etc., is taken care of. Wharton.

Ex. 1. A Latin preposition meaning from, out of, by, on, on account of, or according to.

2. A prefix, denoting removal or cessation. Prefixed to the name of an office, relation, status, etc., it denotes that the person spoken of once occupied that office or relation, but does no longer, or that he is now out of it. Thus, ex-mayor, ex-partner, ex-judge.

3. A prefix which is equivalent to “without,” “reserving,” or “excepting.” In this use, probably an abbreviation of “except.” Thus, ex-interest, ex-coupons.

4. A sale of bonds ‘ex. July coupons’ means a sale reserved for the coupons, in which the seller receives, in addition to the purchase price, the benefit of the coupons, which benefit he may realize either by detaching them or receiving from the buyer an equivalent consideration. Porter v. Worsmer, 94 N. Y. 445.

Also used as an abbreviation for “exhibit.” See Dugan v. Trisler, 69 Ind. 555.
EX ABUNDANTI. Out of abundance; abundantly; superfluously; more than sufficient. Calvin.


EX ADVERSо. On the other side. 2 Show. 461. Applied to counsel.

EX EQUITATE. According to equity; in equity. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 10, § 3.

EX EQUO ET BONO. A phrase derived from the civil law, meaning, in justice and fairness; according to what is just and good; according to equity and conscience. 3 Bl. Comm. 163.

EX ALTERA PARTE. Of the other part.

Ex antecedentibus et consequentibus at optima interpretation. The best interpretation [of a part of an instrument] is made from the antecedents and the consequents, [from the preceding and following parts.] 2 Inst. 317. The law will judge of a deed or other instrument, consisting of divers parts or clauses, by looking at the whole; and will give to each part its proper office, so as to ascertain and carry out the intention of the parties. Broom, Max. 577. The whole instrument is to be viewed and compared in all its parts, so that every part of it may be made consistent and effectual. 2 Kent, Comm. 555.

EX ARBITRIO JUDICIS. At, in, or upon the discretion of the judge. 4 Bl. Comm. 394. A term of the civil law. Inst. 4, 6, 81.

EX ASSSENSU CURIE. By or with the consent of the court.

EX ASSSENSU PATRIS. By or with the consent of the father. A species of dower ad ostium ecclesiae, during the life of the father of the husband; the son, by the father's consent expressly given, endowing his wife with parcel of his father's lands. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 105, § 13.

EX ASSSENSU SUO. With his assent. Formal words in judgments for damages by default. Comb. 220.

EX BONIS. Of the goods or property. A term of the civil law; distinguished from in bonis, as being descriptive of or applicable to property not in actual possession. Calvin.

EX CATHEDRA. From the chair. Originally applied to the decisions of the popes from their cathedra, or chair. Hence, authoritative; having the weight of authority.

EX CAUSA. L. Lat. By title.

EX CERTA SCIENTIA. Of certain or sure knowledge. These words were anciently used in patents, and imported full knowledge of the subject-matter on the part of the king. See 1 Coke, 408.

EX COLORE. By color; under color of; under pretense, show, or protection of. Thus, ex colore officii, under color of office.

EX COMITATE. Out of comity or courtesy.

EX COMMODATO. From or out of loan. A term applied in the old law of England to a right of action arising out of a loan, (commodatum.) Glanv. lib. 10, c. 13; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 160.


EX CONCESSIS. From the premises granted. According to what has been already allowed.

EX CONSULTO. With consultation or deliberation.

EX CONTINENTI. Immediately; without any interval or delay; incontinently. A term of the civil law. Calvin.

EX CONTRACTU. From or out of a contract. In both the civil and the common law, rights and causes of action are divided into two classes,—those arising ex contractu, (from a contract,) and those arising ex delicto, (from a delict or tort.) See 3 Bl. Comm. 117; Mackeld. Rom. Law. § 334. See Scharf v. People, 134 Ill. 240, 24 N. E. 761.

EX CURIA. Out of court; away from the court.

EX DEBITO JUSTITIE. From or as a debt of justice; in accordance with the requirement of justice; of right; as a matter of right. The opposite of ex gratia, (q. v.) 3 Bl. Comm. 48, 67.

EX DEFECTU SANGUINIS. From failure of blood; for want of issue.

EX DELICTO. From a delict, tort, fault, crime, or malfeasance. In both the civil and the common law, obligations and causes of action are divided into two great classes,—those arising ex contractu, (out of a contract,) and those ex delicto. The latter are such as grow out of or are founded
upon a wrong or tort, e. g., trespass, trover, reprieve. These terms were known in English law at a very early period. See Inst. 4, 1, pr.; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 384; 3 Bl. Comm. 117; Bract. fol. 101b.

Ex delicto non ex supplicio emergit infamia. Infamy arises from the crime, not from the punishment.

EX DEMISSIONE, (commonly abbreviated ex dem.) Upon the demise. A phrase forming part of the title of the old action of ejectment.

EX DIRECTO. Directly; immediately.
Story, Bills, § 199.

Ex diuturnitate temporis, omnia presumuntur solemnis esse acta. From length of time (after lapse of time) all things are presumed to have been done in due form.
Co. Litt. 60; Best, Ev. Introd. § 48; 1 Greenl. Ev. § 20.

EX DOLO MALO. Out of fraud; out of deceitful or tortious conduct; a phrase applied to obligations and causes of action vitiated by fraud or deceit.

Ex dolo malo non oritur actio. Out of fraud no action arises; fraud never gives a right of action. No court will lend its aid to a man who founds his cause of action upon an immoral or illegal act. Comp. 343; Broom, Max. 729.

Ex donationibus autem foedsa militaria vel magnum serjeantiam non continentibus oritur nobis quoddam nomen generale, quod est socagium. Co. Litt. 86. From grants not containing military fees or grand serjeanty, a kind of general name is used by us, which is "socage."

EX EMPTO. Out of purchase; founded on purchase. A term of the civil law, adopted by Bracton. Inst. 4, 6, 28; Bract. fol. 102. See Actio ex Empto.

EX FACIE. From the face; apparently; evidently. A term applied to what appears on the face of a writing.

EX FACTO. From or in consequence of a fact or action; actually. Usually applied to an unlawful or tortious act as the foundation of a title, etc. Sometimes used as equivalent to "de facto." Bract. fol. 172.

Ex facto jus oritur. The law arises out of the fact. Broom, Max. 102. A rule of law continues in abstraction and theory, until an act is done on which it can attach and assume as it were a body and shape. Best, Ev. Introd. § 1.

EX FICTIOne JURIS. By a fiction of law.

EX FREquenti delicto angustur pena. 2 Inst. 479. Punishment increases with increasing crime.

EX GRATiA. Out of grace; as a matter of grace, favor, or indulgence; gratuitous. A term applied to anything accorded as a favor; as distinguished from that which may be demanded ex debito, as a matter of right.

EX GRAVI QUeRela. (From or on the grievous complaint.) In old English practice. The name of a writ (so called from its initial words) which lay for a person to whom any lands or tenements in fee were devised by will, (within any city, town, or borough wherein lands were devisable by custom,) and the heir of the devisor entered and detained them from him. Flitz. Nat. Brev. 198, L et seq.; 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 49. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27, § 36.

EX HYpOThESI. By the hypothesis; upon the supposition; upon the theory or facts assumed.

EX INDUStRIA. With contrivance or deliberation; designedly; on purpose. See 1 Kent, Comm. 318; Martin v. Hunter, 1 Wheat. 334, 4 L. Ed. 97.

EX INTEGRo. Anew; afresh.

EX JustA CAUSA. From a just or lawful cause; by a just or legal title.

EX LECGE. By the law; by force of law; as a matter of law.

EX LEGIBUs. According to the laws. A phrase of the civil law, which means according to the intent or spirit of the law, as well as according to the words or letter. Dig. 50, 16, 6. See Calvin.

EX LICENTIA REGIS. By the king's license. 1 Bl. Comm. 168, note.

EX LOCAtO. From or out of lease or letting. A term of the civil law, applied to actions or rights of action arising out of the contract of locatum, (q. v.) Inst. 4, 6, 28. Adopted at an early period in the law of England. Bract. fol. 102; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 168.

EX MALEficio. Growing out of, or founded upon, misleading or tort. This term is frequently used in the civil law as the synonym of "ex delicto," (q. v.) and is thus contrasted with "ex contractu." In this sense it is of more rare occurrence in the common law, though found in Bracton, (fols. 99, 101, 102.)

Ex maleficio non oritur contractus. A contract cannot arise out of an act radically vicious and illegal. 1 Term. 734; 3 Term, 422; Broom, Max. 734.
EX MALIS MORIBUS. From malice; maliciously. In the law of libel and slander, this term imports a publication that is false and without legal excuse. Dixon v. Allen, 69 Cal. 627, 11 Pac. 179.

EX MERO MOTU. Of his own mere motion; of his own accord; voluntarily and without prompting or request. Royal letters patent which are granted at the crown’s own instance, and without request made, are said to be granted ex mero motu. When a court interferes, of its own motion, to object to an irregularity, or to do something which the parties are not strictly entitled to, but which will prevent injustice, it is said to act ex mero motu, or ex proprio motu, or sua sponte, all these terms being here equivalent.

EX MORA. From or in consequence of delay. Interest is allowed ex mero; that is, where there has been delay in returning a sum borrowed. A term of the civil law. Story, Bulfin. § 84.

EX MORE. According to custom. Calvin.

EX multitudine signorum, colligitur identitas vera. From a great number of signs or marks, true identity is gathered or made up. Bac. Max. 103, in regula 25. A thing described by a great number of marks is easily identified, though, as to some, the description may not be strictly correct. Id.

EX MUTUO. From or out of loan. In the old law of England, a debt was said to arise ex mutuo when one lent another anything which consisted in number, weight, or measure. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 159; Bract. fol. 99.

EX NECESSITATE. Of necessity. 3 Rep. Ch. 123.

EX necessitate legis. From or by necessity of law. 4 Bl. Comm. 304.—EX necessitate rei. From the necessity or urgency of the thing or case. 2 Pow. Dev. (by Jarman) 305.


Ex nudo pacto non oritur [nascitur] actio. Out of a nude or naked pact [that is, a bare parol agreement without consideration] no action arises. Bract. fol. 99; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 66, § 3; Plowd. 305. Out of a promise neither attended with particular solemnity (such as belongs to a specialty) nor with any consideration no legal liability can arise.

2 Steph. Comm. 113. A parol agreement, without a valid consideration, cannot be made the foundation of an action. A leading maxim both of the civil and common law. Cod. 2, 3, 10; Id. 5, 14, 1; 2 Bl. Comm. 445; Smith, Cont. 85. 86.

EX OFFICIO. From office; by virtue of the office; without any other warrant or appointment than that resulting from the holding of a particular office. Powers may be exercised by an officer which are not specifically conferred upon him, but are necessarily implied in his office; these are ex officio. Thus, a judge has ex officio the powers of a conservator of the peace. Courts are bound to notice public statutes judicially and ex officio.

EX officio information. In English law. A criminal information filed by the attorney general ex officio on behalf of the crown, in the court of king’s bench, for offenses more immediately affecting the government, and to be distinguished from informations in which the crown is the nominal prosecutor. Mozley & Whittley; 4 Steph. Comm. 372-375.—EX officio oath. An oath taken by offending priests; abolished by 15 Car. II. St. 1, c. 12.

EX pacto illicito non oritur actio. From an illegal contract an action does not arise. Broom, Max. 742. See 7 Clark & F. 729.

EX PARTE. On one side only; by or for one party; done for, in behalf of, or on the application of, one party only. A judicial proceeding, order, injunction, etc., is said to be ex parte when it is taken or granted at the instance and for the benefit of one party only, and without notice to, or contestation by, any person adversely interested.

"EX parte," in the heading of a reported case, signifies that the name following is that of the party upon whose application the case is heard.

In its primary sense, ex parte, as applied to an application in a judicial proceeding, means that it is made by a person who is not a party to the proceeding, but who has an interest in the matter which entitles him to make the application. Thus, in a bankruptcy proceeding or an administration action, an application by A. B., a creditor, or the like, would be described as made "ex parte A. B." In the case of one party A. B. in favor of another party C. D., the phrase is often used for the party C. D. In its more usual sense, ex parte means that an application is made by one party to a proceeding in the absence of the other. Thus, an ex parte injunction is one granted without the opposite party having had notice of the application. It would not be called "ex parte" if he had proper notice of it, and chose not to appear to oppose it. Sweet.

EX PARTE MATERNÆ. On the mother’s side; of the maternal line.

EX PARTE PATERNA. On the father’s side; of the paternal line.

The phrases "ex parte materna" and "ex parte paterna" denote the line or blood of the mother or father, and have no such restricted or limited sense as from the mother or father exclusively. Banta v. Demarest, 24 N. J. Law, 431.
EX PARTE TALIS. A writ that lay for a bailiff or receiver, who, having auditors appointed to take his accounts, cannot obtain of them reasonable allowance, but is cast into prison. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 129.

Ex paucis dictis intendero plurima possis. Litt. § 384. You can imply many things from few expressions.

Ex paucis plurima conceptiones. Litt. § 564. From a few words or hints the understanding conceives many things.

EX POST FACTO. After the fact; by an act or fact occurring after some previous act or fact, and relating thereto; by subsequent matter; the opposite of ab initio. Thus, a deed may be good ab initio, or, if invalid at its inception, may be confirmed by matter ex post facto.

EX POST FACTO LAW. A law passed after the occurrence of a fact or commission of an act, which retrospectively changes the legal consequences or relations of such fact or deed. By Const. U. S. art. 1, § 10, the legislature are not "subject to the rule of ex post facto law." In this connection the phrase has a much narrower meaning than its literal translation would justify, as will appear from the extracts given below.

The phrase "ex post facto," in the constitution, extends to criminal and not to civil cases. And under this head is included: (1) Every law that makes an action, done before the passing of the law, and which was innocent when done, criminal, and punishes such action. (2) Every law that aggravates a crime, or makes it greater than it was when committed. (3) Every law that changes the punishment, and inflicts a greater punishment than the law annexed to the crime when committed. (4) Every law that alters the legal rules of evidence, and receives less or different testimony than the law required at the time of the commission of the offense, in order to convict the offender. All these, and similar laws, are prohibited by the constitution. But a law may be ex post facto, and still not be so, if such construction is not made; that is, provided it mollifies, instead of aggravating, the rigor of the criminal law. Boston v. Cummins, 16 Ga. 102, 60 Am. Dec. 717; Cummins v. Missouri, 4 Wall. 277, 18 L. Ed. 359; U. S. v. Hall, 2 Wash. C. C. 366, Fed. Cas. No. 15,285; Woart v. Winnick, 3 N. H. 473, 14 Am. Dec. 394; Calder v. Bull, 3 Dall. 300, 1 L. Ed. 484; 3 Story, Const. 212.

An ex post facto law is one which renders an act punishable, in a manner in which it was not punishable before, committed. Such a law may inflict penalties on the person, or pecuniary penalties which swell the public treasury. The legislature is therefore prohibited from passing a law by which a man's estate, or any part of it, shall be seized for a crime, which was not declared, by some previous law, to render him liable to such punishment. Fletcher v. Peck, 6 Cranch, 87, 138, 3 L. Ed. 162.

The plain and obvious meaning of this prohibition is that the legislature shall not pass any law, after a fact done by any citizen, which shall have relation to that fact, so as to punish that which was innocent when done; or to add to the punishment of that which was criminal; or to increase the malignity of a crime; or to retrace the rules of evidence, so as to make conviction more easy. This definition of an ex post facto law is sanctioned by long usage. Strong v. State, 1 Blackf. (Ind.) 191.

The term "ex post facto law," in the United States constitution, cannot be construed to include and to prohibit the enacting any law after a fact, but to prohibit the depriving any citizen of a vested right to property. Calder v. Bull, 3 Dall. 386, 1 L. Ed. 645. "Ex post facto" and "retrospective" are not convertible terms. The latter is a term of wider signification than the former and includes it. All ex post facto laws are necessarily retrospective, but not e contrario. A curative or confirmatory statute is retrospective, but not ex post facto. Constitutions of nearly all the states contain prohibitions against ex post facto laws, but only a few forbid retrospective legislation in specific terms. Black, Const. Prohib. §§ 170, 172, 222.

Retrospective laws divesting vested rights are impolitic and unjust: but they are not "ex post facto laws," within the meaning of the constitution of the United States, nor repugnant to any other of its provisions: and, if not repugnant to the state constitution, a court cannot pronounce them to be void, merely because in their judgment they are contrary to the principles of justice. Albee v. May, 2 Paige, 74, Fed. Cas. No. 124.

Every retrospective act is not necessarily an ex post facto law. That phrase applies only such laws as impose or affect penalties or forfeitures. Locke v. New Orleans, 4 Wall. 172, 18 L. Ed. 394.

Retrospective laws which do not impair the obligation of contracts, or affect vested rights, or partake of the character of ex post facto laws, are not prohibited by the constitution. Bay v. Gage, 30 Barb. (N. Y.) 447.

Ex procedentibus et consequentibus optima at interpretatio. 1 Roll. 374. The best interpretation is made from the context.

EX PRECOGITATA MALICIA. Of malice aforethought. Reg. Orig. 102.

EX PROPRIO MOTU. Of his own accord.

EX PROPRIO VIGORE. By their or its own force. 2 Kent, Comm. 457.

EX PROVISIONE HOMINIS. By the provision of man. By the limitation of the party, as distinguished from the disposition of the law. 11 Coke, 80b.

EX PROVISIONE MARITI. From the provision of the husband.

EX QUASI CONTRACTU. From quasi contract. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60.

EX RELATIONE. Upon relation or information. Legal proceedings which are instituted by the attorney general (or other proper person) in the name and behalf of the state, but on the information and at the instigation of an individual who has a private interest in the matter, are said to be taken "on the relation" (ex relatione) of such person, who is called the "relator." Such a cause is usually entitled thus: "State ex rel. Doe v. Roe." In the books of reports, when a case is said
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to be reported *ex relatione*, it is meant that the reporter derives his account of it, not from personal knowledge, but from the relation or narrative of some person who was present at the argument.

EX RIGORE JURIS. According to the rigor or strictness of law; in strictness of law. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 10, § 3.

EX SCRIPTIS OLM VISIS. From writings formerly seen. A term used as descriptive of that kind of proof of handwriting where the knowledge has been acquired by the witness having seen letters or other documents professing to be the handwriting of the party, and having afterwards communicated personally with the party upon the contents of those letters or documents, or having otherwise acted upon them by written answers, producing further correspondence or acquiescence by the party in some matter to which they relate, or by the witness transacting with the party some business to which they relate, or by any other mode of communication between the party and the witness which, in the ordinary course of the transactions of life, induces a reasonable presumption that the letters or documents were the handwriting of the party. 5 Adol. & E. 730.

EX STATUTO. According to the statute. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 11, § 1.

EX STIPULATU ACTIO. In the civil law. An action of stipulation. An action given to recover marriage portions. Inst. 4, § 29.

EX TEMPORE. From or in consequence of time; by lapse of time. Bract. foils. 51, 52. *Ex diuturno tempore*, from length of time. Id. fol. 51B.

Without preparation or premeditation.

EX TESTAMENTO. From, by, or under a will. The opposite of *ab intestato*, (q. v.)

Ex tota materia emergat resolucio. The explanation should arise out of the whole subject-matter; the exposition of a statute should be made from all its parts together. Wing. Max. 238.

*Ex turpi causa non oritur actio.* Out of a base ([illegal], or immoral) consideration, an action does [can] not arise. 1 Sew. N. P. 63; Broom, Max. 730, 732; Story, Ag. § 195.

*Ex turpi contractu actio non oritur.* From an immoral or iniquitous contract an action does not arise. A contract founded upon an illegal or immoral consideration cannot be enforced by action. 2 Kent, Comm. 406; Dig. 2, 14, 27, 4.

EX UNA PARTE. Of one part or side; on one side.

EX UNIO DISCE Omnes. From one thing you can discern all.

EX UTRIQUE PARTE. On both sides. Dyer, 126b.

EX UTRISQUE PARENTIBUS CON- JUNCTI. Related on the side of both parents; of the whole blood. Hale, Com. Law, c. 11.

EX VI TERMINI. From or by the force of the term. From the very meaning of the expression used. 2 Bl. Comm. 109, 115.

EX VISERIBUS. From the bowels. From the vital part, the very essence of the thing. 10 Coke, 24b; Homer v. Shelton, 2 Metc. (Mass.) 213. *Ex viseribbus verborum,* from the mere words and nothing else. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 980; Fisher v. Fields, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 485.

EX VISITATIONE DEI. By the dispensation of God; by reason of physical incapacity. Anciently, when a prisoner, being arraigned, stood silent instead of pleading, a jury was impaneled to inquire whether he obstinately stood mute or was dumb *ex visitatione Dei.* 4 Steph. Comm. 394.

Also by natural, as distinguished from violent, causes. When a coroner's inquest finds that the death was due to disease or other natural cause, it is frequently phrased "*ex visitatione Dei.*"

EX VISU Scriptionis. From sight of the writing; from having seen a person write. A term employed to describe one of the modes of proof of handwriting. Best, Pres. 218.

EX VOLUNTATE. Voluntarily; from free-will or choice.

EXACTION. The wrongful act of an officer or other person in compelling payment of a fee or reward for his services, under color of his official authority, where no payment is due.

Between "extortion" and "exaction" there is this difference: that in the former case the officer extorts more than his due, when something is due to him; in the latter, he exacts what is not his due when there is nothing due to him. Co. Litt. 368.

EXACTOR. In the civil law. A gatherer or receiver of money; a collector of taxes. Cod. 10, 19.

In old English law. A collector of the public moneys; a tax gatherer. Thus, ex-actor regis was the name of the king's tax collector, who took up the taxes and other debts due the treasury.

EXALTARE. In old English law. To raise; to elevate. Frequently spoken of water, i.e., to raise the surface of a pond or pool.

EXAMINATION. An investigation; search; interrogating.

In trial practice. The examination of a witness consists of the series of questions put to him by a party to the action, for the purpose of bringing before the court and jury in legal form the knowledge which the witness has of the facts and matters in dispute, or of probing and siftng his evidence previously given.

In criminal practice. An investigation by a magistrate of a person who has been charged with crime and arrested, or of the facts and circumstances which are alleged to have attended the crime and to fasten suspicion upon the party so charged, in order to ascertain whether there is sufficient ground to hold him to bail for his trial by the proper court. U. S. v. Stanton, 70 Fed. 300, 17 C. C. A. 445; State v. Broadway, 95 N. C. 898.

Cross-examination. In practice. The examination of a witness upon a trial or hearing, or upon taking a deposition, by the party opposed to the one who produced him, upon his evidence given in chief, to test its truth, to further develop it, or for other purposes.—Direct examination. In practice. The first interrogation or examination of a witness, on the merits, by the party on whose behalf he is called. This is to be distinguished from an examination in pais, or on the voir dire, which is merely to find out when the competency of the witness is challenged; from the cross-examination, which is conducted by the adverse party; and from the redirect examination which follows the cross-examination, and is had by the party who first examined the witness.—Examination de bene esse. A provisional examination of a witness; an examination of a witness whose testimony is important and might otherwise be lost, held out of court and before the trial, with the proviso that the deposition taken may be used in the trial in case the witness is unable to attend in person at that time or cannot be produced.—Examination de bene esse is a long-winded phrase; this phrase does not mean the examination of the account to ascertain the result or effect of it, but the proof by testimony of the correctness of the items composing it. Magown v. Sinclair, 5 Daly (N. Y.) 63.—Examination of bankrupt. This is the interrogation of a bankrupt, in the course of proceedings in bankruptcy, touching the state of his property. This is authorized in the United States by Rev. St. § 5080; and section 5087 authorizes the examination of a bankrupt's wife.—Examination of intention. An inquiry made at the patent-office, upon application for a patent, into the novelty and utility of the alleged invention, and as to its interfering with any other patented invention. Rev. St. U. S. § 4803 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3884).—Examination of title. An investigation made by or for a person who intends to purchase real estate, in the offices where the public records are kept, to ascertain the history and present condition of the title to such land, and to ascertain any liens, incumbrances, clouds, etc.—Examination of wife. See Private Examination infra.—Examination of a person interest to ascertain whether a person claims to be entitled to an estate or other property sequestered, whether by mortgage, judgment, lease, or otherwise, or has a title paramount to the sequestration, he should apply to the court to direct an inquiry whether the applicant has any, and what, interest in the property; and this inquiry is called an examination pro interesse suo." Krippendorf v. Hyde, 110 U. S. 270, 4 Sup. Ct. 27, 28 L. Ed. 185; Hitz v. Simpson, 164 U. S. 156, 122 Sup. Ct. 598, 46 L. Ed. 851.—Preliminary examination. The examination of a person charged with crime, before a magistrate, as above explained. See In re Dohb, 17 Colo. 355, 28 Pac. 470; Van Buren v. State, 63 Neb. 223, 91 N. W. 283.—Private examination. An examination or interrogation, by a magistrate, of a married woman who is granor in a deed or other conveyance, held out of the presence of her husband, for the purpose of ascertaining whether her will in the matter is free and unconstrained. Muir v. Galloway, 61 Cal. 506; Hadley v. Geiger, 9 N. J. Law. 233.—Re-examination. An examination of a witness after a cross-examination, upon matters arising out of such cross-examination.—Separate examination. The interrogation of a married woman, who appears before an officer for the purpose of acknowledging a deed or other instrument, conducted by such officer in private or out of the hearing of her husband, in order to ascertain if she acts of her own free will and without compulsion or constraint of the husband. Also the examination of a witness in private, or apart from, and out of the hearing of, the other witnesses in the same cause.

EXAMINED COPY. A copy of a record, public book, or register, and which has been compared with the original. 1 Campb. 469.

EXAMINER. In English law. A person appointed by a court to take the examination of witnesses in an action, i. e., to take down the result of their interrogating the parties or their counsel, either by written interrogatories or vivâ voce. An examiner is generally appointed where a witness is in a foreign country, or is too ill or infirm to attend before the court, and is either an officer of the court, or a person specially appointed for the purpose. Sweet.

In New Jersey. An examiner is an officer appointed by the court of chancery to take testimony in causes depending in that court. His powers are similar to those of the English examiner in chancery.

In the patent-office. An officer in the patent-office charged with the duty of examining the patentability of inventions for which patents are asked.

Examiner in chancery. An officer of the court of chancery, before whom witnesses are examined, and their testimony reduced to writing, for the purpose of being read on the hearing of the cause. Cowell.—Examiners. Persons appointed by the court of libra in order to ascertain their qualifications before they are admitted to practice.—Special examiner. In English law. Some person, not one of the examiners in chancery appointed to take evidence in a particular suit. This may be done when the state of business in the examiner's office is such that it is impossible to go to London, or some other convenient early day, or when the witnesses may be unable to come to London. Hunt. Eq. pt. i. c. 3, § 2.

EXCLUSIVE ROLL. In old English practice. A roll into which (in the old way
of exhibiting sheriffs’ accounts) the illieviable fines and desperate debts were transcribed, and which was annually read to the sheriff upon his accounting, to see what might be gotten. Cowell.

EXCAMB. In Scotch law. To exchange. 6 Bell, App. Cas. 19, 22.

EXCAMBIATOR. An exchanger of lands; a broker. Obsolete.


EXCAMBION. An exchange; a place where merchants meet to transact their business; also an equivalent in recompense; a recompense in lieu of dower ad ostiam ecclesiae.

EXCELLENCY. In English law. The title of a viceroy, governor general, ambassador, or commander in chief.

In America. The title is sometimes given to the chief executive of a state or of the nation.

EXCEPTANT. One who excepts; one who makes or files exceptions; one who objects to a ruling, instruction, or anything proposed or ordered.

EXCEPTIO. In Roman law. An exception. In a general sense, a judicial allegation opposed by a defendant to the plaintiff’s action. Calvin.

A stop or stay to an action opposed by the defendant. Cowell.

Answering to the "defense" or "plea" of the common law. An allegation and defense of a defendant by which the plaintiff’s claim or complaint is defeated, either according to strict law or upon grounds of equity.

In a stricter sense, the exclusion of an action that lay in strict law, on grounds of equity, (actiones sive stricto competentes ob aquiatarum exclusio.) Heinece. A kind of limitation of an action, by which it was shown that the action, though otherwise just, did not lie in the particular case. Calvin. A species of defense allowed in cases where, though the action as brought by the plaintiff was in itself just, yet it was unjust as against the particular party sued. Inst. 4, 13, pr.

In modern civil law. A plea by which the defendant admits the cause of action, but alleges new facts which, provided they be true, totally or partially answer the allegations put forward on the other side; thus distinguished from a mere traverse of the plaintiff's averments. Tomkins & J. Mod. Rom. Law. 90. In this use, the term corresponds to the common-law plea in confession and avoidance.

EXCEPTIO dilatoria. A dilatory exception; called also "temporalia," (temporary;.) one which defeated the action for a time, (qua ad tempus nocet;) and created delay, (et temporis dilationem tribuit;) such as an agreement not to sue within a certain time, as five years. Inst. 4, 13, 10. See Dig. 44, 1, 3.-Exceptio dello maliti: a plea of non existerion or plea of fraud. Inst. 4, 13, 1, 9; Bract. fol. 100b.-Exceptio dominini. A claim of ownership set up in an action for the recovery of property not in the possession of the plaintiff. Mack. Rom. Law, § 290.-Exceptio dotis causa non numerata. A defense to an action for the restitution of a debt not paid, though promised, available upon the dissolution of the marriage within a limited time. Mack. Rom. Law, § 458.-Exceptio in factum. An exception of the party sued. An exception which is founded on the peculiar circumstances of the case. Inst. 4, 13, 1.-Exceptio in persona. A plea or defense of a personal action which may be alleged only by the person himself to whom it is granted by the law. Mack. Rom. Law, § 217.-Exceptio in rem. A plea or defense not of a personal nature, but of the legal circumstances of the suit, in the interest of the heir and securities of the proper or original debtor. Mack. Rom. Law, § 217.-Exceptio juris-jurandi. An exception of oath; an exception or plea that the matter had been sworn to. Inst. 4, 13, 4. This kind of exception was allowed where a debtor, at the instance of his creditor, (credito et deferente) had sworn that nothing was due to the latter, and had notwithstanding been sued by him.—Exceptio metus. An exception or plea of fear or compulsion. Inst. 4, 13, 4, 1; Bract. fol. 100b.-Exceptio non adimpleti contractus. An exception in an action founded on a contract involving mutual duties or obligations, to the effect that the plaintiff is not entitled to sue because he has not performed his own part of the agreement. Mack. Rom. Law, § 394.-Exceptio non solutum decem. A plea that the debt in suit was not discharged by payment (as alleged by the adverse party) notwithstanding an acquittance or receipt given by the person to whom the payment is stated to have been made. Mack. Rom. Law, § 534.-Exceptio pacti convinent. An exception of compact; an exception that the plaintiff had the payment was due to a person who was sued on a promise to repay money which he had never received. Inst. 4, 13, 2.—Exceptio peremptoriarum. A peremptory exception. Called also "qua peremptor permittat," one which forever destroyed the subject-matter or ground of the action, (qua semper rem de qua aspirat permittat;) such as the exceptio de tali malit, the exceptio mutus, etc. Inst. 4, 13, 9. See Dig. 44, 1, 3.—Exceptio rei judicatam. An exception or plea of matter adjudged; a plea that the subject-matter of the action had been determined in a previous action. Inst. 4, 13, 5. This term is adopted by Bracton, and is constantly used in modern law to denote a defense founded upon previous adjudication of the same matter. Bract. fol. 100b, 177; 2 Kent, Comm. 120.—A plea of a former recovery or judgment.—Exceptio rei venditae sedis. An exception or plea of the sale and delivery of the thing. This exception presumes that there was a valid sale and a proper tradition; but though, in consequence of the rule that no one can transfer to another a greater right than he himself has, no property was transferred, yet because of some particular circumstance the person transferring is estopped from contesting it. Mack. Rom. Law, § 299.—Exceptio senatusconsulti Macadoenian. A plea to an action for the recovery of money loaned, on the ground that the loan was made to a minor or person under the
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paternal power of another; so named from the decree of the senate which forbade the recovery of such loans. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 432—
Exception sententieconstitu Vallesiensi. A de-
fense to an action on a contract of suretyship, on the ground that the surety was a woman and therefore incapable of becoming bound for another; so named from the decree of the senate forbidding it. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 455—Ex-
ception tempora. An exception or plea analogous to that of the statute of limitations in
our law; viz., that the time prescribed by law for bringing such actions has expired. Mackeld. Rom.
Law, § 213.

Exceptio ejus rei cuius petitur dissoluto nulla est. A plea of that matter the dissolution of which is sought [by the ac-
tion] is null, [or of no effect.] Jenk. Cant. 37, case 71.

Exceptio falsi omnium ultima. A plea denying a fact is the last of all.

Exception nulla est versus sottenea que exceptionem perimit. There is [can be] no plea against an action which destroys [the matter of the plea]. Jenk. Cant. 106, case 2.

Expection probat regulam. The exception proves the rule. 11 Coke, 41; 3 Term, 722. Sometimes quoted with the addition "la rebus non exceptis," ("so far as concerns the matters not excepted.")

Expectione que firmat legem, exponit legem. An exception which confirms the law explains the law. 2 Burist. 158.

Exceptionem sempuer ultimo ponenda est. An exception should always be put last. 9 Coke, 53.

EXCEPTION. In practice. A formal objection to the action of the court, during the trial of a case, in refusing a request or overruling an objection; implying that the party excepting does not acquiesce in the de-
cision of the court, but will seek to procure its reversal, and that he means to save the benefit of his request or objection in some future proceeding. Snelling v. Yetter, 25 App. Div. 590, 49 N. Y. Supp. 917; People v.
Torres, 28 Cal. 142; Norton v. Livingston, 14 S. C. 178; Kline v. Wynne, 10 Ohio St. 228.

It is also somewhat used to signify other objections in the course of a suit; for ex-
ample, exception to bail is a formal objection that special bail offered by defendant are in-
sufficient. 1 Tidd, Pr. 255.

An exception is an objection upon a matter of law to a decision made, either before or
after judgment, by a court, tribunal, judge, or other judicial officer, in an action or pro-
ceeding. The exception must be taken at the time the decision is made. Code Civ. Proc.
Cal. § 646.

In admiralty and equity practice. An exception is a formal allegation tendered by
a party that some previous pleading or pro-
ceeding taken by the adverse party is insuf-
549; Arnold v. Slaughter, 36 W. Va. 589, 35 S. E. 250.

In statutory law. An exception in a
statute is a clause designed to reserve or ex-
empt some individuals from the general class of persons or things to which the language of the act in general attaches.

An exception differs from an explanation, which, by the use of a sidelicet, preciso, etc., is
allowed only to explain doubtful clauses preced-
ent, or to separate and distribute generals into
particulars. Cutler v. Tufts, 3 Pick. (Mass.)
272.

In contracts. A clause in a deed or other conveyance by which the grantor excepts
something out of that which he granted before
by the deed. Morrison v. Bank, 88 Me.
256, 63 Atl. 782; Gould v. Glass, 19 Barb.
(N. Y.) 262; Coal Creek Min. Co. v. Heck, 83
Tenn. 497; Winston v. Johnson, 42 Minn.
608, 45 N. W. 968; Bryan v. Bradley, 16
Conn. 482; Rich v. Zelladorff, 22 Wis. 547, 99
Am. Dec. 81.

The distinction between an exception and a reservation is that an exception is always
part of the thing granted, and of a thing in
case; a reservation is always of a thing not in
case, but newly created or reserved out of the
land or tenement demised. Co. Lit. 476; 4
Kent, Comm. 468. It has been also said that there is a diversity between an exception and a
saving, for an exception exempts clearly, but a
saving goes to the matters touched, and does not exempt. Plowd. 361.

In the civil law. An exceptio or plea. Used in this sense in Louisiana.

Declinatory exceptions are such dilatory
exceptions as merely decline the jurisdiction of the judge before whom the action is

Dilatory exceptions are such as do not
	tend to defeat the action, but only to retad

Peremptory exceptions are those which tend to the dismissal of the action.

—Exception to bail. An objection to the
special bail put in by the defendant to an
action at law made by the plaintiff on grounds of the insufficiency of the bail. 1 Tidd, Pr. 255.

EXCEPTIS EXCIPIENDIS. Lat. With
all necessary exceptions.

EXCEPTOR. In old English law. A
party who entered an exception or plea.

EXCERPTA, or EXCEPTIS. Extracts.

EXCESS. When a defendant pleaded to
an action of assault that the plaintiff tres-
passed on his land, and he would not depart when ordered, whereupon he, molliter manus
imponuit, gently laid hands on him, the rep-
ication of excess was to the effect that the
defendant used more force than necessary.

Wharton.

EXCESSIVE. Tending to or marked by
excess, which is the quality or state of ex-
ceeding the proper or reasonable limit or measure. Railway Co. v. Johnston, 106 Ga. 130, 32 S. E. 78.

—Excessive bail. Ball in a sum more than will be reasonably sufficient to prevent evasion of the law by flight or concealment; bail which is per se unreasonably great and clearly disproportionate to the offense involved, or shown to be so by the special circumstances of the particular case. In re Losasso, 15 Col. 159, 24 Pac. 1060, 10 L. R. A. 847; Ex parte Ryan, 44 Cal. 558; Ex parte Duncan, 53 Cal. 410; Blydenburgh v. Miles, 38 Conn. 490.—Excessive damages. See DAMAGES.

Excessivum in jure reprobatur. Excessus in re quaelibet jure reprobatur communi. Co. Litt. 44. Excess in law is reprehended. Excess in anything is reprehended at common law.

EXCHANGE. In conveyancing. A mutual grant of equal interests, (in lands or tenements,) the one in consideration of the other. 2 Bl. Comm. 323; Windsor v. Collis, 22 Me. 212; 1 Or. 219; 7 Me. 448; 68 Me. 324. Sum v. McClintock, 60 Pa. 282; Hartwell v. De Vault, 159 III. 325, 42 N. E. 780; Long v. Fuller, 21 Wis. 121. In the United States, it appears, exchange does not differ from bargain and sale. See 2 Bouv. Inst. 2055.

In commercial law. A negotiation by which one person transfers to another funds which he has in a certain place, either at a price agreed upon or which is fixed by commercial usage. Nicely v. Bank, 15 Ind. App. 503, 44 N. E. 572, 57 Am. St. Rep. 245; Smith v. Kendall, 9 Mich. 241, 50 Am. Dec. 58.

The profit which arises from a maritime loan, when such profit is a percentage on the money lent, considering it in the light of money lent in one place to be returned in another, with a difference in amount in the sum borrowed and that paid, arising from the difference of time and place. The term is commonly used in this sense by French writers. Hall, Emerig. Mar. Loans, 69a.

A public place where merchants, brokers, factors, etc., meet to transact their business.

In law of personal property. Exchange of goods is a commutation, transmutation, or transfer of goods for other goods, as distinguished from sale, which is a transfer of goods for money. 2 Bl. Comm. 445; 2 Stepp. Comm. 120; Elwell v. Chamberlin, 31 N. Y. 624; Cooper v. State, 37 Ark. 418; Preston v. Keene, 14 Pet. 137, 10 L. Ed. 287.

Exchange is a contract by which the parties mutually give, or agree to give, one thing for another, neither thing, or both things, being money only. Civ. Code Cal. § 1804; Civ. Code Dak. § 1029; Civ. Code La. art. 2680.

The distinction between a sale and exchange of property is rather one of shadow than of substance. In both cases the title to property is absolutely transferred; and the same rules of law are applicable to the transaction, whether the consideration of the contract is money or by way of barter. It can make no essential difference in the rights and obligations of parties that goods and merchandise are transferred and paid for or other goods and considerations are paid for, instead of by money, which is but the representative of value or property. Com. v. Clark, 14 Gray (Mass.) 307.

—Arbitration of exchange. The business of buying and selling exchange (bills of exchange) between two or more countries or markets, and particularly where the profits of such business are to be derived from a calculation of the relative value of exchange in the two countries or markets, and by taking advantage of the fact that the rate of exchange may be higher in one place than in the other at the same time.—Dry exchange. In English law. A term formerly in use, said to have been invented for the purpose of disguising and covering usury; something being pretended to pass on both sides, whereas, in truth, nothing passed but on one side, in which respect it was called "dry." Cowell; Black. See BILL OF EXCHANGE.—Exchange broker. One who negotiates bills of exchange drawn on foreign countries or on other places in the same country; one who makes and concludes bargains for others in matters of money or merchandise. Little Rock v. Barton, 33 Ark. 444; Portland v. Craig, 90 Me. 323. See LANDS OF LIVING. In ecclesiastical law. This is effected by resigning them into the bishop's hands, and each party being inducted into the other's benefice. The clergy to be inducted before they are inducted, the exchange is void.—First of exchange, Second of exchange. See FIRST.—Owlet of exchange. See OWLET.

EXCHEQUER. That department of the English government which has charge of the collection of the national revenue; the treasury department.

It is said to have been so named from the chequered cloth, resembling a chess-board, which anciently covered the table there, and on which, when certain of the king's accounts were made up, the sums were marked and scored with counters. 3 Bl. Comm. 44.


—Court of exchequer. Court of exchequer chamber. See those titles.—Exchequer division. A division of the English high court of justice; to which the special business of the court of exchequer was specially assigned by section 34 of the judicature act of 1873. Merized in the queen's bench division act of 1875; 1881, by order in council under section 31 of that act. Wharton.

EXCISE. An inland imposition, paid sometimes upon the consumption of the commodity, and frequently upon the retail sale. 1 Bl. Comm. 318; Story, Const. §§ 155, 156; Schley v. Rew, 21 Wall. 246; 23 L. Ed. 99; Patton v. Brady, 184 U. S. 608, 22 Sup. Ct. 493, 46 L. Ed. 713; Portland Bank v. Apthorp, 12 Mass. 250; Union Bank v. Hill, 3 Cold. (Tenn.) 328.

The words "tax" and "excise," although often used as synonymous, are to be considered as having entirely distinct and separate significations, under Const. Mass. c. 1, § 1. The former is a charge apportioned either among
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the whole people of the state or those residing within certain districts, municipalities, or sections. It is required to be imposed, so that, if levied for the public charges of government, it shall be shared according to the estate, real and personal, which each person may possess; or, if raised to defray the cost of some local improvement of a public nature, it shall be borne by those who will receive some special and peculiar benefit or advantage which an expenditure of money for a public object may cause to those on whom the tax is assessed. An excise, on the other hand, is of a different character. It is based on no rule of apportionment or equality whatever. It is a fixed, absolute, and direct charge laid on merchandise, products, or commodities, without any regard to the amount of property belonging to those on whom it may fall, or to any supposed relation between money expended for a public object and a special benefit occasioned to those by whom the charge is to be paid. (Oliver v. Washington Mills, 11 Allen (Mass.) 285.)

The term is also extended to the imposition of public charges, in the nature of taxes, upon other subjects than the manufacture and sale of commodities, such as licenses to pursue particular callings, the franchises of corporations and particularly the franchise of corporate existence, and the inheritance or succession of estates. Pollock v. Farmers' L. & T. Co., 158 U. S. 601, 15 Sup. Ct. 912, 39 L. Ed. 1108; Schley v. Rew, 23 Wall. 846, 23 L. Ed. 99; Hancock v. Singer Mfg. Co., 62 N. J. Law, 269, 41 Atl. 846, 42 L. R. A. 883.

In English law, the name given to the duties or taxes laid on certain articles produced and consumed at home, among which spirits have always been the most important; but, exclusive of these, the duties on the licenses of auctioneers, brewers, etc., and on the licenses to keep dogs, kill game, etc., are included in the excise duties. Wharton.

—Excise law. A law imposing excise duties on specified commodities, and providing for the collection of revenue therefrom. In a more restricted and more popular sense, a law regulating, restricting, or taxing the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors.

EXCLUSA. In old English law. A sluice to carry off water; the payment to the lord for the benefit of such a sluice. Cowell.

EXCLUSIVE. Shutting out; debarring from interference or participation; vested in one person alone. An exclusive right is one which only the grantee thereof can exercise, and from which all others are prohibited or shut out. A statute does not grant an "exclusive" privilege or franchise, unless it shuts out or excludes others from enjoying a similar privilege or franchise. In re Union Ferry Co., 98 N. Y. 151.

EXCOMMENEMENT. Excommunication, (q. v.) Co. Litt. 134a.

EXCOMMUNICATION. A sentence of censure pronounced by one of the spiritual courts for offenses falling under ecclesiastical cognizance. It is described in the books as twofold: (1) The lesser excommunication, which is an ecclesiastical censure, excluding the party from the sacraments; (2) the greater, which excludes him from the company of all Christians. Formerly, too, an excommunicated man was under various civil disabilities. He could not serve upon juries, or be a witness in any court; neither could he bring an action to recover lands or money due to him. These penalties are abolished by St. 53 Geo. III. c. 127. 3 Steph. Comm. 721.

EXCOMMUNICATO CAPIENDO. In ecclesiastical law. A writ issuing out of chancery, founded on a bishop's certificate that the defendant had been excommunicated, and requiring the sheriff to arrest and imprison him, returnable to the king's bench. 4 Bl. Comm. 415; Bac. Abr. "Excommunication." E.

EXCOMMUNICATO DELIBERANDO. A writ to the sheriff for delivery of an excommunicated person out of prison, upon certificate from the ordinary of his conformity to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 63.

Excommunieato interdictum omnis actuas legitanus, its quod agere non potest, nec aliquem veniremus, Iecet ipsa ab aliis possit esse vacuari. Co. Litt. 133. Every legal act is forbidden an excommunicated person, so that he cannot act, nor sue any person, but he may be sued by others.

EXCOMMUNICATO RECAPIENDO. A writ commanding that persons excommunicated, who for their obstinacy had been committed to prison, but were unlawfully set free before they had given caution to obey the authority of the church, should be sought after, retaken, and imprisoned again. Reg. Orig. 67.

EXCUSATION, LETTERS OF. In Scotch law. A warrant granted at the suit of a prisoner for citing witnesses in his own defense.

EXCUSABLE. Admitting of excuse or palliation. As used in the law, this word implies that the act or omission spoken of is on its face unlawful, wrong, or liable to entail loss or disadvantage on the person chargeable, but that the circumstances attending it were such as to constitute a legal "excuse" for it, that is, a legal reason for withholding or foregoing the punishment, liability, or disadvantage which otherwise would follow.

—Excusable assault. One committed by accident or misfortune in doing any lawful act by lawful means, with ordinary caution and without any unlawful intent. People v. O'Connor, 82 App. Div. 55, 81 N. Y. Supp. 555.—Excusable homicide. See Homicide.—Excusable neglect. In practically all cases, particularly with reference to the setting aside of a judgment taken against a party through his "excusable neglect," this means a failure to take the
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proper acts at the proper time, not in conse-
quency of the party's own carelessness, in-
tention, or wilful disregard of the process of
the court, but in consequence of some unex-
pected or unavoidable hindrance or accident, or
reliance on the care and vigilance of his coun-
sel or on promises made by the adverse party.
See 1 Bl. Judgm. § 340.

Excusat aut extenuat delictum in cap-
itibus quod non operatur idem in di-
vilibus. Bac. Max. r. 15. That may excuse or
palliate a wrongful act in capital cases
which would not have the same effect in civil
injuries. See Broom, Max. 324.

EXCUSATIO. In the civil law. An ex-
cuse or reason which exempts from some duty
or obligation.

EXCUSATOR. In English law. An
excuser.

In old German law. A defendant; he
who utterly denies the plaintiff's claim. Du
Cange.

Excusator quis quod clamarem non op-
poneret, ut si toto tempore litigil fuit ut
mare quaeramque occasione. Co.
Litt. 290. He is excused who does not bring
his claim, if, during the whole period in
which it ought to have been brought, he has
been beyond sea for any reason.

EXCUSE. A reason alleged for doing or
not doing a thing. Worcester.

A matter alleged as a reason for relief or
exemption from some duty or obligation.

EXCUSE. To seize and detain by law.

EXCUSIO. In the civil law. A di-
ligent prosecution of a remedy against a debtor;
the exhausting of a remedy against a principal
developer, before resorting to his sure-
ties. Translated "discussion," (q. e.)

In old English law. Rescue or rescous.
Spenman.

EXEAT. A permission which a bishop
grants to a priest to go out of his diocese;
also leave to go out generally.

-Exeant. A writ which forbids the person
to whom it is addressed to leave the country,
the state, or the jurisdiction of the court; avail-
able in some cases to keep a defendant within
the reach of the court's process, where the ends
of justice would be frustrated if he should
escape from the jurisdiction.

EXECUTE. To finish, accomplish, make
complete, fulfill. To perform; obey the in-
junctions of.

To make; as to execute a deed, which in-
cludes signing, sealing, and delivery.

To perform; carry out according to its
terms; as to execute a contract.

To fulfill the purpose of; to obey; to per-
form the commands of; as to execute a writ.

A statute is said to execute a use where it
transmutes the equitable interest of the ces-
tus que use into a legal estate of the same
nature, and makes him tenant of the land ac-
cordingly, in lieu of the feufoot to use or
trustees, whose estate, on the other hand, is at
the same moment annihilated. 1 Steph.
Comm. 339.

EXECUTED. Completed; carried into
full effect; already done or performed; tak-
ing effect immediately; now in existence or
in possession; conveying an immediate right
or possession. The opposite of executory.

-Executed consideration. A considera-
tion which is wholly past. 1 Pars. Cont. 391.
An act done or value given before the making of
the agreement.—Executed contract. See
CONTRACT.—Executed estate. See ESTATE.—
Executed fine. The fine sur cognizance de
droit, comme cco que ti ad de son done; or a fine
upon acknowledgment of the right of the cog-
nizee, as that which he has of the gift of the
coriator. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74.
—Executed remainder. See REMAINDER.—
Executed sale. One completed by delivery of
the property; one where nothing remains to be
done by either party to effect a complete trans-
fer of the subject-matter of the sale. Fosel v.
Brubaker, 122 Pa. 7, 15 Atl. 622; Smith v.
Harron County, 44 Wn. 681; Foley v. Findlay,
—Executed trust. See Trust.—Executed
use. See USE.—Executed writ. In practice.
A writ carried into effect by the officer to whom
it is directed. The term "executed," applied
to a writ, has been held to mean "used." Amb.
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EXECUTIO. Lat. The doing or follow-
ing up of a thing; the doing a thing com-
pletely or thoroughly; management or ad-
ministration.

In old practice. Execution; the final
process in an action.

—Executio honorum. In old English law.
Management or administration of goods. Ad
ecolesiam et ad amicos pertinenti et executio hono-
rum, the execution of the goods shall belong to
the church, and to the friends of the deceased.
Bract. fol. 60b.

Executio est executio juris secundum
judicium. 3 Inst. 212. Execution is the
execution of the law according to the judg-
ment.

Executio est finis et fructus legis. Co.
Litt. 289. Execution is the end and fruit of
the law.

Executio juris non habet injuriam. 2
Roll. 301. The execution of law does no
injury.

EXECUTION. The completion, fulfill-
ment, or perfecting of anything, or carrying
it into operation and effect. The signing,
sealing, and delivery of a deed. The signing
and publication of a will. The performance
of a contract according to its terms.

In practice. The last stage of a suit,
wherewith possession is obtained of anything
recovered. It is styled "final process," and
EXECUTION

EXECUTOR


Also the name of a writ issued to a sheriff, constable, or marshal, authorizing and requiring him to execute the judgment of the court.

At common law, executions are said to be either final or quoad; the former, where complete satisfaction of the debt is intended to be procured by this process; the latter, where the execution is only a means to an end, as where the defendant is arrested on cause.

In criminal law, the carrying into effect of the sentence of the law by the infliction of capital punishment. 4 Bl. Comm. 403; 4 Steph. Comm. 470.

It is a vulgar error to speak of the "execution" of a convicted criminal. It is the sentence of the court which is "executed"; the criminal is put to death.

In French law. A method of obtaining satisfaction of a debt or claim by sale of the debtor's property privately, i.e., without judicial process, authorized by the deed or agreement of the parties or by custom; as, in the case of a stockbroker, who may sell securities of his customer, bought under his instructions or deposited by him, to indemnify himself or make good a debt. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 557.

—Execution paree. In French law. A right founded on an act passed before a NOTARY, by which the creditor may immediately, without citation or summons, seize and cause to be sold the property of his debtor, out of the proceeds of which to receive his payment. It imports a commission of judgment, and is unlike a warrant of attorney. Code Proc. La. art. 732; 6 Toullier, no. 208; 7 Toullier, no. 98—Attaque d'execution. See ATTAQUE D'EXECUTION. Dormant execution. See DORMANT.—Equitable execution. This term is sometimes applied to the appointment of a receiver with power of sale. Hatch v. Van Dervoort, 54 N. J. Eq. 511, 34 Atl. 938.—Execution creditor. See CREDITOR.—Execution of decree. Sometimes from the neglect of parties, or some other cause, it became impossible to carry a decree into execution without the further decree of the court upon a bill filed for that purpose. This happened generally in cases where parties having neglected to proceed upon the decree, their rights under it became so embarrassed by a variety of subsequent events that it was necessary to have the decree of the court to settle and ascertain them. Such a bill might also be brought to carry into execution the judgment of an inferior court of equity, if the jurisdiction of that court was not equal to the purpose; as in the case of a decree in Wills, which the defendant avoided by fleeing into England. This species of bill was generally partly an original bill, and partly a bill in the nature of an original bill, though not strictly such. Story, Eq. Pl. 342; Danell, Ch. Pr. 1429.—Execution of deeds. The signing, sealing, and delivery of them by the parties, as their own acts and deeds, in the presence of witnesses.—Execution sale. A sale by a sheriff or other

ministerial officer under the authority of a writ of execution which he has levied on property of the debtor. Poland v. Barrett, 222 Mo. 181, 39 S. W. 692, 43 Am. St. Rep. 572; Norton v. Beardon, 67 Kan. 392, 72 Pac. 841, 100 Am. St. Rep. 409—Testamentum. General execution. A writ commanding an officer to satisfy a judgment out of any personal property of the defendant. If authorizing him to levy only on certain specified property, the writ is sometimes called a "special" execution. Pracht v. Milner, 30 Kan. 568, 1 Pac. 632—anterior execution. One which was issued after the issuance of another execution, on a different judgment, against the same defendant.


EXECUTIO FACIENDA IN WITHERNAMUM. A writ that lay for taking cattle of one who has conveyed the cattle of another out of the county, so that the sheriff cannot reaply them. Reg. Orig. 82.

EXECUTION JUDICII. A writ directed to the judge of an inferior court to do execution upon a judgment therein, or to return some reasonable cause wherefore he delays the execution. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 20.

EXECUTIONER. The name given to him who puts criminals to death, according to their sentence; a hangman.

EXECUTIVE. As distinguished from the legislative and judicial departments of government, the executive department is that which is charged with the detail of carrying the laws into effect and securing their due observance. The word "executive" is also used as an impersonal designation of the chief executive officer of a state or nation. Comm. v. Hall, 9 Gray (Mass.) 287, 69 Am. Dec. 283; In re Railroad Com'rs, 15 Neb. 679, 50 N. W. 270; In re Davies, 108 N. Y. 89, 61 N. E. 118, 50 L. R. A. 355; State v. Bunn, 119 Ind. 322, 24 N. E. 252, 4 L. R. A. 70.

—Executive administration, or ministry. A political term in England, applicable to the higher and responsible class of public officials by whom the chief departments of the government of the kingdom are administered. The number of these amounts to fifty or sixty persons. Their tenure of office depends on the confidence of a majority of the house of commons, and they are supposed to be agreed on all matters of general policy except such as are specifically left open questions. Cab. Law.—Executive officer. An officer of the executive department of government: one in whom resides the power to execute the laws; one whose duties are to cause the laws to be executed and obeyed. Thorne v. San Francisco, 4 Cal. 146; People v. Salisbury, 134 Mich. 537, 96 N. W. 689; Petterson v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 58 S. W. 100.

EXECUTOR. A person appointed by a testator to carry out the directions and requests in his will, and to dispose of the property according to his testamentary provisions after his decease. Scott v. Guernsey, 69
Barb. (N. Y.) 175; In re Lamb's Estate, 122 Mich. 239, 80 N. W. 1081; Compton v. Mc- Mahan, 19 Mo. App. 506.

One to whom another man commits his last will are the execution of that will and testament. 2 Bl. Comm. 563.

A person to whom a testator by his will commits the execution, or putting in force, of that instrument and its codicils is the executor. Foss. 307.

Executors are classified according to the following several methods:

They are either general or special. The former term denotes an executor who is to have charge of the whole estate, wherever found, and administer it to a final settlement; while a special executor is only empowered by the will to take charge of a limited portion of the estate, or such part as may lie in one place, or to carry on the administration only to a prescribed point.

They are either instituted or substituted. An instituted executor is one who is appointed by the testator without any condition; while a substituted executor is one named to fill the office in case the person first nominated should refuse to act.

In the phraseology of ecclesiastical law, they are of the following kinds:

Executor a lege constitutus, an executor appointed by law; the ordinary of the diocese.

Executor ab episcopo constitutus, or executor dativus, an executor appointed by the bishop or administrator to an intestate.

Executor a testatore constitutus, an executor appointed by a testator. Otherwise termed "executor testamentarius," a testamentary executor.

An executor to the tenor is one who, though not directly constituted executor by the will, is therein charged with duties in relation to the estate which can only be performed by the executor.

-Executor creditor. In Scotch law. A creditor of a decedent who obtains a grant of administration on the estate, at least to the extent of so much of it as will be sufficient to discharge his debt, when the executor named in the will has declined to serve, as also those other persons who would be preferentially entitled to administer. -Executor dativus. In Scotch law. One appointed by the court; equivalent to the English "administrator with the will annexed." -Executor de son tort. Executor of his own wrong. A person who assumes to act as executor of an estate without any lawful warrant or authority, but who, by his intermeddling, makes himself liable as an executor to be called a testator. If a creditor, having a debt due from him to act as executor without any just authority, (as by intermeddling with the goods of the deceased, and many other transactions,) is called in law an "executor of his own wrong," de son tort. 2 Bl. Comm. 507. Allen v. Hurst. 120 Ga. 763, 48 S. E. 341; Noon v. Finnegan. 120 Ga. 418. 13 N. Y. 187; Brown v. Lewis. 26 N. H. 485; Hindman v. Jones. 4 Me. 349. -Executor lucratus. An executor who has assets of his testator who in his lifetime himself liable by a wrongful interference with the property of another. 6 Jur. (N. S.) 543. -General executor. One whose power is not limited either territorially or as to the objects or subject of his administration. -Joint executors. Co-executors; two or more who are joined in the execution of a will. -Limited executor. An executor whose powers and duties are limited by the terms of the will. -Special executor. One whose power or office is limited, either in respect to the time or place of the exercise of his powers, or restricted to a particular portion of the estate.

In the civil law. A ministerial officer who executed or carried into effect the judgment or sentence in a cause.

EXECUTORY. That which is yet to be executed or performed; that which remains to be carried into operation or effect; incomplete; depending upon a future performance or event. The opposite of executed.

-Executor consideration. A consideration which is to be performed after the contract for which it is a consideration is made. -Executor taxes. These are the taxes sobre cognitione de droit tantum; sur consentiat; and sur done, grant et render. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74. -Executor interests. A general term, comprising all future estates and interests in land or personalty, other than reversions and remainders. -Executor limitation. A limitation of a future interest by deed or will; if by will, it is also called an "executor devise." -Executor process. A process which can be resorted to in the following cases, namely: (1) When the right of the creditor arises from an act importing confession of judgment, and which contains a privilege or mortgage in his favor; (2) when the creditor demands the execution of a judgment which has been rendered by a tribunal different from that within whose jurisdiction the execution is sought. Code Prac. La. art. 726; Maria v. Lailey, 17 Wall. 14, 21 La. Ed. 596.


EXECUTRESS. A female executor. Hardr. 165, 473. See EXECDTRX.

EXECUTRIX. A woman who has been appointed by will to execute such will or testament.

EXECUTRY. In Scotch law. The movable estate of a person dying, which goes to his nearest of kin. So called as falling under the distribution of an executor. Bell.

Exempila illustrant non restringant legem. Co. Litt. 240. Examples illustrate, but do not restrain, the law.

EXEMPLARY DAMAGES. See DAMAGES.

EXEMPLI GRATIA. For the purpose of example, or for instance. Often abbreviated "ex. gr." or "e. g."

EXEMPLIFICATION. An official transcript of a document from public records.
made in form to be used as evidence, and authenticated as a true copy.

EXEMPLIFICATIONE. A writ granted for the exemplification or transcript of an original record. Reg. Orig. 290.

EXEMPLUM. In the civil law. Copy; a written authorized copy. This word is also used in the modern sense of “example.” — *ad exemplum constituit singulares non trahit*, exceptional things must not be taken for examples. Calvin.

EXEMPT, v. To relieve, excuse, or set free from a duty or service imposed upon the general class to which the individual exempted belongs; as to exempt from militia service. See 1 St. at Large, 272. To relieve certain classes of property from liability to sale on execution.

EXEMPT, n. One who is free from liability to military service; as distinguished from a *detail*, who is one belonging to the army, but detached or set apart for the time to some particular duty or service, and liable, at any time, to be recalled to his place in the ranks. In re Strawbridge, 39 Ala. 379.


A privilege allowed by law to a judgment debtor, by which he may hold property to a certain amount, or certain classes of property, free from all liability to levy and sale on execution or attachment. Turrill v. McCarthy, 114 Iowa, 681, 87 N. W. 687; Williams v. Smith, 117 Wis. 142, 93 N. W. 464.

—Exemption laws. Laws which provide that a certain amount or proportion of a debtor's property shall be exempt from execution. —Exemption, words of. It is a maxim of law that words of exemption are not to be construed to import any liability; the maxim *expressio unius exclusio alterius*, or its converse, *exclusio unius includit alteriam*, not applying to such a case. For example, an exemption of the crown from the bankruptcy act 1869, in one specified particular, would not inferentially subject the crown to that act in any other particular. Brown.

EXEMPTS. Persons who are not bound by law, but excused from the performance of duties imposed upon others.

EXENNIUM. In old English law. A gift; a new year's gift. Cowell.

EXEQUIATUR. Lat. Let it be executed. In French practice, this term is subscribed by judicial authority upon a transcript of a judgment from a foreign country, or from another part of France, and authorizes the execution of the judgment within the jurisdiction where it is so indorsed.

In International law. A certificate issued by the foreign department of a state to a consul or commercial agent of another state, recognizing his official character, and authorizing him to fulfill his duties.

EXERCISE. To make use of. Thus, to exercise a right or power is to do something which it enables the holder to do. U. S. v. Sonders, 27 Fed. Cas. 1267; Cleaver v. Comm., 34 Pa. 284; Branch v. Glass Works, 96 Ga. 573, 23 S. E. 128.

EXERCITALIS. A soldier; a vassal. Spelman.

EXERCITOR NAVIS. Lat. The temporary owner or charterer of a ship. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 512; The Phebe, 19 Fed. Cas. 418.

EXERCITORIA ACTIO. In the civil law. An action which lays against the employer of a vessel (exercitor navi) for the contracts made by the master. Inst. 4, 7, 2; 3 Kent, Comm. 161. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 512.

EXERCITORIAL POWER. The trust given to a ship-master.

EXERCITAL. In old English law. A heriot paid only in arms, horses, or military accouterments.

EXERCITUS. In old European law. An army; an armed force. The term was absolutely indefinite as to number. It was applied, on various occasions, to a gathering of forty-two armed men, of thirty-five, or even of four. Spelman.

EXETER DOMESDAY. The name given to a record preserved among the muniments and charters belonging to the dean and chapter of Exeter Cathedral, which contains a description of the western parts of the kingdom, comprising the counties of Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall. The Exeter Domesday was published with several other surveys nearly contemporary, by order of the commissioners of the public records, under the direction of Sir Henry Ellis, in a volume supplementary to the Great Domesday, folio, London, 1816. Wharton.

EXFESTUCARE. To abdicate or resign; to resign or surrender an estate, office, or dignity, by the symbolic delivery of a staff or rod to the alienee.

EXFREDIARE. To break the peace; to commit open violence. Jacob.

EXHEREDATIO. In the civil law. Disinheriting; disherison. The formal method of excluding an indefeasible (or forced) heir
from the entire inheritance, by the testator's express declaration in the will that such person shall be *exhæres*. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 711.

**EXHÆRES.** In the civil law. One disinherited. Vicat; Du Cange.

**EXHEREDATE.** In Scotch law. To disinherit; to exclude from an inheritance.

**EXHIBERE.** To present a thing corporally, so that it may be handled. Vicat. To appear personally to conduct the defense of an action at law.

**EXHIBIT, v.** To show or display; to offer or present for inspection. To produce anything in public, so that it may be taken into possession. Dig. 10, 4, 2.

To present; to offer publicly or officially; to file of record. Thus we speak of *exhibiting* a charge of treason, *exhibiting* a bill against an officer of the king's bench by way of proceeding against him in that court. In 2 Witte, 5 Misc. Rep. 105, 25 N. Y. Supp. 737; Newell v. State, 2 Conn. 40; Comm. v. Alsop, 1 Brewst. (Pa.) 345.

To administer; to cause to be taken; as medicines.

**EXHIBIT, n.** A paper or document produced and exhibited to a court during a trial or hearing, or to a commissioner taking depositions, or to auditors, arbitrators, etc., as a voucher, or in proof of facts, or as otherwise connected with the subject-matter, and which, on being accepted, is marked for identification and annexed to the deposition, report, or other principal document, or filed of record, or otherwise made a part of the case.

A paper referred to in and filed with the bill, answer, or petition in a suit in equity, or with a deposition. Brown v. Redwayne, 18 Ga. 68.

**EXHIBITANT.** A complainant in articles of the peace. 12 Adol. & E. 559.

**EXHIBITIO BILLE.** Lat. Exhibition of a bill. In old English practice, actions were instituted by presenting or exhibiting a bill to the court. In cases where the proceedings were by bill; hence this phrase is equivalent to "commencement of the suit."

**EXHIBITION.** In Scotch law. An action for compelling the production of writings.

In ecclesiastical law. An allowance for meat and drink, usually made by religious appropriators of churches to the vicar. Also the benefaction settled for the maintaining of scholars in the universities, not depending on the foundation. Paroch. Antiq. 304.

**EXHUMATION.** Disinterment; the removal from the earth of anything previously buried therein, particularly a human corpse.

**EXIGENCE, or EXIGENCY.** Demand, want, need, imperativeness.

—Exigency of a bond. That which the bond demands or exacts, i.e., the act, performance, or event upon which it is conditioned.—Exigency of a writ. The command or imperative ness of a writ; the directing part of a writ; the act or performance which it commands.

**EXIGENDARY.** In English law. An officer who makes out exignets.

**EXIGENT, or EXIGI FACIAS.** L. Lat. In English practice. A judicial writ made use of in the process of outlawry, commanding the sheriff to demand the defendant, (or cause him to be demanded, *cuius facias*) from county court to county court, until he be outlawed; or, if he appear, then to take and have him before the court on a day certain in term, to answer to the plaintiff's action. 1 Tlld. Pr. 132; 3 Bl. Comm. 283, 284; Archb. N. Pr. 485. Now regulated by St. 2 Wm. IV. c. 39.

**EXIGENTER.** An officer of the English court of common pleas, whose duty it was to make out the *exigents* and proclamations in the process of outlawry. Cowell. Abolished by St. 7 Wm. IV. and 1 Vict. c. 30. Holthouse.

**EXIGI FACIAS.** That you cause to be demanded. The emphatic words of the Latin form of the writ of *exigent*. They are sometimes used as the name of that writ.

**EXIGIBLE.** Demandable; requireable.

**EXILE.** Banishment; the person banished.

**EXILIVUM.** Lat. In old English law.

1. Exile: banishment from one's country.

2. Driving away; despolling. The name of a species of waste, which consisted in driving away tenants or vassals from the estate; as by demolishing buildings, and so compelling the tenants to leave, or by enfranchising the bond-servants, and unlawfully turning them out of their tenements. Fleta, i. 1, c. 9.

*Exilium est patris privato, natallis soli mutatio, legum nativarum amissio.*

7 Coke, 20. Exile is a privation of country, a change of natal soil, a loss of native laws.

**EXIST.** To live; to have life or animation; to be in present force, activity, or effect at a given time; as in speaking of "existing" contracts, creditors, debts, laws, rights, or liens. Merritt v. Grover, 57 Iowa, 498. 10 N. W. 879; Whittaker v. Rice, 9 Minn. 13 (Gill. 1), 80 Am. Dec. 78; Wing v. Slater, 19
EXISTIMATIO. In the civil law. The civil reputation which belonged to the Roman citizen, as such. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 135. Called a state or condition of unimpeached dignity or character, (dignitatis infaessa status;) the highest standing of a Roman citizen. Dig. 50, 13, 5, 1.

Also the decision or award of an arbiter.

EXIT. Lat. It goes forth. This word is used in docket entries as a brief mention of the issue of process. Thus, "exit a. f. a." denotes that a writ of fieri facias has been issued in the particular case. The "exit of a writ" is the fact of its issuance.

EXIT WOUND. A term used in medical jurisprudence to denote the wound made by a weapon on the side where it emerges, after it has passed completely through the body, or through any part of it.

EXITUS. Children; offspring. The rents, issues, and profits of lands and tenements. An export duty. The conclusion of the pleadings.

EXLEGALITAS. In old English law. Outlawry. Spelman.

EXLEGALITUS. He who is prosecuted as an outlaw. Jacob.

EXLEGARE. In old English law. To outlaw; to deprive one of the benefit and protection of the law, (exuere aliquem beneficioc legis.) Spelman.


EXONE. In French law. An act or instrument in writing which contains the reasons why a party in a civil suit, or a person accused, who has been summoned, agreeably to the requisitions of a decree, does not appear. Poth. Proc. Crim. § 3, art. 3. The same as "Essolin," (q. v.)

EXONERATION. The removal of a burden, charge, or duty. Particularly, the act of relieving a person or estate from a charge or liability by casting the same upon another person or estate. Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Comm., 114 Ky. 787, 71 S. W. 916; Bannon v. Burnes (C. C.) 39 Fed. 808.

A right or equity which exists between

EXPECT. Those who are successively liable for the same debt. "A surety who discharges an obligation is entitled to look to the principal for reimbursement, and to invoke the aid of a court of equity for this purpose, and a subsequent surety who, by the terms of the contract, is responsible only in case of the default of the principal and a prior surety, may claim exoneration at the hands of either." Bisp. Eq. § 331.

In Scotch law. A discharge; or the act of being legally burdened of, or liberated from, the performance of a duty or obligation. Bell.

EXONERATIONS SECTE AD CURIAM BARON. A writ of the same nature as that last above described, issued by the guardian of the crown's ward, and addressed to the sheriffs or stewards of the court, forbidding them to restrain him, etc., for not doing suit of court, etc. New Nat. Brev. 362.

EXONERETUM. Lat. Let him be relieved or discharged. An entry made on a ball-plate, whereby the surety is relieved or discharged from further obligation, when the condition is fulfilled by the surrender of the principal or otherwise.

EXORDIUM. The beginning or introductory part of a speech.

EXPATRIATION. The voluntary act of abandoning one's country, and becoming the citizen or subject of another. Ludlam v. Ludlam, 31 Barb. (N. Y.) 489. See Emigration.

EXPECT. To await; to look forward to something intended, promised, or likely to happen. Atchison, etc., R. Co. v. Hamlin, 67 Kan. 476, 73 Pac. 58.

—Expectancy. The condition of being deferred to a future time, or of dependence upon an expected event: contingency as to possession or enjoyment. With respect to the time of their enjoyment, estates may either be in possession or in expectancy; and of expectancies there are two sorts,—one created by the act of the parties, called a "remainder;" the other by act of law, called a "reversion." 2 Bl. Comm. 163.

—Expectant. Having relation to, or dependent upon, a contingency.—Expectant estates. See ESTATE IN EXPECTANCY.—Expectant heirs. A person who has the expectation of inheriting property or an estate, but small present means. The term is chiefly used in equity, where relief is afforded to such persons against the enforcement of "catching bargains." (q. v.) Jeffers v. Lampson, 10 Ohio St. 106; Whelen v. Phillips, 151 Pa. 312, 25 Atl. 44: In re Robbins' Estate, 190 Pa. 500, 49 Atl. 233.—Expectant right. A contingent right, not vested; one which depends on the continued
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existence of the present condition of things until the happening of some future event. Pearl v. Great Northern R. Co., 161 U. S. 646, 16 Sup. Ct. 705, 40 L. Ed. 838. — Expectation of life, in the doctrine of life annuities, is the share or number of years of life which a person of a given age may, upon an equality of chance, expect to enjoy. Wharton.

EXPEDIENTE. In Mexican law, a term including all the papers or documents constituting a grant or title to land from government. Vanderslice v. Hanks, 3 Cal. 27, 38.

EXPEDIMENT. The whole of a person's goods and chattels, bag and baggage. Wharton.

Expedite reipublicae ne sua re quis male utatur. It is for the interest of the state that a man should not enjoy his own property improperly, (to the injury of others.) Inst. 1, 3, 2.

Expedite reipublicae ut sit anxis litium. It is for the advantage of the state that there be an end of suits; it is for the public good that actions be brought to a close. Co. Litt. 303 b.

EXPEDITATÁE ARBORES. Trees rooted up or cut down to the roots. Fleta, L 2, c. 41.

EXPEDITION. In old forest law. A cutting off the claws or ball of the forefront of mastiffs or other dogs, to prevent their running after deer. Spelman; Cowell.

EXPEDITIO. An expedition; an irregular kind of army. Spelman.

EXPEDITIO BREVIS. In old practice. The service of a writ. Townsh. Pl. 43.

EXPEL. In regard to trespass and other torts, this term means to eject, to put out, to drive out, and generally with an implication of the use of force. Perry v. Fitzhowe, 3 Q. B. 778; Smith v. Leo, 82 Hun, 242, 36 N. Y. Supp. 949.

EXPENDITORS. Paymasters. Those who expend or disburse certain taxes. Especially the sworn officer who supervised the repairs of the banks of the canals in Romney Marsh. Cowell.

EXPENSE LITIS. Costs or expenses of the suit, which are generally allowed to the successful party.

EXPENSIS MILITUM NON LEVANDIS. An ancient writ to prohibit the sheriff from levying any allowance for knights of the shire upon those who held lands in ancient demesne. Reg. Orig. 261.

Experientia per varios actus legem facit. Magistra rerum experientia. Co. Litt. 60. Experience by various acts makes law. Experience is the mistress of things.

EXPERIMENT. In patent law, either a trial of an uncompleted mechanical structure to ascertain what changes or additions may be necessary to make it accomplish the design of the projector, or a trial of a completed machine to test or illustrate its practical efficiency. In the former case, the inventor's efforts, being incomplete, if they are then abandoned, will have no effect upon the right of a subsequent inventor; but if the experiment prove the capacity of the machine to effect what its inventor proposed, the law assigns to him the merit of having produced a complete invention. Northwestern Fire Extinguisher Co. v. Philadelphia Fire Extinguisher Co., 10 Phila. 227, 18 Fed. Cas. 304.

EXPERTS. Persons examined as witnesses in a cause, who testify in regard to some professional or technical matter arising in the case, and who are permitted to give their opinions as to such matter on account of their special training, skill, or familiarity with it.

An expert is a person who possesses peculiar skill and knowledge upon the subject-matter that he is required to give an opinion upon. State v. Phair, 48 Vt. 366.


EXPILARE. In the civil law. To spoil; to rob or plunder. Applied to inheritances. Dig. 47, 19; Cod. 9, 82.

EXPILATIO. In the civil law. The offense of unlawfully appropriating goods belonging to a succession. It is not technically theft (furtum) because such property no longer belongs to the decedent, nor to the heir, since the latter has not yet taken possession.

EXPILATOR. In the civil law. A robber; a spoiler or plunderer. Expilatores sunt atrociores furcs. Dig. 47, 18, 1, 1.


EXPIRY OF THE LEGAL. In Scotch law and practice. Expiration of the period within which an adjudication may be re-deemed, by paying the debt in the decree of adjudication. Bell.
EXPLEES. See EXPLEES.

EXPLETA, EXPLETIA, or EXPLECIA. In old records. The rents and profits of an estate.

EXPLICATIO. In the civil law. The fourth pleading; equivalent to the surrendeder of the common law. Calvin.

EXPLORATION. In mining law. The examination and investigation of land supposed to contain valuable minerals, by drilling, boring, sinking shafts, driving tunnels, and other means, for the purpose of discovering the presence of ore and its extent. Colvin v. Welmer, 64 Minn. 37, 65 N. W. 1079.

EXPLORATOR. A scout, huntsman, or chaser.

EXPLOSION. A sudden and rapid combustion, causing violent expansion of the air, and accompanied by a report.

The word "explosion" is variously used in ordinary speech, and is not one that admits of exact definition. Every combustion of an explosive substance, whereby other property is ignited and consumed, would not be an "explosion," within the ordinary meaning of the term. It is not used as a synonym of "combustion." An explosion may be described generally as a sudden and rapid combustion, causing violent expansion of the air, and accompanied by a report. But the rapidity of the combustion, the violence of the expansion, and the vehemence of the report vary in intensity as often as the occurrences multiply. Hence an explosion is an idea of degrees; and the true meaning of the word, in each particular case, must be settled, not by any fixed standard or accurate measurement, but by the common experience and notions of men in matters of that sort. Insurance Co. v. Foote, 22 Ohio St. 348, 10 Am. Rep. 735. And see Insurance Co. v. Dorsey, 56 Md. 81, 40 Am. Rep. 405; Mitchell v. Insurance Co., 16 App. D. C. 270; Louisville Underwriters v. Durand, 123 Ind. 544, 24 N. E. 221, 7 L. R. A. 859.

EXPORT, v. To send, take, or carry an article of trade or commerce out of the country. To transport merchandise from one country to another in the course of trade. To carry out or convey goods by sea. State v. Turner, 5 Har. (Del.) 501.


EXPORTATION. The act of sending or carrying goods and merchandise from one country to another.

EXPOSE, v. To show publicly; to display; to offer to the public view; as, to "expose" goods to sale, to "expose" a tariff or schedule of rates, to "expose" the person. Boynton v. Page, 13 Wend. (N. Y.) 432; Comm. v. Byrnes, 158 Mass. 172, 33 N. E. 343; Adams Exp. Co. v. Schlesinger, 78 Pa. 246; Centre Turnpike Co. v. Smith, 12 Vt. 216. To place in a position where the object spoken of is open to danger, or where it is near or accessible to anything which may affect it detrimentally; as, to "expose" a child, or to expose oneself or another to a contagious disease or to danger or hazard of any kind. In re Smith, 146 N. Y. 68, 40 N. E. 497, 28 L. R. A. 830, 48 Am. St. Rep. 760; Davis v. Insurance Co., 81 Iowa, 406, 46 N. W. 1073, 10 L. R. A. 359, 25 Am. St. Rep. 500; Miller v. Insurance Co., 39 Minn. 548, 40 N. W. 839.

EXPOSE, n. Fr. A statement; account; recital; explanation. The term is used in diplomatic language as descriptive of a written explanation of the reasons for a certain act or course of conduct.

EXPOSITIO. Lat. Explanation; exposition; interpretation.

Expositio que ex visceribus caussa nascerit, est aptissima et fertissima in lege. That kind of interpretation which is born [or drawn] from the bowels of a cause is the artest and most forcible in the law. 10 Coke, 24b.

EXPOSITION. Explanation; interpretation.

EXPOSITION DE PART. In French law. The abandonment of a child, unable to take care of itself, either in a public or private place.

EXPOSITORY STATUTE. One the office of which is to declare what shall be taken to be the true meaning and intent of a statute previously enacted. Black, Const. Law, (3d ed.) 89. And see Lindsay v. United States Sav. & Loan Co., 129 Ala. 156, 24 South. 171, 42 L. R. A. 783.

EXPOSURE. The act or state of exposing or being exposed. See EXPOSE.

-Exposure of child. Placing it (with the intention of wholly abandoning it) in such a place or position as to leave it unprotected against danger and jeopardize its health or life or subject it to the peril of severe suffering or serious bodily harm. Shannon v. People, 5 Mich. 92. -Exposure of person. In criminal law. Such an intentional exposure in a public place, of the naked body or the private parts as is calculated to shock the feelings of chastity or to corrupt the morals of the community. Gilmore v. State, 118 Ga. 290, 45 S. E. 220. -Indecent exposure. The same as exposure of the person, in the sense above defined. State v. Baugues, 190 Iowa, 107, 76 N. W. 508.
EXPRESS. Made known distinctly and explicitly, and not left to inference or implication. Declared in terms; set forth in words. Manifested by direct and appropriate language, as distinguished from that which is inferred from conduct. The word is usually contrasted with "implied." State v. Denny, 118 Ind. 449, 21 N. E. 274, 4 L. R. A. 65.

—Express abrogation. Abrogation by express provision or enactment; the repeal of a law or provision by a subsequent one, referring directly to it. Express assumption. An undertaking to do some act, or to pay a sum of money to another, manifested by express terms.

—Express service. A special pleading in a case where the defendant ought to plead the general issue. Abolished by the common-law procedure act, 1852, (15 & 16 Vict. c. 70, § 64.)—Express company. A firm or corporation engaged in the business of transporting parcels or other movable property, in the capacity of common carriers, and especially undertaking the safe carriage and speedy delivery of small but valuable packages of goods and money. Also v. Southern Exp. Co., 104 N. C. 278, 10 S. E. 237, 6 L. R. A. 271; Pflister v. Central Pac. Ry. Co., 70 Cal. 169, 11 Pac. 686, 59 Am. Rep. 494.—Express consideration. A consideration which is distinctly and specifically named in the written contract or in the oral agreement of the parties.


Express noscent, non expressa non noscent. Things expressed are [may be] presupposed; things not expressly stated are not. Express words are sometimes prejudicial, which, if omitted, had done no harm. Dig. 35, 1, 52; Id. 50, 17, 105. See Calvin.

Expressa non prosum quae non expressa proderunt. 4 Coke, 73. The expression of things of which, if unexpressed, one would have the benefit, is useless.

Expressio corum quae tacite insunt nihil operatur. The expression or express mention of those things which are tacitly implied avails nothing. 2 Inst. 365. A man's own words are void, when the law speaketh as much. Finch, Law b. 1, c. 3, no. 26. Words used to express what the law will imply without them are mere words of abundance. 5 Coke, 11.

Expressio unius est exclusio alterius. The expression of one thing is the exclusion of another. Co. Litt. 210a. The express mention of one thing [person or place] implies the exclusion of another.

Expressio unius personae est exclusio alterius. Co. Litt. 210. The mention of one person is the exclusion of another. See Broom, Max. 651.

Expressum facit cessare tacitum. That which is expressed makes that which is implied to cease, [that is, supersedes it, or controls its effect.] Thus, an implied covenant in a deed is in all cases controlled by an express covenant. 4 Coke, 80; Broom, Max. 651.

Expressum servitium regat vel declarat tacitum. Let service expressed rule or declare what is silent.

EXPROMISSIO. In the civil law. The species of novation by which a creditor accepts a new debtor, who becomes bound instead of the old, the latter being released. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 532.

EXPROMISSOR. In the civil law. A person who assumes the debt of another, and becomes solely liable for it, by a stipulation with the creditor. He differs from a surety, inasmuch as this contract is one of novation, while a surety is jointly liable with his principal. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 538.

EXPROMITTERE. In the civil law. To undertake for another, with the view of becoming liable in his place. Calvin.

EXPROPRIATION. This word properly denotes a voluntary surrender of rights or claims; the act of divesting oneself of that which was previously claimed as one's own, or renouncing it. In this sense it is the opposite of "appropriation." But a meaning has been attached to the term, imported from its use in foreign jurisprudence, which makes it synonymous with the exercise of the power of eminent domain, i.e., the compulsory taking from a person, on compensation made, of his private property for the use of a railroad, canal, or other public work.

In French law. Expropriation is the compulsory realization of a debt by the creditor out of the lands of his debtor, or the usufruct thereof. When the debtor is tenant with others. It is necessary that a partition should first be made. It is confined, in the first place, to the lands (if any) that are in hypothèque, but afterwards extends to the lands not in hypothèque. Moreover, the debt must be of a liquidated amount. Brown.

EXPULSION. A putting or driving out. The act of depriving a member of a corporation, legislative body, assembly, society, commercial organization, etc., of his membership in the same, by a legal vote of the body itself, for breach of duty, improper conduct, or other sufficient cause. New York Protective Ass'n v. McGrath (Super. Ct.) 5 N. Y. Supp. 10; Palmetto Lodge v. Hubbell, 2 Sth. (S. C.) 492, 49 Am. Dec. 604. Also, in the law of torts and of landlord and tenant, an eviction or forcible putting out. See EXP.

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EXPUGNE. To blot out; to efface designedly; to obliterate; to strike out wholly. Webster. See CANCEL.

EXPURGATION. The act of purging or cleansing, as where a book is published without its obscene passages.

EXPURGATOR. One who corrects by expurgating.

EXQUESTOR. In Roman law. One who had the office of questor. A title given to Tribonian. Inst. proem. § 3. Used only in the ablative case, (sequestore.)

EXROGARE. (From ez, from, and rogare, to pass a law.) In Roman law. To take something from an old law by a new law. Taul. Civil Law, 155.


In English practice. To value the lands or tenements of a person bound by a statute or recognizance which has become forfeited, to their full extended value. 3 Bl. Comm. 420; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 131. To execute the writ of extend or extendi facias, (q. v.) 2 Tidd, Pr. 1043, 1044.

In taxation. Extending a tax consists in adding to the assessment roll the precise amount due from each person whose name appears thereon. "The subjects for taxation having been properly listed, and a basis for apportionment established, nothing will remain to fix a definite liability but to extend upon the list or roll the several proportionate amounts, as a charge against the several taxables." Cooley, Tax'n, (2d Ed.) 423.

EXTENDI FACIAS. Lat. You cause to be extended. In English practice. The making of a writ of execution, (derived from its two emphatic words:) more commonly called an "extenu." 2 Tidd, Pr. 1043; 4 Steph, Comm. 43.

EXTENSION. In mercantile law. An allowance of additional time for the payment of debts. An agreement between a debtor and his creditors, by which they allow him further time for the payment of his liabilities.

In patent law. An extension of the life of a patent for an additional period of seven years, formerly allowed by law in the United States, upon proof being made that the inventor had not succeeded in obtaining a reasonable remuneration from his patent-right. This is no longer allowed, except as to designs. See Rev. St. U. S. § 4924 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3390).

EXTENSORES. In old English law. Extenders or appraisers. The name of certain officers appointed to appraise and divide or apportion lands. It was their duty to make a survey, schedule, or inventory of the lands, to lay them out under certain heads, and then to ascertain the value of each, as preparatory to the division or partition. Bract. fols. 72b, 75; Brit. c. 71.

EXTENT. In English practice. A writ of execution issuing from the exchequer upon a debt due the crown, or upon a debt due a private person, if upon recognizance or statute merchant or staple, by which the sheriff is directed to appraise the debtor's lands, and, instead of selling them, to set them off to the creditor for a term during which the rental will satisfy the judgment. Hackett v. Amanda, 56 Vt. 201; Nason v. Fowler, 70 N. H. 291, 47 Atl. 263.

In Scotch practice. The value or valuation of lands. Bell.

The rents, profits, and issues of lands. Skene.

—Extent in aid. That kind of extent which issues at the instance and for the benefit of a debtor to the crown, for the recovery of a debt due to himself. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1045; 4 Steph. Comm. 47.—Extent in chief. The principal kind of extent, issuing at the suit of the crown, for the recovery of the crown's debt. 4 Steph. Comm. 47. An adverse proceeding by the king, for the recovery of his own debt. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1045.

EXTENTA MANERII. (The extent or survey of a manor.) The title of a statute passed 4 Edw. 1. St. 1; being a sort of direction for making a survey or terrier of a manor, and all its appendages. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 140.

EXTENUATE. To lessen; to palliate; to mitigate. Connell v. State, 46 Tex. Cr. R. 250, 81 S. W. 748.

EXTENiating CIRCUMSTANCES. Such as render a delict or crime less aggravated, heinous, or reprehensible than it would otherwise be, or tend to palliate or lessen its guilt. Such circumstances may or-
EXTERRITORIALITY. The privilege of those persons (such as foreign ministers) who, though temporarily resident within a state, are not subject to the operation of its laws.

EXTERUS. Lat. A foreigner or alien; one born abroad. The opposite of civis.

Exterus non habet terras. An alien holds no lands. Tray. Lat. Max. 203.

EXTINCTO. Extinguished. A rent is said to be extinguished when it is destroyed and put out. Co. Litt. 1476. See Extinction.

EXTINCTO SUBJECTO, TOLLITUR ADJACENTIA. When the subject is extinguished, the incident a nesse. Thus, when the business for which a partnership has been formed is completed, or brought to an end, the partnership itself ceases. Inst. 3, 26, 6; 3 Kent, Comm. 52, note.

EXTINCTION. The destruction or cancellation of a right, power, contract, or estate. The annihilation of a collateral thing or subject in the subject itself out of which it is derived. Prest. Merg. 9. For the distinction between an extinguishment and passing a right, see 2 Shars. Bl. Comm. 325, note.

"Extinguishment" is sometimes confounded with "merger," though there is a clear distinction between them. "Merger" is only a mode of extinguishment, and applies to estates only under particular circumstances; but "extinguishment" is a term of great application to rights, as well as estates. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 367, § 1487.

—Extinction of common. Loss of the right have common. This may happen from various causes.—Extinction of copyhold. In English law. A copyhold is said to be extinguished when the freehold and copyhold interests unite in the same person and in the same right, which may be either by the copyhold interest coming to the freehold or by the freehold interest coming to the copyhold. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 670, § 864.—Extinction of debts. This takes place by payment; by accord and satisfaction; by novation, or the substitution of a new debtor; by merger, when the creditor recovers a judgment or accepts a security of a higher nature than the original obligation; by a release; by the marriage of a femce sole creditor with the debtor; or of an obligee with one of two joint obligors; and where one of the parties, debtor or creditor, makes the other his executor.—Extinction of rent. If a person have a yearly rent of lands, and afterwards purchase those lands, so that he has as good an estate in the land as in the rent, the rent is extinguished. Termes de la Ley; Cowell; Co. Litt. 147. Rent may also be extinguished by conjuction of estates by confirmation by grant, by release, and by surrender. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. pp. 210-213, § 209.—Extinction of ways. This is usually effected by unity of possession. As if a man have a way over the close of another, and he purchase that close, the way is extinguished. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 541, § 384.

EXTIRPATION. In English law. A species of destruction or waste, analogous to estreplement. See Extreple.

EXTIRPATIONE. A judicial writ, either before or after judgment, that lay against a person who, when a verdict was found against him for land, etc., maliciously overthrew any house or extirpated any trees upon it. Reg. Jud. 13, 56.

EXTOCARE. In old records. To grub woodland, and reduce it to arable or meadow; "to stock up." Cowell.

EXTORSIVELY. A technical word used in indictments for extortion.

It is a sufficient averment of a corrupt intent, in an indictment for extortion, to allege that the defendant "extorsively" took the unlawful fee. Leeman v. State. 35 Ark. 458, 37 Am. Rep. 44.

EXTORT. The natural meaning of the word "extort" is to obtain money or other valuable thing either by compulsion, by actual force, or by the force of motives applied to the will, and often more overpowering and irresistible than physical force. Com. v. O'Brien, 12 Cush. (Mass.) 90. See Extortion.

Extortio est crimen quando quis colore officii extorquet quod non est debturn, vel supra debturn, vel ante tempus quod est debturn. 10 Coke, 102. Extortion is a crime when, by color of office, any person extorts that which is not due, or more than is due, or before the time when it is due.

EXTORTION. Any oppression by color or pretense of right, and particularly the action by an officer of money, by color of his office, either when none at all is due, or not so much is due, or when it is not yet due. Preston v. Bacon, 4 Conn. 490.

Extortion consists in any public officer unlawfully taking, by color of his office, from any person any money or thing of value that is not due to him, or more than he due. Code Ga. 1882, § 4507.


Extortion is an abuse of public justice, which consists in any officer unlawfully taking, by
color of his office, from any man any money or thing of value that is not due to him, or before it is due. 1 Comm. 141.

Exortion is any oppression under color of right. In a stricter sense, the taking of money by any officer, by color of his office, when none, or not yet due, or it is not yet due. 1 Hawk. P. C. (Curw. Ed.) 418.

It is the corrupt demanding or receiving by a person in the office of a fee, which is found to be due, or for services which should be performed gratuitously or, where compensation is permissible, of a larger fee than the law justifies, or of a fee not due. 2 Blackstone, Law, § 390.

The distinction between "bribery" and "exortion" seems to be this: the former offense consists in the offering a present, or receiving one, if offered; the latter, in demanding a fee or present, by color of office. Jacob.

For the distinction between "extortion" and "exaction," see EXACTION.

EXTRA. A Latin preposition, occurring in many legal phrases; it means beyond, except, without, out of, outside.

—Extra allowance. In New York practice. A sum in addition to costs, which may, in the discretion of the court, be allowed to the successful party in cases of unusual difficulty. See Hascall v. King, 54 App. Div. 441, 96 N. Y. Supp. 1112.—Extra costs. In English practice. An obligation to pay certain expenses which do not appear upon the face of the proceedings, such as witnesses' expenses, fees to counsel, attendances, court fees, etc., an affidavit of which must be made, to warrant the master in allowing them upon taxation of costs. Wharton.—Extra feesodem. Out of his fee; out of the seigniorly, or not honorably. See 2 Conn. 219; Reg. Orig. 975.—Extra judicium. Extrajudicial; out of the proper cause; out of court; beyond the jurisdiction. EXTRA-JUDICIALES.


—Extra services, when used with reference to officers, is incident to the office in question, but for which compensation has not been provided by law. Miami County v. Blake, 21 Ind. 325.—Extra territorium. Beyond or without the territory. 6 Bin. 353; 2 Kent, Comm. 497.—Extra viam. Outside the way. Where the defendant in trespass pleaded a right of way in justification, and the replication alleged that the trespass was committed outside the limits of the way claimed, these were the technical words to be used.—Extra vires. Beyond powers. See ULTRA VIRES.

Extra legem positum est civiliter mortuus. Co. Litt. 130. He who is placed out of the law is civilly dead.

Extra territorium jus dicatiss impune non paretur. One who exercises jurisdiction out of his territory is not obeyed with impunity. Dig. 2, 1, 20; Branch, Princ.; 10 Coke, 77. He who exercises judicial authority beyond his proper limits cannot be obeyed with safety.

EXTRACT. A portion or fragment of a writing. In Scotch law, the certified copy, by a clerk of a court, of the proceedings in an action carried on before the court, and of the judgment pronounced; containing also an order for execution or proceedings thereupon. Jacob; Whishaw.

EXTRACTA CURIAE. In old English law. The issues or profits of holding a court, arising from the customary fees, etc.

EXTRADITION. The surrender of a criminal by a foreign state to which he has fled for refuge from prosecution to the state within whose jurisdiction the crime was committed, upon the demand of the latter state, in order that he may be dealt with according to its laws. Extradition may be accorded as a mere matter of comity, or may take place under treaty stipulations between the two nations. It also obtains as between the different states of the American Union. Terlinden v. Ames, 184 U. S. 270, 22 Sup. Ct. 454, 46 L. Ed. 334; Fong Yue Ting v. U. S., 149 U. S. 698, 13 Sup. Ct. 1016, 37 L. Ed. 905.

Extradition between the states must be considered and defined to be a political duty of imperfect obligation, founded upon compact, and requiring each state to surrender one who, having violated the criminal laws of another state, has fled from its justice, and is found in the state from which he is demanded, on demand of the executive authority of the state from which he fled. Abbott.

EXTRA-DOTAL PROPERTY. In Louisiana this term is used to designate that property which forms no part of the dowry of a woman, and which is also called "paraphernal property." Civ. Code La. art. 2315. Fleitas v. Richardson, 147 U. S. 550, 13 Sup. Ct. 495, 37 L. Ed. 276.

EXTRAHAZARDOUS. In the law of insurance. Characterized or attended by circumstances or conditions of special and unusual danger. Reynolds v. Insurance Co., 41 N. Y. 407; Russell v. Insurance Co., 11 Iowa, 69, 32 N. W. 95.

EXTRAHURA. In old English law. An animal wandering or straying about, without an owner; an estray. Spelman.

EXTRAJUDICIAL. That which is done, given, or effected outside the course of regular judicial proceedings; not founded upon, or unconnected with, the action of a court of law; as extra-judicial evidence, an extra-judicial oath.

That which, though done in the course of regular judicial proceedings, is unnecessary to such proceedings, or interpolated, or beyond their scope; as an extra-judicial opinion, ( idiotic.)

That which does not belong to the judge or his jurisdiction, notwithstanding which he takes cognizance of it.

—Extra-judicial confession. One made by the party out of court, or to any person, official or otherwise, when made not in the course of a judicial examination or investigation. State

EXTRALATERAL RIGHT. In mining law. The right of the owner of a mining claim duly located on the public domain to follow, and mine, any vein or lode the apex of which lies within the boundaries of his location on the surface, notwithstanding the course of the vein on its dip or downward direction may so far depart from the perpendicular as to extend beyond the planes which would be formed by the vertical extension downwards of the side lines of his location. See Rev. Stat. U. S. § 2322 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1425).

EXTRANEUS. In old English law. One foreign born; a foreigner. 7 Coke, 16.

In Roman law. An heir not born in the family of the testator. Those of a foreign state. The same as alienus. Vitæ; Du Cange.

Extraneus est subditus qui extra terram, i.e., potestatem regis natus est. 7 Coke, 16. A foreigner is a subject who is born out of the territory, i.e., government of the king.

EXTRAORDINARY. Out of the ordinary; exceeding the usual, average, or normal measure or degree.

—Extraordinary average. A contribution by all the parties concerned in a mercantile voyage, either as to the vessel or cargo, toward a loss sustained by some of the parties in interest for the benefit of all. Wilson v. Cross, 33 Cal. 69. — Extraordinary care is synonymous with greatest care, utmost care, highest degree of care. Railroad Co. v. Baddeley, 54 Ill. 24, 5 Am. Rep. 71; Railway Co. v. Caußer, 97 Ala. 250, 12 South. 430. See CARE; DILIGENCE; NEGLIGENCE.—Extraordinary remedies. The writs of mandamus, quo warranto, habeas corpus, and some others are sometimes called "extraordinary remedies," in contradistinction to the ordinary remedy by action.

EXTRAPAROCHIAL. Out of a parish; not within the bounds or limits of any parish. 1 Bl. Comm. 113, 284.

EXTRA-TERRITORIALITY. The extra-territorial operation of laws; that is, their operation upon persons, rights, or jurial relations, existing beyond the limits of the enacting state, but still amenable to its laws.

EXTRAVAGANTES. In canon law. Those decretal epistles which were published after the Clementines. They were so called because at first they were not digested or arranged with the other papal constitutions, but seemed to be, as it were, detached from the canon law. They continued to be called by the same name when they were afterwards inserted in the body of the canon law. The first extravagantes are those of Pope John XXII, successor of Clement V. The last collection was brought down to the year 1483, and was called "the Common Extravagantes," notwithstanding that they were likewise incorporated with the rest of the canon law. Enc. Lond.


EXTRME HAZARD. To constitute extreme hazard, the situation of a vessel must be such that there is imminent danger of her being lost, notwithstanding all the means that can be applied to get her off. King v. Hartford Ins. Co., 1 Conn. 421.

EXREMIS. When a person is sick beyond the hope of recovery, and near death, he is said to be in extremis.

Extremis probatis, praeuautur media. Extremes being proved, intermediate things are presumed. Tray. La. Max. 207.

EXTRINSIC. Foreign; from outside sources; dehors. As to extrinsic evidence, see EVIDENCE.

EXTUMÆ. In old records. Relics. Cowell.

EXUERE PATRIAM. To throw off or renounce one's country or native allegiance; to expatriate one's self. Phillim. Doct. 18.

EXULARE. In old English law. To exile or banish. Nullus liber homo, exulter, nisi, etc., non freeman shall be exiled, unless, etc. Magna Charta, c. 29; 2 Inst. 47.

EXUPERARE. To overcome; to apprehend or take. Leg. Edm. c. 2.

EY. A watery place; water. Co. Litt. 6.

EYDE. Aid; assistance; relief. A subsidy.
**EYE-WITNESS.** One who saw the act, fact, or transaction to which he testifies. Distinguished from an ear-witness, (auritus.)

**EYOTT.** A small island arising in a river. Fleta, l. 5, c. 2, § b; Bract. l. 2, c. 2.

**Eyre.** Justices in eyre were judges commissioned in Anglo-Norman times in England to travel systematically through the kingdom, once in seven years, holding courts in specified places for the trial of certain descriptions of causes.

**Eyrer.** L. Fr. To travel or journey; to go about or itinerate. Britt. c. 2.

**Ezardar.** In Hindu law. A farmer or renter of land in the districts of Hindoostan.
FACUS QUOS INQUINAT EQUAT

F. In old English criminal law, this letter was branded upon felons upon their being admitted to clergy; as also upon those convicted of thefts or perjury, or falsity. Jacob; Cowell; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 302; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 465.

F. O. B. In mercantile contracts, this abbreviation means "free on board," and imports that the seller or consignor of goods will deliver them on the car, vessel, or other conveyance by which they are to be transported without expense to the buyer or consignee, that is, without charge for packing, crating, drayage, etc., until delivered to the carrier. Vogt v. Shilenbeck, 122 Wls. 481, 100 N. W. 820, 67 L. R. A. 750, 106 Am. St. Rep. 969; Silberman v. Clark, 96 N. Y. 523; Sheffield Furnace Co. v. Hull Coal & Coke Co., 101 Ala. 446, 14 South. 672.

FABRIC LANDS. In English law. Lands given towards the maintenance, rebuilding, or repairing of cathedral and other churches. Cowell; Blount.

FABRICA. In old English law. The making or coining of money.

FABRICARE. Lat. To make. Used in old English law of a lawful coining, and also of an unlawful making or counterfeiting of coin. See 1 Salk. 342.

FABRICATE. To fabricate evidence is to arrange or manufacture circumstances or indicia, after the fact committed, with the purpose of using them as evidence, and of deceitfully making them appear as if accidental or undesigned; to devise falsely or contrive by artifice with the intention to deceive. Such evidence may be wholly forged and artificial, or it may consist in so warping and distorting real facts as to create an erroneous impression in the minds of those who observe them and then presenting such impression as true and genuine.

—Fabricated evidence. Evidence manufactured or arranged after the fact, and either wholly false or else warped and disordered by artifice and contrivance with a deceitful intent. See supra.—Fabricated fact. In the law of evidence. A fact existing only in statement, without any foundation in truth. An actual or genuine fact to which a false appearance has been designedly given; a physical object placed in a false connection with another, or with a person on whom it is designed to cast suspicion.

FABULA. In old European law. A contract or formal agreement; but particularly used in the Lombardic and Visigothic laws to denote a marriage contract or a will.

FAC SIMILE. An exact copy, preserving all the marks of the original.

FAC SIMILE PROBATE. In England, where the construction of a will may be affected by the appearance of the original paper, the court will order the probate to pass in fac simile, as it may possibly help to show the meaning of the testator. 1 Williams, Ex'r's, (7th Ed.) 331, 386, 566.

FACE. The face of an instrument is that which is shown by the mere language employed, without any explanation, modification, or addition from extrinsic facts or evidence. Thus, if the express terms of the paper disclose a fatal legal defect, it is said to be "void on its face."

Regarded as an evidence of debt, the face of an instrument is the principal sum which it expresses to be due or payable, without any additions in the way of interest or costs. Thus, the expression "the face of a judgment" means the sum for which the judgment was rendered, excluding the interest accrued thereon. Osgood v. Bringsf, 32 Iowa, 265.

FACERE. Lat. To do; to make. Thus, facere defallam, to make default; facere duelium, to make the duel, or make or do battle; facere fnem, to make or pay a fine; facere legem, to make one's law; facere sacramentum, to make oath.

FACIAS. That you cause. Occurring in the phrases "scire facias," (that you cause to know,) "feri facias," (that you cause to be made,) etc.

FACIENDO. In doing or paying; in some activity.

FACIES. Lat. The face or countenance; the exterior appearance or view; hence, contemplation or study of a thing on its external or apparent side. Thus, prima facie menia at the first inspection, on a preliminary or exterior scrutiny. When we speak of a "prima facie case," we mean one which, on its own showing, on a first examination, or without investigating any alleged defenses, is apparently good and maintainable.

FACILE. In Scotch law. Easily persuaded; easily imposed upon. Bell.

FACILITIES. This name was formerly given to certain notes of some of the banks in the state of Connecticut, which were made payable in two years after the close of the war of 1812. Springfield Bank v. Merrick, 14 Mass. 322.

FACILITY. In Scotch law. Placency of disposition. Bell.

Facinus quos inquinat equat. Guilt makes equal those whom it stains.
FACT

The terms "fact" and "truth" are often used in common parlance as synonymous, but, as employed in reference to pleading, they are widely different. A fact in pleading is a circumstance, act, event, or incident; a truth is the legal principle which declares or governs the facts and their operative effect. Admitting the facts stated in a complaint, the truth may be that the party is not entitled upon the face of his complaint, to what he claims. The mode in which a defendant sets up that truth for his protection is a demurrer. Drake v. Cockroft, 4 E. D. Smith (N. Y.) 37.

-Collateral facts. Such as are outside the controversy or are not directly connected with the principal matter or issue in dispute. Summerour v. Felker, 109 Ga. 225, 42 Am. Rep. 949; Garner v. State, 76 Miss. 515, 25 South. 303.

-Dispositive facts. See that title.—Evidentiary facts. Those which have a legitimate bearing on the matter or question in issue and which are directly (not inferentially) established by the evidence in the case. Woodfill v. Patton, 39 Tex. 726, 40 Am. Rep. 409; King v. Chase, 15 N. H. 9, 41 Am. Dec. 675; Caperton v. Schmidt, 26 Cal. 494, 35 Am. Dec. 357.

-Inference of facts. Such as are established not directly by testimony or other evidence, but by inferences or conclusions drawn from the evidence. Railway Co. v. Miller, 141 Ind. 533, 37 N. E. 343; Jurisdictional facts. Those matters of fact which must exist before the court can properly take jurisdiction of the particular case, as, that the defendant has been properly served with process, that the amount in controversy exceeds a certain sum, that the parties are citizens of different states, etc. Noble v. Railroad Co., 147 U. S. 163, 13 Sup. Ct. 271, 37 L. Ed. 123.—Material fact. (In contracts.) One which constitutes substantially the consideration of the contract, or without which it could not have been executed. Stephens, 45 Ga. 143. (In pleading and practice.) One which is essential to the case, defense, application, etc., and without which it could not be supported. Adams v. Way, 32 Conn. 186; Sandeger v. Horsey, 28 W. Va. 223; Davidson v. Hackett, 49 Wis. 180, 5 N. W. 459. (In evidence.) A fact which, in the eye of the law, or which, if disclosed, would have been a fair reason for demanding a higher premium; any fact the knowledge or ignorance of which would naturally influence the insurer in making or refusing the contract, or in estimating the degree and character of the risk, or in fixing the rate. Bozga v. Insurance Co., 50 Mo. 485; Clark v. Insurance Co., 40 N. H. 338, 77 Am. Dec. 721; Murphy v. Insurance Co., 205 Pa. 444, 55 Atl. 174; Penn Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Mechanics' Sav. Bank, 72 Fed. 413, 19 C. C. A. 280, 38 L. R. A. 33.—Principal fact. In the law of evidence. A fact sought and proposed to be proved by evidence of other facts (termed "evidentiary facts") from which it is to be deduced by inference. A fact which is the principal and ultimate object of an inquiry, and respecting the existence of which a definite belief is required to be formed. 3 Bent. Jud. Ev. 3; Burrell, Circ. Ev. 3, 119.

-Ultimate fact. The final fact which can be reached by processes of logical reasoning from the detached or successive facts in evidence, and which is fundamental and determinative of the whole case. 3 Bent. Jud. Ev. 173; 27 Pa. 273, 12 Pac. 101; Kahn v. Central Smelting Co., 2 Utah 371; Haywood v. Farrell, 175 Ill. 480, 51 N. E. 775.
FACTA. In old English law. Deeds. Facta armorum, deeds or feats of arms; that is, jousts or tournaments. Cowell. Facts. Facta de causis, facts and cases. Bract. fol. 10.

Facta sunt potentiora verbis. Deeds are more powerful than words.

Facta tenent multa quae fieri prohibentur. 12 Coke, 124. Deeds contain many things which are prohibited to be done.

FACTIO TESTAMENTI. In the civil law. The right, power, or capacity of making a will; called "factio activa." Inst. 2, 10, 6.

The right or capacity of taking by will; called "factio passiva." Inst. 2, 10, 6.

FACTO. In fact; by an act; by the act or fact. In suo facto, by the act itself; by the mere effect of a fact, without anything superadded, or any proceeding upon it to give it effect. 3 Kent, Comm. 55, 56.

FACTOR. 1. A commercial agent, employed by a principal to sell merchandise consigned to him for that purpose, for and in behalf of the principal, but usually in his own name, being intrusted with the possession and control of the goods, and being remunerated by a commission, commonly called "factorage." Howland v. Woodruff, 60 N. Y. 80; In re Rabenau (D. C.) 118 Fed. 474; Lawrence v. Stonington Bank, 6 Conn. 527; Graham v. Duckwall, 8 Bush (Ky.) 17.

A factor is an agent who, in the pursuit of an independent calling, is employed by another to sell property for him, and is vested by the latter with the possession or control of the property, or authorized to receive payment therefrom from the purchaser. Civ. Code Cal. § 2026; Civ. Code Dek. § 110.

Classification. Factors are called "domestic" or "foreign" according as they reside and do business in the same state or country with the principal or in a different state or country. A domestic factor is sometimes called a "home" factor. Ruffer v. Hewitt, 7 W. Va. 583.

Synonyms. A factor differs from a "broker" in that he is intrusted with the possession, management, and control of the goods, (which gives him a special property in them,) while a broker acts as a mere intermediary without control or possession of the property; and further, a factor is authorized to buy and sell in his own name, as well as in that of the principal, which a broker is not. Edwards v. Hillenburg (C. C.) 39 Fed. 641; Delafield v. Smith, 101 Wis. 604, 78 N. W. 170, 70 Am. St. Rep. 981; Graham v. Duckwall, 8 Bush (Ky.) 12; Slack v. Tucker, 23 Wall. 330, 25 Ld. Ed. 143. Factors are also frequently called "commission merchants;" and it is said that there is no difference in the meaning of these terms, the latter being perhaps more commonly used in America. Thompson v. Woodruff, 7 Coal. 410; Duguid v. Edwards, 50 Barb. (N. Y.) 288; Lyon v. Alvord, 18 Conn. 80. Where an owner of goods to be shipped by sea consigns them to the care of an agent, who sails on the same vessel, has charge of the cargo on board, sells it abroad, and buys a return cargo out of the proceeds, such agent is strictly and properly a "factor," though in maritime law and usage he is commonly called a "supercargo." Bew. Lex Merc. 44, 47; Liverm. Ag. 69, 70.

Factorage. The allowance or commission paid to a factor by his principal. Winne v. Hammond, 37 Ill. 403; State v. Thompson, 120 Mo. 12, 25 S. W. 346—Factors' acts. The name given to several English statutes (6 Geo. IV. c. 94; 5 & 6 Vict. c. 59; 40 & 41 Vict. c. 39) by which a factor is enabled to make a valid pledge of the goods, or of any part thereof, to one who believes him to be the bona fide owner of the goods.

2. The term is used in some of the states to denote the person who is elsewhere called "garnishee" or "trustee." See Factorizing Process.

3. In Scotch law, a person appointed to transact business or manage affairs for another, but more particularly an estate-agent or one intrusted with the management of a landed estate, who finds tenants, makes leases, collects the rents, etc.

Judicial factor. In Scotch law. A factor appointed by the courts in certain cases where it becomes necessary to intrust the management of property to another than the owner, as, where there is a minor, insane or imbecile or the infant heir of a decedent.


FACTORY. In English law. The term includes all buildings and premises wherein, or within the close or curtilage of which, steam, water, or any mechanical power is used to move or work any machinery employed in preparing, manufacturing, or finishing cotton, wool, hair, silk, flax, hemp, jute, or tow. So defined by the statute 7 Vict. c. 15, § 73. By later acts this definition has been extended to various other manufacturing places. Monley & Whiteley.

Also a place where a considerable number of factors reside, in order to negotiate for their masters or employers. Enc. Brit.

In American law. The word "factory" does not necessarily mean a single building or edifice, but may apply to several, where they are used in connection with each other, for a common purpose, and stand together in the same inclosure. Liefenstein v. Insurance Co., 45 Ill. 303. And see Insurance Co. v. Brock, 57 Pa. 82; Hernischel v. Texas Drug Co., 26 Tex. Civ. App. 1, 61 S. W. 419; Schott v. Harvey, 105 Pa. 227, 51 Am. Rep. 201.

In Scotch law. This name is given to a species of contract or employment which falls under the general designation of "agency," but which partakes both of the nature of a mandate and of a bailment of the kind called "locatio ad operandum." 1 Bell, Comm. 256.

Factory prices. The prices at which goods may be bought at the factories, as distinguish-
ed from the prices of goods bought in the market after they have passed into the hands of third persons or shop-keepers. Whipple v. Levett, 2 Mason, 90, Fed. Cas. No. 17,518.

FACTS CANNOT LIE. 18 How. State Tr. 1187; 17 How. State Tr. 1450.

FACTUM. Lat. In old English law. A deed; a person’s act and deed; anything stated or made certain; a sealed instrument; a deed of conveyance.

A fact; a circumstance; particularly a fact in evidence. Bract. fol. 1b.

In testamentary law. The execution or due execution of a will. The factum of an instrument means not barely the signing of it, and the formal publication or delivery, but proof that the party well knew and understood the contents thereof, and did give, will, dispose, and do. In all things, as in the said will is contained. Weatherhead v. Baskerville, 11 How. 354, 13 L. Ed. 717.

In the civil law. Fact; a fact; a matter of fact, as distinguished from a matter of law. Dig. 41, 2, 1, 3.

In French law. A memoir which contains concisely set down the fact on which a contest has happened, the means on which a party founds his pretensions, with the refutation of the means of the adverse party. Vicat.

In old European law. A portion or allotment of land. Spelman.

—Factum juridicum. A juridical fact. Denotes one of the factors or elements constituting an obligation.—Factum probandum. Lat. In the law of evidence. The fact to be proved; a fact which is in issue, and to which evidence is to be directed. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 13.

—Factum probans. A probative or evidentiary fact; a subsidiary or connected fact tending to prove the principal fact in issue; a piece of circumstantial evidence.

Factum a judice quod ad ejus officium non spectat non ratum est. An action of a judge which relates not to his office is of no force. Dig. 50, 17, 170; 10 Coke, 78.

Factum cuique suum non adversario, nocere debet. Dig. 50, 17, 155. A party’s own act should prejudice himself, not his adversary.

Factum infectum sicri nequit. A thing done cannot be undone. 1 Kames, Eq. 96, 259.

Factum negantis nulla probatio sit. Cod. 4, 19, 23. There is no proof incumbent upon him who denies a fact.

"Factum" non dicitur quod non perseverat. 5 Coke, 96. That is not called a "deed" which does not continue operative.

Factum unius alteri noceri non debet. Co. Litt. 152. The deed of one should not hurt another.

Facultas probationum non est angustandum. The power of proofs [right of offering or giving testimony] is not to be narrowed. 4 Inst. 279.

FACULTIES. In the law of divorce. The capability of the husband to render a support to the wife in the form of alimony, whether temporary or permanent, including not only his tangible property, but also his income and his ability to earn money. 2 Bish. Mar. & Div. § 440; Lovett v. Lovett, 11 Ala. 763; Wright v. Wright, 3 Tex. 168.

FACULTIES, COURT OF. In English ecclesiastical law. A jurisdiction or tribunal belonging to the archbishop. It does not hold pleas in any suits, but creates rights to pews, monuments, and particular places, and modes of burial. It has also various powers under 25 Hen. VIII. c. 21, in granting licenses of different descriptions, as a license to marry, a faculty to erect an organ in a parish church, to level a church-yard, to remove bodies previously buried. 4 Inst. 337.

FACULTY. In ecclesiastical law. A license or authority; a privilege granted by the ordinary to a man by favor and indulgence to do which by law he may not do; e. g., to marry without banns, to erect a monument in a church, etc. Termes de la Ley.

In Scotch law. A power founded on consent, as distinguished from a power founded on property. 2 Kames, Eq. 205.

FACULTY OF A COLLEGE. The corps of professors, instructors, tutors, and lecturers. To be distinguished from the board of trustees, who constitute the corporation.

FACULTY OF ADVOCATES. The college or society of advocates in Scotland.

FADERFIUM. In old English law. A marriage gift coming from the father or brother of the bride.

FADER-FOEH. In old English law. The portion brought by a wife to her husband, and which reverted to a widow, in case the heir of her deceased husband refused his consent to her second marriage; i.e., it reverted to her family in case she returned to them. Wharton.

FÆSTING-MEN. Approved men who were strong-armed; habentes homines or rich men, men of substance; pledges or bondsmen, who, by Saxon custom, were bound to answer for each other’s good behavior. Cowell; Du Cange.

FAGGOT. A badge worn in popish times by persons who had recanted and abjured what was then adjudged to be heresy, as an emblem of what they had merited. Cowell.
FAGGOT VOTES

FAGGOT VOTES. A faggot vote is where a man is formally possessed of a right to vote for members of parliament, without possessing the substance which the vote should represent; as if he is enabled to buy a property, and at the same moment mortgage it to its full value for the mere sake of the vote. Such a vote is called a "faggot vote." See 7 & 8 Wm. III. c. 25, § 7. Wharton.

FAIDA. In Saxon law. Malice; open and hostile hostility; deadly feud. The word denoted the enmity between the family of a murdered man and that of his murderer, which was recognized, among the Teutonic peoples, as justification for vengeance taken by any one of the former upon any one of the latter.

FAIL. 1. The difference between "fail" and "refuse" is that the latter involves an act of the will, while the former may be an act of inevitable necessity. Taylor v. Mason, 9 Wheat. 344, 6 L. Ed. 101. See Stallings v. Thomas, 55 Ark. 326, 18 S. W. 154; Telegraph Co. v. Irvin, 27 Ind. App. 62, 59 N. E. 327; Persons v. Hight, 4 Ga. 497.

2. A person is said to "fail" when he becomes insolvent and unable to meet his obligations as they mature. Davis v. Campbell, 3 Stew. (Ala.) 321; Mayer v. Hermann, 16 Fed. Cas. 1342.

—Failing circumstances. A person (or a corporation or institution) is said to be in failing circumstances when he is about to fail, that is, when he is actually insolvent and is acting in contemplation of giving up his business because he is unable to carry it on. Appeal of Millard, 62 Conn. 184, 25 Atl. 658; Utley v. Smith, 24 Conn. 310, 63 Am. Dec. 165; Dodge v. Martin (C. C.) 17 Fed. 653.—Failing of record. When an action is brought against a person who alleges in his plea matter of record in bar of the action, and aver to prove it by the record, but the plaintiff saith will not record, viz., denies there is any such record, upon which the defendant has a day given him by the court to get and bring it in, if he be asked to do it, then he is said to fail of his record, and the plaintiff is entitled to sign judgment. Terms de la Ley.

FAILLITE. In French law. Bankruptcy; failure; the situation of a debtor who finds himself unable to fulfill his engagements. Code de Com. arts. 442, 550; Civil Code La. art. 3522.

FAILURE. In a general sense, deficiency, want, or lack; ineffectualness; insufficiency as measured by some legal standard; an unsuccessful attempt. White v. Pettitjohn, 23 N. C. 55; State v. Butler, 81 Minn. 109, 83 N. W. 483; Andrews v. Kepp, 38 Ala. 317.


—Failure of consideration. As applied to notes, contracts, conveyances, etc., this term does not mean a want of consideration, but implies that a consideration, originally existing and good, has ceased to exist or been extinguished, partially or entirely. Shirk v. Neible, 158 Ind. 68, 59 N. E. 252; Kaufman v. St. Louis, 130 Mo. 119; Crouch v. Davis, 23 Gratt. (Va.) 559; Weller v. Cline, 40 W. Va. 194, 20 S. E. 920.—Failure of evidence. Judicially speaking, a total "failure of evidence" means not the absence of all evidence, but it also means a failure to offer proof, either positive or inferential, to establish one or more of the many facts, the establishment of any of which is indispensable to the finding of the issue for the plaintiff. Cole v. Hebb, 7 Gill & J. (Md.) 28.—Failure of issue. The failure at a fixed time, or the total extinction, of issue to take an estate limited over by an executory devise. A definite failure of issue is when a precise time is fixed by the will for the failure of issue, as in the case where there is a devise to one, but if he dies without issue or lawful issue living at the time of his death, etc. An indefinite failure of issue is the period during which the issue or issue and descendants of the first taker shall become extinct, and when there is no longer any issue of the issue of the grantee, or issue-in-reversion to a particular time or any particular event. Huxford v. Milligan, 50 Ind. 546; Vaughan v. Dickes, 20 Pa. 514; Parkhurst v. Harrower, 142 Pa. 432, 21 Atl. 826, 24 Am. St. Rep. 507; Haskett v. Tracy, 137 Pa. 53, 20 Atl. 560; Woodley v. Duckwall, 19 Ohio Cir. Ct. R. 564.—Failure of justice. The defeat of a particular right, or the failure of reparation for a particular wrong, from the lack of a legal remedy for the enforcement of the one or the refusal of the other.—Failure of record. Failure of the defendant to produce a record which he has alleged and relied on in his plea.—Failure of title. The inability or failure of a vendor to make good title to the whole or a part of the property which he has contracted to sell.—Failure of trust. The lapsing or non-efficiency of a proposed trust, by reason of the defect or insufficiency of the deed or instrument creating it, or on account of illegality, indefiniteness, or other legal impediment.

FAINT (or FEIGNED) ACTION. In old English practice. An action was so called where the party bringing it had no title to recover, although the words of the writ were true; a false action was properly where the words of the writ were false. Litt. 689; Co. Litt. 361.

FAINT PLEADER. A fraudulent, false, or collusive manner of pleading to the deception of a third person.

FAIR. n. In English law. A greater species of market; a privileged market. It is an incorporeal hereditament, granted by royal patent, or established by prescription presupposing a grant from the crown.

In the earlier English law, the franchise to hold a fair conferred certain important privileges; and it was only legally recognized institutions, possessed distinctive legal characteristics. Most of these privileges and characteristics, however, are now obsolete. In America, fairs, in part, under technical safeguard known, and, in the modern and popular sense, they are entirely voluntary and non-legal, and
transactions arising in or in connection with
them are subject to the ordinary rules govern-
ing sales, etc.

FAIR, adj. Just; equitable; even-hand-
ed; equal, as between conflicting interests.

—Fair abridgment. In copyright law. An
abridgment consisting not merely of the the-
arrangement of excerpts, but one involving real
and substantial condensation of the materials
by the exercise of intellectual labor and judg-

Fair consideration. In bankruptcy law.
One which is honest or free from suspicion, or
can actually be valuable, but not necessarily ade-
quate or a full equivalent. Myers v. Fultz,
124 Iowa, 437, 100 N. W. 371.—Fair-play
men. A local irregular tribunal which existed
in Pennsylvania about the year 1765, as to
which see Serg. Land Laws Pa. 77; 2 Smith,
Laws Pa. 396.—Fair pleader. See Beau-
pleader.—Fair preponderance. In the law of
evidence. Such a superiority of the evi-
dence on one side that the fact of its outweigh-
ing the evidence on the other side can be perceiv-
ed if the whole evidence is fairly considered.
Bryan v. Railroad Co., 63 Iowa, 484, 19 N. W.
265; State v. Grear, 29 Minn. 225, 13 N. W.
132.—Fair sale. In foreclosure and other ju-
dicial proceedings, this means a sale conducted
with fairness and impartiality as respects the
rights and interests of the parties affected.
Labor v. McCarthy, 24 Minn. 419.—Fair trial.
One conducted according to due course of law;
a trial before a competent and impartial jury.
Baldwin v. Cook, 37 Neb. 425, 455 N. W.
943; Railroad Co. v. Gardner, 16 Minn. 136
(Gil. 96), 18 Am. Rep. 324.

FAIRLY. Justly; rightly; equitably.
With substantial correctness.

"Fairly" is not synonymous with "true" and
"truly" should not be substituted for it in a
commissioner's oath to take testimony fairly.
Language may be truly, yet unfairly, reported;
that is, an answer may be truly written down,
yet in a manner conveying a different meaning
from that intended and conveyed. And lan-
guage may be fairly reported, yet not in accor-
dance with strict truth. Lawrence v. Finch, 17
N. J. Eq. 234.

FAIT. L Fr. Anything done. A deed;
act; fact.
A deed lawfully executed. Com. Dig.
Feme de fait. A wife de facto.

FAIT ENROLLE. A deed enrolled, as
a bargain and sale of freeholds. 1 Keb. 503.

FAIT JURIDIQUE. In French law. A
juridical fact. One of the factors or ele-
ments constitutive of an obligation.

FAITH. 1. Confidence; credit; reliance.
Thus, an act may be said to be done "on the
faith" of certain representations.

2. Belief; credence; trust. Thus, the con-
stitution provides that "full faith and credit"
shall be given to the judgments of each state
in the courts of the others.

3. Purpose; intent; sincerity; state of
knowledge or design. This is the meaning
of the word in the phrase "good faith" and
"bad faith."

In Scotch law. A solemn pledge; an
oath. "To make faith" is to swear, with the
right hand uplifted, that one will declare the
truth. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, p. 235.

FAITHFULLY. As used in bonds of pub-
lic and private officers, this term imports not
only honesty, but also a punctilious discharge
of all the duties of the office, requiring com-
petence, diligence, and attention, without any
malfeasance or nonfeasance, aside from mere
mistakes. State v. Chadwick, 10 Or. 468;
Hoboken v. Evans, 31 N. J. Law, 343; Har-
ris v. Hanson, 11 Me. 245; American Bank
v. Adams, 12 Pick. (Mass.) 306; Union Bank
v. Closson, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 273; Perry v.
Thompson, 16 N. J. Law, 73.

FAKIR. A street peddler who disposes
of worthless wares, or of any goods above
their value, by means of any false representa-
tion, trick, device, lottery, or game of chance.

FAITOURS. Idle persons; idle liers;
vagabonds. Cowell; Blount.

FALANG. In old English law. A jack-
et or close coat. Blount.

FALCARE. In old English law. To mow.
Falcare prata, to mow or cut grass in mead-
ows laid in for hay. A customary service
to the lord by his inferior tenants.
Jus falcandi, the right of cutting wood.
Bract. fol. 231.

Falcata, grass fresh mown, and laid in
swaths.

Falcator, a mower; a servile tenant who
performed the labor of mowing.

Falcatura, a day's mowing.

FALCIDIA. In Spanish law. The Fal-
cidian portion; the portion of an inheritance
which could not be legally bequeathed away
from the heir, viz., one-fourth.

FALCIDIAN LAW. In Roman law. A
law on the subject of testamentary disposi-
tion, enacted by the people in the year of
Rome 714, on the proposition of the tribune
Falcidius. By this law, the testator's right
to burden his estate with legacies was sub-
ject to an important restriction. It pre-
scribed that no one could bequeath more than
three-fourths of his property in legacies, and
that the heir should have at least one-fourth
of the estate, and that, should the testator
violate this prescript, the heir may have the
right to make a proportional deduction from
each legatee, so far as necessary. Mackeld.
Rom. Law, § 771; Inst. 2, 22.

FALCIDIAN PORTION. That portion
of a testator's estate which, by the Faldician
law, was required to be left to the heir,
amounting to at least one-fourth.

FALD, or FALDA. A sheep-fold. Cow-
well.
FALDA. Span. In Spanish law. The slope or skirt of a hill. Fossat v. United States, 2 Wall. 673, 17 L. Ed. 739.

FALDAE CURSUS. In old English law. A fold-course; the course (going or taking about) of a fold. Spelman.

A sheep walk, or feed for sheep. 2 Vent. 139.

FALDAGE. The privilege which anciently several lords reserved to themselves of setting up folds for sheep in any fields within their manors, the better to manure them, and this not only with their own but their tenants' sheep. Called, variously, "secta faidare," "fold-course," "free-fold," "faldagii." Cowell; Spelman.

FALDATA. In old English law. A flock or fold of sheep. Cowell.

FALDEY. Sax. A fee or rent paid by a tenant to his lord for leave to fold his sheep on his own ground. Blount.

FALDISDORY. In ecclesiastical law. The bishop's seat or throne within the chapel.

FALDSOCA. Sax. The liberty or privilege of foldage.

FALDSTOOL. A place at the south side of the altar at which the sovereign kneels at his coronation. Wharton.

FALDWORTH. In Saxon law. A person of age that he may be reckoned of some decennary. Du Fresne.

FALER. In old English law. The tackle and furniture of a cart or wagon. Blount.

FALERIA. In old English law. A hill or down by the sea-side. Co. Litt. 6b; Dominus.

FALK-LAND. See FOLC-LAND.

FALL. In Scotch law. To lose. To fall from a right is to lose or forfeit it. 1 Kames, Eq. 228.

FALL OF LAND. In English law. A quantity of land six ells square superficial measure.

FALLO. In Spanish law. The final decree or judgment given in a controversy at law.

FALLOW-LAND. Land plowed, but not sown, and left uncultivated for a time after successive crops.

FALLUM. In old English law. An explained term for some particular kind of land. Cowell.

FALSA DEMONSTRATIO. In the civil law. False designation; erroneous description of a person or thing in a written instrument. Inst. 2, 20, 50.

Falsa demonstratio non nocet, cum de corpore (persona) constat. False description does not injure or vitiate, provided the thing or person intended has once been sufficiently described. Mere false description does not make an instrument inoperative. Broom. Max. 629; 6 Term. 670; 11 Mees. & W. 159; Cleaveland v. Smith, 2 Story, 293, Fed. Cas. No. 2,574.

Falsa demonstrazione legatum non perimet. A bequest is not rendered void by an erroneous description. Inst. 2, 20, 30; Broom, Max. 645.

Falsa grammatica non vitiat conscientiam. False or bad grammar does not vitiate a grant. Shep. Touch. 55; 9 Coke, 48c. Neither false Latin nor false English will make a deed void when the intent of the parties doth plainly appear. Shep. Touch. 87.

FALSA MONETA. In the civil law. False or counterfeit money. Cod. 8, 24.

Falsa orthographia non vitiat chartam, conscientiam. False spelling does not vitiate a deed. Shep. Touch. 55, 87; 9 Coke, 48c; Wing. Max. 19.

FALSARE. In old English law. To counterfeit. Quia falsavit sigillum, because he counterfeited the seal. Bract. fol. 276b.


FALSE. Untrue; erroneous; deceitful; contrived or calculated to deceive and injure. Unlawful. In law, this word means something more than untrue; it means something designedly untrue and deceitful, and implies an intention to perpetrate some treachery or fraud. Hatchet v. Dunn, 102 Iowa, 411, 71 N. W. 343, 30 L. R. A. 688; Mason v. Association, 18 U. C. C. 19; Ratlaman v. Ingalls, 48 Ohio St. 408, 23 N. E. 168.

False action. See FEIGNED ACTION—False answer. In pleading. A sham answer; one which is false in the sense of being a mere pretense set up in bad faith and without color of fact. Howe v. Elwell, 57 App. Div. 335, 67 N. Y. Supp. 1108; Farnsworth v. Halstead (Sup.) 10 N. Y. Supp. 765.—False character. Personating the master or mistress of a servant, or any representative of such master or mistress, and giving a false character to the servant is an offense punishable in England with a fine of £20. St. 32 Geo. III. c. 56.—False claim. In the forest law, was where a man claimed more than his due, and was anerved and punished for the same. Manw. c. 29; Tomlin.—False entry. In banking law. An entry in the books of a bank which is intentionally made to represent what is not true or does not exist, with intent either to deceive its officers or a bank examiner or to defraud the bank. Agnew v. U. S., 305 U. S. 36, 17 Sup. Ct. 226, 41 L. Ed. 624; U. S. v. Peters (C. C.) 37 Fed. 666.—False fact. In the law of evidence.
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FEigned, simulated, or fabricated fact; a fact and a false "truth," but existing only in assertion; the deceitful semblance of a fact. False imprisonment. See IMPRISONMENT. False instrument. A counterfeit; one made in the semblance of a genuine instrument and purporting on its face to be such. U. S. v. Howell, 11 Wall. 435, 20 L. Ed. 135; U. S. v. Elkins, 133 F. (C. C.) 37 (N. W. 1897). False judgment. In old English law. A writ which lay when a false judgment had been pronounced by a court not of record; as, a county court, court-baron, etc. Fitchv. Nat. Brev. 17, 18. In old French law. The defeated party in a suit, and the Privy Council of accusing the judges of pronouncing a false or corrupt judgment, whereupon the issue was determined by his challenging them to the combat or duelum. This was called the "appeal of false judgment." Montesq. Esprit des Lois, liv. 28, c. 27. False Latin. When law proceedings were written in Latin, if a word were significant though not good Latin, yet an indictment, declaration, or fine should not be made void by it; but if the word were not Latin, nor allowed by the law, and it was an essential part of the whole vicious. (5 Coke, 121; 2 Nels. 830.) Wharton. False lights and signals. Lights and signals falsely and maliciously displayed for the purpose of bringing a man into danger. False news. Spreading false news, whereby discord may grow between the queen of the land and the people, or among the great men of the realm, or which may produce other mischief, still seems to be a misdemeanour, under St. 3 Eliz. i. c. 34. Steph. Cr. Dig. § 83. False oath. See PERJURY. False personation. The criminal offence of falsely representing some other person and acting in the character assumed in order to deceive others, and thereby gain some profit or advantage, or enjoy some right or privilege belonging to the one so personated, or subject him to some expense, charge, or liability. See 4 Steph. Comm. 181, 290. False plea. See SHAM PLEA. False pretenses. In criminal law. False representations and statements, made with a fraudulent design to obtain money, goods, wares, or merchandise, with intent to cheat. 2 Bouv. Inst. 2290. A representation of some fact or circumstance, calculated to mislead, which is not true. Com. v. Drew, 19 Pick. (Mass.) 144; State v. Grant, 86 Iowa, 215, 53 N. W. 120. False statements or representations made with intent to defraud, for the purpose of obtaining money or property. A false holding out an offering to others something false and feigned. A falsification may be done either by words or actions, which amount to false representations. In fact, false representations are inseparable from the idea of a pretense. Without a representation which is false there can be no pretense. State v. Joaquin, 43 Iowa, 132. False representation. See FRAUD. Decret. False return. See RETURN. False swearing. The misdemeanor or committed in English law by a person who swears falsely before any person authorized to administer an oath upon a matter of public concern, under such circumstances that the false swearing would have amounted to perjury if committed in a judicial proceeding: as where a person makes a false affidavit under the seal of some acts. Steph. Cr. Dig. p. 84. And see O'Bryan v. State, 27 Tex. App. 239, 11 S. W. 443. False token. In criminal law. A false document or sign of the existence of a fact, with intent to defraud in the purpose of obtaining money or property. State v. Renick, 38 Or. 584, 62 Pac. 275. 44 L. R. A. 262, 27 St. Rep. 275; People v. Stone, 9 Wend. (N. Y.) 188. False verdict. See VERDICT. False weights. False weights and measures are such as do not comply with the standard prescribed by the laws of the government, or with the custom prevailing in the place and business in which they are used. Pen. Code Cal. 1903, § 552; Pen. Code Idaho, 1904, § 5003.

FALSEDEAD. In Spanish law. Falsity; an alteration of the truth. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 26, i. 1. Deception; fraud. Id. pt. 3, tit. 32, i. 21.

FALSEHOOD. A statement or assertion known to be untrue, and intended to deceive. A willful act or declaration contrary to the truth. Putnam v. Osgood, 51 N. H. 207.

In Scotch law. A fraudulent imputation or suppression of truth, to the prejudice of another. Bell. "Something used and published falsely." An old Scotch nomen juris. "Falsehood is undoubtedly a nominate crime, so much so that Sir George Mackenzie and our older lawyers used no other term for the falsification of writs, and the name 'forgery' has been of modern introduction." "If there is any distinction to be made between 'forgery' and 'falsehood,' I would consider the latter to be more comprehensiveness than the former." 2 Broun, 77, 78.

FALSIFI CRIMEN. Fraudulent subornation or concealment, with design to darken or hide the truth, and make things appear otherwise than they are. It is committed (1) by words, as when a witness swears falsely; (2) by writing, as when a person antedates a contract; (3) by deed, as selling by false weights and measures. Wharton. See CRIMEN FALSI.

FALSIFICATION. In equity practice. The showing an item in the debit of an account to be either wholly false or in some part erroneous. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 525. And see Phillips v. Belden, 2 Edw. Ch. 23; Pit v. Cholmondeley, 2 Ves. Sr. 565; Kennedy v. Adickes, 37 S. C. 174, 15 S. E. 922; Tate v. Girdner, 118 Ga. 133, 46 S. E. 73.

FALSIFY. To dispose; to prove to be false or erroneous; to avoid or defeat; spoken of verdicts, appeals, etc. To counterfeit or forge; to make something false; to give a false appearance to anything.

In equity practice. To show, in accounting before a master in chancery, that a charge has been inserted which is wrong; that is, either wholly false or in some part erroneous. Pull. Acts. 162; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 525. See FALSIFICATION.

FALSIFYING A RECORD. A high offense against public justice, punishable in England by 24 & 25 Vict. c. 58, §§ 27, 28, and in the United States, generally, by statute.
Making or proving false.

-Falsing of dooms. In Scotch law. The proving the injustice, falsity, or error of the doom or sentence of a court. Tomlin; Jacob. The reversal of a sentence or judgment. Skene. An appeal. Bell.

FALSIO REGNORO BREVIUM. A writ which formerly lay against the sheriff who had execution of process for false returning of writs. Reg. Jud. 435.

FALSONARIUS. A forger; a counterfeiter. Hov. 424.

FALSUM. Lat. In the civil law. A false or forged thing; a fraudulent simulation; a fraudulent counterfeit or imitation, such as a forged signature or instrument. Also falsification, which may be either by falsehood, concealment of the truth, or fraudulent alteration, as by cutting out or erasing part of a writing.

FALSUS. Lat. False; fraudulent; erroneous. Decelitful; mistaken.

Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus. False in one thing, false in everything. Where a party is clearly shown to have embezzled one article of property, it is a ground of presumption that he may have embezzled others also. The Boston, 1 Sumn. 328, 362, Fed. Cas. No. 1,673; The Santisima Trinidad, 7 Wheat. 329, 5 L.Ed. 454. This maxim is particularly applied to the testimony of a witness, who, if he is shown to have sworn falsely in one detail, may be considered unworthy of belief as to all the rest of his evidence. Grimes v. State, 43 Ala. 168; Wilson v. Coulter, 29 App. Div. 85, 51 N.Y. Supp. 804; White v. Disher, 67 Cal. 402, 7 Pac. 826.

FAMA. Lat. Fame; character; reputation; report of common opinion.

Fama, fides et onus non patiatur ludum. 3 Bulst. 226. Fame, faith, and eyesight do not suffer a cheat.

Fama qua suspicionem inducta, oriri debet apud bonos et graves, non quidem malevolos et maledicos, sed providas et fide dignas personas, non sensui sed sapientia, quia clamor minus est clamor maior. 2 Inst. 52. Report, which induces suspicion, ought to arise from good and grave men; not, indeed, from malevolent and malicious men, but from cautious and credible persons; not only once, but frequently; for clamor diminishes, and defamation manifests.

FAMACIDE. A killer of reputation; a slanderer.

FAMILIA. In Roman law. A household; a family. On the composition of the Roman family, see AGNATI; COGNATI; and see Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 144.
Family right; the right or status of being the head of a family, or of exercising the patria potestas over others. This could belong only to a Roman citizen who was a "man in his own right," (homo sui juris). Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 133, 144.

In old English law. A household; the body of household servants; a quantity of land, otherwise called "mansa," sufficient to maintain one family.

In Spanish law. A family, which might consist of domesticus or servants. It seems that a single person owning negroes was the "head of a family," within the meaning of the colonization laws of Coahulla and Texas. State v. Sullivan, 9 Tex. 153.

FAMILIAR EMPTOR. In Roman law. An intermediate person who purchased the aggregate inheritance when sold per nos et librum, in the process of making a will under the Twelve Tables. This purchaser was merely a man of straw, transmutting the inheritance to the heres proper. Brown.


FAMILY. A collective body of persons who live in one house and under one head or management. Jarboe v. Jarboe, 106 Mo. App. 459, 79 S.W. 1162; Dodge v. Boston & F. R. Corp., 154 Mass. 229, 29 N.E. 243, 13 L.R.A. 318; Tyson v. Reynolds, 52 Iowa, 431, 3 N.W. 459. A family comprises a father, mother, and children. In a wider sense, it may include domestic servants; all who live in one house under one head. In a still broader sense, a group of blood-relatives; all the relations who descend from a common ancestor, or who spring from a common root. See Civil Code La. art. 3522, no. 16; 9 Ves. 323.

A husband and wife living together may constitute a "family," within the meaning of that word as used in a homestead law. Miller v. Finegan, 23 Fla. 29, 7 South. 140, 6 L.R.A. 813.

"Family," in its origin, meant "servants," but, in its more modern and comprehensive meaning, it signifies a collective body of persons living together in one house, or within the cur-
FARDEL OF LAND. In old English law. The fourth part of a yard-land. Noy says an eighth only, because, according to him, two farrels make a nook, and four nooks a yard-land. Wharton.

FARDELLA. In old English law. A bundle or pack; a farrel. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 22, § 10.

FARDING-DEAL. The fourth part of an acre of land. Spelman.

FARE. A voyage or passage by water; also the money paid for a passage either by land or by water. Cowell.

The price of passage, or the sum paid or to be paid for carrying a passenger. Chase v. New York Cent. R. Co., 26 N. Y. 589.

FARINAGIUM. A mill; a toll of meal or flour. Jacob; Spelman.

FARLEU. Money paid by tenants in lieu of a heriot. It was often applied to the best chattle, as distinguished from heriot, the best beast. Cowell.

FARBINGARI. Threemongers and adullterers.

FARM, a. A certain amount of provision reserved as the rent of a messuage. Spelman.

Rent generally which is reserved on a lease; it was to be paid in money, it was called "blanche armes." Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 42.

A term, a lease of lands; a leasehold interest. 2 Bl. Comm. 17; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 301, note. The land itself, let to farm or rent. 2 Bl. Comm. 308.

A portion of land used for agricultural purposes, either wholly or in part.

The original meaning of the word was "rent," and by a natural transition it came to mean the land out of which the rent issued.

In old English law. A lease of other things than land, as of Imposts. There were several of these, such as "the sugar farm," "the silk farm," and farms of wines and currents, called "petty farms." See 2 How. State Tr. 1197-1200.

In American law. "Farm" denotes a tract of land devoted in part, at least, to cultivation, for agricultural purposes, without reference to its extent, or to the tenure by which it is held. In re Drake (D. C.) 114 Fed. 231; People ex rel. Rogers v. Caldwell, 142 Ill. 434, 32 N. E. 691; Kendall v. Miller, 47 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 448; Com. v. Carmalt, 2 Bn. (Pa.) 238.

FARM, v. To lease or let; to demise or grant for a limited term and at a stated rental.

-FARM let. Operative words in a lease, which strictly mean to let upon payment of a
certain rent in farm; i.e., in agricultural produce—Farm out. To let for a term at a stated rental. Among the Romans the collection of revenue was farmed out, and in England taxes and tolls sometimes are.

FARMER. 1. The lessee of a farm. It is said that every lessee for life or years, although it be but of a small house and land, is called "farmer." This word implies no mystery, except it be that of husbandman. Cunningham; Cowell.

2. A husbandman or agriculturist; one who cultivates a farm, whether the land be his own or another's.

3. One who assumes the collection of the public revenues, taxes, excise, etc., for a certain commission or percentage; as a farmer of the revenues.

FARO. An unlawful game of cards, in which all the other players play against the banker or dealer, staking their money upon the order in which the cards will lie and be dealt from the pack. Webster; Ward v. State, 22 Ala. 19; U. S. v. Smith, 27 Fed. Cas. 1149; Patterson v. State, 12 Tex. App. 224.


FARTHING. The fourth part of an English penny.

—Farting of gold. An ancient English coin, containing in value the fourth part of a noble.

FARYndon INN. The ancient apellation of Serjeants' Inn, Chancery lane.

FAS. Lat. Right; justice; the divine law. 3 Bl. Comm. 2; Calvin.

FASIUS. In old English law. A faggot of wood.

FAST. In Georgia, a "fast" bill of exceptions is one which may be taken in injunction suits and similar cases, at such time and in such manner as to bring the case up for review with great expedition. It must be certified within twenty days from the rendering of the decision. Sewell v. Edmonston, 63 Ga. 353.

FAST-DAY. A day of fasting and penitence, or of mortification by religious abstinence. See 1 Chit. Archb. Pr. (12th Ed.) 100, et seq.

FAST ESTATE. See ESTATE.

FASTERMANS, or FASTING-MEN. Men in repute and substance; pledges, sureties, or bondsmen, who, according to the Saxon polity, were fast bound to answer for each other's peaceable behavior. Enc. Lond.

FASII. In Roman law. Lawful. Dies fasti, lawful days; days on which justice could lawfully be administered by the praetor. See Dies FASTI.

Fatetur facinus qui judicium fugit. 8 Inst. 14. He who flees judgment confesses his guilt.

FATHER. The male parent. He by whom a child is begotten. As used in law, this term may (according to the context and the nature of the instrument) include a putative as well as a legal father, also a stepfather, an adoptive father, or a grandfather, but is not as wide as the word "parent," and cannot be so construed as to include a female. Lind v. Burke, 56 Neb. 785, 77 N. W. 444; Crook v. Webb, 125 Ala. 457, 28 South. 384; Cotheal v. Cotheal, 40 N. Y. 410; Lantzneater v. State, 19 Tex. App. 321; Thornburg v. American Strawboard Co., 141 Ind. 443, 40 N. E. 1062, 50 Am. St. Rep. 334.

—Father-in-law. The father of one's wife or husband.—Putative father. The alleged or reputed father of an illegitimate child. State v. Nestaval, 72 Minn. 415, 75 N. W. 725.

FATHOM. A nautical measure of six feet in length. Occasionally used as a superficial measure of land and in mining, and in that case it means a square fathom or thirty-six square feet. Nahaolelua v. Kaaunu, 9 Hawaii, 601.

FATUA MULIER. A whore. Du Fresne.

FATUZAS. In old English law. Fatuity; idiocy. Reg. Orig. 266.

FATUM. Lat. Fate; a superhuman power; an event or cause of loss, beyond human foresight or means of prevention.

FATUOUS PERSON. One entirely destitute of reason; is qui omnino despit. Ersk. Inst. 1, 7, 48.

FATUUS. An idiot or fool. Bract. fol. 420b. Foolish; absurd; indiscreet; or ill considered. Fatuum judicium, a foolish judgment or verdict. Applied to the verdict of a jury which, though false, was not criminally so, or did not amount to perjury. Bract. fol. 280.

Fatuus, apud jurisconsultos nostros, accipitur pro non compos mentis; et fatuus dictatur, qui omnino despit. 4 Coke, 128. Fatuus, among our jurisconsults, is understood for a man not of right mind; and he is called "fatuous" who is altogether foolish.

Fatuus presumitur qui in proprio nomine errat. A man is presumed to be simple who makes a mistake in his own name. Code, 6, 24, 14; Van Alst v. Hunter, 5 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 148, 161.
FAUBOURG. In French law, and in Louisiana. A district or part of a town adjoining the principal city; a suburb. See City Council of Lafayette v. Holland, 18 La. 286.

FAUCES TERRAE. (Jaws of the land.) Narrow headlands and promontories, inclosing a portion or arm of the sea within them. 1 Kent, Comm. 357, and note; Hale, De Jure Mar. 10; The Harriet, 1 Story, 251, 258, Fed. Cas. No. 6,099.

FAULT. In the civil law. Negligence; want of care. An improper act or omission, injurious to another, and transpiring through negligence, rashness, or ignorance.

There are in law three degrees of faults,—the gross, the slight, and the very slight fault. The gross fault is that which proceeds from inexcusable negligence or ignorance; it is considered as nearly equal to fraud. The slight fault is that want of care which a prudent man usually takes of his business. The very slight fault is that which is excusable, and for which no responsibility is incurred. Civil Code La. art. 3556, par. 13.


In commercial law. Defect; imperfection; blunder. See With ALL FAULTS.

In mining law. A disposition of strata; particularly, a severance of the continuity of a vein or lode by the disposition of a portion of it.

FAUTOR. In old English law. A favorer or supporter of others; an abettor. Cowell: Jacob. A partisan. One who encouraged resistance to the execution of process.

In Spanish law. Accomplice; the person who aids or assists another in the commission of a crime.


In French law. A falsification or fraudulent alteration or suppression of a thing by words, by writings, or by acts without either. Biret.

"Faux may be understood in three ways. In its most extended sense it is the alteration of truth, with or without intention; it is nearly synonymous with 'lying.' In a less extended sense, it is the alteration of truth, accompanied with fraud, mutatio veritatis cum dolo facta. And lastly, in a narrow, or rather the legal, sense of the word, when it is a question to know if the faux be a crime, it is the fraudulent alteration of the truth in those cases ascertained and punished by the law." Toullier, t. 9, n. 132.

In the civil law. The fraudulent alteration of the truth. The same with the Latin falsum or crimini falsi.

FAVOR. Bias; partiality; lenity; prejudice. See CHALLENGE.

Favorabilia in lege sunt fiscus, dos, vita, libertas. Jenk. Cent. 94. Things favorably considered in law are the treasury, dowry, life, liberty.

Favorabiliores rei, potius quam ac- tores, habentur. The condition of the defendant must be favored, rather than that of the plaintiff. In other words, melior est conditio defendentis. Dig. 50, 17, 125; Broom, Max. 715.

Favorabiliores sunt executiones alia processibus quibuscumque. Co. Litt. 280. Executions are preferred to all other processes whatever.

Favores ampliandi sunt; odia restringen- ganda. Jenk. Cent. 188. Favors are to be enlarged; things hateful restrained.

FEAL. Faithful. Tenants by knight service swore to their lords to be feal and leal; i. e., faithful and loyal.

FEAL AND DIVOT. A right in Scotland, similar to the right of turbary in England, for fuel, etc.

FEALTY. In feudal law. Fidelity; allegiance to the feudal lord of the manor; the feudal obligation resting upon the tenant or vassal by which he was bound to be faithful and true to his lord, and render him obedience and service. See De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 497; 57 Am. Dec. 470.

Fealty signifies fidelity, the phrase "feal and leal" meaning simply "faithful and loyal." Tenants by knights' service and also tenants in socage were required to take an oath of fealty to the king or others, their immediate lords; and fealty was one of the conditions of their tenure, the breach of which operated a forfeiture of their estates. Brown.

Although foreign jurists consider fealty and homage as convertible terms, because in some continental countries they are blended so as to form one engagement, yet they are not to be confounded in our country, for they do not imply the same thing, homage being the acknowledgment of tenure, and fealty, the vassal oath of fidelity, being the essential feudal bond, and the animating principle of a feud, without which it could not subsist. Wharton.

FEAR. Apprehension of harm. Apprehension of harm or punishment, as exhibited by outward and visible marks of
FEASANCE. A doing; the doing of an act. See MALFEASANCE; MISFEASANCE; NON-
FEASANCE. A making; the making of an indenture, release, or obligation. Litt. § 371; Dyer, (Fr. Ed.) 589. The making of a statute. Kelw. 1b.

FEASANT. Doing, or making, as, in the term "damage feasant," (doing damage or injury) spoken of cattle straying upon another's land.

FEASOR. Doer; maker. Feasors del estatut, makers of the statute. Dyer, 3b. Also used in the compound term, "tort-feasor," one who commits or is guilty of a tort.

FEASTS. Certain established festivals or holidays in the ecclesiastical calendar. These days were anciently used as the dates of legal instruments, and in England the quarter-days, for paying rent, are four feast-days. The terms of the courts, in England, before 1575, were fixed to begin on certain days determined with reference to the occurrence of four of the chief feasts.

FECELIAL LAW. The nearest approach to a system of international law known to the ancient world. It was a branch of Roman jurisprudence, concerned with embassies, declarations of war, and treaties of peace. It received this name from the feciales, (q. v.) who were charged with its administration.

FECIALES. Among the ancient Romans, that order of priests who discharged the duties of ambassadors. Subsequently their duties appear to have related more particularly to the declaring war and peace. Calv.; 1 Kent, Comm. 8.

FEDERAL. In constitutional law. A term commonly used to express a league or compact between two or more states.

In American law. Belonging to the general government or union of the states. Founded on or organized under the constitution or laws of the United States.

The United States has been generally styled, in American political and judicial writings, a "federal government." The term has not been imposed by any specific constitutional authority, but only expresses the general sense and opinion upon the nature of the form of government. In recent years, there is observable a disposition to employ the term "national" in speaking of the government of the Union. Neither word settles anything as to the nature or powers of the government. "Federal" is somewhat more appropriate if the government is considered a union of the states; "national" is preferable if the view is adopted that the state governments and the Union are two distinct systems, each established by the people directly, one for local and the other for national purposes. See United States v. Crulikshank, 92 U. S. 542, 23 L. Ed. 588; Abbott.

-Federal courts. The courts of the United States. See COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

-Federal government. The system of government administered in a state formed by the union or confederation of several independent or quasi independent states; also the composite state so formed. In strict usage, there is a distinction between a confederacy and a federal government. The former term denotes a league or permanent alliance between several states, each of which is fully sovereign and independent, and each of which retains its full dignity, organization, and sovereignty, though yielding to the central authority a controlling power for a few limited purposes, such as external and diplomatic relations. In this case, the component states are the units, with respect to the confederation, and the central government acts upon them, not upon the individual citizens. In a federal government, on the other hand, the allied states form a union, not, indeed, to such an extent as to destroy their separate organization or deprive them of quasi sovereignty with respect to the administration of their purely local concerns, but only in so far as it is necessary that the central power be erected into a true state or nation, possessing sovereignty both external and internal,—while the administration of national interests is directed not only by those interests felt, not by the separate states deliberating as units, but by the people of all, in their collective capacity, and as citizens of the nation. This distinction is expressed, by the German writers, by the use of the two words "Staatenbund" and "Bundesstaaten" the former designating a league or confederation of states, and the latter a federal government, or state formed by means of a league or confederation.—Federal question. Concerning under the caratter of the United States, acts of congress, or treaties, and involving their interpretation or application, and jurisdiction is said to be federal, when the federal courts, are commonly described by the legal profession as cases involving a "federal question." In re Sievers (D. C.) 6 Fed. 572; U. S. v. Douglas, 113 N. C. 106, 18 S. E. 102; Williams v. Bruffy, 102 U. S. 248, 25 L. Ed. 185.

FEES. 1. A freehold estate in lands, held of a superior lord, as a reward for services, and on condition of rendering of a certain service or return for it. The true meaning of the word "fee" is the same as that of "feud" or "fief," and in its original sense it is taken in contradiction to "allodium," which latter is defined as a man's own land, which he possesses merely in his own right, without owing any rent or service to any superior. 2 Bl. Comm. 105. See Wendell v. Crandall, 1 N. Y. 491.

In modern English tenures, "fee" signifies an estate of inheritance, being the highest and most extensive interest which a man can have in a feud; and when the term is used simply, without any adjunct, or in the form "fee-simple," it imports a fee in fee simple. A fee simple is inheritable clear of any condition, limitation, or restriction to particular heirs, but descends to the heirs general, male or female, lineal or collateral. 2 Bl. Comm. 106.

-Base fee. A determinable or qualified fee; an estate having the nature of a fee, but not a fee simple absolute.—Conditional fee. An estate restrained to some particular, for the lives of a certain number of people, or of the lives of a person and his or her wife, or of the lives of the husband and wife, and his or her descendants in being, or to some person or persons specified, and also as to the heirs of the person feating the condition. 2 Bl. Comm. 106.
admitted, in exclusion of collateral; or to the heirs male of his body, in exclusion of heirs feemaid or collateral. It was called a "conditional fee," by reason of the condition expressed or implied in the donation of it, that if the owner died without issue, the particu-
lar heirs, the land should revert to the donor.
2 Bl. Comm. 110; Kirk v. Furgerson, 6 Cold. (Tenn.) 485; Simmons v. Augustus, 3 Port. (N. Y.) 277; Moody v. Walker, 3 Ark. 190; Halbert v. Halbert, 21 Mo. 281.—Determinable fee. (Also closely a "qualified" or "limited" fee.) One
which has qualification subjoined to it, and
which must be determined whenever the qual-
ification annexed to it is at an end. 2 Bl. Comm. 106. An estate in fee which is liable to be determined by some act or event expressly on its limitation to circumscribe its continuance, or inferred by law according to its extent. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 62; McLaus v. Bo-
vee, 35 Wis. 36.—Fee damages. See Dam-
ages.—Fee expectant. An estate where
lands are given to a man and his wife, and the heirs of their bodies.—Fee simple. See that title.—Fee tail. See that title.—Great
fee. In feudal law, this was the designation of a fee in fee, held from the crown.—Knight's
fee. The determinate quantity of land, (held by an estate of inheritance,) or of annual income, in the possession of such a tenant to malt
a knight. Every man holding such a fee was obliged to be knighted, and attend the king in his wars for the space of forty days in the year, or pay a fine (called 'escuce') for his non-compliance. The estate was estimated at £20 a year, or, according to Coke, 680 acres. See 1 Bl. Comm. 404, 410; 2 Bl. Comm. 62; Co. Lit. 8 Band.—Limited fee. An estate of inheritance in lands, which is clogged, or confined with some sort of condition or qualification. Such estates are base or qualified fees, conditional fees, and fees-tail. The term is opposed to "fee-simple." 2 Bl. Comm. 109; Lott v. Wycoff, 1 Barb. (N. Y.) 375; Paterson v. Ellis, 11 Wend. (N. Y.) 293.—Plowman's fee. In old English law, this was a species of tenure peculiar to peasants or small farmers, somewhat like gavelkind, by which the lands des-
cended in equal shares to all the sons of the tenant.—Qualified fee. In English law. A fee having a qualification subjoined thereto, and which is determined either temporally by the qualification annexed to it or at an end; otherwise termed a "base fee." 2 Bl. Comm. 108; 1 Steph. Comm. 225. An estate of this description which may be liable to be determined, without the aid of a conveyance, by some act or event, circumscribing its continuance. 4Kent. Com. 84; Moody v. Walker, 3 Ark. 190; U. S. v. Reese, 27 Fed. Cas. 744; Bryan v. Spires, 3 Brewst. (Pa.) 583.—Quasi fee. An estate gained by wrong; for which is unlimited and uncontained within rules. Wharton.

2. The word "fee" is also frequently used to denote the land which is held in fee.

3. The compass or circuit of a manor or iorship. Cowell.

4. In American law. A fee is an estate of inheritance without condition, belonging to the owner, and alienable by him, or transmis-
sible to his heirs absolutely and simply. It is an absolute estate in perpetuity, and the largest possible estate a man can have, being, in a word, the most secure. In Vermont v. Little River Land, etc., Co., 109 Tenn. 427, 75 S. W. 1122; Phoenix v. Emigration Com'rs, 12 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 10; United States Pipe-Line Co. v. Delaware, L. & W. R. Co., 62 N. J. Law. 254, 41 Atl. 759, 42 L. R. A. 572.

5. A reward, compensation, or wage given to one for the performance of official duties (clerk of court, sheriff, etc.) or for professional services, as in the case of an attorney at law or a physician.

—Contingent fee. A fee stipulated to be paid on occasion for his services in conducting a suit or other forensic proceeding only in case he wins it; it may be a percentage of the amount recovered. —Defence Doc. —Fee-bill. A schedule of the fees to be charged by clerks of courts, sheriffs, or other officers, for each particular service in the line of their duties.

FEE-FARM. This is a species of tenure, where land is held of another in perpetuity at a yearly rent, without fealty, homage, or other services than such as are specially comprised in the feoffment. It corresponds very nearly to the "emphyteusis" of the Roman law.

Fee-farm is where an estate in fee is granted subject to rent. It is a lease of the whole of the value of the lands at the time of its reservation. Such rent appears to be called "fee-farm" because a grant of lands reserving so considerable a rent is indeed only letting the lands to farm in fee-simple, instead of the usual method of life or years. 2 Bl. Comm. 43; 1 Steph. Comm. 397.

Fee-farms are lands held in fee to render for them annually the true value, or more or less; so called because a farm rent is reserved upon a grant in fee. Such estates are estates of inheritance. They are classed among estates in fee-simple. No reversionary interest remains in the lessor, and they are therefore subject to the operation of the legal principles which forbid restraints upon alienation in all cases where no feudal relation exists between grantor and grantees. De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 407, 57 Am. Dec. 470.

—Fee-farm rent. The rent reserved on granting a fee-farm. It might be one-fourth of the value of the land at the qualification annexed to it; one-third, according to other authors. Spelman; Terms de la Ley; 2 Bl. Comm. 43. Fee-farm rent is a rent-charge ensuing out of an estate of fee-farm. It is perpetuity of rent reserved on a conveyance in fee-simple. De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 467, 465, 57 Am. Dec. 470.

FEE-SIMPLE. In English law. A freehold estate of inheritance, absolute and unqualified. It stands at the head of estates as the highest in dignity and the most ample in extent; since every other kind of estate is derivable therefrom, and mergeable therein. It may be enjoyed not only in land, but also in advowsons, commons, estovers, and other hereditaments, as well as in personality, as an annuity or dignity, and also in an upper chamber, though the lower buildings and soil belong to another. Wharton.

In American law. An absolute or fee-simple estate is one in which the owner is entitled to the entire property, with unconditional power of disposition during his life, and descending to his heirs and legal representa-

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FEE-SIMPLE signifies a pure fee; an absolute estate of inheritance; that which a person holds inheritable to him and his heirs general forever. FEE-SIMPLE is "pure," that is, "pure," because clear of any condition or restriction to particular heirs, being descendible to the heirs general, whether male or female, lineal or collateral. It is the largest estate and most extensive interest that can be enjoyed in land, being the entire property therein, and it confers an unlimited power of alienation. Haynes v. Bourn, 42 Vt. 656.

A fee simple is the largest estate known to the law, and where no words of qualification or limitation are added, it means an estate in possession, and owned in severality. It is undoubtedly true that a person may own a remainder or reversion in fee. But such an estate is not a fee simple; it is a fee qualified or limited. So, when a person owns in common with another, he does not own the entire fee—a fee simple; it is a fee divided or shared with another. Brackett v. Ridlon, 54 Me. 426.

**Absolute and conditional.** A fee simple absolute is an estate which is limited absolutely to a man and his heirs forever, without any limitation or condition. Frisy v. Ballass, 7 Ill. 144. At the common law, an estate in fee simple conditional was a fee limited or restrained to some particular heirs, exclusive of others. But the statute "De Denis" converted all such estates into estates tail. 2 Bl. Comm. 110.

FEE-TAIL. An estate tail; an estate of inheritance given to a man and the heirs of his body, or limited to certain classes of particular heirs. It corresponds to the feudal *talhaim* of the feudal law, and the idea is believed to have been borrowed from the Roman law, where, by way of *fidei commissa*, lands might be entailed upon children and freedmen and their descendants, with restrictions as to alienation. 1 Wash. Real Prop. *68. For the varieties and special characteristics of this kind of estate, see TAIL.

FEED. To lend additional support; to strengthen *ex post facto*. "The interest when it accrues *feenda* the estoppel." Christmas v. Oliver, 5 Mood. & R. 202.

FEGANG. In old English law. A thief caught while escaping with the stolen goods in his possession. Spelman.

FEHMGERICHE. The name given to certain secret tribunals which flourished in Germany from the end of the twelfth century to the middle of the sixteenth, usurping many of the functions of the governments which were too weak to maintain law and order, and inspiring dread in all who came within their jurisdiction. Enc. Brit. Such a court existed in Westphalia (though with greatly diminished powers) until finally suppressed in 1811.

FEIGNED. Fictitious; pretended; suppositional; simulated.

*Feigned accomplice.* One who pretends to consult and act with others in the planning or commission of a crime, but only for the purpose of discovering their plans and confederates and securing evidence against them. See People v. Bolanger, 71 Cal. 17, 11 Pac. 380—*Feigned action*. In practice, an action brought on a pretended right, when the plaintiff has no true cause of action, for some illegal purpose. *Feigned action* was a feigned action, the words of the writ are true. It differs from *false action*, in which case the words of the writ are false. Co. Litt. 361.—*Feigned diseases*. Simulated maladies. Diseases are generally feigned from one of three causes,—fear, shame, or the hope of gain.—*Feigned issue*. An issue made up by the direction of a court of equity, (or by consent of parties,) and sent to a common-law court, for the purpose of obtaining the verdict of a jury on some disputed matter of fact which the court has not jurisdiction, or is unwilling, to decide. It rests upon a suppositional wager between the parties. See 3 Bl. Comm. 432.

FELAGUS. In Saxon law. One bound for another by oath; a sworn brother. A friend bound in the decennary for the good behavior of another. One who took the place of the deceased. Thus, if a person was murdered, the recompense due from the murderer went to the *felagus* of the slain, in default of parents or lord. Cunningham.

FELD. A field; in composition, wild. Blount.

FELLE, FEAL. L. Fr. Faithful. See FEAL.

FELLATION. See SOOMMT.

FELLOW. A companion; one with whom we consort; one joined with another in some legal status or relation; a member of a college or corporate body.

FELLOW-HEIR. A co-heir; partner of the same inheritance.

FELLOW-SERVANTS. "The decided weight of authority is to the effect that all who serve the same master, work under the same control, derive authority and compensation from the same common source, and are engaged in the same general business, though it may be in different grades or departments of it, are fellow-servants, who take the risk of each other's negligence." 2 Thomp. Neg. p. 1026, *§ 31. And see Andrews v. Burns, 39 N. J. Law, 119; Justice v. Pennsylvanla Co., 130 Ind. 321, 30 N. E. 393; Wright v. New York Cent. R. Co., 25 N. Y. 365; Glover v. Kansas City Bolt Co., 133 Mo. 327, 35 S. W. 88; Brunnell v. Southern Pac. Co., 34 Or. 256, 56 Pac. 129; Doughty v. Penns. Hot Log Driving Co., 76 Me. 146; McMaster v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 63 Ill. 264, 4 South. 59, 7 Am. St. Rep. 453; Daniels v. Union Pac. Ry. Co., 6 Utah. 337, 23 Pac. 762; Weeks v. Schrader, 120 Fed. 355, 64 C. C. A. 11.

FELO DE SE. A felon of himself; a suicide or murderer of himself. One who deliberately and intentionally puts an end to
his own life, or who commits some unlawful or malicious act which results in his own death. Hale, P. C. 411; 4 Bl. Comm. 189; Life Ass'n v. Waller, 57 Ga. 536.

**Felon.** One who has committed felony; one convicted of felony.

**Felonia.** Felony. The act or offense by which a vassal forfeited his fee. Spelman; Calvin. *Per feloniam*, with a criminal intention. Co. Litt. 391.

**Felonia, ex vi termini significat quodlibet capitale crimine felice animo perpetratum.** Co. Litt. 391. Felony, by force of the term, signifies any capital crime perpetrated with a malignant mind.

**Felonia implicatur in qualibet pruditione.** 3 Inst. 15. Felony is implied in every treason.

**Felonian.** Feloniously. Anciently an indispensable word in indictments for felony, and classed by Lord Coke among those *voces artis* (words of art) which cannot be expressed by any paraphrase or circumlocution. 4 Coke, 39; Co. Litt. 391a; 4 Bl. Comm. 307.


—Felonious assault. Such an assault upon the person as, if consummated, would subject the party making it, upon conviction, to the punishment of a felony, that is, to imprisonment in the penitentiary. Hinkle v. State, 94 Ga. 501, 21 S. E. 590;—Feloniouls homicide. In criminal law. The offense of killing a human creature, of any age or sex, without justification or excuse. There are two degrees of this offense, manslaughter and murder. 4 Bl. Comm. 188, 190; 4 Steph. Comm. 108, 111; State v. Symmes, 40 S. C. 383, 19 S. E. 16; Connor v. Com., 76 Ky. 718; State v. Miller, 9 Houst. (Del.) 563, 32 Atl. 397.

**Felonioulsly.** With a felonious intent; with the intention of committing a crime. An indispensable word in modern indictments for felony, as *feloniouls* was in the Latin forms. 4 Bl. Comm. 307; State v. Jesse, 19 N. C. 300; State v. Smith, 31 Wash. 245, 71 Pac. 767; State v. Halpin, 16 S. D. 170, 31 N. W. 606; People v. Willett, 102 N. Y. 251, 6 N. E. 301; State v. Watson, 41 La. Ann. 598, 7 South. 125; State v. Bryan, 112 N. C. 848, 16 S. E. 906.

**FELONY.** In English law. This term meant originally the state of having forfeited lands and goods to the crown upon conviction for certain offenses, and then, by transition, any offense upon conviction for which such forfeiture followed, in addition to any other punishment prescribed by law; as distinguished from a "misdemeanor," upon conviction for which no forfeiture followed. All indictable offenses are either felonies or misdemeanors, but a material part of the distinction is taken away by St. 33 & 34 Vlet. c. 23, which abolishes forfeiture for felony.

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**In American law.** The term has no very definite or precise meaning, except in some cases where it is defined by statute. For the most part, the state laws, in describing any particular offense, declare whether or not it shall be considered a felony. Apart from this, the word seems merely to imply a crime of a graver or more atrocious nature than those designated as "misdemeanors." U. S. v. Coppersmith (C. C.) 4 Fed. 256; Bannen v. U. S., 156 U. S. 494, 15 Sup. Ct. 467, 39 L. Ed. 494; Mitchell v. State, 42 Ohio St. 386; State v. Lincoln, 49 N. H. 498.

The statutes or codes of several of the states define felony as any public offense on conviction of which the offender is liable to be sentenced to death or to imprisonment in a penitentiary or state prison. Pub. St. Mass. 1852, c. 70; Code Ala. 1886, § 3701; Code Ga. 1882, § 3404; 34 Ohio St. 301; 1 Wis. 188; 2 Rev. St. N. Y. p. 587, § 30; People v. Van Steenburgh, 1 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 39.

In feudal law. An act or offense on the part of the vassal, which cost him his fee, or in consequence of which his fee fell into the hands of his lord; that is, became forfeited. (See Felonia.) Perfidy, ingratitude, or disloyalty to a lord.

—FELONY act. The statute 33 & 34 Vict. c. 23, abolishing forfeitures for felony, and sanctioning the appointment of attornies curators and administrators of the property of felons. Moxley & Whitley; 4 Steph. Comm. 10, 459.—Felony, compounding of. See COMPOUNDING FELONY. Misdemeanor of felony. See MISPRISION.

**FEMALE.** The sex which conceives and gives birth to young. Also a member of such sex. The term is generic, but may have the specific meaning of "woman," if so indicated by the context. State v. Hemm, 82 Iowa, 969, 48 N. W. 971.

**FEME.** L. Fr. A woman. In the phrase "baron et feme" (q. v.) the word has the sense of "wife."

—Feme covert. A married woman. Generally used in reference to the legal disabilities of a married woman, as compared with the condition of a *feme sole*. Hoker v. Boggs, 63 Ill. 161.—Feme sole. A single woman, including those who have been married, but whose marriage has been dissolved by death, divorce, and, for most purposes, those women who are judicially separated from their husbands. Moxley & Whitley; 2 Steph. Comm. 250. Kirkley v. Lacey, 7 Houst. (Del.) 213, 30 Atl. 904.—Feme sole trader. In English law. A married woman, who, by the custom of London, trades on her own account, independently of her husband: so called because, with respect to her trading, she is the same as a *feme sole*. Jacob; Cro. Car. 68. The term is applied a-
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so to women deserted by their husbands, who do business as femeæ soleæ. Rhea v. Rhemer, 1 Pet. 105, 7 L. Ed. 72.

FEMICIDE. The killing of a woman. Wharton.

FENATIO. In forest law. The fawning of deer; the fawning season. Spelman.

FENCE, v. In old Scotch law. To defend or protect by formalities. To “fence a court” was to open it in due form, and interdict all manner of persons from disturbing their proceedings. This was called “fencing,” q. d., defending or protecting the court.

FENCE, n. A hedge, structure, or partition, erected for the purpose of inclosing a piece of land, or to divide a piece of land into distinct portions, or to separate two contiguous estates. See Kimball v. Carter, 95 Va. 77, 27 S. E. 823, 38 L. R. A. 670; Estes v. Railroad Co., 63 Me. 309; Allen v. Tobias, 77 Ill. 171.

FENCE-MOONTH, or DEFENSE-MONTH. In old English law. A period of time, occurring in the middle of summer, during which it was unlawful to hunt deer in the forest, that being their fawning season. Probably so called because the deer were then defended from pursuit or hunts. Manwood; Cowell.

FENURATION. Usury; the gain of interest; the practice of increasing money by lending.

FENGELD. In Saxon law. A tax or imposition, exacted for the repelling of enemies.

FENIÁN. A champion, hero, giant. This word, in the plural, is generally used to signify invaders or foreign spoilers. The modern meaning of “fenian” is a member of an organization of persons of Irish birth, resident in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere, having for its aim the overthrow of English rule in Ireland. Webster, (Supp.)

FEOD. The same as feud or fief.

FEODAL. Belonging to a fee or fief; feudal. More commonly used by the old writers than feudal.

FEODAL SYSTEM. See FEUDAL SYSTEM.

FEODALITY. Fidelity or fealty. Cowell. See FEALTY.

FEODARUM CONSUETUDINES. The customs of feuds. The name of a compilation of feudal laws and customs made at Milan in the twelfth century. It is the most ancient work on the subject, and was always regarded ed, on the continent of Europe, as possessing the highest authority.

FEODARY. An officer of the court of wards, appointed by the master of that court, under 32 Hen. VIII. c. 26, whose business it was to be present with the escheator in every county at the finding of offices of lands, and to give evidence for the king, as well concerning the value as the tenure; and his office was also to survey the land of the ward, after the office found, and to rate it. He also assigned the king’s widows their dower; and received all the rents, etc. Abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24. Wharton.

FEODATORY. In feudal law. The grantee of a feod, feud, or fee; the vassal or tenant who held his estate by feudal service. Termes de la Ley. Blackstone uses “feodatory.” 2 Bl. Comm. 46.

FEODI FIRMA. In old English law. Fee-farm, (q. v.)

FEODI FIRMARIUS. The lessee of a fee-farm.

FEODUM. This word (meaning a feud or fee) is the one most commonly used by the older English law-writers, though its equivalent, “feudum,” is used generally by the more modern writers and by the feudal law-writers. Litt. § 1; Spelman. There were various classes of foda, among which may be enumerated the following: Feodum latum, a lay fee. Feodum militare, a knight’s fee. Feodum improprium, an improper or derivative fee. Feodum proprium, a proper and original fee, regulated by the strict rules of feudal succession and tenure. Feodum simplex, a simple or pure fee; fee-simple. Feodum talliatum, a fee-tail. See 2 Bl. Comm. 58, 62; Litt. §§ 1, 13; Bract. fol. 175; Gleason, 13, 23.

In old English law. A seigniory or jurisdiction. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 63, § 4. A fee; a perquisite or compensation for a service. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 7.

—Feodum antiquum. A feud which devolved upon a vassal from his intestate ancestor.

—Feodum noibile. A fief for which the tenant did guard and owed homage. Spelman.—Feodum novum. A feud acquired by a vassal himself.

Feodum est quod quis tenet ex quocumque causa sive sit tenementum sive redditus. Co. Litt. 1. A fee is that which any one holds from whatever cause, whether tenement or rent.

Feodum simplex quia feodum idem est quod hereditas, et simplex idem est quod legitimum vel purum; et sic feodum simplex idem est quod hereditas legitima vel hereditas pura. Litt. § 1. A fee-simple, so called because fee is the same as inheritance, and simple is the same as lawful or
pure; and thus fee-simple is the same as a lawful inheritance, or pure inheritance.

*Feodum talliatum*, i. e., hereditas in quantum certitudinem limitata. Litt. § 13. Fee-tail, i. e., an inheritance limited in a definite descent.

**FEOPFAMENTUM.** A feoffment. 2 Bl. Comm. 310.

**FEOPFARE.** To enfeoff; to bestow a fee. The bestower was called "feoffator," and the grantee or feoffee, "feoffatus."

**FEOPFATOR.** In old English law. A feoffee; one who gives or bestows a fee; one who makes a feoffment. Bract. fols. 129, 81.

**FEOPFATUS.** In old English law. A feoffee; one to whom a fee is given, or a feoffment made. Bract. fols. 175, 44b.

**FEOPFEE.** He to whom a fee is conveyed. Litt. § 1; 2 Bl. Comm. 20.

—Feoffee to use. A person to whom land was conveyed for the use of a third party. The latter was called "cestui que use."

**FEOPFMENT.** The gift of any corporeal hereditament to another, (2 Bl. Comm. 310), operating by transmutation of possession, and requiring, as essential to its completion, that the selsin be passed, (Watk. Conv. 183), which might be accomplished either by investiture or by livery of selsin. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 33. See Thatcher v. Omans, 3 Pick. (Mass.) 532; French v. French, 3 N. H. 260; Perry v. Price, 1 Mo. 554; Orndoff v. Turman, 2 Leigh (Va.) 233, 21 Am. Dec. 608.

Also the deed or conveyance by which such corporeal hereditament is passed. A feoffment originally meant the grant of a feu or fee; that is, a barony or knight's fee, for which certain services were due from the feoffee to the feoffor. This was the proper sense of the word; but it came afterwards to signify also a grant (with livery of selsin) of a free inheritance to a man and his heirs, referring rather to the perpetuity of the estate than to the feudal tenure. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 90, 91. It was for ages the only method (in ordinary use) for conveying the freehold of land in possession, but has now fallen in great measure into disuse, even in England, having been almost entirely supplanted by some of that class of conveyances founded upon the statute law of the realm. 1 Steph. Comm. 467, 468.

—Feoffment to use. A feoffment of lands to one person to the use of another.

**FEOPFOR.** The person making a feoffment, or enfeoffing another in fee. 2 Bl. Comm. 310; Litt. §§ 1, 57.

**FEOR.** This Saxon word meant originally cattle, and thence property or money, and, by a second transition, wages, reward, or fee. It was probably the original form from which the words "feoff," "feudum," "fief," "feu," and "fee" (all meaning a feudal grant of land) have been derived.

**FEONATIO.** In forest law. The fawning season of deer.

**FEORME.** A certain portion of the produce of the land due by the grantee to the lord according to the terms of the charter. spel. Feuds, c. 7.

**FERE BESTIE.** Wild beasts.

**FERE NATURE.** Lat. Of a wild nature or disposition. Animals which are by nature wild are so designated, by way of distinction from such as are naturally tame. The latter being called "domita natura." Fleet v. Hegeman, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 43; State v. Taylor, 27 N. J. Law, 119, 72 Am. Dec. 347; Gillet v. Mason, 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 17.

**FERCOSTA.** Ital. A kind of small vessel or boat. Mentioned in old Scotch law, and called "fercost." Skene.

**FERDELIA TERRÆ.** A fardel-land; ten acres; or perhaps a yard-land. Cowell.

**FERDFARE.** Sax. A summons to serve in the army. An acquittance from going into the army. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 47, § 23.

**FERDINGUS.** A term denoting, apparently, a freeman of the lowest class, being named after the *civis*.

**FERDWITE.** In Saxon law. An acquittance of manslaughter committed in the army; also a fine imposed on persons for not going forth on a military expedition. Cowell.

**FERIA.** In old English law. A week-day; a holiday; a day on which process could not be served; a faire; a ferry. Cowell; Du Cange; Spelman.

**FERIE.** In Roman law. Holidays; generally speaking, days or seasons during which free-born Romans suspended their political transactions and their lawsuits, and during which slaves enjoyed a cessation from labor. All *feriae* were thus *dies nefasti*. All *feriae* were divided into two classes, —"feriae publicae" and "feriae privateae." The latter were only observed by single families or individuals, in commemoration of some particular event which had been of importance to them or their ancestors. Smith, Dict. Antiq.

**FERIAL DAYS.** Holidays; also week-days, as distinguished from Sunday. Cowell.

**FERITA.** In old European law. A wound; a stroke. Spelman.

**FERLING.** In old records. The fourth part of a penny; also the quarter of a yard in a borough.

**FERLINGATA.** A fourth part of a yard-land.

**FERLINGUS.** A furlong. Co. Litt. 55.
FERM, or FEARM. A house or land, or both, let by lease. Cowell.

FERME. A farm; a rent; a lease; a house or land, or both, taken by indenture or lease. Plowd. 195; Vicat. See FARM.

FERMENTED LIQUORS. Beverages produced by, or which have undergone, a process of alcoholic fermentation, to which they owe their intoxicating properties, including beer, wine, hard cider, and the like, but not spirituous or distilled liquors. State v. Lemp, 16 Mo. 391; State v. Biddle, 54 N. H. 383; People v. Foster, 64 Mich. 715, 31 N. W. 596; State v. Gill, 89 Minn. 502, 95 N. W. 449; State v. Adams, 51 N. H. 568.

FERMER, FERMOR. A lessee; a farmer. One who holds a term, whether of lands or an incorporeal right, such as customs or revenue.

FERMIER. In French law. One who farms any public revenue.

FERMISONA. In old English law. The winter season for killing deer.

FERMORY. In old records. A place in monasteries, where they received the poor, (hospicio excipiebant,) and gave them provisions, (ferm, firma,) Spelman. Hence the modern infirmary, used in the sense of a hospital.

FERNIGO. In old English law. A waste ground, or place where fern grows. Cowell.

FERRI. In the civil law. To be borne; that is on or about the person. This was distinguished from portari, (to carry,) which signified to be carried on an animal. Dig. 50, 16, 235.

FERRIAGE. The toll or fare paid for the transportation of persons and property across a ferry.

Literally speaking, it is the price or fare fixed by law for the transportation of the traveling public, with such goods and chattels as they may have with them, across a river, bay, or lake. People v. San Francisco & A. R. Co. 35 Cal. 606.


FERRY. A liberty to have a boat upon a river for the transportation of men, horses, and carriages with their contents, for a reasonable toll. The term is also used to designate the place where such liberty is exercised. See New York v. Starke 3 N. Y. St. Rep. 655; Broadway v. Baker, 94 N. C. 681, 56 Am. Rep. 633; Eistman v. Black, 14 Ill. App. 381; Chapelle v. Wells, 4 Mart. (J. N. S.) 426.

"Ferry" properly means a place of transit across a river or arm of the sea; but in law it is treated as a franchise, and defined as the exclusive right to carry passengers across a river, or arm of the sea, from one vlll to another, or to connect a continuous line of landing from one township or vlll to another. It is not a servitude or easement. It is wholly unconnected with the ownership or occupation of land, so much so that the owner of the ferry need not have any property in the soil adjacent on either side. (12 C. B., N. S., 32.) Brown.

Public and private. A public ferry is one to which all the public have the right to resort, for which a regular fare is established, and the ferryman is a common carrier, bound to take over all who apply, and bound to keep his ferry in operation and good repair. Hudspeth v. Hall, 111 Ga. 610, 36 S. E. 770; Broadnax v. Baker, 94 N. C. 681, 55 Am. Rep. 633. A private ferry is one mainly for the use of the owner, and though he may take pay for ferriage, he does not follow it as a business. His ferry is not open to the public at its demand, and he may or may not keep it in operation. Hudspeth v. Hall, supra.—Ferry franchise. The public grant of a right to maintain a ferry at a particular place; a right conferred to land at a particular point and secure toll for the transportation of persons and property from that point across the stream. Mills v. St. Clair County, 7 Ill. 208.—Ferryman. One employed in taking persons across a river or other stream, in boats or other contrivances, at a ferry. State v. Clarke, 2 McCord (S. C.) 48, 13 Am. Dec. 701.

FESTA IN CAPPS. In old English law. Grand holidays, on which choirs wore caps. Jacob.

Festinatio justitiae est noxarea infortunei. Hob. 97. Hasty justice is the stepmother of misfortune.

FESTING-MAN. In old English law. A frank-pledge, or one who was surety for the good behavior of another. Monasteries enjoyed the privilege of being free of festing-men, which means that they were "not bound for any man's forthcoming who should transgress the law." Cowell. See FRANK-PLEDGE.

FESTING-PENNY. Earnest given to servants when hired or retained. The same as aries-penny. Cowell.

FESTINUM REMEDIUM. Lat. A speedy remedy. The writ of assize was thus characterized (in comparison with the less expeditious remedies previously available) by the statute of Westminster 2, (13 Edw. I. c. 24.)

FESTUM. A feast or festival. Festum staitorum, the feast of fools.

FETTERS. Chains or shackles for the feet; irons used to secure the legs of convicts, unruly prisoners, etc. Similar chains securing the wrists are called "handcuffs."

FEU. In Scotch law. A holding or tenure where the vassal, in place of military serv-
ice, makes his return in grain or money. Distinguished from “wardholding,” which is the military tenure of the country. Bell.

—Feu annuals. The redendo, or annual return from the vassal to a superior in a feu holding.—Feu holding. A holding by tenure of rendering grain or money in lieu of military service. Bell.—Fenar. The tenant of a feu; a feu-vassal. Bell.


FEUD. In feudal law. An estate in land held by a superior on condition of rendering him services. 2 Bl. Comm. 105.

An inheritable right to the use and occupation of lands, held on condition of rendering services to the lord or proprietor, who himself retains the property in the lands. See Spel. Feuds, c. 1.

In this sense the word is the same as “feod,” “feudum,” “fief,” or “fee.”

In Saxon and Old German law. An entity, or species of private war, existing between the family of a murdered man and the family of his slayer; a combination of the former to take vengeance upon the latter. See Deadly Feud; Faida.

—Military Feuds. The genuine or original feuds which were in the hands of military men, who performed military duty for their tenures.

FEUDA. Feuds or fees.

FEUDAL. Pertaining to feuds or fees; relating to or growing out of the feudal system or feudal law; having the quality of a feud, as distinguished from “allodial.”

—Feudal actions. An ancient name for real actions, or such as concern real property only. 3 Bl. Comm. 267.—Feudal law. The body of jurisprudence relating to feuds; the real-property law of the feudal system; the law anciently regulating the property relations of lord and vassal, and the creation, incidents, and transmission of feudal estates. The body of laws and usages constituting the “feudal law” was originally customary and unwritten, but a compilation was made in the twelfth century, called “Feudarum Constutudines,” which has formed the basis of later digests. The feudal law prevailed over Europe from the twelfth to the fourteenth century, and was introduced into England at the Norman Conquest, where it formed the entire basis of the law of real property until comparatively modern times. Survivals of the feudal law, to the present day, so affect and color that branch of jurisprudence as to require a certain knowledge of the feudal law in order to the perfect comprehension of modern tenures and rules of real-property law.—Feudal possession. The equivalent of “seisin” under the feudal system.—Feudal system. The system of feuds. A political and social system which prevailed throughout Europe during the eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth centuries, and is supposed to have grown out of the peculiar usages and policy of the Teutonic nations who overran the continent, after the fall of the Western Roman Empire, as described in the exigencies of their military domination, and possibly furthered by notions taken from the Roman jurisprudence. It was introduced into England, in its completeness, by William I., A.D. 1066, though it may have existed in a rudimentary form among the Saxons before the Conquest. It formed the entire basis of the real-property law of England in medieval times; and survivals of the system, in modern days, so modify and color that branch of jurisprudence, both in England and America, that many of its principles require for their complete understanding a knowledge of the feudal system. The feudal system originated in the relations of a military chieftain and his followers, or king and nobles, or lord and vassals, and especially their relations as determined by the law established by a grant of land from the former to the latter. From this it grew into a complete and intricate complex of rules for the tenure and transmission of real estate, and of correlated duties and services; while, by tying men to the land and to those holding above and below them, it created a close-knit hierarchy of persons, and developed an aggregate of social and political institutions. For an account of the feudal system in its juristic relations, see 2 Bl. Comm. 44; 1 Steph. Comm. 160; 3 Kent, Comm. 487; Spel. Feuds; Litt. Ten.; Sull. Lect.; Spence, Eq. Jur.; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 15; Dalr. Feu. Prop. For its political and social relations, see Hall, Middle Ages; Maine, Am. Const.; Car. V.; Montesq. Esprit des Lois, bk. 30; Guizot, Hist. Civilization.—Feudal tenures. The tenures of real estate under the feudal system, such as knight-service, socage, villegaignon, etc.

FEUDALISM. The feudal system; the aggregate of feudal principles and usages.

FEUDALIZE. To reduce to a feudal tenure; to conform to feudalism. Webster.

FEUDARY. A tenant who holds by feudal tenure, (also spelled “feodatory” and “feudatory.”) Held by feudal service. Relating to feuds or feudal tenures.

FEUDBOTE. A recompense for engaging in a feud, and the damages consequent, it having been the custom in ancient times for all the kindestred to engage in their kinsman’s quarrel. Jacob.

FEUDE. An occasional early form of “feud” in the sense of private war or vengeance. Termes de la Ley. See Feud.

FEUDIST. A writer on feuds, as Cujaclus, Spelman, etc.

FEUDO. In Spanish law. Feud or fee. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 2, c. 2.

FEUDUM. L. Lat. A feud, fief, or fee. A right of using and enjoying forever the lands of another, which the lord grants on condition that the tenant shall render fealty, military duty, and other services. Spelman.

—Feudum antiquum. An ancient feud or fief; a fief descended to the vassal from his ancestors. 2 Bl. Comm. 212, 221. A fief which the ancestors had possessed for more than four generations. Spelman; Priest v. Cummings, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 340.—Feudum apertum. An open feud or fief; a fief resulting back to the lord, where the blood of the person last seized was utterly extinct and gone. 2 Bl. Comm. 245.

—Feudum francum. A free feud. One which was noble and free from tallage and ob-
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 er subsidies to which the plebeia feuda (vulgar feuda) were subject. Spelman.—Feudum ham- 
 berarium. A fee held on the military service of appearing fully armed at the ban and arri- 
 ere ban. Spelman.—Feudum improprium. An improper or derivative feu or fie; 2 Bl. 
 Comm. 58.—Feudum individuum. An indivisible or imparible feu or fie; descensible 
 to the eldest son alone. 2 Bl. Comm. 387; Spelman.— 
 Feudum maternum. A maternal fie; a fie 
 held immediately of the sovereign; one for 
 which the vassal owed fealty to his lord against 
 all persons. 1 Bl. Comm. 387; Spelman. 
 Feudum institutum. A new feu or fie; a fie 
 which began in the person of the feodatory, and 
 did not come to him by succession. Spelman; 
 2 Bl. Comm. 212; Prier v. Cummings, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 549.—Feudum 
 novum at antiquum. A new fee held with 
 the qualities and incidents of an ancient one. 
 2 Bl. Comm. 212.—Feudum paternum. A fee 
 which the paternal ancestors had held for four 
 generations. Calvin. One descends to heirs 
 of the testator; 2 Bl. Comm. 222. 
 One which might be held by males only. Du 
 Cange.—Feudum proprium. A proper, genu- 
 ine, and original feu or fie; being of a purely 
 military character, and held by military service. 
 2 Bl. Comm. 57, 58.—Feudum taliatum. 
 A restricted fee. One limited to descend to 
 certain classes of heirs. 2 Bl. Comm. 112; note; 
 1 Washb. Real Prop. 68.

FEW. An indefinite expression for a 
 small or limited number. In cases where 
 exact description is required, the use of this 
 word will not answer. Butt v. Stowe, 53 
 Vt. 663; Am. Law. 2, 812; 20 Atl. 495; 
 Wheelock v. Noonan, 106 N. Y. 

FF. A Latin abbreviation for "Frag- 
 menta," designating the Digest or Pandects 
 in the Corpus Juris Civilis of Justinian; so 
 called because that work is made up of frag- 
 ments or extracts from the writings of nu-

FI. FA. An abbreviation for fieri fasias, 
 (which see.)

FIANCER. L Fr. To pledge one’s faith. 
Kelham.

FIANZA. Sp. In Spanish law, trust, con- 
 fidence, and corresponsively a legal duty or ob- 
 ligation arising therefrom. The term is su- 
 cienently broad in meaning to include both a 
 general obligation and a restricted liability 
 under a single instrument. Martines v. Run-
 kle, 57 N. J. Law, 111, 30 Atl. 563. But in 
 a special sense, it designates a surety or guarantor, or the contract or engagement of 
 suretyship.

FIAR. In Scotch law. He that has the 
 fee or fru. The proprietor is termed “fier,” in 
 contradistinction to the life-renter. 1 
 Kames, Eq. Pref. One whose property is 
 charged with a life-rent.

FIARS PRICES. The value of grain in 
 the different counties of Scotland, fixed year- 
 ly by the respective sheriffs, in the month of 
 February, with the assistance of juries. 
 These regulate the prices of grain stipulated 
 to be sold at the fair prices, or when no price 
 has been stipulated. Ersk. 1, 4, 6.

FIAT. (Lat. “Let it be done.”) In Eng- 
 lish practice. A short order or warrant of a 
 judge or magistrate directing some act to 
 be done; an authority issuing from some 
 competent source for the doing of some legal 
 act.

One of the proceedings in the English 
 bankrupt practice, being a power, signed by 
 the lord chancellor, addressed to the court of 
 bankruptcy, authorizing the petitioning cred- 
 itor to prosecute his complaint before it. 2 
 Steph. Comm. 198. By the statute 12 & 13 
 Vict. c. 116, flats were abolished.

Flat justitia. Let justice be done. On a 
 petition to the king for his warrant to bring a 
 writ of error in parliament, he writes on the 
 top of the petition, “Flat justitia;” and then 
 the writ of error is made out etc. Jacob.—Flat 
 ut petitur. Let it be done as it is asked. 
 A form of granting a petition.—Joint flat. In 
 English law. A flat in bankruptcy, issued 
 against two or more trading partners.

Flat justitia, rust familiar. Let right be 
 done, though the heavens should fall.

Flat prout fieri consuevit, (all temere 
 novandum.) Let it be done as it hath used 
 to be done, (nothing must be rashly innovat- 
 ed.) Jenk. Cent. 116, case 39; Branch, Princ.

FICTIO. In Roman law. A fiction; an 
 assumption or supposition of the law.

“Fictio" in the old Roman law was properly 
 a term of pleading, and signified a false aver-
 ment on the part of the plaintiff which the de- 
 fendant was not allowed to traverse; that 
 the plaintiff was a Roman citizen, when in 
 truth he was a foreigner. The object of the 
 fiction was to give the court jurisdiction. 
 Maine, Anc. Law, 25.

Fictio cedit veritati. Fictio juris non 
 est ubi veritas. Fiction yields to truth. 
 Where there is truth, fiction of law exists 
 not.

Fictio est contra veritatem, sed pro 
 veritate habetur. Fiction is against the 
 truth, but it is to be esteemed truth.

Fictio juris non est ubi veritas. Where 
 truth is, fiction of law does not exist.

Fictio leges iniquas operatur aliquid dam-
 num vel injuriam. A legal fiction does not 
 properly work loss or injury. 3 Coke, 96; 
 Broom, Max. 129.

Fictio leges neminem ludit. A fiction 
 of law injures no one. 2 Rolle, 502; 3 Bl. 
 Comm. 48; Low v. Little, 17 Johns. (N. Y.) 
 348.

FICTION. An assumption or supposition of 
 law that something which is or may be 
 false is true, or that a state of facts exists

A fiction is a rule of law which assumes as true, and will not allow to be disproved, something which is false, but not impossible. Best, Ev. 419.

These assumptions are of an innocent or even beneficial character, and are made for the advancement of the ends of justice. They secure this end chiefly by the extension of procedure from one, or to which it is applicable to other cases to which it is not strictly applicable, the ground of inapplicability being some difference of an immaterial character. Brown.

Fictions are to be distinguished from presumptions of law. By the former, something known to be false or unreal is assumed as true; by the latter, an inference is set up, which may be and probably is true, but which, at any rate, the law will not permit to be controverted.

Mr. Best distinguishes legal fictions from presumptions juris et de jure, and divides them into three kinds,—affirmative or positive fictions, negative fictions, and fictions by relation. Best, Pres. p. 27, § 24.

**FICTITIOUS.** Founded on a fiction; having the character of a fiction; false, feigned, or pretended.

--Fictitious action. An action brought for the sole purpose of obtaining the opinion of the court on a point of law, not for the settlement of any actual controversy between the parties. Smith v. Junction Ry., 29 Ind. 551.—Fictitious name. A counterfeit, feigned, or pretended name taken by a person, differing in some essential particular from his true name, (consisting of Christian name and patronymic,) with the implication that it is meant to deceive or mislead. But a fictitious name may be used so long or under such circumstances as to become an "assumed" name, in which case it may become a proper designation of the individual for ordinary business and legal purposes. See Pollard v. Fidelity F. Ins. Co., 1 S. D. 570, 4 N. W. 1060; Carlock v. Cagnacci, 88 Cal. 600, 28 Pac. 557.—Fictitious plaintiff. A person appearing in the writ or record as the plaintiff in a suit, but who in reality does not exist, or who is ignorant of the suit and of the use of his name in it. It is a contempt of court to sue in the name of a fictitious party. See 4 Bl. Comm. 134.


**FIDEI-COMMISSARIUS.** In the civil law this term corresponds nearly to our "cestit que trust." It designates a person who has the real or beneficial interest in an estate or fund, the title or administration of which is temporarily confided to another. See Story, Eq. Jur. § 966.

**FIDEI-COMMISSUM.** In the civil law. A species of trust; being a gift of property (usually by will) to a person, accompanied by a request or direction of the donor that the recipient will transfer the property to another, the latter being a person not capable of taking directly under the will or gift. See Succession of Meunier, 52 La. Ann. 79, 26 South. 770, 45 L. R. A. 77; Gortario v. Cantu, 7 Tex. 44.

**FIDE-JUBERE.** In the civil law. To order a thing upon one's faith; to pledge one's self; to become surety for another. Fide-jubebi! Fide-jubeo: Do you pledge yourself? I do pledge myself. Inst. 3, 18, 1. One of the forms of stipulation.

**FIDE-JUSSOR.** In Roman law. A guarantor; one who becomes responsible for the payment of another's debt, by a stipulation which binds him to discharge it if the principal debtor fails to do so. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 452; 3 Bl. Comm. 108.

The sureties taken on the arrest of a defendant, in the court of admiralty, were formerly denominated "fide jussoris." 3 Bl. Comm. 108.

**FIDE-PROMISSOR.** See Fide-Jussor.

**FIDELITAS.** Lat. Fidelity, (q. v.)

Fidelitas. De nullo tenemento, quod tenetur ad terminum, fit homagii; fit tamen unde fidelitatis sacramentum. Co. Litt. 676. Fidelity. For no tenement which is held for a term is there the oath of homage, but there is the oath of fealty.

**FIDELITY INSURANCE.** See Insurance.

**FIDEM MENTIRI.** Lat. To betray faith or fealty. A term used in feudal and old English law of a feudatory or feudal tenant who does not keep that fealty which he has sworn to the lord. Leg. Hen. I. c. 53.

**FIDES.** Lat. Faith; honesty; confidence; trust; veracity; honor. Occurring in the phrases "bona fides," (good faith,) "nala fides," (bad faith,) and "uberrima fides," (the utmost or most abundant good faith.)

Fides est obligatio conscientiae alieni jus ad intentionem alterius. Bacon. A trust is an obligation of conscience of one to the will of another.

**Fides servanda est.** Faith must be observed. An agent must not violate the confidence reposed in him. Story, Ag. § 192.

Fides servanda est; simplicitas juris gentium prevaleat. Faith must be kept; the simplicity of the law of nations must prevail. A rule applied to bills of exchange as a sort of sacred instruments. 3 Burrows, 1672; Story, Bills, § 15.
FIDUCIAL. An adjective having the same meaning as "fiduciary;" as, in the phrase "public or fiduciary office." Ky. St. § 3752; Moss v. Rowlett, 112 Ky. 121, 65 S. W. 153.

FIDUCIARIUS TUTOR. In Roman law. The elder brother of an emancipated pupillus, whose father had died leaving him still under fourteen years of age.

FIDUCIARY. The term is derived from the Roman law, and means (as a noun) a person holding the character of a trustee, or a character analogous to that of a trustee, in respect to the trust and confidence involved in it and the scrupulous good faith and candor which it requires. Thus, a person is a fiduciary who is invested with rights and powers to be exercised for the benefit of another person. Svanoe v. Jurgens, 144 Ill. 507, 33 N. E. 955; Stoll v. King, 8 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 290.

As an adjective it means the nature of a trust; having the characteristics of a trust; analogous to a trust; relating to or founded upon a trust or confidence.

-Fiduciary capacity. One is said to act in a "fiduciary capacity" or to receive money or contract a debt in a "fiduciary capacity," when the business which he transacts, or the money or property which he handles, is not his own or for his own benefit, but for the benefit of another person, as to whom he stands in a relation implying and necessitating great confidence and trust on the part of a third, in whom he stands in a relation implying and necessitating a high degree of good faith on the other part. The term is not restricted to technical or express trusts, but includes also such offices or relations as those of an attorney at law, a guardian, executor, or broker, a director of a corporation, and a public officer. See Schnuder v. Shilla, 17 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 420; Robert v. Frouser, 53 N. Y. 260; Heffren v. Jayne, 39 Ind. 469, 13 Am. Rep. 281; Flanagan v. Pearson, 42 Tex. 1, 10 Am. Rep. 294; Clark v. Pinckney, 50 Barb. (N. Y.) 255; Button v. Forth, 2 How. 262, 12 L. Ed. 236; Foster v. Brown, 10 Misc. Rep. 101, 30 N. Y. Supp. 827; Madison Tr. v. Dunkle, 114 Ind. 262, 47 N. E. 808; Fiduciary contract.

An agreement by which a person delivers a thing to another on the condition that he will restore it to him.—Fiduciary relation. A relation subsisting between two persons in regard to a business, contract, or piece of property, or in regard to the general business or estate of either of them, of such a character that each must repose trust and confidence in the other and must exercise a corresponding degree of fairness and good faith. Out of such a relation, the law raises the rule that neither party may exert influence or pressure upon the other, take selfish advantage of his trust, or deal with the subject-matter of the trust in such a way as to benefit himself or prejudice the other except in the exercise of the utmost good faith and with the full knowledge and consent of that other, business shrewdness, hard bargaining, and astuteness to take advantage of the forgetfulness or negligence of another being totally prohibited as between persons standing in such a relation to each other. Examples of fiduciary relations are those existing between attorney and client, guardian and ward, principal and agent, executor and heir, trustee and cestui que trust, landlord and tenant, etc. See Robins v. Hope, 37 Cal. 497; Thomas v. Whitney, 186 Ill. 225, 57 N. E. 808; Central National Bank v. Connecticut Mutual Life Ins. Co., 104 U. S. 68, 26 L. Ed. 693; Meyer v. Reimer, 65 Kan. 822, 70 Pac. 988; Studybaker v. Cofield, 159 Mo. 595, 61 S. W. 246.

FIELD. A fee, foed, or feud.

FIEF D'HAUBERT. Fr. In Norman feudal law. A fief or fee held by the tenure of knight-service; a knight's fee. 2 Bl. Comm. 62.

FIEF-TENANT. In old English law. The holder of a fief or fee; a feeholder or treeholder.

FIELD. In Spanish law. A sequestrator; a person in whose hands a thing in dispute is judicially deposited; a receiver. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 9, l. 1.

FIELD. This term might well be considered as definite and certain a description as "close," and might be used in law; but it is not a usual description in legal proceedings. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 160.

FIELD-ALE. An ancient custom in England, by which officers of the forest and bailiffs of hundreds had the right to compel the hundred to furnish them with ale. Tomlins.

FIELD REEVE. An officer elected, in England, by the owners of a regulated pasture to keep in order the fences, ditches, etc., on the land, to regulate the times during which animals are to be admitted to the pasture, and generally to maintain and manage the pasture subject to the instructions of the owners. (General Inclosure Act, 1845, § 118.) Sweet.

FIELDAD. In Spanish law. Sequestration. This is allowed in six cases by the Spanish law where the title to property is in dispute. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 3, l. 1.

FIERDING COURTS. Ancient Gothic courts of an inferior jurisdiction, so called.
because four were instituted within every inferior district or hundred. 3 Bl. Comm. 34.

FIERI. Lat. To be made; to be done. See In Fieri.

FIERI FACIAS. (That you cause, to be made.) In practice. A writ of execution commanding the sheriff to levy and make the amount of a judgment from the goods and chattels of the judgment debtor.

Fieri facias de bonis ecclesiasticis. When a sheriff to a common fi. fa. returns nulla bona, and that the defendant is a benefited clerk, not having any lay fee, a plaintiff may issue a fi. fa. de bonis ecclesiasticis, addressed to the bishop of the diocese or to the archbishop, (during the vacancy of the bishop's see,) commanding him to make of the ecclesiastical goods and chattels belonging to the defendant within his diocese the sum therein mentioned. 2 Chit. Archb. Pr. (12th Ed.) 1062.—Fieri facias de bonis testatoris. The writ issued on an ordinary judgment against an executor when sued for a debt due by his testator. If the sheriff returns to this writ nulla bona, and a devasta
tuit, (q. v.) the plaintiff may sue out a fieri facias de bonis propriis, under which the goods of the executor himself are seized. Sweet.

FIERI FECI. (I have caused to be made.) In practice. The name given to the return made by a sheriff or other officer to a writ of fieri facias, where he has collected the whole, or a part, of the sum directed to be levied. 2 Tidd. Pr. 1018. The return, as actually made, is expressed by the word "Satisfied" indorsed on the writ.

Fieri non debet, (debet, sed factum valet. It ought not to be done, but [if] done, it is valid. Shep. Touch. 6; 5 Coke, 39; T. Raym. 58; 1 Strange, 520. A maxim frequently applied in practice. Nichols v. Ketcham, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 64, 92.

FIFTEENTHS. In English law. This was originally a tax or tribute, levied at intervals by act of parliament, consisting of one fifth of all the movable property of the subject or personality in every city, township, and borough. Under Edward III., the taxable property was assessed, and the value of its fifteenth part (then about £29,000) was recorded in the exchequer, whence the tax, levied on that valuation, continued to be called a "fifteenth," although, as the wealth of the kingdom increased, the name ceased to be an accurate designation of the proportion of the tax to the value taxed. See 1 Bl. Comm. 309.

FIGHT. An encounter, with blows or other personal violence, between two persons. See State v. Gladden, 73 N. C. 155; Carpen

FIGHTWITE. Sax. A mutil or fine for making a quarrel to the disturbance of the peace. Called also by Cowell "forisfactura Bl. Law Dict. (2d Ed.)—32

pugna." The amount was one hundred and twenty shillings. Cowell.

FILACER. An officer of the superior courts at Westminster, whose duty it was to file the writs on which he made process. There were fourteen filacers, and it was their duty to make out all original process. Cowell; Blount. The office was abolished in 1837.


FILE, n. A thread, string, or wire upon which writs and other exhibits in courts and offices are fastened or filed for the more safe-keeping and ready turning to the same. Spelman; Cowell; Tomlins. Papers put together and tied in bundles. A paper is said also to be filed when it is delivered to the proper officer, and by him received to be kept on file. 13 Vin. Abr. 211; 1 Litt. 113; 1 Hawk. P. C. 7, 207; Phillips v. Beene, 38 Ala. 251; Holman v. Chevallier, 14 Tex. 385; Beeve v. Morrell, 76 Mich. 114, 42 N. W. 1119, 15 Am. St. Rep. 288. But, in general, "file," or "the files," is used loosely to denote the official custody of the court or the place in the offices of a court where the records and papers are kept.

FILE, v. In practice. To put upon the files, or deposit in the custody or among the records of a court.

"Filling a bill" in equity is an equivalent expression to "commencing a suit.

"To file" a paper, on the part of a party, is to place it in the official custody of the clerk. "To file," on the part of the clerk, is to indorse upon the paper the date of its reception, and retain it in his office, subject to inspection by whomsoever it may concern. Holman v. Chevallier, 14 Tex. 330.

The expressions "filling" and "entering of record" are not synonymous. They are nowhere so used. The terms convey distinctly different ideas. "Filing" originally signified placing papers in order on a thread or wire for safe-keeping. In this country and at this day it means, agreeably to our practice, depositing them in due order in the proper office. Entering of record uniformly implies writing. Naylor v. Moody, 2 Blackf. (Ind.) 247.


FILATE. To fix a bastard child on some one, as its father. To declare whose child it is. 2 W. Bl. 1017.

Filiatio non potest probari. Co. Litt. 128. Filiation cannot be proved.

FILATION. The relation of a child to its parent; correlative to "paternity.

- The judicial assignment of an illegitimate child to a designated man as its father.

In the civil law. The descent of son or daughter, with regard to his or her father, mother, and their ancestors.
FILICETUM. In old English law. A ferny or bracky ground; a place where fern grows. Co. Litt. 46: Shep. Touch. 95.

FILIOLUS. In old records. A godson. Spelman.

FILIUS. Lat. A son; a child.
A distinction was sometimes made, in the civil law, between "filii" and "liberi," the latter word including grand-children, (secundos,) the former not. Inst. 1, 14, 5. But, according to Paulus and Julianus, they were of equally extensive import. Dig. 50, 16, 84; id. 50, 16, 201.
—Filius familias. In the civil law. The son of a family; an unmancipated son. Inst. 2, 12, 2; id. 4, 5, 2; Story, Con. Laws, § 61.

Filius est nomen naturae, sed heres nomen juris. 1 Sld. 136. Son is a name of nature, but heir is a name of law.

Filius in utero matris est pars viscerae matris. 7 Coke, 8. A son in the mother's womb is part of the mother's vitals.

FILL. To make full; to complete; to satisfy or fulfill; to possess and perform the duties of.

The election of a person to an office constitutes the essence of his appointment; but the office cannot be considered as actually filled until his acceptance, either express or implied. Johnston v. Wilson, 2 N. H. 202, 9 Am. Dec. 50.

Where one subscribes for shares in a corporation, agreeing to "take and fill" a certain number of shares, assumpta will lie against him to recover an assessment on his shares; the word "fill," in this connection, amounting to a promise to pay assessments. Bangor Bridge Co. v. McMahon, 10 Me. 478.

To effect a subscription is to furnish, prepare, and combine the requisite materials in due proportion as prescribed. Ray v. Burbank, 61 Ga. 505, 34 Am. Rep. 108.

FILLY. A young mare; a female colt.

FILUM. Lat. In old practice. A file; i.e., a thread or wire on which papers were strung, that being the ancient method of filing.

An imaginary thread or line passing through the middle of a stream or road, as in the following phrases:
—Filum aquae. A thread of water; a line of water; the middle line of a stream of water, supposed to divide it into two equal parts, and constituting in many cases the boundary between the riparian proprietors on each side. Ingraham v. Wilkinson, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 273, 16 Am. Dec. 342.—Filum forestae. The border of the forest. 2 Bl. Comm. 410; 4 Inst. 303.
—Filum viae. The thread or middle line of a road. An imaginary line drawn through the middle of a road, and constituting the boundary between the owners of the land on each side. 2 Smith, Lead. Cas. (Am. Ed.) 98, note.

FIN. Fr. An end; or limit; a limitation, or period of limitation.

FIN DE NON RECEVOIR. In French law. An exception or plea founded on law, which, without entering into the merits of the action, shows that the plaintiff has no right to bring it, either because the time during which it ought to have been brought has elapsed, which is called "prescription," or that there has been a compromise, accord and satisfaction, or any other cause which has destroyed the right of action which once subsisted. Poth. Proc. Civile, pt. 3, c. 2, § 2, art. 2.

FINAL. Definitive; terminating; completed; last. In its use in jurisprudence, this word is generally contrasted with "interlocutory." Johnson v. New York, 48 Hun, 620, 1 N. Y. Supp. 254; Garrison v. Dougherty, 18 S. C. 488; Rountree v. Beaumette, 4 Minn. 224 (Gill. 168); Blanding v. Sayles, 23 R. I. 226, 49 Atl. 992.

—Final decision. One from which no appeal or writ of error can be taken. Railway Co. v. Gillespie, 138 Ind. 454, 63 N. E. 845; Blanding v. Sayles, 23 R. I. 226, 49 Atl. 992.—Final disposition. When it is said to be essential to the validity of the award that it should make a "final disposition" of the matters embraced in the submission, this term means such a disposition that nothing further remains to fix the rights and obligations of the parties, and no further controversy or litigation is required or can arise on the matter. It is such an award that the party against whom it is made can perform or pay it without any further ascertainment of rights or duties. Cocord v. Fletcher, 50 Me. 401.—Final hearing. This term designates the trial of an equity case upon the merits, as distinguished from the hearing of any preliminary questions arising in the cause, which are termed "interlocutory." Creel v. W. U. Tel. Co. (C. C.) 81 Fed. 243; Akery v. Villas, 24 Wash., 171, 1 Am. Rep. 163; Galpin v. Critchow, 112 Mass. 343, 17 Am. Rep. 176.—Final passage. In parliamentary law. The final passage of a bill is the vote on its passage in either house of the legislature, after it has received the prescribed number of readings on as many different days in that house. State v. Buckley, 54 Ala. 613.


FINALSIS CONCORDIÀ. A final or conclusive agreement. In the process of "levying a fine," this was a final agreement entered by the litigating parties upon the record, by permission of court, settling the title to the land, and which was binding upon them like any judgment of the court. 1 Wash. Real Prop. 170.

FINANCES. The public wealth of a state or government, considered either statically
FINANCIER. A person employed in the economical management and application of public money; one skilled in the management of financial affairs.

FIND. To discover; to determine; to ascertain and declare. To announce a conclusion, as the result of judicial investigation, upon a disputed fact or state of facts; as a jury are said to "find a will." To determine a controversy in favor of one of the parties; as a jury "find for the plaintiff." State v. Bulkeley, 61 Conn. 267, 23 Atl. 186, 14 L. R. A. 657; Weeks v. Trask, 81 Me. 127, 18 Atl. 413, 2 L. R. A. 525; Southern Bell Tel., etc., Co. v. Watts, 66 Fed. 460, 13 C. C. A. 579.

FINDER. One who discovers and takes possession of another's personal property, which was then lost. Kincaid v. Eaton, 98 Mass. 139, 53 Am. Dec. 142. A person employed to discover goods imported or exported without paying customs. Jacob.

FINDING. A decision upon a question of fact reached as the result of a judicial examination or investigation by a court. jury, referee, coroner, etc. Williams v. Giblin, 88 Wisc. 645, 57 N. W. 1111; Rhodes v. United States Bank, 66 Fed. 514, 13 C. C. A. 612, 34 L. R. A. 742.

FINDING OF FACT. A determination of a fact by the court, such fact being avowed by one party and denied by the other, and the determination being based on the evidence in the case; also the answer of the jury to a specific interrogatory propounded to them as to the existence or non-existence of a fact in issue. Miles v. McCallan, 1 Ark. 481, 5 Pac. 610; Murphy v. Bennett, 88 Cal. 628, 9 Pac. 755; Morrey v. Railway Co., 116 Iowa, 84, 80 N. W. 705. General and special findings.

FINE. A penalty imposed by a court of record, as a punishment for a crime, or as a penalty for the commission of an act, or as a fine for the violation of a law. FINE, v. To impose a pecuniary punishment or mulct. To sentence a person convicted of an offense to pay a penalty in money. Goodman v. Durant B. & L. Ass'n, 71 Miss. 310, 14 South. 140; State v. Belle, 92 Iowa, 258, 60 N. W. 625.

FINE, n. In conveyancing. An amicable composition or agreement of a suit, either actual or fictitious, by leave of the court, by which the lands in question become, or are acknowledged to be, the right of one of the parties. 2 Bl. Comm. 349; Christy v. Burch, 25 Fla. 942, 2 South. 258; First Nat. Bank v. Roberts, 9 Mont. 323, 23 Pac. 718; Hildt v. Jenks, 123 U. S. 207, 8 Sup. Ct. 143, 31 L. Ed. 156; McGregor v. Comstock, 17 N. Y. 196. Fines were abolished in England by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74, substituting a disen-tailing deed, (q. v.)

The party who parted with the land, by acknowledging the right of the other, was said to levy the fine, and was called the "cognizer" or "conusor," while the party who recovered or received the estate was termed the "cognizee" or "conusee," and the fine was said to be levied to him.

In the law of tenure. A fine is a money payment made by a feudal tenant to his lord. The most usual fine is that payable on the admittance of a new tenant, but there are also due in some manors fines upon alienation, on a lease to demise the lands, or on the death of the lord, or other events. Elton, Conis. De Peyser v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 495, 53 Am. Dec. 470.

—Executed fine. see EXECUTED.—Fine and recovery act. The English statutes 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74, for abolishing fines and recoveries. 1 Steph. Comm. 514, et seq.—Fine for alienation. A fine anciently payable upon the alienation of a feudal estate and substitution of a new tenant. It was payable to the lord by all tenants holding by knight service or tenants in capite by socage tenure. Abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24. See 2 Bl. Comm. 71, 89.—Fine for endowment. A fine anciently payable to the lord by the widow of a tenant, without which she could not be endowed of her husband's lands. Abolished under Henry I., and by Magna Charta. 2 Bl. Comm. 195; Morley & Whitely.—Fine sur cognizance de droit come ceo que il ad de son dome. A fine upon acknowledgment of the right of the cognizer which he has not in fact in the cognizer. By this the deforciant acknowledged in court a former feuement or gift in possession to have been made by him to the plaintiff. 2 Bl. Comm. 332.—Fine sur cognizance de droit tantum. A fine upon acknowledgement of the right merely, and not with the circumstance of a preceding gift from the cognizer. This was commonly used to pass a reversionary interest which was in the cognizer, of which there could be no feuement supposed. 2 Bl. Comm. 335; 1 Steph. Comm. 519.—Fine sur concedeit. A fine upon concedeit, (he hath granted.) A species of fine, where the cognizer, in order to make an end of disputes, though he acknowledged no precedent right, yet granted to the cognizee an estate de novo, usually for life or years, by way of supposed composition. 2 Bl. Comm. 333; 1 Steph. Comm. 519.—Fine sur done grant et render. A double fine, comprehending the fine sur cognizance de droit come ceo and the fine sur concedeit. It might be used to convey a particular particular inheritance or estate, whereas the fine sur cognizance de droit come ceo, etc., conveyed nothing but an absolute estate. Inheritance and an estate in fee simple hold. In this last species of fines, the cognizee, after the right was acknowledged to be in him, granted back again or rendered to the cognizer, or perhaps to a stranger, some other estate in the premises. 2 Bl. Comm. 333.

In criminal law. Pecuniary punishment imposed by a lawful tribunal upon a person
convicted of crime or misdemeanor. Lancaster v. Richardson, 4 Lans. (N. Y.) 140; State v. Belie, 92 Iowa, 258, 60 N. W. 225; State v. Ostwait, 118 N. C. 1208, 24 S. E. 660, 32 L. R. A. 396.

It means, among other things, "a sum of money paid at the end, to make an end of a transaction, suit, or prosecution; mulct; penalty." In ordinary legal language, however, it means a sum of money imposed by a court according to law, as a punishment for the breach of some penal statute. Railroad Co. v. State, 22 Kan. 15.

It is not confined to a pecuniary punishment of an offense, inflicted by a court in the exercise of criminal jurisdiction. It has other meanings, and may include a forfeiture, or a penalty recoverable by civil action. Hanscomb v. Russell, 11 Gray (Mass.) 373.

Jail fine. In old English law, "If a whole vill be fined, a joint fine may be laid, and it will be good for the necessity of it; but, in other cases, fines for offenses are to be severally imposed on each particular offender, and not jointly upon all of them." Jacob.

FINE ANULLANDO LEVAT DE TENEMENTO QUOD FUIT DE ANTQ- UO DOMINICO. An abolished writ for disannulling a fine levied on lands in ancient demesne to the prejudice of the lord. Reg. Orig. 15.

FINE CAPIENDO PRO TERRIS. An obsolete writ which lay for a person who, upon conviction by jury, had his lands and goods taken, and his body imprisoned, to be remitted his imprisonment, and have his lands and goods re-delivered to him, on obtaining favor of a sum of money. Reg. Orig. 142.

FINE NON CAPIENDO PRO PUL- CHRE PLACITANDO. An obsolete writ to inhibit officers of courts to take fines for fair pleading.

FINE PRO REDISSEISINĀ CAPIEN- DO. An old writ that lay for the release of one imprisoned for a redisselin, on payment of a reasonable fine. Reg. Orig. 222.

FINE-FORCE. An absolute necessity or inevitable constraint. Plowd. 94; 6 Coke, 11; Cowell.

FINEM FACERE. To make or pay a fine. Bract. 104.

FINES LE ROY. In old English law. The king's fines. Fines formerly payable to the king for any contempt or offense, as where one committed any trespass, or false- ly denied his own deed, or did anything in contempt of law. Termes de la Ley.

FINIRE. In old English law. To fine, or pay a fine. Cowell. To end or finish a matter.

FINIS. Lat. An end; a fine; a boundary or terminus; a limit. Also in L. Lat., a fine (g. v.).

FINIS est amicabilis compositio et
snalis concordia ex conceaum et concor-
dia dominii regis vel justiciarum. Glan.-
lib. S. c. 1. A fine is an amicable settlement and decisive agreement by consent and agreement of our lord, the king, or his justices.

FINIS necem litis imponit. A fine puts an end to litigation. 3 Inst. 78.

FINIS rei attendendus est. 3 Inst. 51. The end of a thing is to be attended to.

FINIS unius diei est principium alteri-
us. 2 Bulst. 305. The end of one day is the beginning of another.

FINITIO. An ending; death, as the end of life. Blount; Cowell.

FINIUM REGUNDORUM ACTIO. In the civil law. Action for regulating boundaries. The name of an action which lay between those who had lands bordering on each other, to settle disputed boundaries. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 499.

FINORS. Those that purify gold and silver, and part them by fire and water from coarser metals; and therefore, in the statute of 4 Hen. VII. c. 2, they are also called "parters." Termes de la Ley.

FIRDARE. Sax. In old English law. A summoning forth to a military expedition, (indictio ad profectionem militarem.) Spelman.

FIRDIRINGA. Sax. A preparation to go into the army. Leg. Hen. L.


FIRDWITE. In old English law. A fine for refusing military service, (mulcta detrectantis militiam.) Spelman.

A fine imposed for murder committed in the army; an acquittance of such fine. Fleet, lib. 1, c. 47.

FIRE. The effect of combustion. The juridical meaning of the word does not differ from the vernacular. 1 Para. Mar. Law, 231, et seq.

-Fire and sword, letters of. In old Scotch law. Letters issued from the privy council in Scotland, addressed to the sheriff of the coun-
try, authorizing him to call for the assistance of the country to dispossess a tenant retaining possession, contrary to the order of a judge or the sentence of a court. Wharton.-Fire-
arms. This word comprises all sorts of guns, fowling-pieces, blunderbusses, pistols, etc. Har-
ris v. Cameron, 81 Wis. 233, 51 N. W. 437, 29 Am. St. Rep. 391; Atwood v. State, 53 Ala. 509; Whitney Arms Co. v. Bartlow, 38 N. Y. Super. Ct. 563.-Firebreak. A beacon or high tower by the seaside, wherein are continual lights, either to direct sailors in the night, or to give warning of the approach of an enemy. Cowell.-Fire-bote. An allowance of wood or estovers to maintain competent fires for the tenant. A sufficient allowance of wood to burn...
in a house. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 96.—Fire district. One of the districts into which a city may be (and commonly is) divided for the purpose of more efficient service by the fire department in the extinction of fire. Des Moines v. Gilchrist, 67 Iowa, 210, 25 N. W. 136.—Fire insurance. See INSURANCE.—Fire ordeal. See ORDEAL.—Fire policy. A policy of fire insurance. See INSURANCE.—Fire-proof. To say of any article that it is "fire-proof" conveys no other idea than that the material out of which it is formed is incombustible. To say of a building that it is fire-proof excludes the idea that it is of wood, and necessarily implies that it is of some substance fixed for the erection of fire-proof buildings. To say of a certain portion of a building that it is fire-proof suggests a comparison between that portion and other parts of the building not so characterized, and warrants the conclusion that it is of a different material. Hickey v. Morrell, 102 N. Y. 450, 7 N. E. 321, 33 Am. Rep. 899.—Firewood. Wood suitable for fuel, not including standing or felled timber which is suitable and valuable for other purposes. Hogan v. Hogan, 102 Mich. 841, 61 N. W. 73.

FIRELOT. A Scotch measure of capacity, containing two gallons and a pint. Spelman.

FIRM. A partnership; the group of persons constituting a partnership. The name or title under which the members of a partnership transact business.—People v. Strauss, 97 Ill. App. 55; Boyd v. Thompson, 153 Pa. 82, 25 Atl. 769; 34 Am. St. Rep. 657; McCosker v. Banks, 84 Md. 292, 35 Atl. 935.

FIRMA. In old English law. The contract of lease or letting; also the rent (or farm) reserved upon a lease of lands, which was frequently payable in provisions, but sometimes in money, in which latter case it was called "alba firma," white rent. A messuage, with the house and garden belonging thereto. Also provision for the table; a banquet; a tribute towards the entertainment of the king for one night.—Firma foodi. In old English law. A farm or lease of a fee; a fee-farm.

FIRMAN. A Turkish word denoting a decree or grant of privileges, or passport to a traveler.

FIRMARATIO. The right of a tenant to his lands and tenements. Cowell.

FIRMARIUM. In old records. A place in monasteries, and elsewhere, where the poor were received and supplied with food. Spelman. Hence the word, "infirmary."

FIRMARIUS. L. Lat. A fermor. A lessee of a term. Firmarius comprehend all such as hold by lease for life or lives or for year, by deed or without deed. 2 Inst. 144, 145; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 107.

FIRMATIO. The doe season. Also a supplying with food. Cowell.

FIRME. In old records. A farm.

Firmior et potentior est operatio legis quam dispositio hominis. The operation of the law is firmer and more powerful [or efficacious] than the disposition of man. Co. Litt. 1024.

FIRMITAS. In old English law. An assurance of some privilege, by deed or charter.

FIRMLY. A statement that an affiant "firmly believes" the contents of the affidavit imports a strong or high degree of belief, and is equivalent to saying that he "verily believes it. Bradley v. Eccles, 1 Browne (Pa.) 258; Thompson v. White, 4 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 197. The operation of a bond or recognizance, that the obligor is held and "firmly bound," are equivalent to an acknowledgment of indebtedness and promise to pay. Shattuck v. People, 5 Ill. 477.

FIRMURA. In old English law. Liberty to scour and repair a mill-dam, and carry away the soil, etc. Blount.

FIRST. Initial; leading; chief; preceding all others of the same kind or class in sequence, (numerical or chronological;) entitled to priority or preference above others. Redman v. Railroad Co., 33 N. J. Eq. 105; Thompson v. Grand Gulf R. & B. Co., 3 How. (Miss.) 247, 34 Am. Dec. 81; Hapgood v. Brown, 102 Mass. 452.

—First devises. The person to whom the estate is first given by the will, the term "next deviser" referring to the person to whom the remainder is given. Young v. Robinson, 5 N. J. Law. 698; Wilcox v. Heywood, 12 R. I. 198.

—First fruits. In English ecclesiastical law. The first year's whole profits of every benefice or spiritual living, anciently paid by the incumbent to the pope, but afterwards transferred to the fund called "Queen Anne's Bounty," for increasing the revenue from poor livings. In feudal law, One year's profits of land which belonged to the king on the death of a tenant-in-capite; otherwise called "primer secisin." One of the incidents to the old feudal tenures. 2 Bl. Comm. 96, 97.—First heir. The person who will be first entitled to succeed to the title to an estate after the termination of a life estate or estate for years. Winter v. Ferratt, 5 Harv. & C. 48.—First impression. A case is said to be "of the first impression" when it presents an entirely novel question of law for the decision of the court, and cannot be governed by any existing precedent.—First purchaser. In the law of descent, this term signifies the ancestor who first acquired (in any other manner than by inheritance) the estate which still remains in his family or descendants. Blair v. Adams (C. C.) 59 Fed. 247.—First of exchange. Where a set of bills of exchange is drawn in blank and reduplicate, for greater safety in their transmission, all being of the same tenor, and the intention being that the acceptance of any one of them (first to arrive safely) shall cancel the others of the set, they are called individually the "first of exchange," "second of exchange," etc. See Bank of Newburgh v. Neal, 22 How. 94, 110, 18 L. Ed. 323.

FIRST-CLASS. Of the most superior or excellent grade or kind; belonging to the head or chief or numerically precedent of several classes into which the general subject is divided.

—First-class mail-matter. In the postal laws. All mailable matter containing writing and all else that is sealed against inspection.

—First-class misdemeanor. In English law. Under the prisons act (28 & 29 Vict. c. 120, § 67) prisoners in the county, city, and borough prisons convicted of misdemeanor, and not sentenced to hard labor, are divided into two classes, one of which is called the "first division;" and it is in the discretion of the court to order that such a prisoner be treated as a misdemeanor of the first division, usually called "first-class misdemeanor," and as such not to be deemed a criminal prisoner, i.e., a prisoner convicted of a crime. Bouvier.—First-class title. A marketable title, shown by a clean record, or at least not depending on presumptions that must be overcome or facts that are uncertain. Vought v. Williams, 120 N. Y. 253, 24 N. E. 156, 5 L. R. A. 581, 17 Am. St. Rep. 634.

FISC. An Anglicized form of the Latin "fiscus," (which see.)

FISCAL. Belonging to the fisc, or public treasury. Relating to accounts or the management of revenue.

—Fiscal agent. This term does not necessarily mean depositary of the public funds, so as, by the simple use of it in a statute, without any directions in this respect, to make it the duty of the state treasurer to deposit with him any moneys in the treasury. State v. Dubuclet, 27 La. Ann. 23.—Fiscal officers. Those charged with the collection and distribution of public money, as the money of a state, county, or municipal corporation. Rev. St. Mo. 1891, § 5353 (Ann. St. 1906, p. 2770).—Fiscal judge. A public officer charged in the laws of the Riparians and some other Germanic peoples, apparently the same as the "Grau, " "reeve, " "tovmer, " or "countr" or so called because charged with the collection of public revenues, either directly or by the imposition of fines. See Spelman, voc. "Grafo." Fiscal year. 120, 124 administration of a state or government or of a corporation, the fiscal year is a period of twelve months (not necessarily consecutive) of the calendar year) with reference to which its appropriations are made and expenditures authorized, and at the end of which its accounts are made up and the books balanced. See Moose v. State, 49 Ark. 400, 5 S. W. 835.

FISCUS. In Roman law. The treasury of the prince or emperor, as distinguished from "arrarium," which was the treasury of the state. Spelman.

The treasury or property of the state, as distinguished from the private property of the sovereign.

In English law. The king's treasury, as the repository of forfeited property.

The treasury of a noble, or of any private person. Spelman.

FISH. An animal which inhabits the water, breathes by means of gills, swims by the aid of fins, and is oviparous.

—Fish commissioner. A public officer of the United States, created by act of congress of February 9, 1871, whose duties principally concern the preservation and increase throughout the country of fish suitable for food. Rev. St. § 4385 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3001).—Fish royal. These were the whale and the sturgeon, which, when thrown inshore or caught near the coast of England, became the property of the king by virtue of his prerogative and in recompense for his protecting the shore from pirates and robbers. 2 Bl. Comm. 296; Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 86, 10 Am. Dec. 356.

FISHERY. A place prepared for catching fish with nets or hooks. This is commonly applied to the place of drawing a seine or net. Hart v. Hill, 1 Whart. (Pa.) 131, 132.

A right or liberty of taking fish; a species of incorporeal hereditament, anciently termed "piscary," of which there are several kinds. 2 Bl. Comm. 34, 39; 3 Kent, Comm. 409-418; Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 22, 10 Am. Dec. 356; Gould v. James, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 376; Hart v. Hill, 1 Whart. (Pa.) 124.

—Common fishery. A fishing ground where all persons have a right to take fish. Black v. Costar, 8 Taunt. 183; Alberton v. Park Com'n, 68 N. J. Law, 523, 53 Atl. 612. Not to be confounded with "common of fishery," as to which see COMMON, s.—Fishery laws. A series of statutes passed in England for the regulation of fishing, especially to prevent the destruction of fish during the breeding season, and of small fish, spawn, etc., and the employment of improper modes of taking fish. 3 Steph. Comm. 163.—Free fishery. A franchise in the hands of a subject, by grant or prescription, distinct from an ownership in the soil. It is an exclusive right, and appertains to a public navigable river, without any right in the soil. 3 Kent, Comm. 410. Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 87, 10 Am. Dec. 356. See Albright v. Sussex County Lake & Park Com'n, 68 N. J. Law, 523, 53 Atl. 612; Brookhaven v. Strong, 60 N. Y. 64.—Right of fishery. The general and common right of the citizens to take fish from public waters, such as the sea, great lakes, etc. Shively v. Bowlby, 152 U. S. 1, 14 Sup. Ct. 548, 38 L. Ed. 331.—Several fishery. A fishery of which the owner is also the owner of the soil, or of the seafloor, or of both. 2 Bl. Comm. 39, 40; 1 Steph. Comm. 671, note. And see Frear v. Cooke, 14 Mass. 450; Brookhaven v. Strong, 90 N. Y. 64; Holford v. Bailey, 8 Q. B. 1018.

FISHGARTH. A dam or weir in a river for taking fish. Cowell.


FISK. In Scotch law. The fiscus or fisc. The revenue of the crown. Generally used of the personal estate of a rebel which has been forfeited to the crown. Bell.

FISSURE VEIN. In mining law. A vein or lode of mineralized matter filled with a pre-existing fissure or crack in the earth's crust extending across the strata and gen-

**Fistuca**, or **Festuca.** In old English law. The rod or wand, by the delivery of which the property in land was formerly transferred in making a feoffment. Called, also, "baculum," "virga," and "justis." Spelman.

**Fistula.** In the civil law. A pipe for conveying water. Dig. 8, 2, 18.

**Fitz.** In medical jurisprudence. An attack or spasm of muscular convulsions, generally attended with loss of self-control and of consciousness; particularly, such attacks occurring in epilepsy. In a more general sense, the period of an acute attack of any disease, physical or mental, as, a fit of insanity. See Gunter v. State, 88 Ala. 96, 8 Suth. 600.

**Fitz.** A Norman word, meaning "son." It is used in law and genealogy; as Fitzherbert, the son of Herbert; Fitzjames, the son of James; Fitzroy, the son of the king. It was originally applied to illegitimate children.

**FIVE-MILE ACT.** An act of parliament, passed in 1665, against non-conformists, whereby ministers of that body were prohibited from coming within five miles of any corporate town, or place where they had preached or lectured. Brown.

**Fix.** To liquidate or render certain. To fasten a liability upon one. To transform a possible or contingent liability into a present and definite liability. Zimmerman v. Canfield, 42 Ohio St. 408; Polk v. Minnehaha County, 5 Dak. 129, 37 N. W. 93; Loganport & W. V. Gas Co. v. Peru (C. C.) 89 Fed. 157.

—Fixed belief or opinion. As ground for rejecting a juror, this phrase means a settled belief or opinion which would so strongly influence the mind of the juror and his decision in the case that he could not exclude it from his mind and render a verdict solely in accordance with the law and the evidence. Bales v. State, 63 Ala. 30; Curley v. Com., 84 Pa. 156; Staup v. Com., 74 Pa. 491.—Fixed salary. One which is definitely ascertained and prescribed as to amount and time of payment, and does not depend upon the receipt of fees or other contingent emoluments; not necessarily a salary which cannot be changed by competent authority. Sharpe v. Robertson, 5 Grat. (Va.) 518; Hurdick v. D. S., 16 Ct. Cl. 101.—Fixing ball. In practice. Rendering absolute the liability of special ball.

**Fixture.** 1. A fixture is a personal chattel substantially affixed to the land, but which may afterwards be lawfully removed therefrom by the party affixing it, or his representative, without the consent of the owner of the freehold. Cook v. Whitting, 16 Ill. 480; Tennf v. Hewitt, 1 Ohio St. 511, 59 Am. Dec. 684; Baker v. Davis, 19 N. H. 333; Capen v. Peckham, 35 Conn. 88; Woldorf v. Baxter, 33 Minn. 12, 21 N. W. 744, 53 Am. Rep. 1; Merritt v. Judd, 14 Cal. 84; Adams v. Lee, 31 Mich. 440; Prescott v. Wells, Fargo & Co., 3 Nev. 82.

Personal chattels which have been annexed to land, and may be afterwards severed and removed by the party who has annexed them, or his personal representative, against the will of the owner of the freehold. Ferard, Fixt. 2; Bouvier.

The word "fixtures" has acquired the peculiar meaning of chattels which have been annexed to the freehold, but which are removable at the will of the person who annexed them. Hallow v. Runder, 1 Cromp., M. & R. 206.

"Fixtures" does not necessarily import things affixed to the freehold. The word is a modern one, and is generally understood to comprehend any article which a tenant has the power to remove. Sheen v. Hickly & Moes, & W. 784; Rogers v. Gilingier, 20 Pa. 185, 189, 72 Am. Dec. 694.

2. Chattels which, by being physically annexed or affixed to real estate, become a part of and accessory to the freehold, and the property of the owner of the land. Hill.

Things fixed or affixed to other things. The rule of law regarding them is that which is expressed in the maxim, "accessus dat possessiorem," "the accessory goes with, and as part of, the principal subject-matter." Brown.

A thing is deemed to be affixed to land when it is attached to it by roots, as in the case of trees, vines, or shrubs; or imbedded in it, as in the case of walls; or permanently resting upon it, as in the case of buildings; or permanently attached to what is thus permanent, as by means of cement, plaster, nails, bolts, or screws. Civ. Code Cal. § 690.

3. That which is fixed or attached to something permanently as an appendage, and not removable. Webster.

That which is fixed; a piece of furniture fixed to a house, as distinguished from movable; something that is immovable or immovable. Webster.

The general result seems to be that three views have been taken. One is that "fixture" means something which has been affixed to the realty, so as to become a part of it; it is fixed, irremovable. An opposite view is that "fixture" means something which appears to be a part of the realty, but is not really so; it is not really fastened or attached fixed to it, but removable. An intermediate view is that "fixture" means a chattel annexed, affixed, to the reality, but imports nothing as to whether it is removable; that is to be determined by considering its circumstances and the relation of the parties. Abbott.

—Domestic fixture. Any articles as a tenant attaches to a dwelling house in order to render his occupation more comfortable or convenient, and which may be separated from it without doing substantial injury, such as furnaces, stoves, cupboards, shelves, bells, gas fixtures, or things merely ornamental, as painted wainscots, pier and chimney glasses, although attached to the walls with screws, marble chimney pieces, grates, beds nailed to the walls, window blinds and curtains. Wright v. Du Bignon, 11 Ga. 705, 40 S. E. 747, 37 L. R. A. 689.—Trade fixtures. Articles placed in or attached to rented buildings by the tenant, to prosecute the trade or business for which he occupies the premises, or to be used in connection with such business, or to promote convenience and efficiency in conducting it. Herkimer County L. & F. Co. v. Johnson, 37 N. Y. Supp. 924; Brown v. Reno Electric
FLACO. A place covered with standing water.

FLAG. A national standard on which are certain emblems; an ensign; a banner. It is carried by soldiers, ships, etc., and commonly displayed at forts and many other suitable places.

—Flag, duty of the. This was an ancient ceremony in acknowledgment of British sovereignty over the British seas, by which a foreign vessel struck her flag and lowered her top-sail on meeting the British flag,—Flag of the United States. By the act entitled "An act to establish the flag of the United States," (Rev. St. §§ 1791, 1792 [U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1225]), it is provided "that, from and after the fourth day of July next, the flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be twenty stars white in a blue field; that, on the admission of every new state into the Union, one star be added to the union of the flag; and that such addition shall take effect on the fourth day of July then next succeeding such admission."—Law of the flag. See Law.


FLAGRANS. Lat. Burning; raging; in actual perpetration.

—Flagrans bellum. A war actually going on.

—Flagrans erimen. In Roman law. A fresh or recent crime. This term designated a crime in the very act of its commission, or while it was of recent occurrence.—Flagrante bello. During an actual state of war.—Flagrante delicto. In the very act of committing the crime. 4 Bl. Comm. 307.

FLAGRANT DÉLIT. In French law. A crime which is in actual process of perpetration or which has just been committed. Code D'Instr. Crim. art. 41.

FLAGRANT NECESSITY. A case of urgency rendering lawful an otherwise illegal act as an assault to remove a man from impending danger.

FLASH CHECK. A check drawn upon a banker by a person who has no funds at the banker's and knows that such is the case.

FLAT. A place covered with water too shallow for navigation with vessels ordinarily used for commercial purposes. The space between high and low water mark along the edge of an arm of the sea, bay, tidal river, etc. Thomas v. Hatch, 23 Fed. Cas. 946; Church v. Meeker, 34 Conn. 424; Jones v. Janney, 8 Watts & 8. (Pa.) 443, 42 Am. Dec. 369.


FLECTA. A feathered or fleet. arrow. Cowell.

FLEDWITE. A discharge or freedom from amercements where one, having been an outlawed fugitive, consents to the place of our lord of his own accord. Ternes de la Ley.

The liberty to hold court and take up the amercements for beating and striking. Cowell.

The fine set on a fugitive as the price of obtaining the king's freedom. Spelman.


FLEE TO THE WALL. A metaphorical expression, used in connection with homicide done in self-defense, signifying the exhaustion of every possible means of escape, or of averting the assault, before killing the assailant.

FLEET. A place where the tide flows; a creek, or inlet of water; a company of ships or navy; a prison in London, (so called from a river or ditch formerly in its vicinity,) now abolished by 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22.

FLEM. In Saxon and old English law. A fugitive bondman or villein. Spelman.

The privilege of having the goods and fines of fugitives.

FLEMENES FRIIT, FLEMENES FRINTHE—FLYMENA FRYNTHE. The reception or relief of a fugitive or outlaw. Jacob.

FLEMEWITE. The possession of the goods of fugitives. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 147.

FLET. In Saxon law. Land; a house; home.

FLETA. The name given to an ancient treatise on the laws of England, founded mainly upon the writings of Bracton and Glanville, and supposed to have been written in the time of Edw. 1. The author is unknown, but it is surmised that he was a judge or learned lawyer who was at that time confined in the Fleet prison, whence the name of the book.

FLICHWITE. In Saxon law. A fine on account of 'brawls and quarrels. Spelman.
FLIGHT. In criminal law. The act of one under accusation, who evades the law by voluntarily withdrawing himself. It is presumptive evidence of guilt. U. S. v. Candler (D. C.) 65 Fed. 312.


FLOATING CAPITAL. (or circulating capital.) The capital which is consumed at each operation of production and reappears transformed into new products. At each sale of these products the capital is represented in cash, and it is from its transformations that profit is derived. Floating capital includes raw materials destined for fabrication, such as wool and flax, products in the warehouses of manufacturers or merchants, such as cloth and linen, and money for wages, and stores. De Laveleye, Pol. Ec. Capital retained for the purpose of meeting current expenditure.

FLOATING DEBT. By this term is meant that mass of lawful and valid claims against the corporation for the payment of which there is no money in the corporate treasury specifically designed, nor any taxation or other means of providing money to pay particularly provided. People v. Wood, 71 N. Y. 374; City of Huron v. Second Ward Sav. Bank, 56 Fed. 278, 30 C. C. A. 38, 49 L. R. A. 534.


FLODE-MARK. Flood-mark, high-water mark. The mark which the sea, at flowing water, and highest tide, makes on the shore. Blount.

FLOOR. A section of a building between horizontal planes. Lowell v. Strahan, 145 Mass. 1, 12 N. E. 401, 1 Am. St. Rep. 422. A term used metaphorically. In parliamentary practice, to denote the exclusive right to address the body in session. A member who has been recognized by the chairman, and who is in order, is said to "have the floor," until his remarks are concluded. Similarly, the "floor of the house" means the main part of the hall where the members sit, as distinguished from the galleries, or from the corridors or lobbies.

In England, the floor of a court is that part between the judge's bench and the front row of counsel. Litigants appearing in person, in the high court or court of appeal, are supposed to address the court from the floor.

FLORENTINE PANDETS. A copy of the Pandects discovered, accidentally about the year 1137, at Amalphi, a town in Italy, near Salerno. From Amalphi, the copy found its way to Pisa, and, Pisa having submitted to the Florentines in 1406, the copy was removed in great triumph to Florence. By direction of the magistrates of the town, it was immediately bound in a superb manner, and deposited in a costly chest. Formerly, these Pandects were shown only by torch-light, in the presence of two magistrates, and two Cistercian monks, with their heads uncovered. They have been successively collated by Politian, Bolognini, and Antonius Augustinus. An exact copy of them was published in 1553 by Francisca Saularis. For its accuracy and beauty, this edition ranks high among the ornaments of the press. Brenchman, who collated the manuscript about 1710, refers it to the sixteenth century. Butl. Hor. Jur. 90, 91.

FLORIN. A coin originally made at Florence, now of the value of about two English shillings.

FLOTAGES. 1. Such things as by accident swim on the top of great rivers or the sea. Cowell.


FLOTSAM, FLOTSAN. A name for the goods which float upon the sea when cast overboard for the safety of the ship, or when a ship is sunk. Distinguished from "jetsam" and "jigan." Bract. lib. 2, c. 5; 5 Coke, 106; 1 Bl. Comm. 292.

FLOUD-MARKE. In old English law. High-water mark; flood-marke. 1 And. 88. 80.

FLOWING LANDS. This term has acquired a definite and specific meaning in law. It commonly imports raising and setting back water in another's land, by a dam placed across a stream or water-course which is the natural drain and outlet for surplus water on such land. Call v. Middlesex County Com'r's, 2 Gray (Mass.) 235.


FLUMEN. In Roman law. A servitude which consists in the right to conduct the rain-water, collected from the roof and carried off by the gutters, onto the house or
ground of one's neighbor. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 317; Ersk. Inst. 2, 9, 9. Also a river or stream.

In old English law. Flood; flood-tide.

Flumina et portus publica sunt, ideoque jus piscandi omnibus communi est. Rivers and ports are public. Therefore the right of fishing there is common to all. Day. Tr. K. B. 58; Branch. Princ.

FLUMINÆ VULCURES. Wild fowl; water-fowl. 11 East, 671, note.

FLUVIUS. Lat. A river; a public river; flood; flood-tide.

FLUXUS. In old English law. Flow. Per fluxum et refluxum maris, by the flow and reflow of the sea. Dal. pl. 10.

FLY FOR IT. On a criminal trial in former times, it was usual after a verdict of not guilty to inquire also, "Did he fly for it?" This practice was abolished by the 7 & 8 Geo. IV., c. 28, § 5. Wharton.

FLYING SWITCH. In railroading, a flying switch is made by uncoupling the cars from the engine while in motion, and throwing the cars onto the side track, by turning the switch, after the engine has passed it upon the main track. Greenleaf v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 29 Iowa, 39, 4 Am. Rep. 181; Baker v. Railroad Co., 122 Mo. 533, 28 S. W. 20.

FLYMA. In old English law. A runaway; fugitive; one escaped from justice, or who has no "bailfast.

FLYMANT-FRYMTH. In old English law. The offense of harboring a fugitive, the penalty attached to which was one of the rights of the crown.

FOCAGE. House-bote; fire-bote. Cowell.

FOCALE. In old English law. Firewood. The right of taking wood for the fire. Fire-bote. Cunningham.

FODDER. Food for horses or cattle. In " feudal law, the term also denoted a prerogative of the prince to be provided with corn, etc., for his horses by his subjects in his wars.

FODERTORIUM. Provisions to be paid by custom to the royal purveyors. Cowell.

FODERUM. See FODDER.

FODINA. A mine. Co. Litt. 6a.

Fœdus. In international law. A treaty; a league; a compact.

FEMINA VIRO CO-OPERTA. A married woman; a feme covert.

Feminea ab omnibus officis civilibus vel publicis remotas sunt. Women are excluded from all civil and public charges or offices. Dig. 50, 17, 2; 1 Exch. 645; 6 Mees. & W. 218.

Feminea non sunt capaces de publicis officis. Jenk. Cent. 237. Women are not admissible to public offices.

FÉCOLORATION. Lending money at interest; the act of putting out money to usury.

FÉNUUS. Lat. In the civil law. Interest on money; the lending of money on interest.

—Fénum nauticum. Nautical or maritime interest. An extraordinary rate of interest agreed to be paid for the loan of money on the hazard of a voyage; sometimes called "usura maritima." Dig. 22, 2; Code, 4, 38; 2 Bl. Comm. 458. The extraordinary rate of interest, proportioned to the risk, demanded by a person lending money a ship, or on "bottomy," as it is termed. The agreement for such a rate of interest is also called "fénum nauticum." (2 Bl. Comm. 458; 2 Steph. Comm. 93.) Mosley & Whitney.—Fénum maritiun. Interest of one-twelfth, that is, interest amounting annually to one-twelfth of the principal, hence at the rate of eight and one-third percent, per annum. This was the highest legal rate of interest in the early times of the Roman republic. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 382.

FESA. In old records. Grass; herbage. 2 Mon. Angl. 9069; Cowell.

FÉTICIDE. In medical jurisprudence. Destruction of the fœtus; the act by which criminal abortion is produced. 1 Beck, Med. Jur. 288; Guy, Med. Jur. 133.

FÉTURA. In the civil law. The produce of animals, and the fruit of other property, which are acquired to the owner of such animals and property by virtue of his right. Bowyer, Mod. Civ. Law, c. 14, p. 81.

FÉTUS. In medical jurisprudence. An unborn child. An infant in ventre sa mère.

FOG. In maritime law. Any atmospheric condition (including not only fog properly so called, but also mist or falling snow) which thickens the air, obstructs the view, and so increases the perils of navigation. Flint & P. M. R. Co. v. Marine Ins. Co. (C. C.) 71 Fed. 210; Dolner v. The Monticello, 7 Fed. Cas. 859.

FOGAGIUM. In old English law. Foggage or fog; a kind of rank grass of late growth, and not eaten in summer. Spelman; Cowell.


POINESUN. In old English law. The fawning of deer. Spelman.

FOIRFAULT. In old Scotch law. To forfeit. 1 How. State Tr. 927.

FOITERERS. Vagabonds. Blount.

FOLIO-GEMOTE. In Saxon law. A general assembly of the people in a town or shire. It appears to have had judicial functions of a limited nature, and also to have discharged political offices, such as deliberating upon the affairs of the commonwealth or complaining of misgovernment, and probably possessed considerable powers of local self-government. The name was also given to any sort of a popular assembly. See Spelman; Manwood; Cunningham.

FOLC-LAND. In Saxon law. Land of the folk or people. Land belonging to the people or the public.

Folc-land was the property of the community. It might be occupied in common, or possessed in severality; and, in the latter case, it was probably parcelled out to individuals in the folc-gemote or court of the district, and the grant sanctioned by the freemen who were there present. But, while it continued to be folc-land, it could not be alienated in perpetuity; and therefore, on the expiration of the term for which it had been granted, it reverted to the community, and was again distributed by the same authority. It was subject to many burdens and exactions from which bee-land was exempt. Wharton.

FOLC-MOTE. A general assembly of the people, under the Saxons. See FOLIO-GEMOTE.

FOLC-RIGHT. The common right of all the people. 1 Bl. Comm. 65, 67.

The jus commune, or common law, mentioned in the laws of King Edward the Elder, declaring the same equal right, law, or justice to be due to persons of all degrees. Wharton.

FOLD-COURSE. In English law. Land to which the sole right of folding the cattle of others is appurtenant. Sometimes it means merely such right of folding. The right of folding on another's land, which is called "common foldage." Co. Litt. 6c, note 1.

FOLDAGE. A privilege possessed in some places by the lord of a manor, which consists in the right of having his tenant's sheep to feed on his fields, so as to manure the land. The name of foldage is also given in parts of Norfolk to the customary fee paid to the lord for exemption at certain times from this duty. Elton, Com. 46, 46.

FOLGARII. Menial servants; followers. Bract.

FOLGERE. In old English law. A free man, who has no house or dwelling of his own, but is the follower or retainer of another, (heorthcest,) for whom he performs certain predial services.

FOLIO. 1. A leaf. In the ancient law-books it was the custom to number the leaves, instead of the pages; hence a folio would include both sides of the leaf, or two pages. The references to these books are made by the number of the folio, the letters "a" and "b" being added to show which of the two pages is intended; thus "Bracton, fol. 100a." 2. A large size of book, the page being obtained by folding the sheet of paper once only in the binding. Many of the ancient law-books are folios.

3. In computing the length of written legal documents, the term "folio" denotes a certain number of words, fixed by statute in some states at one hundred.

The term "folio," when used as a measure for computing fees or compensation, or in any legal proceedings, means one hundred words, counting every figure necessarily used as a word; and any portion of a folio, when in the whole draft or figure there is not a complete folio, and when there is any excess over the last folio, shall be computed as a folio. Gen. St. Minn. 1878, c. 4, § 1, par. 4.

FOLK-LAND; FOLK-MOTE. See FOLIO-LAND; FOLIO-GEMOTE.

FOLLOW. To conform to, comply with, or be fixed or determined by; as in the expressions "costs follow the event of the suit," "the situs of personal property follows that of the owner," "the offspring follows the mother," (partus sequitur ventrem).


FONDS PERDUS. In French law. A capital is said to be invested à fonds perdus when it is understood that in consideration of the payment of a small amount as interest, higher than the normal rate, the lender shall be repaid his capital in this manner. The borrower, after having paid the interest during the period determined, is free as regards the capital itself. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 560.

FONSDERA. In Spanish law. Any tribute or loan granted to the king for the purpose of enabling him to defray the expenses of a war.

FONTANA. A fountain or spring. Bract. fol. 233.

FOOT. 1. A measure of length containing twelve inches or one-third of a yard.

2. The base, bottom, or foundation of anything; and, by metonomy, the end or termination; as the foot of a fine.

FOOT OF THE FINE. The fifth part of the conclusion of a fine. It includes the whole matter, recting the names of the parties, day, year, and place, and before whom it was acknowledged or levied. 2 Bl. Comm. 351.
FOOTGELD. In the forest law. An amendment for not cutting out the ball or cutting off the claws of a dog's feet, expediting him.) To be quit of footgeld is to have the privilege of keeping dogs in the forest unlaunched without punishment or control. Manwood.

FOOT-PRINTS. In the law of evidence. Impressions made upon earth, snow, or other surface by the feet of persons, or by the shoes, boots, or other covering of the feet. Burrill, Crim. Ev. 294.

FOR. Fr. In French law. A tribunal. Le for interieur, the Interior forum; the tribunal of conscience. Poth. Obl. pt. 1, c. 1, § 1, art. 3, § 4.

FOR. Instead of; on behalf of; in place of; as, where one signs a note, or legal instrument "for" another, this formula implies imputation of authority, or authority. Donovan v. Hat Mfg. Co., 12 Mass. 240, 7 Am. Dec. 66; Donovan v. Welch, 11 N. D. 113, 90 N. W. 262; Wilks v. Black, 2 East. 142.

During; throughout; for the period of; as, where a notice is required to be published "for" a certain number of weeks or months. Wilson v. Northwestern Mut. L. Ins. Co., 65 Fed. 39, 12 C. C. A. 505; Northrop v. Cooper, 23 Kan. 432.

In consideration for; as an equivalent for; in exchange for; as where property is agreed to be given "for" other property, or "for" services. Norton v. Woodruff, 2 N. Y. 153; Duncan v. Franklin Tp., 43 N. J. Eq. 143, 30 Atl. 546.

Belonging to, exercising authority or functions within; as, where one describes himself as "a notary public in and for the said county."

For account of. This formula, used in an indorsement of a note or draft, introduces the name of the person entitled to receive the proceeds. Freiberg v. Stoddard, 161 Pa. 259, 28 Atl. 1111; White v. Miners Nat. Bank, 102 U. S. 668, 20 L. Ed. 290—For cause.

With reference to the proper officer from office, this term means some cause other than the will or pleasure of the removing authority, that is, some cause relating to the conduct, ability, fitness, or competence of the officer. Hagerstown Street Com'rs v. Williams, 96 Md. 232, 53 Atl. 923; In re Hicks, 57 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 404—For collection. A form of indorsement on a note or check where it is not intended to transfer title to it or to give it credit or security, but merely to authorize the transferee to collect the amount of it. Central R. Co. v. Bank, 73 Ga. 383; Sweeney v. Easter, 1 Wall. 166, 17 L. Ed. 681; Freiberg v. Stoddard, 161 Pa. 259, 28 Atl. 1111—For that. In pleading. Words used to introduce the allegations of a declaration. "For that" is a recital of an allegation: "For that whereas" is a recital. Ill. N. P. 9—For that whereas. In pleading. Formal words introducing the statement of the plaintiff's case, by way of recital. In his declaration, in all actions except trespass. 1 Instr. Cler. 170; 1 Burrill, Pr. 127. In trespass, where there was no recital, the expression used was, "For that stuff." 1 Instr. Cler. 202—For use of. (1) For the benefit or advantage of another. Thus, where an assignee is obliged to sue in the name of his assignor, the suit is entitled "A. for use of B. v. C." (2) For enjoyment or employment without destruction. A loan "for use" is one in which the bailor has the right to use and enjoy the article, but without consuming or destroying it, in which respect it differs from a loan "for consumption."—For value. See HOLDER.—For value received. See VALUE RECEIVED.—For whom it may concern. In a policy of marine or fire insurance, this phrase indicates that the insurance is taken for the benefit of all persons (besides those named) who may have an insurable interest in the subject.

FORAGE. Hay and straw for horses, particularly in the army. Jacob.

FORAGIUM. Straw when the corn is threshed out. Cowell.

FORANEUS. One from without; a foreigner; a stranger. Calvin.

FORATHE. In forest law. One who might make oath, 3 e. c., bear witness for another. Cowell; Spelman.

FORBALCA. In old records. A forebalk; a balk (that is, an unplowed piece of land) lying forward or next the highway. Cowell.

FORBANNITUS. A pirate; an outlaw; one banished.

FORBARRIER. L. Fr. To bar out; to preclude; hence, to stop.

FORBATARDUS. In old English law. The aggressor slain in combat. Jacob.

FORBEARANCE. The act of abstaining from proceeding against a delinquent debtor; delay in exacting the enforcement of a right; indulgence granted to a debtor. Reynolds v. Ward, 5 Wend. (N. Y.) 504; Diercks v. Kennedy, 16 N. J. Eq. 211; Dry Dock Bank v. American Life Ins., etc., Co. 3 N. Y. 354.

Refusing from action. The term is used in this sense in general jurisprudence, in contradistinction to "act."

FORCE. Power dynamically considered, that is, in motion or in action; constraining power, compulsion; strength directed to an end. Usually the word occurs in such connections as to show that unlawful or wrongful action is meant. Watson v. Railway Co.; 7 Misc. Rep. 662, 28 N. Y. Supp. 84; Plank Road Co. v. Robbins, 22 Barb. (N. Y.) 667.

Unlawful violence. It is either simple, as entering upon another's possesssion, without doing any other unlawful act; compounded, when some other violence is committed, which of itself alone is criminal; or implied, as in every trespass, rescous, or disseisin.

Power statically considered; that is at rest, or latent, but capable of being called into activity upon occasion for its exercise. Efficacy; legal validity. This is the meaning
when we say that a statute or a contract is "in force."

In old English law. A technical term applied to a species of accessory before the fact.

In Scotch law. Coercion; duresse. Bell.

---Force and arms. A phrase used in declarations of trespasses and in indictments, but now unnecessary in declarations, to denote that the act complained of was done with violence. 2 Chit. Pl. 546, 850.---Force and fear, called also "di instigatu," means that any contract or act executed under the pressure of force (via) or under the influence of fear (metus) is voidable on that ground, provided, of course, that the force or the fear was such as influenced the party. Brown.—Forces. The military and naval power of the country.

FORCE MAJEURE. Fr. In the law of insurance. Superior or irresistible force. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 12.

FORCIBLE HEIRS. In Louisiana. Those persons whom the testator or donor cannot deprive of the portion of his estate reserved for them by law, except in cases where he has a just cause to disinherit them. Civil Code La. art. 1495. And see Crain v. Crain, 17 Tex. 90; Hagerty v. Hagerty, 12 Tex. 456; Miller v. Miller, 105 La. 257, 29 South. 802.

FORCED SALE. In practice. A sale made at the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in virtue of execution issued on a judgment already rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction; a sale made under the process of the court, and in the mode prescribed by law. Sampson v. Williamson, 6 Tex. 110, 55 Am. Dec. 782.

A forced sale is a sale against the consent of the owner. The term should not be deemed to embrace a sale under a power in a mortgage. Patterson v. Taylor, 15 Fla. 336.

FORCHEAPUM. Pre-emption; forestalling the market. Jacob.

FORCIBLE DETAINER. The offense of violently keeping possession of lands and tenements, with menaces, force, and arms, and without the authority of law. 4 Bl. Comm. 148: 4 Steph. Comm. 280.

Forcible detainer may ensue upon a peaceable entry, as well as upon a forcible entry; but it is most commonly spoken of in the phrase "forcible entry and detainer." See infra.

---Forcible entry. An offense against the public peace, or private wrong, committed by violently taking possession of lands and tenements with menaces, force, and arms, against the will of those entitled to the possession, and without the authority of law. 4 Bl. Comm. 148; 4 Steph. Comm. 280; Code Ga. 1882, § 4524.

Every person is guilty of forcible entry who either (1) by breaking open doors, windows, or other parts of a house, or by any kind of violence or circumstance of terror, enters upon or into any real property; or (2) who, after entering peaceably upon real property, turns out by force, threats, or menacing conduct the party in possession. Code Civil Proc. Cal. § 1159.

At common law, a forcible entry was necessarily one effected by means of force, violence, menaces, display of weapons, or otherwise with the use of such means as would have been deemed a menace to public peace and order, or under circumstances which amount to no more than a mere trespass, is now technically considered "forcible," while a detainer of the property consisting merely in the refusal to surrender possession after a lawful demand, is treated as a "forcible" detainer: the reason in both cases being that the action of "forcible entry and detainer" (see next title) has been found an extremely convenient method of proceeding to regain possession of property against a trespasser or against a tenant refusing to quit, the "force" required at common law being now supplied by the law of fiction. See C. & R. Law Rev. 1895, art. 2521; Goldberry v. Bishop, 2 Du. (Ky.) 144; Wells v. Darby, 13 Mont. 504, 34 Pac. 1092; Willard v. Warren, 17 Wend. (N. Y.) 261; Franklin v. Geho, 30 W. Va. 27, 8 S. E. 188; Phelps v. Randolph, 147 Ill. 335, 35 N. E. 243; Brawley v. Hidson Iron Works, 35 Cal. 441; Spaulding v. Taylor, 64 N. Y. 672; 23 Ky. Law Rep. 1003; Herkimer v. Keeler, 109 Iowa. 680, 81 N. W. 178; Young v. Young, 109 Ky. 123, 58 S. W. 592.

FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER. The action of forcible entry and detainer is a summary proceeding to recover possession of premises forcibly or unlawfully detained. The inquiry in such cases does not involve the title, but is confined to the actual and peaceable possession of the plaintiff and the unlawful or forcible ouster or detention by defendant; the object of the law being to prevent the disturbance of the public peace by the forcible ascertainment of a private right. Gore v. Aitch, 3 Wash. 333, 31 Pac. 556; Eveleth v. Gill, 97 Me. 315, 54 Atl. 757.

FORCIBLE TRESPASS. In North Carolina, this is an invasion of the rights of another with respect to his personal property, of the same character, or under the same circumstances, which would constitute a "forcible entry and detainer" of real property at common law. It consists in taking or seizing the personal property of another by force, violence, or intimidation. State v. Lawson, 123 N. C. 740, 31 S. E. 667, 68 Am. St. Rep. 844; State v. Barefoot, 89 N. C. 507; State v. Ray, 32 N. C. 40; State v. Sowils, 61 N. C. 151; State v. Laney, 87 N. C. 533.

FORDA. In old records. A ford or shallow, made by damming or penning up the water. Cowell.

FORDAL. A butt or headland, jutting out upon other land. Cowell.

FORDANNO. In old European law. He who first assaulted another. Spelman.
FORDIKA. In old records. Grass or herbage growing on the edge or bank of dykes or ditches. Cowell.


FORECLOSE. To shut out; to bar. Used of the process of destroying an equity of redemption existing in a mortgagee.

FORECLOSURE. A process in chancery by which all further right existing in a mortgagor to redeem the estate is defeated and lost to him, and the estate becomes the absolute property of the mortgagee; being applicable when the mortgagor has forfeited his estate by non-payment of the money due on the mortgage at the time appointed, but still retains the beneficial interest. 2 Wali. 26 Real Prop. 237. Goodman v. White, 26 Conn. 322; Arrington v. Liscomb, 34 Cal. 378, 94 Am. Dec. 722; Appeal of Ansonia Nat. Bank, 58 Conn. 257, 18 Atl. 1030; Williams v. Wilson, 42 Or. 299, 70 Pac. 1031, 95 Am. St. Rep. 745.

The term is also loosely applied to any of the various methods, statutory or otherwise, known in different jurisdictions, of enforcing payment of the debt secured by a mortgage, by the process of seizing the mortgaged estate.

Foreclosure is also applied to proceedings, founded upon some other liens; thus there are proceedings to foreclose a mechanic's lien.

—Foreclosure decree. Properly speaking, a decree ordering the strict foreclosure (see infra) of a mortgage; but the term is also loosely and conventionally applied to a decree ordering the sale of the mortgage premises and the satisfaction of the mortgage out of the proceeds. Harrington v. Brown, 24 Md. 64, 25 Atl. 980, 39 Am. St. Rep. 386.—Foreclosure sale. A sale of mortgage property to obtain satisfaction of the mortgage out of the proceeds, whether authorized by a decree of the court or by a power of sale contained in the mortgage. See Johnson v. Cook, 96 Mo. App. 442, 70 S. W. 526.—Statutory foreclosure. The term is sometimes applied to foreclosure by execution of a power of sale contained in the mortgage, without recourse to the courts, as it must conform to the provisions of the statute regulating such sales. See Mowry v. Sanborn, 11 Hun (N. Y.) 545.—Strict foreclosure. A decree of strict foreclosure of a mortgage finds the amount due under the mortgage, orders its payment within a certain limited time, and provides that, in default of such payment, the debtor's right and equity of redemption shall be forever barred and foreclosed; its effect is to vest the title of the property absolutely in the mortgagee, on default of payment, without any sale of the property. Champion v. Hinckle, 45 N. J. Eq. 102, 18 Atl. 701; Lightcap v. Bradley, 186 Ill. 510, 58 N. E. 221; Warner Bros. Co. v. Freund, 198 Cal. 631, 72 Pac. 345.

FOREFAULT. In Scotch law. To forfeit; to lose.

FOREGIFT. A premium for a lease.

FOREGOERS. Royal purveyors. 26 Edw. III. c. 5.

FOREHAND RENT. In English law. Rent payable in advance; or, more properly, a species of premium or bonus paid by the tenant on the making of the lease, and particularly on the renewal of leases by ecclesiastical corporations.

FOREIGN. Belonging to another nation or country; belonging or attached to another jurisdiction; made, done, or rendered in another state or jurisdiction; subject to another jurisdiction; operating or solvable in another territory; extraneous; outside; extraordinary.

—Foreign answer. In old English practice. An answer which was not triable in the county where it was made. (St. 15 Hen. VI. c. 5.) Blount.—Foreign appositor. An officer in the exchequer who examines the sheriff's extrava, comparing them with the records, and apposeth (interrogates) the sheriff what he says to each particular entry therein. 4 Inst. 107; Cowell.—Foreign bought and sold. A custom in London which, being found prejudicial to sellers of cattle in Smithfield, was abolished. Wharton.—Foreign custody or doman. An estate held by one individual in a country which at one time formed part of the dominions of a foreign state or potestate, but which by conquest or cession has become a part of the dominions of the British crown. 6 Best & S. 290.—Foreign enlistment act. The statute 59 Geo. III. c. 69, prohibiting the enlistment, as a soldier or seafarer, in any foreign service. 4 Stephi. Comm. 268. A later and more stringent act is that of 33 & 34 Vict. c. 90.—Foreign exchange. Drafts drawn on a foreign state or country.—Foreign-going ship. By the English merchant shipping act, 1834, (17 & 18 Vict. c. 104.) § 2, any ship employed in trading, going between some place or places in Great Britain and one or more places in or outside the dominions of any foreign state or places situated beyond the following limits, that is to say: The coasts of the United Kingdom, the Isles of Guernsey, Alderney, and Man, and the continent of Europe, between the river Elbe and Brest, inclu- sive. Home-trade ship includes every ship employed in trading and going between places within the last-mentioned limits.—Foreign matter. In old practice. Matter triable or done in another country. Cowell.—Foreign office. The department of state through which the English sovereign communicates with foreign powers. A secretary of state is at its head. Till the middle of the last century, the functions of a secretary of state as to foreign and home questions were not disunited.—Foreign service, in feudal law, was bestowed by a mean lord held of another, without the compass of his own fee, or that which the tenant performed either to his own lord or to the lord paramount of the fee. The foreign service seems also to be used for knight's service, or escueu uncertain. (Perc. 650.) Jacob.

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“Jurisdiction,” “Jury,” “Minister,” “Plea,” “Port,” “State,” “Vessel,” and “Voyage,” see those titles.

FOREIGNER. In old English law, this term, when used with reference to a particular city, designated any person who was not an inhabitant of that city. According to later usage, it denotes a person who is not a citizen or subject of the state or country of which mention is made, or any one owing allegiance to a foreign state or sovereign.

For the distinctions, in Spanish law, between “domiciliated” and “transient” foreigners, see Yates v. Iams, 10 Tex. 198.

FOREIN. An old form of foreign, (q.v.) Blount.

FOREJUDGE. In old English law and practice. To expel from court for some offense or misconduct. When an officer or attorney of a court was expelled for any offense, or for not appearing to an action by bill filed against him, he was said to be forejudged the court.

To deprive or put out of a thing by the judgment of a court. To condemn to lose a thing.

To expel or banish.

—Forejudger. In English practice. A judgment by which a man is deprived or put out of a thing; a judgment of expulsion or banishment.

FOREMAN. The presiding member of a grand or petit jury, who speaks or answers for the jury.

FORENSIC. Belonging to courts of justice.

FORENSIC MEDICINE, or medical jurisprudence, as it is also called, is “that science which teaches the application of every branch of medical knowledge to the purposes of the law; hence its limits are, on the one hand, the requirements of the law, and, on the other, the whole range of medicine. Anatomy, physiology, medicine, surgery, chemistry, physics, and botany lend their aid as necessity arises; and in some cases all these branches of science are required to enable a court of law to arrive at a proper conclusion on a contested question affecting life or property.” Tayl. Med. Jur. 1.

FORENSIS. In the civil law. Belonging to or connected with a court; forensic. Forensis homo, an advocate; a plender of causes; one who practices in court. Calvin.

In old Scotch law. A strange man or stranger; an out-dwelling man; an unfreman, who dwells not within burgh.


FORESTACK. Foresaken; disavowed. 10 Edw. II. c. 1.

FORESHORE. That part of the land adjacent to the sea which is alternately covered and left dry by the ordinary flow of the tides; e.g., by the medium line between the greatest and least range of tide, (spring tides and neap tides.) Sweet.

FOREST. In old English law. A certain territory of wooded ground and fruitful pastures, privileged for wild beasts and fowls of forest, chase, and warren, to rest and abide in the safe protection of the prince for his princely delight and pleasure, having a peculiar court and officers. Manw. For. Laws, c. 1, no. 1; Terres de la Ley; 1 Bl. Comm. 288.

A royal hunting-ground which lost its peculiar character with the extinction of its courts, or when the franchise passed into the hands of a subject. Spelman; Cowell.

The word is also used to signify a franchise or right, being the right of keeping, for the purpose of hunting, the wild beasts and fowls of forest, chase, park, and warren, in a territory or precinct of woody ground or pasture set apart for the purpose. 1 Stephe. Comm. 665.

—Forest courts. In English law. Courts instituted for the government of the king’s forest in different parts of the kingdom, and for the punishment of all injuries done to the king’s deer or venison, to the vert or greenward, and to the covert in which such deer were lodged. They consisted of the courts of attachments, of regard, of swornnote, and of justice-seat; but in later times these courts are no longer held. 3 Bl. Comm. 71.—Forest law. The system or body of old law relating to the royal forests.

—Forestage. A duty or tribute payable to the king’s foresters. Cowell.—Forestman. A sworn officer of the forest, appointed by the king’s letters patent to walk the forest, watching both the vert and the venison, attaching and presenting all trespassers against them within their own bailiwick or walk. These letters patent were generally granted during good behavior; but sometimes they held the office in fee. Blount.

FORESTAGIUM. A duty or tribute payable to the king’s foresters. Cowell.

FORESTALL. To intercept or obstruct a passenger on the king’s highway. Cowell.

To beset the way of a tenant so as to prevent his coming on the premises. 3 Bl. Comm. 170. To intercept a deer on his way to the forest before he can regain it. Cowell.

—Forestaller. In old English law. Obstruction: hindrance; the offense of stopping the highway; the hindering a tenant coming to his land; intercepting a deer before it can regain the forest. Also one who forestalls; one who commits the offense of forestalling. 3 Bl. Comm. 170; Cowell.—Forestalling. Obstructing the highway. Intercepting a person on the highway.

FORESTALLING THE MARKET. The act of the buying or contracting for any mer-
chandlise or provision on its way to the market, with the intention of selling it again at a higher price; or the dissuading persons from bringing their goods or provisions there; or persuading them to enhance the price when there. 4 Bl. Comm. 158. Burton v. Morris, 10 Phila. (Pa.) 361. This was formerly an indictable offense in England, but is now abolished by St. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 24. 4 Steph. Comm. 291, note.

Forrestalling differs from "engrossing," in that the latter consists in buying up large quantities of merchandise already on the market, with a view to effecting a monopoly or acquiring so large a quantity as to be able to dictate prices. Both forestalling and engrossing may enter into the manipulation of what is now called a "corner."

FORESTARIUS. In English law. A forester. An officer who takes care of the woods and forests. De forestario apponendo, a writ which lay to appoint a forester to prevent further commission of waste when a tenant in dower had committed waste. Bract. 316; Du Cange.

In Scotch law. A forester or keeper of woods, to whom, by reason of his office, pertains the bark and the hewn branches. And, when he rides through the forest, he may take a tree as high as his own head. Skene de Verb. Sign.

FORETHOUGHT FELONY. In Scotch law. Murder committed in consequence of a previous design. Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 50; Bell.

FORFANG. In old English law. The taking of provisions from any person in fairs or markets before the royal purveyors were served with necessary for the sovereign. Cowell. Also the seizing and rescuing of stolen or strayed cattle from the hands of a thief, or of those having illegal possession of them; also the reward fixed for such rescue.

FORFEIT. To lose an estate, a franchise, or other property belonging to one, by the act of the law, and as a consequence of some misfeasance, negligence, or omission. Cassell v. Crotchers, 183 Pa. 359, 44 Atl. 446; State v. De Gress, 72 Tex. 242, 11 S. W. 1029; State v. Walbridge, 110 Mo. 383, 24 S. W. 457, 41 Am. St. Rep. 653; State v. Baltimore & O. R. Co., 12 Gill & J. ( Md.) 435, 38 Ann. Dec. 319. The further ideas connoted by this term are that it is a deprivation, (that is, against the will of the losing party,) and that the property is either transferred to another or resumed by the original grantor.

To incur a penalty; to become liable to the payment of a sum of money, as the consequence of a certain act.

FORFEITABLE. Liable to be forfeited; subject to forfeiture for non-user, neglect, crime, etc.

FORFEITURE. 1. A punishment annexed by law to some illegal act or negligence in the owner of lands, tenements, or hereditaments, whereby he loses all his interest therein, and they go to the party injured as a recompense for the wrong which he alone, or the public together with himself, hath sustained. 2 Bl. Comm. 267. Wiseman v. McNulty, 25 Cal. 237.

2. The loss of land by a tenant to his lord, as the consequence of some breach of fidelity. 1 Steph. Comm. 166.


4. The loss of goods or chattels, as a punishment for some crime or misdemeanor in the party forfeiting, and as a compensation for the offense and injury committed against him to whom they are forfeited. 2 Bl. Comm. 420.

It should be noted that "forfeiture" is not an identical or convertible term with "confiscation." The latter is the consequence of the former. Forfeiture is the result which the law attaches as an immediate and necessary consequence to the illegal acts of the individual; but confiscation implies the action of the state; and property, although it may be forfeited, cannot be said to be confiscated until the government has formally claimed or taken possession of it.

5. The loss of office by abuser, non-user, or refusal to exercise it.

6. The loss of a corporate franchise or charter in consequence of some illegal act, or of misfeasance or non-feasance.

7. The loss of the right to life, as the consequence of the commission of some crime to which the law has attached a capital penalty.

8. The incurring a liability to pay a definite sum of money as the consequence of violating the provisions of some statute, or refusal to perform some required act of law. State v. Marlon County Comrs., 87 Ind. 493.

9. A thing or sum of money forfeited. Something imposed as a punishment for an offense or delinquency. The word in this sense is frequently associated with the word "penalty." Van Buren v. Digges, 11 How. 477, 13 L. Ed. 771.

10. In mining law, the loss of a mining claim held by location on the public domain (unpatented) in consequence of the failure of the holder to make the required annual expenditure upon it within the time allowed. McKay v. McDougall, 25 Mont. 258, 64 Pac. 693; 87 Am. St. Rep. 335; St. John v. Kidd, 26 Cal. 271.

Forfeiture of a bond. The failure to perform the condition on which the obligor was to be excused from the penalty in the bond. Forfeiture of marriage. A penalty incurred by a ward in chivalry who married without the consent or against the will of the guardian. See Duplex Valor Maritagi. —Forfeiture of silk, supposed to lie in the docks, used, in
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forges of stock certificates, and for extending to Scotland certain provisions of the forgery act of 1861. Mozley & Whitley.

FORHERDA. In old records. A herdland, headland, or foreland. Cowell.

FORI DISPUTATIONES. In the civil law. Discussions or arguments before a court. 1 Kent, Comm. 539.

FORINSECUS. Lat. Foreign; exterior; outside; extraordinary. Servitium forinsecum, the payment of aids, seutage, and other extraordinary military services. Forinsecum manerium, the manor, or that part of it which lies outside the bars or town, and is not included within the liberties of it. Cowell; Blount; Jacob; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 273.

FORINSIC. In old English law. Exterior; foreign; extraordinary. In feudal law, the term "forinsic services" comprehended the payment of extraordinary aids or the rendition of extraordinary military services, and in this sense was opposed to "intrinsic services." 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 273.

FORIS. Lat. Abroad; out of doors; on the outside of a place; without; extrinsically.

FORISBANITUS. In old English law. Banished.

FORISFACERE. Lat. To forfeit; to lose an estate or other property on account of some criminal or illegal act. To confiscate.

To act beyond the law, i.e., to transgress or infringe the law; to commit an offense or wrong; to do any act against or beyond the law. See Co. Litt. 59a; Du Cange; Spelman.

Forisfacere, i.e., extra legem seu consuetudinem facere. Co. Litt. 58. Forisfacere, i.e., to do something beyond law or custom.


FORISFACTURA. A crime or offense through which property is forfeited. A fine or punishment in money. Forfeiture. The loss of property or life in consequence of crime.

—Forisfactura plena. A forfeiture of all a man's property. Things which were forfeited. Du Cange; Spelman.

FORISFACTUS. A criminal. One who has forfeited his life by commission of a capital offense. Spelman.

—Forisfactus servus. A slave who has been a free man, but has forfeited his freedom by crime. Du Cange.

times when its importation was prohibited, to be proclaimed each term in the exchequer—

Forfeitures abolition act. Another name for the felony act of 1870, abolishing forfeitures for felony in England.

FORGABULUM, or FORGAWEL. A quit-rent; a small reserved rent in money. Jacob.

FORGE. To fabricate, construct, or prepare one thing in imitation of another thing, with the intention of substituting the false for the genuine, or otherwise deceiving and defrauding by the use of the spurious article. To counterfeit or make falsely. Especially, to make a spurious written instrument with the intention of fraudulently substituting it for another, or of passing it off as genuine; or to fraudulently alter a genuine instrument to another's prejudice; or to sign another person's name to a document, with a deceitful and fraudulent intent. See In re Cross (D. C.) 43 Fed. 520; U. S. v. Watkins, 28 Fed. Cas. 445; Johnson v. State, 9 Tex. App. 281; Longwell v. Day, 1 Mich. N. P. 290; People v. Compton, 123 Cal. 403, 56 Pac. 44; People v. Graham, 1 Sheld. (N. Y.) 153; Rohr v. State, 60 N. J. Law, 575, 38 Atl. 673; Haynes v. State, 15 Ohio St. 475; Garner v. State, 5 Lea, 213; State v. Gresham, 76 Minn. 211, 78 N. W. 1042, 77 Am. St. Rep. 652; State v. Young, 46 N. H. 290, 88 Am. Dec. 212.

To forge (a metaphorical expression, borrowed from the occupation of the smith) means, properly speaking, no more than to make or form, but in our law it is always taken in an evil sense. 2 East. P. C. p. 832, c. 19, § 1.

To forge is to make in the likeness of something else; to counterfeit is to make in imitation of something else, with a view to defraud by passing the false copy for genuine or original. Both words, "forged" and "counterfeited," convey the idea of similitude. State v. McKenzie, 43 Me. 982.

In common usage, however, forge is almost always predicated of some private instrument or writing, as a deed, note, will, or a signature; and counterfeiting denotes the fraudulent imitation of coined or paper money or some substitute thereof.

FORGERY. In criminal law. The falsely making or materially altering, with intent to defraud, any writing which, if genuine, might apparently be of legal efficacy or the foundation of a legal liability. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, § 523. See Forge.

The thing itself, so falsely made, imitated or forged; especially a forged writing. A forged signature is frequently said to be "a forgery."

In the law of evidence. The fabrication or counterfeiting of evidence. The artful and fraudulent manipulation of physical objects, or the deceitful arrangement of genuine facts or things, in such a manner as to create an erroneous impression or a false inference in the minds of those who may observe them. See Burrill, Circ. Ew. 131, 420.

—Forgery act, 1870. The statute 33 & 34 Vict. c. 58, was passed for the punishment of

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FORISFAMILIARE. In old English and Scotch law. Literally, to put out of a family, (foris familiaris poneret.) To portion off a son, so that he could have no further claim upon his father. {\textit{Glanv. lib. 7, c. 3.}} To emancipate, or free from paternal authority.

FORISFAMILIATED. In old English law. Portioned off. A son was said to be forisfamiliated (forisfamiliali) if his father assigned him part of his land, and gave him access to the court. He is said to be at the request or with the free consent of the son himself, who expressed himself satisfied with such portion. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 42, 110.

FORISFAMILIATUS. In old English law. Put out of a family; portioned off; emancipated; forisfamiliated. Bract. fol. 64.


FORISJUDICATUS. Forejudged; sent from court; banished. Deprived of a thing by judgment of court. Brach. fol. 2508; Co. Litt. 1008; Du Cange.

FORISJURARE. To forswear; to abjure; to abandon.

—Forisjurare parentilam. To remove oneself from parental authority. The person who did this lost his rights as heir. Du Cange.—Provinciam forisjurare. To forswear the country. Spelman.

FORJUDGE. See FOREJUDGE.

FORJURER. L. Fr. In old English law. To forswear; to abjure.

—Forjurere reyalme. To abjure the realm. Britt. cc. 1, 16.

FORLER-LAND. Land in the diocese of Hereford, which had a peculiar custom attached to it, but which has been long since disused, although the name is retained. But. Surv. 56.

FORM. 1. A model or skeleton of an instrument to be used in a judicial proceeding, containing the principal necessary matters, the proper technical terms or phrases, and whatever else is necessary to make it formally correct, arranged in proper and methodical order, and capable of being adapted to the circumstances of the specific case.

2. As distinguished from "substance." "Form" means the legal or technical manner or order to be observed in legal instruments or jurisdictional proceedings, or in the construction of legal documents or proceedings.

The distinction between "form" and "substance" is often important in reference to the validity or amendment of pleadings. If the matter of the plea is bad or insufficient, ir- respectively of the manner of setting it forth, the

defect is one of substance. If the matter of the plea is good and sufficient, but is inartificially or defectively pleaded, the defect is one of form. Pierson v. Insurance Co., 7 Houast. (Del.) 307, 51 Atl. 964.

—Common form, Solemn form. See PROBATE.—Form of the statute. The words, language, or frame of a statute, and hence the inhaluation or command which it may contain: used in the phrase (in criminal pleading) "against the form of the statute in that case made and provided."—Forms of action. The general designation of the various species or kinds of personal actions known to the common law, such as trover, trespass, debt, assumpsit, etc. These differ in their pleadings and evidence, as well as in the circumstances to which they are respectively applicable. Trux v. Paris, 7 Houast. (Del.) 330, 32 Atl. 227.—Matter of form. In pleadings, indictments, conveyances, etc., matter of form (as distinguished from matter of substance) is all that relates to the mode, form, or style of expressing the facts involved, the choice or arrangement of words, and other such particulars, without affecting the substantial validity or sufficiency of the instrument, or without going to the merits. Railway Co. v. Kurtz, 10 Ind. App. 60, 37 N. E. 308; Meath v. Mississippi Levee Comrs., 109 U. S. 298, 3 Sup. Ct. 1204, 27 L. Ed. 930; State v. Amidor, 56 Vt. 524, 2 Atl. 154.

FORMA. Lat. Form; the prescribed form of judicial proceedings.

—Forma et figura juridici. The form and shape of judgment or judicial action. 3 Bl. Comm. 271.—Forma pauperis. See IN FORMA PAUPERIS.

Forma dat esse. Form gives being. Called "the old physical maxim." Lord Henley, Ch., 2 Eden, 99.

Forma legalis forma essentialis. Legal form is essential form. 10 Coke, 100.

Forma non observata, infestat ad summum actus. Where form is not observed, a nullity of the act is inferred. 12 Coke, 7. Where the law prescribes a form, the nonobservance of it is fatal to the proceeding, and the whole becomes a nullity. Best. Ev. Intro. § 59.

FORMAL. Relating to matters of form; as, "formal defects;" inserted, added, or joined pro forma. See PARTIES.

FORMALITIES. In England, robes worn by the magistrates of a city or corporation, etc., on solemn occasions. Enc. Lond.

FORMALITY. The conditions, in regard to method, order, arrangement, use of technical expressions, performance of specific acts, etc., which are required by the law in the making of contracts or conveyances, or in the taking of legal proceedings, to insure their validity and regularity. Succession of Seymour, 48 La. Ann. 903, 20 South. 217.

FORMATA. In canon law. Canonical letters. Spelman.
FORMATA BREVIA. Formed writs; writs of form. See Brevia Formata.

FORMED ACTION. An action for which a set form of words is prescribed, which must be strictly adhered to. 10 Mod. 140, 141.

FORMED DESIGN. In criminal law, and particularly with reference to homicide, this term means a deliberate and fixed intention to kill, whether directed against a particular person or not. Mitchell v. State, 60 Ala. 33; Wilson v. State, 128 Ala. 17, 29 South. 589; Ake v. State, 30 Tex. 473.

FORMEDON. An ancient writ in English law which was available for one who had a right to lands or tenements by virtue of a gift in tail. It was in the nature of a writ of right, and was the highest action that a tenant in tail could have; for he could not have an absolute writ of right, that being confined to such as claimed in fee-simple, and for that reason this writ of formedon was granted to him by the statute de donis, (Westm. 2, 13 Edw. L. c. 1.) and was emphatically called "his" writ of right. The writ was distinguished into three species, viz.: Formedon in the descender, in the remainder, and in the reverter. It was abolished in England by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27. See 3 Bl. Comm. 191; Co. Litt. 316; Fitzh. Nat. Bray. 255.

Formedon in the descender. A writ of formedon which lay where a gift was made in tail, and the tenant in tail alienated the lands or was disseised of them and died, for the heir in tail to recover them, against the actual tenant of the freehold. 3 Bl. Comm. 192.

Formedon in the remainder. A writ of formedon which lay where a man gave lands to another for life or in tail, with remainder to a third person in tail or in fee, and he who had the particular estate died without issue in heritable, and a stranger intruded upon him in remainder, and kept him out of possession. In such case there had this writ to recover the lands. 3 Bl. Comm. 192.

FORMELLA. A certain weight of above 70 lbs., mentioned in 51 Hen. III. Cowell.

FORMER ADJUDICATION, or FORMER RECOVERY. An adjudication or recovery in a former action. See Ista Judicata.

FORMIDO PERICULI. Lat. Fear of danger. 1 Kent, Comm. 23.

FORMULA. In common-law practice, a set form of words used in judicial proceedings. In the civil law, an action. Calvin.

FORMULE. In Roman law. When the legis actiones were proved to be incoherent, a mode of procedure called "per formula" (i. e., by means of formula,) was gradually introduced, and eventually the legis actiones were abolished by the Lex Ebunia, B. C. 104, excepting in a few exceptional matters. The formulae were four in number, namely: (1) The Demonstratio, wherein the plaintiff stated, i. e., showed, the facts out of which his claim arose; (2) the Intenatio, where he made his claim against the defendant; (3) the Adjudicatio, wherein the judge was directed to assign or adjudicate the property or any portion or portions thereof according to the rights of the parties; and (4) the Condemnation, in which the judge was authorized and directed to condemn or to acquit according as the facts were or were not proved. These formulae were obtained from the magistrate, (in iure), and were thereupon proceeded with before the judge, (in judicio). Brown. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 204.

FORMULARIES. Collections of formula, or forms of forensic proceedings and instruments used among the Franks, and other early continental nations of Europe. Among these the formulatis of Marcus Lupus may be mentioned as of considerable interest. Butl. Co. Litt. note 77, lib. 3.

FORNAGIUM. The fee taken by a lord of his tenant, who was bound to bake in the lord's common oven, (in forno domini,) or for a commission to use his own.

FORNICATION. Unlawful sexual intercourse between two unmarried persons. Further, if one of the persons be married and the other not, it is fornication on the part of the latter, though adultery for the former. In some jurisdictions, however, by statute, it is adultery on the part of both persons if the woman is married, whether the man is married or not. Banks v. State, 96 Ala. 78, 11 South. 404; Hood v. State, 56 Ind. 263, 26 Am. Rep. 21; Com. v. Lafferty, 6 Grat. (Va.) 673; People v. Rouse, 2 Mich. N. P. 209; State v. Shear, 51 Wis. 400, 8 N. W. 287; Buchanan v. State, 55 Ala. 154.

FORNIX. Lat. A brothel; fornication.

FORNO. In Spanish law. An oven. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tlt. 32, l. 18.

FORO. In Spanish law. The place where tribunals hear and determine causes,—exercendorum iurium locus.

FOROS. In Spanish law. Emplyeute rents. Schm. Civil Law, 300.

FORPRISE. An exception; reservation; excepted; reserved. Anciently, a term of frequent use in leases and conveyances. Cowell; Blount. In another sense, the word is taken for any exaction.
FORSCHEL. A strip of land lying next to the highway.

FORSES. Waterfalls. Camden, Brit.

FORSPAKER. An attorney or advocate in a cause. Blount; Whishaw.

FORSPICA. In old English law. Proctor; paranympheus.

FORSTAL. See Forestall.

Forstellarius est pusperum depressor et totius communis et patriae publicae insipiens. 3 Inst. 196. A forestaller is an oppressor of the poor, and a public enemy of the whole community and country.

FORSWEAR. In criminal law. To make oath to that which the deponent knows to be untrue.

This term is wider in its scope than "perjury," for the latter, as a technical term, includes the idea of the oath being taken before a competent court or officer, and relating to a material issue, which is not implied by the word "forswear." Fowle v. Robbins, 12 Mass. 501; Tomlinson v. Brittiebank, 4 Barn. & A. 632; Railway Co. v. McCurdy, 114 Pa. 554, 8 Atl. 230, 60 Am. Rep. 363.

FORT. This term means "something more than a mere military camp, post, or station. The term implies a fortification, or a place protected from attack by some such means as a moat, wall, or parapet." U. S. v. Tichenor (C. C.) 12 Fed. 424.

FORTALICE. A fortress or place of strength, which anciently did not pass without a special grant. 11 Hen. VII. c. 18.

FORTALITIUM. In old Scotch law. A fortalice; a castle. Properly a house or tower which has a battlement or a ditch or moat about it.

FORTHCOMING. In Scotch law. The action by which an arrestment (garnishment) is made effectual. It is a decree or process by which the creditor is given the right to demand that the sum arrested be applied for payment of his claim. 2 Kames, Eq. 288, 289; Bell.

FORTHCOMING BOND. A bond given to a sheriff who has levied on property, conditioned that the property shall be forthcoming, i.e. produced, when required. On the giving of such bond, the goods are allowed to remain in the possession of the debtor. Hill v. Maseer, 11 Grat. (Va.) 522; Nichols v. Chittenden, 14 Colo. App. 49, 50 Pac. 564.

The sheriff or other officer levying a writ of fieri facias, or distress warrant, may take from the debtor a bond, with sufficient surety, payable to the creditor, reciting the service of such writ or warrant, and the amount due thereon, including his fee for taking the bond, commissions, and other lawful charges, if any, with condition that the property shall be forthcoming at the day and place of sale; whereupon such property may be permitted to remain in the possession and at the risk of the debtor. Code Va. 1897, § 3617.

FORTWORTH. As soon as, by reasonable exertion, confined to the object, a thing may be done. Thus, when a defendant is ordered to plead forthwith, he must plead within twenty-four hours. When a statute enacts that an act is to be done "forthwith," it means that the act is to be done within a reasonable time. 1 Chit. Archb. Pr. (12th Ed.) 164; Dickerman v. Northern Trust Co., 176 U. S. 181, 20 Sup. Ct. 311, 44 L. Ed. 423; Falvre v. Manderscheid, 117 Iowa, 724, 80 N. W. 76; Martin v. Pifer, 96 Ind. 240.

FORTIA. Force. In old English law. Force used by an accessory, to enable the principal to commit a crime, as by binding or holding a person while another killed him, or by aiding or counseling in any way, or commanding the act to be done. Bract. led. 138, 139b. According to Lord Coke, forcia was a word of art, and properly signified the furnishing of a weapon of force to do the fact, and by force wherein the fact was committed, and he that furnished it was not present when the fact was done. 2 Inst. 182.

Fortia frisca. Fresh force, (q. v.)

FORTILITY. In old English law. A fortified place; a castle; a bulwark. Cowell; 11 Hen. VII. c. 18.

FORTIOR. Lat. Stronger. A term applied, in the law of evidence, to that species of presumption, arising from facts shown in evidence, which is strong enough to shift the burden of proof to the opposite party. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 64, 66.

Fertor est custodia legis quam hominis. 2 Rolle, 325. The custody of the law is stronger than that of man.

Fortior et potentior est dispositio legis quam hominis. The disposition of the law is of greater force and effect than that of man. Co. Litt. 234a; Shep. T. 302; 15 East, 178. The law in some cases overrides the will of the individual, and renders ineffective or futile his expressed intention or contract. Broom, Max. 987.

FORTIOR. See A Fortiori.

FORTIS. Lat. Strong. Fortis et nana, strong and sound; staunch and strong; as a vessel. Townsh. 11. 227.

FORTLETT. A place or port of some strength; a little fort. Old Nat. Brev. 45.

FORTUIT. In French law. Accidental; fortuitous. Cas fortuit. a fortuitous event. Fortuitament, accidentally; by chance.
FORTUITOUS. Accidental; undesigned; adventitious. Resulting from unavoidable physical causes.


-Fortuitous event. In the civil law. That which happens by a cause which cannot be resisted. An unforeseen occurrence, not caused by either of the parties, nor such as they could prevent. In French it is called "cas fortuit." Clv. Code La. art. 3556, no. 15. There is a difference between a fortuitous event, or inevitable accident, and irresistible force. By the former, commonly called the "act of God," is meant any accident produced by physical causes which are irresistible; such as a loss by lightning or storms, by the perils of the seas, by inundations and earthquakes, or by sudden death or illness. By the latter is meant such an interposition of human agency as is, from its nature and power, absolutely uncontrollable. Of this nature are losses occasioned by the inroads of a hostile army, or by public enemies. Story, Bail. §§ 25.

FORTUNA. Lat. Fortune; also treasure-trove. Jacob.

Fortunam factum iudicem. They make fortune the judge. Co. Litt. 167. Spoken of the process of making partition among coparceners by drawing lots for the several purparts.

FORTUNE-TELLERS. In English law. Persons pretending or professing to tell fortunes, and punishable as rogues and vagabonds or disorderly persons. 4 Bl. Comm. 62.

FORTUNIUM. In old English law. A tournament or fighting with spears, and an appeal to fortune therein.

FORTY. In land laws and conveyancing, in those regions where grants, transfers, and deeds are made with reference to the subdivisions of the government survey, this term means forty acres of land in the form of a square, being the tract obtained by quartering a section of land (640 acres) and again quartering one of the quarters. Lente v. Clarke, 22 Fla. 515, 1 South. 140.

FORTY-DAYS COURT. In old English forest law. The court of attachment in forests, or wood-mote court.

FORUM. Lat. A court of justice, or judicial tribunal: a place of jurisdiction; a place where remedy is sought; a place of litigation. 3 Story. 347.

In Roman law. The market place, or public paved court. In the city of Rome, where the public business was transacted as the assemblies of the people and the judicial trial of causes, and where also elections, markets, and the public exchange were held.

-Forum actus. The forum of the act. The forum of the place where the act was done which is now called in question.—Forum contemptuum. The forum or tribunal of conscience.—Forum contionensium. A contention,
the ditches round a city or town, for which some paid a contribution, called "fossparium." Cowell.

FOSSATUM. A dyke, ditch, or trench; a place inclosed by a ditch; a moat; a canal.

FOSS-E-WAY, or FOSEE. One of the four ancient Roman ways through England. Spelman.

FOSELLUM. A small ditch. Cowell.

FOSTERING. An ancient custom in Ireland, in which persons put away their children to fosterers. Fostering was held to be a stronger alliance than blood, and the foster children participated in the fortunes of their foster fathers. Mosley & Whitney.

FOSTERLAND. Land given, assigned, or allotted to the finding of food or victuals for any person or persons; as in monasteries for the monks, etc. Cowell; Blount.

FOSTERLEAN. The remuneration fixed for the rearing of a foster child; also the jointure of a wife. Jacob.

FOUDAR. In Hindu law. Under the Mogul government a magistrate of the police over a large district, who took cognizance of all criminal matters within his jurisdiction, and sometimes was employed as receiver general of the revenues. Wharton.

—FOUDARY COURT. In Hindu law. A tribunal for administering criminal law.

FOUNDATION. The founding or building of a college or hospital. The incorporation or endowment of a college or hospital is the foundation; and he who endows it with land or other property is the founder. Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 667, 4 L. Ed. 629; Seagrave's Appeal, 125 Pa. 362, 17 Atl. 412; Union Baptist Ass'n v. Hunn, 7 Tex. Civ. App. 249, 26 S. W. 735.

FOUNDER. Based upon; arising from, growing out of, or resting upon; as in the expressions "founded in fraud," "founded on a consideration," "founded on contract," and the like. See In re Grant Shoe Co., 130 Fed. 881, 66 C. C. A. 75; State v. Morgan, 40 Conn. 46; Palmer v. Preston, 45 Vt. 158, 12 Am. Rep. 191; Steele v. Hoe, 14 Adol. & E. 431; In re Morales (D. C.) 105 Fed. 761.

FOUNDER. The person who endows an eelomony corporation or institution, or supplies the funds for its establishment. See FOUNDATION.

FOUNDEROSA. Founderous; out of repair, as a road. Cro. Car. 366.

FOUNDLING. A deserted or exposed infant; a child found without a parent or guardian, its relatives being unknown. It has a settlement in the district where found.

—Foundling hospital. Charitable institutions which exist in most countries for taking care of infants forsaken by their parents, such being generally the offspring of illegal connections. The foundling hospital act in England is the 13 Geo. II. c. 29.

FOUR. Fr. In old French law. An oven or bake-house. Four banal, an oven, owned by the seignior of the estate, to which the tenants were obliged to bring their bread for baking. Also the proprietary right to maintain such an oven.

FOUR CORNERS. The face of a written instrument. That which is contained on the face of a deed (without any aid from the knowledge of the circumstances under which it is made) is said to be within its four corners, because every deed is still supposed to be written on one entire skin, and so to have but four corners.

To look at the four corners of an instrument is to examine the whole of it, so as to construe it as a whole, without reference to any one part more than another. 2 Smith, Lead. Cas. 295.

FOUR SEAS. The seas surrounding England. These were divided into the Western, including the Scotch and Irish; the Northern, or North sea; the Eastern, being the German ocean; the Southern, being the British channel.

FOURCER. Fr. To fork. This was a method of delaying an action acutely resorted to by defendants when two of them were joined in the suit. Instead of appearing together, each would appear in turn and cast an essoin for the other, thus postponing the trial.


FOWLS OF WARREN. Such fowls as are preserved under the game laws in warrens. According to Manwood, these are partridges and pheasants. According to Ooke, they are partridges, rails, quails, woodcocks, pheasants, mallards, and herons. Co. Litt. 233.

FOX'S LIBEL ACT. In English law. This was the statute 52 Geo. III. c. 89, which secured to jurors, upon the trial of indictments for libel, the right of pronouncing a general verdict of guilty or not guilty upon the whole matter in issue, and no longer bound them to find a verdict of guilty on proof of the publication of the paper charged to be a libel, and of the sense ascribed to it in the indictment. Wharton.

FOY. L Fr. Faith; allegiance; fidelity.

FR. A Latin abbreviation for "fragmentum," a fragment, used in citations to the
Digest or Pandects in the Corpus Juris Civilis of Justinian, the several extracts from juristic writings of which it is composed being so called.

FRACTIO. Lat. A breaking; division; fraction; a portion of a thing less than the whole.

FRACTION. A breaking, or breaking up; a fragment or broken part; a portion of a thing, less than the whole. Jory v. Palace Dry Goods Co., 30 Or. 196, 46 Pac. 786.

---Fraction of a day. A portion of a day. The dividing a day. Generally, the law does not allow the fraction of a day. 2 Bl. Comm. 141.

FRACTIONAL. As applied to tracts of land, particularly townships, sections, quarter sections, and other divisions according to the government survey, and also mining claims, this term means that the exterior boundary lines are laid down to include the whole of such a division or such a claim, but that the tract in question does not measure up to the full extent or include the whole acreage, because a portion of it is cut off by an overlapping survey, a river or lake, or some other external interference. See Tolleston Club v. State, 141 Ind. 197, 38 N. E. 214; Parke v. Meyer, 28 Ark. 287; Gollermeier v. Schermeyer, 111 Mo. 404, 10 S. W. 457.

Fractionem diei non recipit lex. Lofft, 572. The law does not take notice of a portion of a day.


FRACTURA NAVIUM. Lat. The breaking or wreck of ships; the same as naufragium, (q. v.)

FRAGMENTA. Lat. Fragments. A name sometimes applied (especially in citations) to the Digest or Pandects in the Corpus Juris Civilis of Justinian, as being made up of numerous extracts or “fragments” from the writings of various jurists. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 74.

FRAIS. Fr. Expense; charges; costs. Frais d’un procédé. costs of a suit.

---Frais de justice. In French and Canadian law. Costs incurred incidentally to the action.

---Frais jusqua’s bord. Fr. In French commercial law. Expenses to the board; expenses incurred on a shipment of goods, in packing, cartage, commissions, etc., up to the point where they are actually put on board the vessel. Bartels v. Redfield (C. C.) 16 Fed. 336.

FRANC. A French coin of the value of a little over eighteen cents.

FRANC ALBEU. In French feudal law. An allod; a free inheritance; or an estate held free of any services except such as were due to the sovereign.


FRANCHISE. A special privilege conferred by government upon an individual or corporation, and which does not belong to the citizens of the country generally, of common right. It is essential to the character of a franchise that it should be a grant from the sovereign authority, and in this country no franchise can be held which is not derived from a law of the state. In England, a franchise is defined to be a royal privilege in the hands of a subject. In this country, it is a privilege of a public nature, which cannot be exercised without a legislative grant. See Bank of Augusta v. Earle, 13 Pet. 506, 10 L. Ed. 274; Dike v. State, 38 Minn. 306, 38 N. W. 95; Chicago Board of Trade v. People, 91 Ill. 82; Lasher v. People, 183 Ill. 226, 55 N. E. 663, 47 L. R. A. 802, 75 Am. St. Rep. 103; Southampton v. Jessup, 162 N. Y. 122, 56 N. E. 538; Thompson v. People, 23 Wend. (N.Y.) 578; Black River Imp. Co. v. Holway, 87 Wis. 584, 59 N. W. 126; Central Pac. R. Co. v. California, 162 U. S. 81, 16 Sup. Ct. 788, 40 L. Ed. 903; Chicago & W. I. R. Co. v. Dunbar, 95 Ill. 575; State v. Weatherby, 46 Mo. 29; Morgan v. Louisiana, 93 U. S. 522, 23 L. Ed. 960.

A franchise is a privilege or immunity of a public nature, which cannot be legally exercised without legislative grant. To be a corporation is a franchise. The various powers conferred on corporations are franchises. The execution of a policy of insurance by an insurance company, and the issuing a bank-note by an incorporated bank, are franchises. People v. Utica Ins. Co., 15 Johns. (N. Y.) 387, 8 Am. Dec. 243.

The word “franchise” has various significations, both in a legal and popular sense. A corporation is itself a franchise belonging to the members of the corporation, and the corporation itself a franchise, may hold other franchises. So also, the different powers of a corporation, the right to hold and dispose of property, are its franchises. In a popular sense, the political rights of subjects and citizens are franchises, such as freedom of suffrage, etc. Pierce v. Emery, 32 N. H. 454.

The term “franchise” has several significations, and there is some confusion in its use. When used with reference to corporations, the better opinion, deduced from the authorities, seems to be that it consists of the entire privileges embracing in and constituting the franchise. It does not embrace the property acquired by the exercise of the franchise. Bridgport v. New York & N. H. R. Co., 30 Conn. 255, 4 Am. Rep. 63.

---General and special. The charter of a corporation is its “general” franchise, while a “special” franchise consists in any rights granted by the corporation’s use property for a public use but with private profit. Lord v. Equitable Life Assurance Soc., 194 N. Y. 212, 57 N. E. 443, 22 L. R. A. (N. S.) 420.—Elected franchise. The right of suffrage: the right or privilege of voting in public elections. —Franchise tax. A tax on the franchise of a corporation, that is, on the right and privilege of carrying on business in the character of a corporation, for the purposes for which it was created, and in the conditions and for which it was authorized. The value of the franchise, for purposes of taxation, may be measured by the amount of business done, or the amount of earnings or dividends, or by the total value of the capital or stock of the cor-
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poration in excess of its tangible assets, a franchise, franchise insurance, real estate, capital, stock, earnings, or dividends. See Home

FRANCIS. I. Lat. Free, a freeman; a Frank. Spielman.

Franciscus barocus. Free bench, (q. v.)

Franciscus barocus. In old European law, free man. Domesday.

FRANCIS, L. Lat. Free, a freeman;

Francis tenens. A freeholder. See Frank-tenement.

FRANKE, v. To send matter through the public mails free of postage, by a personal or official privilege.

FRANK, adj. In old English law. Free. Occurring in several compounds.

Frank-almoigne. In English law. Free alms. A spiritual tenure whereby religious corporations, aggregate or sole, held lands of the donor to them and their successors forever. They were discharged of all other except religious services, and the tenancy necessarie. It differs from tenure by divine service, in that the latter required the performance of certain divine services, whereas the former, as its name imports, is free. This tenure is expressly excepted in the 12 Car. II. c. 24, § 7, and therefore still subsists in some few instances. 2 Bro. 203—Frank-tenement.


FRANK-CHASE. A liberty of free chase enjoyed by any one, whereby all other persons having ground within that compass are forbidden to cut down wood, etc., even in their own demesnes, to the prejudice of the tenant of the liberty. See Chase, § 1.

FRANK-fee. Freehold lands exempted from all services, but not from homage; lands held otherwise than in ancient demesne, but which a man holds to himself and his heirs, and not by such service as is required in ancient demesne, according to the custom of the manor. See C. Litt. 1106. See Chase.—Frank-tenement.

FRANCKELYN, (spelled, also, "Francling" and "Franklin"). A freeman; a freeholder; a gentleman. Blount—Cowell.

FRASSETUM. In old English law. A wood or wood-ground where ash-trees grow. Co. Litt. 49.

FRATER. In the civil law. A brother. Frater consanguinus, a brother having the same father, but born of a different mother. Frater affinis, a brother born of the same mother, but by a different father. Frater nutricius, a bastard brother. Frater fratri utero non sucedet in hereditate paterna. A brother shall not succeed a uterine brother in the paternal inheritance. 2 Bl. Comm. 223; Fortes. de Laud. c. 5. A maxim of the common law of England, now superseded by the statute 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106, § 9. See Broom, Max. 530.

FRATERNITY, in old records. A fraternity, brotherhood, or society of religious persons, who were mutually bound to pray for the good health and life, etc., of their living
brothers, and the souls of those that were dead. Cowell.

FRATERNAL. Brotherly; relating or belonging to a fraternity or an association of persons formed for mutual aid and benefit, but not for profit.

—Fraternal benefit association. A society or voluntary association organized and carried on for the mutual aid and benefit of its members, not for profit; which ordinarily has a lodge system, a ritualistic form of work, and a representative government, makes provision for the payment of death benefits, and (sometimes) for benefits in case of accident, sickness, or old age, the funds therefor being derived from dues paid or assessments levied on the members. National Union v. Marlow, 74 Fed. 778, 21 C. C. A. 89; Walker v. Giddings, 105 Mich. 344, 61 N. W. 512—Fraternal Insurance. The form of life (or accident) insurance furnished by a fraternal benefit association, consisting in the payment to a member, or his heirs in case of death, of a stipulated sum of money, out of funds raised for that purpose by the payment of dues or assessments by all the members of the association.

FRATERNITY. A fraternity or brotherhood.

FRATERNITY. In old English law. "A corporation is an investing of the people of a place with the local government thereof, and therefore their laws shall bind strangers; but a fraternity is some people of a place united together in respect to a mystery or business into a company, and their laws and ordinances cannot bind strangers." Cuddon v. Eastwick, 1 Salk. 192.

FRATRES CONJURATI. Sworn brothers or companions for the defense of their sovereign, or for other purposes. Hoved. 445.

FRATRES PYES. In old English law. Certain friars who wore white and black garments. Walsingham, 124.

FRATRIAGE. A younger brother's inheritance.

FRATRICIDE. One who has killed a brother or sister; also the killing of a brother or sister.

FRAUD. Fraud consists of some deceitful practice or willful device, resorted to with intent to deprive another of his right, or in some manner to do him an injury. As distinguished from negligence, it is always positive, intentional. Maher v. Hibernia Ins. Co., 67 N. Y. 292; Alexander v. Church, 53 Conn. 434; Studer v. Bleistien, 115 N. Y. 316, 22 N. E. 243; Le R. v. Sup. Cr. 709; McRae v. Crawford, 130 U. S. 122, 9 Sup. Ct. 447, 39 L. Ed. 878; Fechheimer v. Baum (C. C.) 37 Fed. 167; U. S. v. Beach (D. C.) 71 Fed. 190; Gardner v. Heurtt, 3 Denio (N. Y.) 232; Mon-
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Actionable fraud. See ACTIONABLE.—Fraudulent Statutes of. This is the common designation of a very celebrated English statute, (29 Car. II. c. 3,) passed in 1677, and which has been reproduced, in a modified form, in nearly all of the United States. Its chief characteristic is the provision that no suit or action shall be maintained on certain classes of contracts or engagements unless there shall be a note or memorandum thereof in writing signed by the party to be charged or by his agent. Its object was to close the door to the numerous frauds which were believed to have been perpetrated, and the perjuries which were believed to have been committed, when such obligations could be enforced upon no other evidence than the mere recollection of witnesses. It is more fully named as the "statute of frauds and perjuries."—Famous fraud. A subterfuge or evasion considered morally justifiable on account of the ends sought to be promoted; particularly applied to an evasion or disregard of the law on the interests of the State or religious institutions, such as circumventing the statutes of mortmain.

FRAUDARE. Lat. In the civil law. To deceive, cheat, or impose upon; to defraud.

FRAUDULENT. Based on fraud; proceeding from or characterized by fraud; tainted by fraud; done, made, or effected with a purpose or design to carry out a fraud. 

-Fraudulent alienation. In a general sense, the transfer of property with an intent to defraud creditors, lienors, or others. In a particular sense, the act of an administrator who wastes the assets of the estate by giving them away or selling at a gross undervalue. Rham v. Lewis, 13 Rich. Eq. (S. C.) 290.—Fraudulent alienation. One who knowingly receives from an administrator of the estate under circumstances which make it a fraudulent alienation on the part of the administrator. 

-Fraudulent conveyance. The hiding or suppression of a material fact or circumstance which the party is legally or morally bound to disclose. Magee v. Insurance Co., 92 U. S. 93, 23 L. Ed. 699; Page v. Parker, 43 N. H. 367, 80 Am. Dec. 172; Jordan v. Pickett, 78 Ala. 335; Small v. Graves, 7 Barb. (N. Y.) 426.—Fraudulent conveyance. A conveyance or transfer of property, the object of which is to defraud a creditor, or hinder or delay him, or to put such property beyond his reach. Seymour v. Wilson, 14 N. Y. 569; Lockyer v. De Hart, 6 N. J. Law, 458; Land v. Jeffries, 5 Rand. (Va.) 601; Blodgett v. Webster, 24 N. H. 103. Every transfer of property or charge thereon made, every obligation incurred, and every judicial proceeding taken with intent to delay or defraud any creditor or other person of his demands, is void against all creditors, the debtors, and their successors in interest, and against any person upon whom the estate of the debtor devolves in trust for the benefit of others than the debtor. Cl. Code Cal. § 3439.—Fraudulent conveyances, statutes of, or against. The name given to two celebrated English statutes,—the statute 13 Eliz. c. 5, made perpetual by 29 Eliz. c. 5; and the statute 27 Eliz. c. 4, made perpetual by 29 Eliz. c. 27. Preference in English law. Every conveyance or transfer of property or charge thereon made, every judgment made, every obligation incurred, and every judicial proceeding taken with intent to delay or defraud any person unable to pay his debts as they become due from his own moneys, in favor of any creditor, with a view of giving such creditor a preference over other creditors, shall be deemed fraudulent and void if the debtor become bankrupt within three months. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 71, § 92.—Fraudulent representation. A false statement, made with knowledge of its falsity, with the intention to persuade another or influence his action, and on which the other relies and by which he is deceived to his prejudice. See Wakefield Rattan Co. v. Tappan, 70 Hun, 495, 24 N. Y. Supp. 430; Montgomery St. Ry. Co. v. Matthews, 77 Ala. 394, 24 Am. Rep. 80; Righter v. Roller, 31 Ark. 174; Page v. Parker, 43 N. H. 363, 80 Am. Dec. 172.

FRAUNC, FRAUNCE, FRAUNKE. See FRANK.

FRAUNCHISE. L Fr. A franchise.

FRAUS. Lat. Fraud. More commonly called, in the civil law, "dolus," and "dolus malus," (q. v.) A distinction, however, was sometimes made between "fraus" and "dolus;" the former being held to be of the most extensive import. Calvin.

-Fraus dans locum contractui. A misrepresentation or concealment of some fact that is material to the contract, and had the truth regarding which been known the contract would not have been made as made, is called a "fraus dans locum contractui," i. e., a fraud occasioning the contract, or giving place or occasion for the contract.—Fraus legis. Lat. In the civil law. Fraud of law; fraud seen. See in FRAUD LEGIS.

Fraus est celare fraudem. It is a fraud to conceal a fraud. 1 Vern. 240; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. §§ 389, 390.

Fraus est odiosa et non presumenda. Fraud is odious, and not to be presumed. Cro. Car. 550.

Fraus et dolus nemini patrocinari debet. Fraud and deceit should defend or excuse no man. 3 Coke. 78; Fleta, lib. 1, c. 18, § 15; Id. lib. 6, c. 6, § 5.

Fraus et jus nunquam oohabitant. Wing. 680. Fraud and justice never dwell together.

Fraus latet in generalibus. Fraud lies hid in general expressions.

Fraus mortuar fraudem. Plowd. 100. Fraud merits fraud.

FRAXINETUM. In old English law. A wood of ashes; a place where ashes grow. Co. Litt. 46; Shep. Touch. 95.

FRAY. See AFFRAY.

FRECTUM. In old English law. Freight. Quad fretum naviorium suram, as to the freight of his vessels. Blount.

FREDNITE. In old English law. A liberty to hold courts and take up the fines for beating and wounding. To be free from fines. Cowell.
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- A fine paid for obtaining pardon when the peace had been broken. Spelman; Blount. A sum paid the magistrate for protection against the right of revenge.

FREE. 1. Unconstrained; having power to follow the dictates of his own will. Not subject to the dominion of another. Not compelled to involuntary servitude. Used in this sense as opposed to "slave."

2. Not bound to service for a fixed term of years; in distinction to being bound as an apprentice.

3. Enjoying full civic rights.

4. Available to all citizens alike without charge; as a free school.

5. Available for public use without charge or toll; as a free bridge.

6. Not despotic; assuring liberty; defending individual rights against encroachment by any person or class; instituted by a free people; said of governments, institutions, etc. Webster.

7. Certain, and also consistent with an honorable degree in life; as free services, in the feudal law.

8. Confined to the person possessing, instead of being shared with others; as a free fishery.

9. Not engaged in a war as belligerent or ally; neutral; as in the maxim, "Free ships make free goods."

---Free alms. The name of a species of tenantry. See FRANK-ALMOIGN.--Free and clear. The title to property is said to be "free and clear" when it is not incumbered by any lien; but it is said that an agreement to convey land "free and clear" is satisfied by a conveyance passing a good title. Meyer v. Madreperla, 86 N. J. Law., 258, 53 Atl. 477, 86 Am. St. Rep., 230.--Free from the burden of a covenant or hold out of copyholds to which she is entitled by the custom of some manor. It is regarded as an encumbrance growing out of the husband's interest, and is indeed a continuance of his estate. Wharton—Free-bord. In old records. An allowance of land over and above a certain limit or boundary, as so much beyond or without a fence. Cowell; Blount. The right of claiming that quantity. Termes de la Ley.—Free borough men. Such great men as did not engage, like the frank-pledge men, for their decennier. Jacob.—Free chapel. In English ecclesiastical law. A place of worship, so called because not liable to the visitation of the ordinary. It is always of royal foundation, or founded at least by private persons to whom the crown has granted the privilege. 1 Burn. Ecc. Law., 268.—Free course. In admiralty law. A vessel having the wind from a favorable quarter is said to sail on a "free course" or said to be "going free" when she has a fair (following) wind and her yards braced in. The Queen Elizabeth (D. C.) 100 Fed. 870.—Free entry, agraea, and regress. An expression used to denote that a person has the right to go on land again and again as often as may be reasonably necessary. Thus, in the case of a tenant entitled to emblements.—Free fishery. See FISHERY.—Free law. A term formerly used in England to designate the freedom of civil rights enjoyed by freemen. It was liable to forfeiture on conviction of treason or an infamous crime. McCallery v. Gayer, 59 Pa. 116.—Free services. In feudal and old English law. Such feudal services as were not becoming the character of a soldier or a free man to perform; as to serve under his lord in the wars; to pay a sum of money, and the like. 2 Bl. Comm. 00. 01.—Free shareholders. The free shareholders of a building and loan association are subscribers to its capital stock who are not borrowers from the association. Steinberger v. Independent B. & S. Ass'n, 84 Md. 625, 38 Atl. 439.—Free ships. In international law. Ships of a neutral nation. The phrase "free ships shall make free goods" is often inserted in treaties, meaning that goods, even though belonging to an enemy, shall not be seized or confiscated, if found in neutral ships. Wheat. Int. Law. 507, et seq.—Free seacoast. See SEACOAST.—Free tenure. Tenure by free services; freehold tenure.—Free warren. See WARREN.

FREEDOM. In Roman law. One who was set free from a state of bondage; an emancipated slave. The word is used in the same sense in the United States, respecting negroes who were formerly slaves. Fairfield v. Lawson, 50 Conn. 313, 47 Am. Rep. 609; Davenport v. Caldwell, 10 S. C. 933.

FREEDOM. The state of being free; liberty; self-determination; absence of restraint; the opposite of slavery.

The power of acting, in the character of a moral personality, according to the dictates of the will, without other check, hindrance, or prohibition than such as may be imposed by just and necessary laws and the duties of social life.

The prevalence, in the government and constitution of a country, of such a system of laws and institutions as secure civil liberty to the individual citizen.

---Freedom of speech and of the press. See LIBERTY.

FREETHOLD. An estate in land or other real property, of uncertain duration; that is, either of inheritance or which may possibly last for the life of the tenant at the least, (as distinguished from a leasehold;) and held by a free tenure, (as distinguished from copyhold or villegnage.) Nevitt v. Woodburn, 175 Ill. 376, 51 N. E. 583; Railroad Co. v. Hemp-hill, 55 Miss. 22; Nellis v. Munson, 108 N. Y. 453, 15 N. E. 739; Jones v. Jones, 20 Ga. 700.

Such an interest in lands of frank-tenement as may entitle land to be sold during the owner's life, but which is cast after his death upon the persons who successively represent him, according to certain rules elsewhere explained.
Such persons are called "heirs," and he whom they thus represent, the "ancestor." When
the interest extends beyond the ancestor's life, it is called a "freedhold of inheritance," and,
when it only endures for the ancestor's life, it is called a "freedhold out of inheritance.
An estate to be a freedhold must possess these two qualities: (1) Immmobility, that is, the
property must be either land or some interest
in land only; and (2) indeterminate duration, for, if the utmost peri-
od of time to which an estate can endure be fixed and determined, it cannot be a freedhold.
Wharton.
—Determinable freedholds. Estates for life, which may determine upon future contingencies
before the life for which they are created expires. As if an estate be granted to a woman
during her widowhood, or to a man until he be promoted to a benefice; in these and
similar cases, whenever the contingency hap-
—When the widow marries, or when the
grantee obtains the benefice,—the respective estates are absolutely determined and gone.
Yet, while they subsist, they are reckoned es-
tates for life; because they may by possibility
last for life, if the contingencies upon which the determination do not actually happen.
2 Bl, Comm. 121.—Freehold in law. A free-
hold which has descended to a man, upon
which he has not entered, but which he has
not entered on. Terms de la Ley.—Free-
hold land societies. Societies in England designed for the purpose of enabling mechan-
ics, artisans, and other working-men to pur-
chase at the least possible price a piece of
freedhold land of a sufficient yearly value to enable them to enter the exclusive franchise for
the county in which the land is situated. Warr-
ton.—Freeholder. A person who possesses
a freedhold estate. Shively v. Lancaster, 174 Mo.
532; 74 S. W. 280; Wheldon v. Cornett, 4 Neb.
(U. S.) 421; 84 N. W. 626; People v. Scott, 8
Hun (N. Y.) 567.

FREEMAN. This word has had various meanings at different stages of history. In
the Roman law, it denoted one who was
either born free or emancipated, and was
the opposite of "slave." In feudal law, it
designated an alodial proprietor, as distin-
guished from a vassal or feudal tenant. (And
so in Pennsylvania colonial law. Fry's Elec-
tion Case, 71 Pa. 308, 10 Am. Rep. 608.) In
old English law, the word described a free-
hold registered by free men, one who was not a vassal. In modern legal phrase-
ology, it is the appellation of a member of a
city or borough having the right of suffrage,
or a member of any municipal corporation
invested with full civic rights.
A person in the possession and enjoyment of
all the civil and political rights accorded to
the people under a free government.
—Freeman's roll. A list of persons admitted
as burghers or freemen for the purposes of
the rights reserved by the municipal corpora-
tion act, (5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 76.) Distinguished
from the Burgess Roll. 3 Steph. Comm. 107.
The term was used, in early colonial history,
in some of the American colonies.

FREIGHT. Freight is properly the price
or compensation paid for the transportation of goods by a carrier, at sea, from port to
port. But the term is also used to denote
the hire paid for the carriage of goods on
land from place to place, (usually by a rail-
road company, not an express company,) or
on inland streams or lakes. The name is also applied to the goods or merchandise
transported by any of the above means. Brit-
tan v. Barnaby, 21 How. 333, 10 L. Ed. 177;
Huth v. Insurance Co., 8 How. (N. Y.) 592;
Ann. 596.

Property carried is called "freight;" the
reward, if any, to be paid for its carriage is
called "freightage;" the person who de-

Freight is a compensation received for
the transportation of goods and merchandise
from port to port; and is never claimable by
the owner of the vessel until the voyage has
been performed and terminated. Patawico In.
Co. v. Biscoe, 7 Gill & J. (Md.) 300, 28 Am. Dec.
319.

"Dead freight" is money payable by a person
who has chartered a ship and only partly
loaded her, in respect of the loss of freight caused to the ship-owner by the deficiency of
cargo. L. R. 2 H. L. Sc. 123.

FREIGHTER. In maritime law. The
party by whom a vessel is engaged or charter-
ed; otherwise called the "charterer." 2
Steph. Comm. 148. In French law, the owner
of a vessel is called the "freighter." (freicur.)
the merchant who hires it is called the "af-
freighter." (affreicur.) Emerig. Tr. des Ass.
ch. 11, § 3.

FRENCHMAN. In early times, in Eng-
lish law, this term was applied to every
stranger or "outlandish" man. Bract. lb. 3,
tr. 2, c. 15.

FRENDELSMAN. Sax. An outlaw. So
called because on his outlawry he was denied
all help of friends after certain days. Cow-
ell; Blount.

FRENDWITE. In old English law. A
mulct or fine exacted from him who harbor-
ed an outlawed friend. Cowell; Touline.
FRENATICUS. In old English law. A madman, or person in a frenzy. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 36.

FREOBORGH. A free-surety, or free-pledge. Spelman. See FRANK-PLEDGE.

FREQUENT, v. To visit often; to resort to often or habitually. Green v. State, 100 Ind. 175, 9 N. E. 781; State v. Ah Sam, 14 Or. 347, 13 Pac. 303.

Frequentia actus multum operator. The frequency of an act effects much. Coke, 78; Wing. Max. p. 719, max. 192. A continual usage is of great effect to establish a right.


FRESCA. In old records. Fresh water, or rain and land flood.

FRESH. Immediate; recent; following without any material interval.

-Fresh dissisiam. By the ancient common law, where a man had been diseised, he was allowed to right himself by force, by ejecting the diseiser from the premises, without resort to law, provided this was done forthwith, while the diseiser was fresh, (flagrant discoisiana,) Bract. fol. 162 a. No particular time was limited for doing this, but Bracton suggested it should be fifteen days. Id. fol. 183. See Brit. cc. 32, 42, 44, 63. -Fresh sine. In old English law. A fine that had been levied within a year past. St. Westm. 2, c. 45; Cowell. -Fresh force. Force done within forty days. Fitz. Nat. Brev. 7; Old Nat. Brev. 4. The heir or reviverinor in a case of diseiser by fresh force was allowed a remedy in chancery by bill before the mayor. Cowell. -Fresh pursuit. A pursuit instituted immediately, and with intent to reclaim or recapture, after an animal escaped, a thief flying with stolen goods, etc. People v. Pool, 27 Cal. 578; White v. State, 70 Miss. 233, 11 South. 632. -Fresh suit. In old English law. Immediate and unremittting as a result of an escaping thief. "Such a present and earnest following of a robber as never ceases from the time of the robbery until apprehension. The party pursuing then had back again his goods, which otherwise were forfeited to the crown." Staundef. P. C. lib. 3, cc. 10, 12; 1 Bl. Comm. 297.


FRETER. Fr. In French marine law. To freight a ship; to let it. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 11, § 3.

FRETEUR. Fr. In French marine law. Freighter. The owner of a ship, who lets it to the merchant. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 11, § 3.

FRETTUM, FRECU. In old English law. The freight of a ship; freight money. Cowell.

FRETTUM. Lat. A strait.

-Fretem Britannicunm. The strait between Dover and Calais.

FRIARS. An order of religious persons, of whom there were four principal branches, viz.: (1) Minors, Gray Friars, or Franciscans; (2) Augustines; (3) Dominicans, or Black Friars; (4) White Friars, or Carmelites, from whom the rest descend. Wharton.

FRIBUSCULUM. In the civil law. A temporary separation between husband and wife, caused by a quarrel or estrangement, but not amounting to a divorce, because not accompanied with an intention to dissolve the marriage.


FRIDHBURGUS. In old English law. A kind of frank-pledge, by which the lords or principal men were made responsible for their dependents or servants. Bract. fol. 1244.

FRIEND OF THE COURT. See AMICUS CURiae.

FRIENDLESS MAN. In old English law. An outlaw; so called because he was denied all help of friends. Bract. lib. 3, tr. 2, c. 12.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES. In English law. Associations supported by subscription, for the relief and maintenance of the members, or their wives, children, relatives, and nominees, in sickness, infancy, advanced age, widowhood, etc. The statutes regulating these societies were consolidated and amended by St. 39 & 39 Vict. c. 90. Wharton.

FRIENDLY SUIT. A suit brought by a creditor in chancery against an executor or administrator, being really a suit by the executor or administrator, in the name of a creditor, against himself, in order to compel the creditors to take an equal distribution of the assets. 2 Williams, Ex'r's, 1915.

Also any suit instituted by agreement between the parties to obtain the opinion of the court upon some doubtful question in which they are interested.

FRIGIDITY. Impotence. Johnson.

FRILLINGI. Persons of free descent, or freemen born; the middle class of persons among the Saxons. Spelman.

FRITH. Sex. Peace, security, or protection. This word occurs in many compound terms used in Anglo-Saxon law.

—Fritherg. Frank-pledge. Cowell.—Frith-
heits. A satisfaction or fine for a breach of
the peace.—Frithbreach. The breaking of the
peace.—Frithgar. The year of jubilee, or
of meeting for peace and friendship.—Frith-
gild. Guildhall; a comity or fraternity
for the maintenance of peace and security; al-
so a fine for breach of the peace. Jacob.—
Frithman, a member of a company or fra-
ternity.—Frithsone. Surety of defense. Ju-
risdiction of the peace. The franchise of pre-
erving the peace. Also spelled "frithesone."
—Frithset. A spot or plot of land, encir-
cling some stone, tree, or well, considered
sacred, and therefore affording sanctuary to crim-
inals.—Frithstool. The stool of peace. A
stool or chair placed in a church or cathedral,
and which was the symbol and place of sanct-
tuary to those who fled to it and reached it.

FRIVOLOUS. An answer or plea is
called "frivolous" when it is clearly insuffi-
cient on its face, and does not controvert
the material points of the opposite pleading,
and is presumably interposed for mere pur-
poses of delay or to embarrass the plaintiff.
Erwin v. Lowery, 64 N. C. 321; Strong v.
Sprout, 33 N. Y. 490; Gray v. Gildere, 4
Strob. (S. C.) 442; Peacock v. Williams (C.
C.) 110 Fed. 933.

A frivolous demurrer has been defined to be
one which is so clearly untenable, or its
insufficiency so manifest upon a bare in-
spection of the pleadings, that its character
may be determined without argument or re-

Synonyms. The terms "frivolous" and
"sham," as applied to pleadings, do not mean
the same thing. A sham plea is good on its
face, but false in fact; it may, to all appear-
ances, constitute a perfect defense, but is a
pretense because false and because not plea-
ded in good faith. A frivolous plea may be per-
fected true in its allegations, but yet is liable
to be stricken out because totally insufficient
in substance. Andrews v. Sprout (Sup.) 60
N. Y. Supp. 614; Brown v. Jenison, 1 Code
R. N. S. (N. Y.) 137.


FRONTAGE—FRONTAGER. In Eng-
lish law a frontager is a person owning or
occupying land which abuts on a highway,
river, sea-shore, or the like. The term is
generally used with reference to the liability
of frontagers on streets to contribute to-
wards the expense of paving, draining, or
other works on the highway carried out by a
local authority, in proportion to the front-
age of their respective tenements. Sweet.

The term is also in a similar sense in
American law, the expense of local improve-
ments made by municipal corporations (such as
paving, curbing, and sewerage) being gen-
erally assessed on abutting property owners
in proportion to the "frontage" of their lots
on the street or highway, and an assess-
ment so levied being called a "frontage as-
seessment." Neenan v. Smith, 50 Mo. 581;

FRONTIER. In international law. That
portion of the territory of any country which
lies on the border line from one country to
another country, and so "fronts" or faces it.
The term means something more than the
boundary line itself, and includes a tract or
strip of country, of indefinite extent, con-
tiguous to the line. Stoughton v. Mott, 15
Vt. 169.

FRUCTARIUS. Lat. In the civil
law. One who had the usufruct of a thing;
that is, the use of the fruits, profits, or in-
crease, as of land or animals. Inst. 2, 1, 36.
38. Bracton applies it to a lessee, femor,
or farmer of land, or one who held lands as
"firman," for a farm or term. Bract. fol. 261.

FRUCTIC. Lat. In the civil law. Fruit,
fruits; produce; profit or increase; the or-
ganic productions of a thing.

The right to the fruits of a thing belong-
ing to another.

The compensation which a man receives
from another for the use or enjoyment of a
thing, such as interest or rent. See Mackeld.
Rom. Law, § 167; Inst. 2, 1, 36, 37;
Dig. 7, 5, 53; Id. 5, 5, 29; Id. 22, 1, 34.

—Fructus civilis. All revenues and recom-

censes which, though not fruits, properly speak-
ing, are recognized as such by the law.
The term includes such things as the rents and in-
come of real property, interest on money loaned,
545.—Fructus fundi. The fruits (produce or
yield) of land.—Fructus industriales. Indus-
trial fruits, or fruits of a harvest. These
fruits of a thing, as of land, which are pro-
duced by the labor and industry of the occu-
pant, as crops of grain; as distinguished from
such as are produced solely by the powers of
nature. Emblements are so called in the com-
Pr. 82. Smith v. Pond, 40 Minn. 412, 62 N.
W. 36, 16 L. R. A. 103, 32 Am. St. Rep. 571;
501; Smith v. Smuck, 37 Mo. App. 64.—
Fructus naturales. Those products which are
produced by the powers of nature alone; as
wool, metals, milk, the young of animals.
Sparrow v. Pond, 49 Minn. 412, 52 N. W.
36, 16 L. R. A. 103, 32 Am. St. Rep. 571.—
Fructus pseudum. The produce or increase
of rocks or herds.—Fructus pendentes. HANGING FRUITS.

Hanging fruits are made part of the land.
Dig. 6, 1, 44; 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1578.

Fructus pendentes pars fundi viden-
tur. Hanging fruits make part of the land.
Dig. 6, 1, 44; 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1578.
FRUCTUS PERCEPTOS

Fructus perceptos ville non esse constat. Gathered fruits do not make a part of the farm. Dig. 18, 1, 17, 1; 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1578.

FRUGES. In the civil law. Anything produced from vines, underwood, chalk-plots, stone-quarries. Dig. 50, 16, 77. Grains and leguminous vegetables. In a more restricted sense, any esculent growing in pods. Vlcat. Vac. Jur.; Calvin.

FRUIT. The produce of a tree or plant which contains the seed or is used for food.

This term, in legal acceptance, is not confined to the produce of those trees which in popular language are called "fruit trees," but applies also to the produce of oak, elm, and walnut trees. Bullen v. Denning. 5 Barn. & C. 847.

—Civil fruits, in the civil law (fructus civilies) are such things as the rents and income of real property, the interest on money loaned, and annuities. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 545.—Fruit fallen. The produce of any possession detached therefrom, and capable of being enjoyed by itself. Thus, a next presentation, when a vacancy has occurred, is a fruit fallen from the advowson. Wharton.—Fruits of crime. In the law of evidence. Material objects acquired by means and in consequence of the commission of crime, and sometimes constituting the subject-matter of the crime. Burdell. Cr. Ev. 446; 3 Beaum. Jud. Ev. 31.—Natural fruits. The produce of the soil, or of fruit-trees, bushes, vines, etc., which are edible or otherwise useful or serve for the reproduction of their species. The term is used in contradistinction to "artificial fruits," i.e., such as by metaphor or analogy are likened to the fruits of the earth. Of the latter, interest on money is an example. See Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 545.

Frumenta quae sata sunt solo cedere intelliguntur. Grain which is sown is understood to form a part of the soil. Inst. 2, 1, 32.

FRUMENTUM. In the civil law. Grain. That which grows in an ear. Dig. 50, 16, 77.

FRUMGYLD. Sax. The first payment made to the kindred of a slain person in recompense for his murder. Blount.


FRUSCA TERRA. In old records. Uncultivated and desert ground. 2 Mon. Angl. 327; Cowell.

FRUSSURA. A breaking; plowing. Cowell.

Frusta agit qui judicium prosequi sequit cum effectu. He sues to no purpose who cannot prosecute his judgment with effect, [who cannot have the fruits of his judgment.] Fleta, lib. 6. c. 37. § 9.

Frusta [vana] est potestia quae unquam venit in actum. That power is to no purpose which never comes into act, or which is never exercised. 2 Coke, 51.

Frusta expectatur eventus cujus effectus nihil sequitur. An event is vainly expected from which no effect follows.

Frusta feruntur leges nisi subsiditis et obedientibus. Laws are made to no purpose, except for those that are subject and obedient. Branch, Princ.

Frusta sit per pluris, quod fieri potest per panocta. That is done to no purpose by many things which can be done by fewer. Jenk. Cent. p. 68, case 28. The employment of more means or instruments for effecting a thing than are necessary is to no purpose.

Frusta legis auxilium invocat [quern quidem commitit]. He vainly invokes the aid of the law who transgresses the law. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 2, § 3; 2 Hale, P. C. 386; Broom, Max. 279. 297.

Frusta petis quod max ex restitutur. In vain you ask that which you will have immediately to restore. 2 Kames, Eq. 104; 5 Man. & G. 757.

Frusta petis quod statim alteri redere cogeris. Jenk. Cent. 256. You ask in vain that which you might immediately be compelled to restore to another.

Frusta probatur quod probatum non relevat. That is proved to no purpose which, when proved, does not help. Halk Lat. Max. 50.

FRUSTRUM TERRAE. A place or parcel of land lying by itself. Co. Litt. 58.

FRUTECTUM. In old records. A place overgrown with shrubs and bushes. Spelman; Blount.

FRUTOS. In Spanish law. Fruits; products; produce; gains; profits. White. New Recop. b. 1, tit. 7, c. 5. § 2.

FRYMITH. In old English law. The affording harbor and entertainment to any one.


FUAGE, FOCAGE. Heath money. A tax laid upon each fire-place or hearth. An imposition of a shilling for every hearth. levied by Edward III. In the dukedom of Aquitaine. Spelman; 1 Bl. Comm. 324.

FUER. In old English law. Flight. It is of two kinds: (1) Fuer in faite, or in facto, where a person does apparently and corporally flee; (2) fuer in ley, or in lege,
FUERO. In Spanish law. A law; a code.
A general usage or custom of a province, having the force of law. Struther v. Lucas, 12 Pet. 446, 9 L. Ed. 1137. *In contra fuero,* to violate a received custom.
A grant of privileges and immunities. *Conceder fueros,* to grant exemptions.
A charter granted to a city or town. Also designated as *cartas puebla.*
An act of donation made to an individual, a church, or convent, on certain conditions. A declaration of a magistracy, in relation to taxation, fines, etc.
A charter granted by the sovereign, or those having authority from him, establishing the franchises of towns, cities, etc.
A place where justice is administered.
A peculiar *forum,* before which a party is amenable.
The jurisdiction of a tribunal, which is entitled to take cognizance of a cause; as *fuero eclesiastico,* *fuero militar.* See Schm. Civil Law, Intro. 64.

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**FUERO de Castilla.** The body of laws and customs which formerly governed the Castilians.
**FUERO de coros y caminos.** A special tribunal taking cognizance of all matters relating to the post-office and roads. *Fuero de guerra.* A special tribunal taking cognizance of all matters in relation to persons serving in the army. *Fuero de marina.* A special tribunal taking cognizance of all matters relating to the navy and to the persons employed therein. *Fuero de marina.*

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**FUERO JUSGO.** The *forum judicium,* a code of laws established in the seventh century for the Visigothic kingdom in Spain. Some of its principles and rules are found surviving in the modern jurisprudence of that country. Schm. Civil Law, Intro. 25.

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**FUERO MUNICIPAL.** The body of laws granted to a city or town for its government and the administration of justice. *Fuero Real.* The title of a code of Spanish law promulgated by Alphonso the Learned, (el Sabio) A. D. 1235. It was the forerunner of the *Partidas.* Schm. Civil Law, Intro. 67.

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**FUGA CATAULLUM.** In old English law. A drove of cattle. Blount.

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**FUGA.** A chase. Blount.

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**FUGAM FECIT.** Lat. He has made flight; he fled. A clause inserted in an Inquisition, in old English law, meaning that a person indicted for treason or felony had fled. The effect of this is to make the party accused have goods absolutely, and the profits of his lands until he has been pardoned or acquitted.

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**FUGATOR.** In old English law. A privilege to hunt. Blount.
A driver. *Fugatorem cavernarum,* drivers of wagons. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 78.

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**FUGITATE.** In Scotch practice. To outlaw, by the sentence of a court; to outlaw for non-appearance in a criminal case. 2 Alis. Crim. Pr. 350.

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**Fugitation.** When a criminal does not obey the citation to answer, the court pronounces sentence of fugitation against him, which induces a forfeiture of goods and chattels to the crown.

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**FUGITIVE.** One who flees; always used in law with the implication of a flight, evasion, or escape from some duty or penalty or from the consequences of a misdeed.

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**Fugitive offenders.** In English law. Where a person accused of any offense punishable by imprisonment, with hard labor for twelve months or more, has left that part of his majesty's dominions where it is alleged to have been committed, he is liable, if found in any other part of his majesty's dominions, to be apprehended and returned in manner provided by the fugitive offenders' act, 1831, to the part from which he is a fugitive. Wharton.

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**Fugitive slave.** One who, held in bondage, flies from his master. *Fugitive slave law.* An act of congress passed in 1793 (and also one enacted in 1850) providing for the surrender and deportation of slaves who escaped from their masters and fled into the territory of another state, generally a "free" state.

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**FUGITIVUS.** In the civil law. A fugitive: a runaway slave. Dig. 11, 4; Cod. 6, 1. See the various definitions of this word in Dig. 21, 1, 17.

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**FUGUES.** Fr. In medical jurisprudence. Ambulatory automatism. See **AUTOMATISM.**

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**FULL.** Ample; complete; perfect; mature: not wanting in any essential quality. Mobile School Comrs v. Putnam, 44 Ala. 537; Reed v. Hazleton, 37 Kan. 321, 15 Pac. 777; Quinn v. Donovan, 85 Ill. 193.

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**Full age.** The age of legal majority, twenty-one years at common law, twenty-five in the civil law. 1 Bl. Comm. 463; Inst. 1, 23, pr.

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**Full answer.** In pleading. A complete and meritorious answer; one not wanting in any essential requisite. Bentley v. Cleveland, 22 Ala. 517; Durham v. Moore, 48 Kan. 135, 29 Pac. 472.*Full blood.* A term of relation, denoting descent from the same couple. Brothers and sisters of *full blood* are those who are born of the same father and mother, or cousin lines. Nov. 118, cc. 2, 3; Mackeld. Rom. Law. § 145. The more usual term in modern law is "whole blood," e. g., *Full consanguinity.*

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**Full court.** In practice. A court in judge. A court duly organized with all the judges presen...
ent.—Full covenants. See Covenant.—Full defense. In pleading. The formula of defense is often stated at length and without abbreviation, thus: "And the said C. D., by his attorney, comes and defends the forces (or wrongs) and injury when and where it shall behave him, and the damages, and whatsoever else he ought to defend, and says," etc. Steph. Pl. p. 487.—Full faith and credit. In the common law, the provision that full faith and credit shall be given in each state to the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state, is a phrase that a judgment or record shall have the same faith, credit, conclusive effect, and obligatory force in other states as it has by law or usage in the state from which it is taken. Christian v. Russell, 5 Wall. 302. 18 L. Ed. 475; McElmoyle v. Cohen, 13 Pet. 328. 10 L. Ed. 177; Gibbons v. Living- ton, 6 N. J. Law. 273; Brengle v. McClellan, 7 Gill & J. (Md.) 438.—Full indebtness. See Indorsement.—Full jurisdiction. Complete jurisdiction over a given subject-matter or class of actions (as, in equity) without any exceptions or reservations. Bank of Mississippi v. Duncan, 52 Miss. 740.—Full life. Life in fact and in law. See In Full Life.—Full proof. The civil law of France has two witnesses, or a public instrument. Hallifax Civil Law, b. 3. c. 9. nn. 25, 30; 3 Bl. Comm. 370. Evidence which satisfies the minds of the jury of the truth of the fact in dispute, to the entire exclusion of every reasonable doubt. Kane v. Hibernia Mut. F. Ins. Co. 38 N. J. Law. 450, 29 Am. Eng. 405.—Full right. The union of a good title with actual possession.

FULLUM AQUE. A seam, or stream of water. Blount.

FULLY ADMINISTERED. The English equivalent of the Latin phrase "pleno administravi," being a plea by an executor or administrator that he has completely and legally disposed of all the assets of the estate, and has nothing left out of which a new claim could be satisfied. See Ryans v. Boogher, 169 Mo. 673, 69 S. W. 1048.

FUMAGE. In old English law. The same as faze, or smoke farthings. 1 Bl. Comm. 324. See Faze.

FUNCTION. Office; duty; fulfillment of a definite end or set of ends by the correct adjustment of means. The occupation of an office. By the performance of its duties, the officer is said to fill his function. Dig. 32. 65. 1. See State v. Hyde, 121 Ind. 20, 22 N. E. 644.

FUNCTIONAL DISEASE. In medical jurisprudence. One which prevents, obstructs, or interferes with the due performance of its special functions by any action of the body, without anatomical defect or abnormality in the organ itself. See Higbee v. Guardian Mut. L. Ins. Co., 60 Barb. (N. Y.) 472. Distinguished from "organic" disease, which is due to some injury or lesion, or malformation in, the organ in question.

FUNCTIONARY. A public officer or employee. An officer of a private corporation is also sometimes so called.

FUND. n. A sum of money set apart for a specific purpose, or available for the payment of debts or claims.

In its narrower and more usual sense, "fund" signifies "capital," as opposed to "interest" or "income," as where we speak of a corporation-funding a sum of interest in the bonds, or the like, meaning that the interest is capitalized and made to bear interest in its turn until it is repaid. Sweet.

In the plural, this word has a variety of slightly different meanings, as follows: 1. Money in hand; cash; money available for the payment of a debt, legacy, etc. Ga-
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2. The proceeds of sales of real and personal estate, or the proceeds of any other assets converted into money. Doane v. Insurance Co., 43 N. J. Eq. 533, 11 Atl. 739.

3. Corporate stocks or government securities; in this sense usually spoken of as the "funds."

4. Assets, securities, bonds, or revenue of a state or government appropriated for the discharge of its debts.

—No funds. This term denotes a lack of assets or money for a specific use. It is the return made by a bank to a check drawn upon it by a person who has no deposit to his credit there; also by an executor, trustee, etc., who has no assets for the specific purpose.—Public funds. An untechnical name for (1) the revenue or money of a government, state, or municipal corporation; (2) the bonds, stocks, or other securities of a national or state government.—Sinking fund. The aggregate of sums of money (as those arising from particular taxes or sources of revenue) set apart and invested, usually at fixed intervals, for the extinguishment of the debt of a government or corporation, by the accumulation of interest. Elser v. Ft. Worth (Tex. Civ. App.) 27 S. W. 740; Union Pac. R. Co. v. Buffalo County Com'rs, 9 Neb. 449, 4 N. W. 55; Brooke v. Philadelph. Water Co., 122, 22 Atl. 357, 24 L. R. A. 781.

—General fund. This phrase, in New York, is a collective designation of all the assets of the state which furnish the means for the support of government and for defraying the dis
ccretionary appropriations of the legislature. People v. Orange County Sup'rs, 27 Barb. (N. Y.) 676, 683.

FUNDAMENTAL ERROR. See Erosos.

FUNDAMENTAL LAW. The law which determines the constitution of government in a state, and prescribes and regulates the manner of its exercise; the organic law of a state; the constitution.

FUNDAMUS. We found. One of the words by which a corporation may be created in England. 1 Bl. Comm. 473; 3 Steph. Comm. 173.

FUNDATIO. Lat. A founding or foundation. Particularly applied to the creation and endowment of corporations. As applied to eleemosynary corporations such as colleges and hospitals, it is said that "fundatio incipiens" is the incorporation or grant of corporate powers, while "fundatio perficiens" is the endowment or grant or gift of funds or revenues. Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 607, 4 L. Ed. 629.

FUNDATOR. A founder, (q. v.)

FUNDI PATRIMONIALES. Lands of inheritance.

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FUNERAL EXPENSES. Money expended in procuring the interment of a corpse.

FUNGIBLE THINGS. Movable goods which may be estimated and replaced according to weight, measure, and number. Things belonging to a class, which do not have to be dealt with in specie.

Those things one specimen of which is as good as another, as is the case with half-crowns, or pounds of rice of the same quality. Horses, slaves, and so forth, are non-fungible things, because they differ individually in value, and cannot be exchanged indifferently one for another. Holl. Jur. 88.

Where a thing which is the subject of an obligation (which one man is bound to deliver to another) must be delivered in specie, the thing is not fungible; that very individual thing, and not another thing of the same or another class, in lieu of it, must be delivered. Where the subject of the obligation is a thing of a given class, the thing is said to be fungible; i.e., the delivery of any object which answers to the generic description will satisfy the terms of the obligation. Aust. Jur. 483, 484.

FUNGIBLES RES. Lat. In the civil law. Fungible things. See that title.

FUR. Lat. A thief. One who stole secretly or without force or weapons, as opposed to robber.

—Fur manifestus. In the civil law. A manifest thief. A thief who is taken in the very act of stealing.

FURANDI ANIMUS. Lat. An intention of stealing.

FURCA. In old English law. A fork. A gallows or gibbet. Bract. fol. 56.

—Furca et figellum. Gallows and whip. Teneure of furca et figellum, tenure by gallows and whip. The meanest of servile tenures, where the bondman was at the disposal of his lord for life and limb. Cowell.—Furca et fossa. Gallows and whip, or pit and gallows. A term used in ancient charters to signify a jurisdiction of punishing thieves, viz., men by hanging, women by drowning. Spelman; Cowell.

FURGELDUM. A fine or mulct paid for theft.

Furiosi nulla voluntas est. A madman has no will. Dig. 50, 17, 40; Broom, Max. 314.

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FURISUS NULLUM NEGOTIUM CONTRAHERE POTEST. A madman can contract nothing. [can make no contract.] Dig. 50, 17, 5.
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FURIOUSUS solo furor punitur. A madman is punished by his madness alone; that is, he is not answerable or punishable for his actions. Co. Litt. 2470; 4 Bl. Comm. 24, 396; Broom, Max. 15.

FURIOUSUS stipulare non potest nec aliquid negotium agere, qui non intelligit quid agit. 4 Coke, 126. A madman who knows not what he does cannot make a bargain, nor transact any business.

FURLINGUS. A furlong, or a furrow one-eighth part of a mile long. Co. Litt. 56.

FURLONG. A measure of length, being forty poles, or one-eighth of a mile.

FURLOUGH. Leave of absence; especially, leave given to a military or naval officer, or soldier or seaman, to be absent from service for a certain time. Also the document granting leave of absence.

FURNAGE. See FORNAGIUM; FOUR.


FURNITURE. This term includes that which furnishes, or with which anything is furnished or supplied; whatever must be supplied to a house, a room, or the like, to make it habitable, convenient, or agreeable; goods, vessels, utensils, and other appendages necessary or convenient for housekeeping; whatever is added to the interior of a house or apartment, for use or convenience. Bell v. Golding, 27 Ind. 173.

The term “furniture” embraces everything about the house that has been usually enjoyed therewith, including plate, linen, china, and pictures. Scott v. Endicott, 41 N. J. Eq. 96, 3 Atl. 157.

The word “furniture” made use of in the disposition of the law, or in the conventions or acts of persons, comprehends only such furniture as is intended for use and ornament of apartments, but not libraries which happen to be there, nor plate. Civ. Code La. art. 477.

—Furniture of a ship. This term includes everything with which a ship requires to be furnished or equipped to make her seaworthy; it comprehends all articles furnished by ship-chandlers, which are almost innumerable. Weaver v. The S. G. Owens, 1 Wall. Jr. 369, Fed. Cas. No. 17,310.—Household furniture. This term, in a will, includes all personal chattels that may contribute to the use or convenience of the householder, or the ornament of the house; as plate, linen, china, both useful and ornamental, and pictures; goods in trade, books, and wines will not pass by a bequest of household furniture. 1 H. L. Leg. 283.

FURNIVAL’S INN. Formerly an inn of chancery. See INNS OF CHANCERY.

Favor contra matrimonium non dicit, qua non consentis opus est. Insanity prevents marriage from being contracted, because consent is needed. Dig. 23, 2, 16, 2; 1 Ves. B. & B. 140; 1 Bl. Comm. 439; Wightman v. Wightman, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 343, 345.

FURT AND FONDUNG. In old English law. Time to advise or take counsel, Jacob.


—Further advance. A second or subsequent loan of money to a mortgagee by either party, the same security as the original loan being applied upon, or an additional security. Equity considers the act of the interest on a mortgage security converted into principal, by agreement between the parties, as a further advance.—Further consideration. When a further advance, covenant for. See Covenants.—Further consideration. In English practice, upon a motion for judgment or application for a new trial, the court may, if it shall be of opinion, that it has not sufficient materials before it to enable it to give judgment, direct the motion to stand over for further consideration, and direct such issues or questions to be tried or determined, and such accounts and inquiries to be taken and made, as it may think fit. Rules Sup. Ct. IX. 10.—Further directions. When a master ordinary in chancery made a report in pursuance of a decree or decr. order, the cause was again set down before the judge who made the decree or order, to be proceeded with. Where a master made a separate report, or one not in pursuance of a decree or decr. order, a petition for consequential directions had to be presented, since the cause could not be set down for further directions under such circumstances. See Daniel, Ch. Pr. (6th Ed.) 1328 note.—Further hearing. In practice. Hearing at another time.—Further maintenance of action, plea to. A plea grounded upon some fact or facts which have arisen since the commencement of the suit, and which the defendant puts forward for the purpose of showing that the plaintiff should not further maintain his action. Brown.

FURTHERRANCE. In criminal law, furthering, helping forward, promotion, or advancement of a criminal project or conspiracy. Powers v. Comm., 114 Ky. 237, 70 S. W. 652.

FURTIVE. In old English law. Stealthily; by stealth. Flota. lib. 1, c. 38, § 3.

FURTUM. Lat. Theft. The fraudulent appropriation to one’s self of the property of another, with an intention to commit theft without the consent of the owner. Fleta. l. 1, c. 36; Bract. fol. 150; 3 Inst. 107.

The thing which has been stolen. Bract. fol. 151.

—Furtum conceptum. In Roman law. The theft which was disclose where, upon search-
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ing any one in the presence of witnesses in due form, the thing stolen was discovered in his possession.—*Furtum grave.* In Scotch law. An aggravated degree of theft, and which is punished with death. It still remains an open point whether a theft is a theft to this serious denomination. 1 Browne, 362, note. See 1 Swint, 467.—*Furtum manifestum.* Open theft. Theft where a thief is caught with the property in his possession. Bract. fol. 1506.

—*Furtum oblatum.* In the civil law. Offered theft. *Oblatum furtum dictur cum res fur- tiva ab aliquo tibi oblata sit, caue apud te concepta sit.* Theft is called “oblatum” when a thing stolen is offered to you by any one, and found upon you. Inst. 14. 1, 4.

*Furtum est contracratio rei alienae fraudulenta, cum animo furandi, invitato illo domino cuius res illa fuerat.* 3 Inst. 107. Theft is the fraudulent handling of another’s property, with an intention of stealing, against the will of the proprietor, whose property it was.

*Furtum non est uti initium habet detentio per dominium rei.* 3 Inst. 107. There is no theft where the foundation of the detention is based upon ownership of the thing.

*Fustigatio.* In old English law. A beating with sticks or clubs; one of the ancient kinds of punishment of malefactors. Bract. fol. 104b, lib. 3, tr. 1, c. 6.


A baton, club, or cudgel.

*FUTURE DEBT.* In Scotch law. A debt which is created, but which will not become due till a future day. 1 Bell, Comm. 315.

*FUTURE ESTATE.* See *Estate.*

*FUTURES.* This term has grown out of those purely speculative transactions, in which there is a nominal contract of sale for future delivery, but where in fact none is ever intended or executed. The nominal seller does not have or expect to have the stock or merchandise he purports to sell, nor does the nominal buyer expect to receive it or to pay the price. Instead of that, a percentage or margin is paid, which is increased or diminished as the market rates go up or down, and accounted for to the buyer. King v. Quidnick Co., 14 R. I. 138; Lemonius v. Meyer, 71 Miss. 514. 14 South. 33; Plank v. Jackson, 128 Ind. 424, 26 N. E. 508.

*FUTURI.* Lat. Those who are to be. Part of the commencement of old deeds. “Sciunt praesentes et futuri, quod ego talis, dedi et concepsit,” etc., (Let all men now living and to come know that I, A. B., have, etc.) Bract. fol. 34b.

*Fuz,* or *Fust.* A Celtic word, meaning a wood or forest.

*FYHTWITE.* One of the fines incurred for homicide.


*Fyle.* In old Scotch law. To desile; to declare foul or desile. Hence, to find a prisoner guilty.

*Fylit.* In old Scotch practice. Fyled; found guilty. See *Fyle.*

*Fyrd.* Sax. In Anglo-Saxon law. The military array or land force of the whole country. Contribution to the fyrd was one of the imposts forming the *trinoda necessitas.* (Also spelled “ferd” and “ird.”)

—*Fyrdare.* A summoning forth to join a military expedition; a summons to join the fyrd or army.—*Fyrdaecum,* (or *fyrdaokeum.*) Exemption from military duty; exemption from service in the fyrd.—*Fyrdwite.* A fine imposed for neglecting to join the fyrd when summoned. Also a fine imposed for murder committed in the army; also an acquittance of such fine.
G. In the Law French orthography, this letter is often substituted for the English W, particularly as an initial. Thus, "gage" for "wage," "garanty" for "warranty," "gast" for "waste."

GABEL. An excise; a tax on movables; a rent, custom, or service. Co. Litt. 213. —Land gabel. See LAND.

GABELLA. The Law Latin form of "gabel," (q. v.)

GABLATORES. Persons who paid gabel, rent, or tribute. Domingday; Cowell.

GABLUM. A rent; a tax. Domingday; Du Cange. The gable-end of a house. Cowell.


GAFFOLDGILD. The payment of custom or tribute. Scott.

GAFFOLDLAND. Property subject to the gaffoldgild, or liable to be taxed. Scott.

GAFFOL. The same word as "gabel" or "gavel." Rent; tax; interest of money.

GAGE, n. In old English law. A pawn or pledge; to give as security for a payment or performance; to wage or wager.

GAGE, v. In old English law. To pawn or pledge; to give as security for a payment or performance; to wage or wager.

GAG, v. In old English law. A pawn or pledge; something deposited as security for the performance of some act or the payment of money. And to be forfeited on failure or non-performance. Glanv. lib. 10, c. 6; Britt. c. 27.

A mortgage is a dead-gage or pledge; for, whatever profit it yields, it redeems not itself, unless the whole amount secured is paid at the appointed time. Cowell.

In French law. The contract of pledge or pawn; also the article pawned.

—Gage, esates in. Those held in radio, or pledge. They are of two kinds: (1) Vivum vadium, or living pledge, or vigfage; (2) mortuum vadium, or dead pledge, better known as "mortgage."

GAGER DE DELIVERANCE. In old English law. When he who has distrained, being sued, has not delivered the cattle distrained, then he shall not only avow the distress, but gager deliverance, i.e., put in surety or pledge that he will deliver them. Fitzh. Nat. Brev.

GAGER DEL LEY. Wager of law, (q. v.)


GAINAGE. The gain or profit of tilled or planted land, raised by cultivating it; and the draught, plow, and furniture for carrying on the work of tillage by the baser kind of sokemen or villtocus. Bract. l. l. c. 3.

GAINERY. Tillage, or the profit arising from it, or from the beasts employed therein.


GAJUM. A thick wood. Spelman.

GALE. The payment of a rent, tax, duty, or annuity.

A gale is the right to open and work a mine within the Hundred of St. Briavel's, or a stone quarry within the open lands of the Forest of Dean. The right is a license or interest in the nature of real estate, conditional on the due payment of rent and observance of the obligations imposed on the galee. It follows the ordinary rules as to the deviation and conveyance of real estate. The galee pays the crown a rent known as a "galeage rent," "royalty," or some similar name, proportionate to the quantity of minerals got from the mine or quarry. Sweet.

GALEA. In old records. A pirlatical vessel; a galley.

GALENES. In old Scotch law. Amends or compensation for slaughter. Bell.

GALLI-HALFPENCE. A kind of coin which, with suskins and doitkins, was forbidden by St. 3 Hen. V. c. 1.

GALLIVOLATUM. A cock-shoot, or cock-glide.


GALLOWS. A scaffold; a beam laid over either one or two posts, from which malefactors are hanged.

GAMACTA. In old European law. A stroke or blow. Spelman.

GAMALIS. A child born in lawful wedlock; also one born to betrothed but unmarried parents. Spelman.

GAMBLE. To game or play at a game for money. Buckley v. O'Neill, 113 Mass. 193, 18 Am. Rep. 490. The word "gamble" is perhaps the most apt and substantial to convey.
the idea of unlawful play that our language affords. It is inclusive of hazarding and betting as well as playing. Bennett v. State, 2 Yerg. (Tenn.) 474.

—Gambler. One who follows or practices games of chance or skill, with the expectation and purpose of thereby winning money or other property. Buckley v. O'Neill, 113 Mass. 106, 13 Am. 460—See GAMING.


GAME. 1. Birds and beasts of a wild nature, obtained by fowling and hunting. Bacon, Abr. See Cooldige v. Choate, 11 Metc. (Mass.) 79. The term is said to include (in England) hares, phaselus, partridges, grouse, heathe or moor game, black game, and bustards. Brown. See 1 & 2 Wm. IV. c. 32.

—Game-keeper. One who has the care of keeping and preserving the game on an estate, being appointed thereto by a lord of a manor.

—Game laws. Laws passed for the preservation of game. They usually forbid the killing of specified game during certain seasons or by certain described means. As to English game laws, see 2 Steph. Comm. 282; 1 & 2 Wm. IV. c. 32.

2. A sport or pastime, played with cards, dice, or other appliances or contrivances. See GAMING.

—Game of chance. One in which the result, as to success or failure, depends less upon the skill and experience of the player than upon purely fortuitous or accidental circumstances, incidental to the game or the manner of playing it or the device or apparatus with which it is played, but not under the control of the player. A game of skill, on the other hand, although the element of chance necessarily cannot be entirely eliminated, is one in which success depends principally upon the superior knowledge, attention, experience, and skill of the player, whereby the elements of luck or chance in the game are overcome, improved, and turned to his advantage. People v. Lavin, 179 N. Y. 164, 71 N. E. 753, 66 L. R. A. 601; Stearns v. State, 21 Tex. 692; Harless v. U. S., Morris (Iowa) 172; Wortman v. State, 50 Miss. 182; State v. Gupton, 30 N. C. 271.

GAMING. The act or practice of playing games for stakes or wagers; gambling; the playing at any game of hazard. An agreement between two or more persons to play together at a game of chance for a stake or wager which is to become the property of the winner, and to which all contribute. In re Stewart (D. C.) 21 Fed. 398; People v. Todd, 51 Hun. 446, 4 N. Y. Supp. 25; State v. Shaw, 39 Minn. 153, 39 N. W. 305; State v. Morgan, 133 N. C. 743, 45 S. E. 1033.

Gaming is an agreement between two or more to risk money on a contest or chance of any kind, where one must be loser and the other gainer. Bell v. State, 5 Sneed (Tenn.) 807.

In general, the words "gaming" and "gambling," in statutes, are similar in meaning, and either one comprehends the idea that, by a bet, by chance, or by the exercise of skill, or by the transpiring of some event unknown until it occurs, something of value is, as the conclusion of a game of chance, to be transferred from one to another. Bish. St. Crimes, § 585.

"Gaming" implies, when used as describing a condition, an element of illegality; and, when people are said to be "gaming," this generally supposes that the "games" have been games in which money, in some manner, has passed to the victor or his backers. When the terms "game" or "gaming" are used in statutes, it is almost always in connection with words giving them the latter sense; and in such cases it is only by averring and proving the difference that the prosecution can be sustained. But when "gaming" is spoken of in a statute as indiscernible, it is to be regarded as convertible with "gaming." 2 Whart. Crim. Law, § 14655.

"Gaming" is properly the act or occurrence of the players. If by-standers or other third persons put up a stake or wager among themselves, to go to one or the other according to the result of the game, this is more correctly termed "betting."—Gaming contracts. See WAGER—Gaming-houses. In criminal law. Houses in which gambling is carried on as a regular trade by the occupants, and which are frequented by persons for that purpose. They are nuisances, in the eyes of the law, being detrimental to the public, as they promote cheating and other corrupt practices. 1 Russ. Crimes, 239; Rosey. Crim. Ev. 663; People v. Jackson, 3 Denio (N. Y.) 101, 45 Am. Dec. 449; Anderson v. State (Tex. App.) 12 S. W. 802; People v. Welhoff, 51 Mich. 203, 16 N. W. 442, 47 Am. Rep. 391; Morgan v. State, 42 Tex. Cr. R. 422, 60 S. W. 769.

GANANCIAL PROPERTY. In Spanish law. A species of community in property enjoyed by husband and wife, the property being divisible between them equally on a dissolution of the marriage. 1 Burge, Confl. Law, 418. See Cartwright v. Cartwright, 18 Tex. 634; Cutter v. Waddington, 22 Mo. 254.

GANANCIAS. In Spanish law. Gains or profits resulting from the employment of property held by husband and wife in common. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 7, c. 5.

GANG-WEEK. The time when the bounds of the parish are illustrated or gone over by the parish officers,—rotation week. Enc. Lond.

GANGIATORI. Officers in ancient times whose business it was to examine weights and measures. Skene.

GANTLOPE, (pronounced "gauntlett.") A military punishment, in which the criminal running between the ranks receives a lash from each man. Enc. Lond. This was called "running the gauntlet."

GAOL. A prison for temporary confinement; a jail; a place for the confinement of offenders against the law.

There is said to be a distinction between "gaol" and "prison." the former being a place for temporary or provisional confinement, or for
the punishment of the lighter offenses and misdemeanors, while the latter is a place for permanent or long-continued confinement, or for the punishment of graver crimes. In modern usage, this distinction is commonly taken between the words "gaol" and "penitentiary," (or state's prison,) but the name "prison" is indiscriminately applied to either.

--Gaol liberties, gaol limits. A district around a gaol, defined by limits, within which prisoners are allowed to go at large on giving security to return. It is considered a part of the gaol. --Gaoler. The master or keeper of a prison; one who has the custody of a place where prisoners are confined.

GAOL DELIVERY. In criminal law. The delivery or clearing of a gaol of the prisoners confined therein, by trying them.

In popular speech, the clearing of a gaol by the escape of the prisoners.

--General gaol delivery. In English law. At the assizes (q. v.) the judges sit by virtue of several authorities, one of which is the commission of "general gaol delivery." This empowers them to try and deliverance make of every prisoner who shall be in the gaol when the judges arrive at the circuit town, whether an indictment has been preferred at any previous assize or not. 4 Bl. Comm. 270. This is also a part of the title of some American criminal courts, as, in Pennsylvania, the "court of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery."

GARANDIA, or GARANTIA. A warranty. Spelman.

GARANTIE. In French law. This word corresponds to warranty or covenants for title in English law. In the case of a sale this garantie extends to two things: (1) Peaceful possession of the thing sold; and (2) absence of undisclosed defects, (défauts cachés). Brown.

GARATHINA. In old Lombardic law. A gift; a free or absolute gift; a gift of the whole of a thing. Spelman.

GARAUNTOR. L. Fr. In old English law. A warrantor of land: a voucher; one bound by a warranty to defend the title and seizin of his alienee, or, on default thereof, and on eviction of the tenant, to give him other lands of equal value. Brit. c. 75.

GARBA. In old English law. A bundle or sheaf. Blado in garbis, corn or grain in sheaves. Reg. Orig. 96; Bract. fol. 299.

--Garba sagittarum. A sheaf of arrows, containing twenty-four. Otherwise called "sagitta sagittarum." Skene.

GARBALIES DECIMAE. In Scotch law. Tithes of corn, (grain,) Bell.

GARBLE. In English statutes. To sort or cull out the good from the bad in spices, drugs, etc. Cowell.

--Garbler of spices. An ancient officer in the city of London, who might enter into any shop, warehouse, etc., to view and search drugs and spices, and garble and make clean the same, or see that it be done. Mozley & Whitley.

GARCIO STOLE. Groom of the stole.

GARCIONES. Servants who follow a camp. Wals. 242.

GARD, or GARDE. L. Fr. Wardship; care; custody; also the ward of a city.

GARDEIN. A keeper; a guardian.

GARDEN. A small piece of land, appropriated to the cultivation of herbs, fruits, flowers, or vegetables. People v. Greenburgh. 57 N. Y. 550; Ferry v. Livingston, 115 U. S. 542, 6 Sup. Ct. 175, 29 L. Ed. 489.

GARDIA. L. Fr. Custody; wardship.

GARDIANUS. In old English law. A guardian, defender, or protector. In feudal law, gardio. Spelman.


GARDINUM. In old English law. A garden. Reg. Orig. 1b, 2.

GARENE. L. Fr. A warren; a privileged place for keeping animals.

GARNSTURA. In old English law. Victuals, arums, and other implements of war, necessary for the defense of a town or castle. Mat. Par. 1250.

GARNISH, n. In English law. Money paid by a prisoner to his fellow-prisoners on his entrance into prison.

GARNISH, v. To warn or summon. To issue process of garnishment against a person.

GARNISHEE. One garnished; a person against whom process of garnishment is issued; one who has money or property in his possession belonging to a defendant, or who owes the defendant a debt, which money, property, or debt is attached in his hands, with notice to him not to deliver or pay it over until the result of the suit be ascertained. Welsh v. Blackwell. 14 N. J. Law. 348; Smith v. Miln, 22 Fed. Cas. 906.

GARNISHMENT. In the process of attachment. A warning to a person in whose hands the effects of another are attached not to pay the money or deliver the property of the defendant in his hands to him, but to appear and answer the plaintiff's suit. Drake, Attachm. § 451; National Bank of Wilmington v. Furtick. 2 Marv. (Del.) 35, 42 Atl. 478, 44 L. R. A. 115, 90 Am. St. Rep. 99; Georgia & A. Ry. Co. v. Stollenwerck, 122 Ala. 539, 25 South. 238; Jeary v. American Exch. Bank. 2 Neb. (1st) 657, 80 N. W. 772.

A "garnishment," as the word is employed in this Code, is process to reach and subject
money or effects of a defendant in attachment, or in a judgment or decree, or in a pending suit commenced in the ordinary form, in the possession, or under the control of a third person, or debts owing such defendant, or liabilities to him on contracts for the delivery of personal property, or on contracts for the payment of money which may be discharged by the delivery of personal property, or on a contract payable in personal property; and such third person is called the "garnisher." Code Ala. 1886, § 2994.

Garnishment is a proceeding to apply the debt due by a third person to a judgment defendant, to the extinguishment of that judgment, or to appropriate effects belonging to a defendant, in the hands of a third person, to its payment. Strickland v. Maddox, 4 Ga. 393.

Also a warning to any one for his appearance, in a cause in which he is not a party, for the information of the court and explaining a cause. Cowell.

Equitable garnishment. This term is sometimes applied to the statutory proceedings authorized in some states, upon the return of an execution unsatisfied, whereby an action something like that of discovery may be maintained against the judgment debtor and any third person, to compel the disclosure of any money or property or chose in action belonging to the debtor or held in trust for him by such third person, and to procure satisfaction of the judgment out of such property. Geist v. St. Louis, 156 Mo. 645, 57 S. W. 769, 79 Am. St. Rep. 545. See St. Louis v. O'Neil Lumber Co., 114 Mo. 74, 21 S. W. 484.

Garnitura. In old English law. Garniture; whatever is necessary for the fortification of a city or camp, or for the ornament of a thing. 8 Rymer, 328; Du Cange; Cowell; Blount.

Garrotting. A method of inflicting the death penalty on convicted criminals practised in Spain, Portugal, and some Spanish-American countries, consisting in strangulation by means of an iron collar which is mechanically tightened about the neck of the sufferer, sometimes with the variation that a sharpened screw is made to advance from the back of the apparatus and pierce the base of the brain. Also, popularly, any form of strangling resorted to to overcome resistance or induce unconsciousness, especially as a concomitant to highway robbery.


Garter. A string or ribbon by which the stocking is held upon the leg. The mark of the highest order of English knighthood, ranking next after the nobility. This military order of knighthood is said to have been first instituted by Richard L., Richard L., at the siege of Acre, and he caused twenty-six knights who firmly stood by him to wear thongs of blue leather about their legs. It is also said to have been perfected by Edward III. and to have received some alterations, which were afterwards laid aside, from Edward VI. The badge of the order is the image of St. George, called the "George," and the motto is "Honi soit qui mal y pense." Wharton.

Garth. In English law. A yard; a little close or homestead in the north of England. Cowell; Blount.

A dam or wear in a river, for the catching of fish.


Gastel. L. Fr. Wastel; wastel bread; the finest sort of wheat bread. Brit. c. 30; Kelham.

Gastine. L. Fr. Waste or uncultivated ground. Brit. c. 57.

Gaudies. A term used in the English universities to denote double commons.

Gauge. The measure of width of a railway, fixed, with some exceptions, at 4 feet 8¾ inches in Great Britain and America, and 5 feet 3 inches in Ireland.


Gauger. A surveying officer under the customs, excise, and internal revenue laws, appointed to examine all tuns, pipes, hogheads, barrels and tiers of wine, oil, and other liquids, and to give them a mark of allowance, as containing lawful measure. There are also private gaugers in large seaport towns, who are licensed by government to perform the same duties. Rapal. & L.

Gaugeum. A gauge or gauging; a measure of the contents of any vessel.

Gavel. In English law. Custom; tribute; toll; yearly rent; payment of revenue; of which there were anciently several sorts; as gavel-corn, gavel-mail, oat-garcl, gavel-fodder, etc. Termes de la Ley; Cowell; Co. Litt. 142a.

Gavelbred. Rent reserved in bread, corn, or provision; rent payable in kind. Cowell.

Gavelpester. A certain measure of rentable. Cowell. Gavelpled. That which yields annual profit or toll. The tribute or toll itself. Cowell; Du Cange; Gavelherte. A service of plowing performed by a customary tenant. Cowell; Du Cange; Gaveling men. Tenants who paid a reserved rent, besides some customary duties to be done by them. Cowell; Gavel-man. A tenant liable to the payment of gavel or tribute. Somn. Gavelkind, 23; Gavelkind. A customary service of mowing meadow-land or cutting grass, (con ducto fal candi,) Blount; Gavelrep. Bedreap or bidrep; the duty of reaping at the bid or command of the lord. Somn. Gavelkind, 19, 21; Cowell; Gavelwerk. A customary service, either manusopera, by the person of the tenant, or carropa, by his carts or carriages. Blount; Somn. Gavelkind, 24; Du Cange.
GAVELET. An ancient and special kind of cembrarit, used in Kent and London for the recovery of rent. Obsolete. The statute of gavelle is 10 Edw. 11. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 12, p. 298. See Emig v. Cunningham, 62 Md. 460.

GAVELKIND. A species of socage tenure common in Kent, in England, where the lands descend to all the sons, or heirs of the nearest degree, together; may be disposed of by will; do not escheat for felony; may be aliened by the heir at the age of fifteen; and dower and curtesy is given of half the land. Stinm. Law Gloss.

GAVELLER. An officer of the English crown having the general management of the mines, pits, and quarries in the Forest of Dean and Hundred of St. Bravel's, subject, in some respects, to the control of the commissioners of woods and forests. He grants leases of free miners in their proper order, accepts surrenders of leases, and keeps the registers required by the acts. There is a deputy-gavelller, who appears to exercise most of the gaveller's functions. Sweet.

GAZETTE. The official publication of the English government, also called the "London Gazette." It is evidence of acts of state, and of everything done by the king in his political capacity. Orders of adjudication in bankruptcy are required to be published therein; and the production of a copy of the "Gazette," containing a copy of the order of adjudication, is evidence of the fact. Mosley & Whitley.

GEBOOCED. An Anglo-Saxon term, meaning "conveyed."

GEBOCIAN. In Saxon law. To convey; to transfer boc land, (book-land or land held by charter.) The grantor was said to gebo-cian the allenece. See 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 10.

GEBURSCRIPT. In old English law. Neighborhood or adjoining district. Cowell.

GEBURUS. In old English law. A country neighbor; an inhabitant of the same geburscript or village. Cowell.

GELD. In Saxon law. Money or tribute. A moiety, compensation, value, price. Angeld was the single value of a thing; twiegeld, double value, etc. So, seeregeld was the value of a man slain; orfegeld, that of a beast. Brown.

GELDABILIS. In old English law. Taxable; geldable.

GELDABLE. Liable to pay geld; liable to be taxed. Kelham.

GELDING. A horse that has been castrated, and which is thus distinguished from the horse in his natural and unaltered condition. A "ridging" (a half-castrated horse) is not a gelding, but a horse, within the denomination of animals in the statutes. Brisco v. State, 4 Tex. App. 219, 39 Am. Rep. 162.

GEMMA. Lat. In the civil law. A gem; a precious stone. Gems were distinguished by their transparency; such as emeralds, chrysolites, amethysts. Dig. 54, 2, 19, 17.

GEMOT. In Saxon law. A meeting or moot; a convention; a public assemblage. These were of several sorts, such as the vitera-geomet, or meeting of the wise men; the folco-geomet, or general assembly of the people; the shire-geomet, or county court; the burg-geomet, or borough court; the hundred-geomet, or hundred court; the half-geomet, or court-baron; the hal-mote, a convention of citizens in their public hall; the holy-mote, or holy court; the scisc-geomet, or forest court; the ward-mote, or ward court. Wharton; Cunningham.

GENESEARCH. The head of a family.

GENEAETH. In Saxon law. A villein, or agricultural tenant. ( villanus villicus;) a blind or farmer. ( armarius rusticus). Spelman.

GENER. Lat. In the civil law. A son-in-law; a daughter's husband. (Filia vir.) Dig. 38, 10, 4, 6.

GENERAL. Pertaining to, or designating, the genus or class, as distinguished from that which characterizes the species or individual. Universal, not particularized; as opposed to special. Principal or central; as opposed to local. Open or available to all, as opposed to select. Obtaining commonly, or recognized universally; as opposed to particular. Universal or unbounded; as opposed to limited. Comprehending the whole, or directed to the whole; as distinguished from anything applying to or designed for a portion only.

As a noun, the word is the title of a principal officer in the army, usually one who commands a whole army, division, corps, or brigade. In the United States army, the rank of "general" is the highest possible, next to the commander in chief, and is only occasionally created. The officers next in rank are lieutenant general, major general, and brigadier general.

—General assembly. A name given in some of the United States to the senate and house of representatives, which compose the legislative body. See State v. Gear, 6 Ohio Dec. 599. General council. (1) A council consisting of members of the Roman Catholic Church from most parts of the world, but not from every part, as an ecumenical council. (2) One of the names of the English parliament.—General court. The name given to the legislature of Massachusetts and of New Hampshire, in colonial times, and subsequently by their constitutions; so called because the
colonial legislature of Massachusetts grew out of the general court or meeting of the Massachusetts Company, Cent. Dict. See Citizens' Sav. & Loan Ass'n v. Topkea, 20 Wall. 986, 22 L. Ed. 435.—General credit. The character of a witness as one generally worthy of credit. According to Bouvier, there is a distinction between this and "particular credit," which may be affected by proof of particular facts relating to the particular action. See Bemis v. Kyle, 5 Abb. Prac. (N. S.) (N. Y.) 253.—General field. Several distinct lots or pieces of land inclosed and fenced in as one common field. Mansfield v. Hawkes, 14 Mass. 440.—General inclosure act. The statute 41 Geo. III. c. 100, which consolidates a number of regulations as to the inclosure of common fields and waste lands.—General interest. In speaking of matters of public and general interest, the terms "public" and "general" are sometimes used as synonyms. But in regard to the admissibility of hearsay evidence, a distinction has been taken between them, the term "public" being strictly applied to that which concerns every member of the state, and the term "general" being confined to a lesser, though still a considerable, portion of the community. Tyl. Ev. § 608.—General land-office. In the United States, one of the bureaus of the interior department, which has charge of the survey, sale, granting of patents, and other matters relating to the public lands.


GENERALE. The usual commons in a religious house, distinguished from pietan
tis, which on extraordinary occasions were allowed beyond the commons. Cowell.

Generale dictum generaliter est interpretation. A general expression is to be interpreted generally. 8 Coke, 1156.


Generale tantum valet in generalibus, quantum singulario in singulis. What is general is of as much force among general things as what is particular is among things particular. 11 Coke, 59b.


Generalia specialibus non derogat. Jenk. Cent. 120, cited L. R. 4 Exch. 228. General words do not derogate from special.

Generalia sunt praeposita singularibus. Branch, Princ. General things are to precede particular things.

Generalia verba sunt generaliter intelligenda. General words are to be understood generally, or in a general sense. 3 Inst. 76; Broom, Max. 647.

Generalia specialia derogant. Special things take from generals. Halk. Lat. Max. 61.

Generalis clausula non porrigitur ad ea quae ante specialiter sunt comprehensa. A general clause does not extend to those things which are previously provided for specially. 8 Coke, 154b. Therefore, where a deed at the first contains special words, and afterwards concludes in general words, both words, as well general as special, shall stand.

Generalis regula generaliter est intelligenda. A general rule is to be understood generally. 6 Coke, 65.

GENERALS OF ORDERS. Chiefs of the several orders of monks, friars, and other religious societies.

GENERATIO. The issue or offspring of a mother-monastery. Cowell.


GENEROSUS. Lat. Gentleman; a gentleman. Spelman.


GENICULUM. A degree of consanguinity. Spelman.

GENS. Lat. In Roman law. A tribe or clan; a group of families, connected by common descent and bearing the same name, being all free-born and of free ancestors, and in possession of full civic rights.


GENTILES. In Roman law. The members of a gens or common tribe.

GENTLEMAN. In English law. A person of superior birth.

Under the denomination of "gentlemen" are comprised all above yeoman; whereby noble-
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A "gentleman" is defined to be one who, without any title, bears a coat of arms, or whose ancestors have been freeemen; and, by the cost that a gentleman giveth, he is known to be, or not to be, descended from those of his name that lived many hundred years since. Jacob. See Cresson v. Cresson, 6 Fed. Cas. 500.

GENTLEMAN Usher. One who holds a post at court to usher others to the presence, etc.

GENTLEWOMAN. A woman of birth above the common, or equal to that of a gentleman; an addition of a woman's state or degree.

GENTOO LAW. See HINDU LAW.

GENUINE. As applied to notes, bonds, and other written instruments, this term means that they are truly what they purport to be, and that they are not false, forged, fictitious, simulated, spurious, or counterfeit. Baldwin v. Van Deusen, 37 N. Y. 492; Smeltzer v. White, 92 U. S. 392, 23 L. Ed. 508; Dow v. Speney, 29 Mo. 390; Cox v. Northwestern Stage Co., 1 Idaho, 379.

GENUS. In the civil law. A general class or division, comprising several species. In toto jure generi per speciem derogatur, et illud potissimum habetur quod ad speciem directum est, throughout the law, the species takes from the genus, and that is most particularly regarded which refers to the species. Dig. 50, 17, 80.

A man's lineage, or direct descendants. In logic, it is the first of the universal ideas, and is when the idea is so common that it extends to other ideas which are also universal; e. g., incorporeal hereditament is genus with respect to a rent, which is species. Woolley, Intro. Log. 45; 1 Mill. Log. 133.

GEORGE-NOBLE. An English gold coin, value 6s. 8d.

GERECHTSBODE. In old New York law. A court messenger or constable. O'Callaghan, New Neth. 322.

GEREFIA. In Saxon law. Greve, reve, or reeve; a ministerial officer of high antiquity in England; answering to the grace or grant (provo) of the early continental nations. The term was applied to various grades of officers, from the sogre-geresa, shire-gerfa, or shire-reeve, who had charge of the county, (and whose title and office have been perpetuated in the modern "sherrif"); down to the tun-geresa, or town-reeve, and lower. Burrill.

GERENS. Bearing. Gerens datum, bearing date. 1 Ld. Raym. 336; Hob. 19.

GERMAN. Whole, full, or own, in respect to relationship or descent. Brothers-

German, as opposed to half-brothers, are those who have both the same father and mother. Cousins-german are "first" cousins; that is, children of brothers or sisters.

GERMANUS. Lat. Descended of the same stock, or from the same couple of ancestors; of the whole or full blood. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 145.

GERMEN TERRAE. Lat. A sprout of the earth. A young tree, so called.

GERONTOCOMI. In the civil law. Officers appointed to manage hospitals for the aged poor.

GERONTOCOMIUM. In the civil law. An institution or hospital for taking care of the old. Cod. 1, 3, 46, 1; Calvin.

GERRYMANDER. A name given to the process of dividing a state or other territory into the authorized civil or political divisions, but with such a geographical arrangement as to accomplish a sinister or unlawful purpose, as, for instance, to secure a majority for a given political party in districts where the result would be otherwise if they were divided according to obvious natural lines, or to arrange school districts so that children of certain religions or nationalities shall be brought within one district and those of a different religion or nationality in another district. State v. Whitford, 54 Wis. 150, 11 N. W. 424.

GERSUMARIUS. In old English law. Finable; liable to be amerced at the discretion of the lord of a manor. Cowell.

GERSUME. In old English law. Expense; reward; compensation; wealth. It is also used for a fine or compensation for an offense. 2 Mon. Angl. 973.

GEST. In Saxon law. A guest. A name given to a stranger on the second night of his entertainment in another's house. Two-night gest.

GESTATION, UTERO-GESTATION. In medical jurisprudence. The time during which a female, who has conceived, carries the embryo or fetus in her uterus.

GESTIO. In the civil law. Behavior or conduct.

Management or transaction. Negotiorum gestio, the doing of another's business; an interference in the affairs of another in his absence, from benevolence or friendship, and without authority. Dig. 3, 5, 45; 1d. 46, 3, 12, 4; 2 Kent, Comm. 616, note.

-Gestio pro hærede. Behavior as heir. This expression was used in the Roman law, and adopted in the civil law and Scotch law, to denote conduct on the part of a person appointed heir to a deceased person, or otherwise entitled to succeed as heir, which indicates an
intention to enter upon the inheritance, and to hold himself out as heir to creditors of the deceased; as by receiving the rents due to the deceased, or by taking possession of his title-deeds, etc. Such acts will render the heir liable to the debts of his ancestor. Mozley & Whitley.

**GESTOR.** In the civil law. One who acts for another, or transacts another's business. Calvin.

**GESTU ET FAMA.** An ancient and obsolete writ resorted to when a person's good behavior was impeached. Lamb. Etr. l. 4, c. 14.

**GESTUM.** Lat. In Roman law. A deed or act; a thing done. Some writers affected to make a distinction between "gestum" and "factum." But the best authorities pronounced this subtle and indefensible. Dig. 50, 16, 58.


**GEWINEDA.** In Saxon law. The ancient convention of the people to decide a cause.

**GEWITNESSA.** In Saxon and old English law. The giving of evidence.

**GEWRITE.** In Saxon law. Deeds or charters; writings. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 10.

**GIBBET.** A gallows; the post on which malefactors are hanged, or on which their bodies are exposed. It differs from a common gallows, in that it consists of one perpendicular post, from the top of which proceeds one arm, except it be a double gibbet, which is formed in the shape of the Roman capital T. Enc. Lond.

**GIBBET LAW.** Lynch law; in particular a custom anciently prevailing in the parish of Halifax, England, by which the free burgage held a summary trial of any one accused of petty larceny, and, if they found him guilty, ordered him to be decapitated.


A gift is a transfer of personal property, made voluntarily and without consideration. Civil Code Cal. § 1146.

In popular language, a voluntary conveyance or assignment is called a "deed of gift."

"Gift" and "advancement" are sometimes used interchangeably as expressive of the same operation. But, while an advancement is always a gift, a gift is very frequently not an advancement. In re Dewees' Estate, 3 Brewst. (Pa.) 314.

**In English law.** A conveyance of lands in tail; a conveyance of an estate in tail in which the operative words are "I give," or "I have given." 2 Bl. Comm. 316; 1 Steph. Comm. 473.

---Absolute gift, as distinguished from one made in contemplation of death, is one by which the donee becomes in the lifetime of the donor the absolute owner of the thing given, whereas a donatio mortis causa leaves the whole title in the donor, unless the event occurs (the death of the donor) which is to divest him. Buecker v. Carr, 60 N. J. Eq. 300, 47 Atl. 34. As distinguished from a gift in trust, it is one where not only the legal title but the beneficial ownership as well is vested in the donee. Watkins v. Bigelow, 39 Minn. 210, 100 N. W. 1104.

---Gift extinguise. A scheme for the division or distribution of certain articles of property, to be determined by chance, among those who have taken shares in the scheme. The phrase has attained such a notoriety as to justify a court in taking judicial notice of what is meant and understood by it. Lohman v. State, 81 Ind. 17; Lambourgh v. District of Columbia, 11 App. D. C. 524; State v. Shugart, 138 Ala. 86, 35 South. 28, 100 Am. St. Rep. 17; Winston v. Beeson, 133 N. C. 271, 47 S. E. 457, 65 L. R. A. 197.

**GIFTA AQUÆ.** The stream of water to a mill. Mon. Angl. tom. 3.

**GIFTOMAN.** In Swedish law. The right to dispose of a woman in marriage; or the person possessing such right,—her father, if living, or, if he be dead, the mother.

**GILD.** In Saxon law. A tax or tribute. Speelman.

A fine, munct, or amerclament; a satisfaction or compensation for an injury.

A fraternity, society, or company of persons combined together, under certain regulations, and with the king's license, and so called because its expenses were defrayed by the contributions (geld, gild) of its members. Speelman. In other words, a corporation; called, in Latin, "socictas," "collegium," "fratria," "fraternitas," "sodalitium," "adunatio;" and, in foreign law, "gildonia." Speelman. There were various kinds of these gilds, as merchant or commercial gilds, religious gilds, and others. 3 Turn. Anglo Sax. 98; 2 Steph. Comm. 173, note u. See Gilda Mercatoria.

A frilberg, or decennary; called, by the Saxons, "gildascept," and its members, "gildones" and "congildones." Speelman.

---Gild-hall. See Guildhall.---Gild-rent. Certain payments to the crown from any gild or fraternity.

**GILDÆ MERCATORIA.** A gild merchant, or merchant gild; a gild, corporation, or company of merchants. 10 Coke, 30.
GILDABLE. In old English law. Taxable, tributary, or contributory; liable to pay tax or tribute. Cowell; Blount.

GILD. In Saxon law. Members of a gild or decennary. Oftenter spelled "con-gidio." Du Cange; Spelman.

GILOUR. L. Fr. A cheat or decoy. Applied in Britton to those who sold false or spurious things for good, as pewter for silver or laten for gold. Brit. c. 15.

GIRANTE. An Italian word, which signifies the drawer of a bill. It is derived from "gireare," to draw.

GIRTH. In Saxon and old English law. A measure of length, equal to one yard, derived from the girth or circumference of a man's body.

GIRTH AND SANCTUARY. In old Scotch law. An asylum given to murderers, where the murder was committed without any previous design, and in "chaude melia," or heat of passion. Bell.

GISEMENT. L. Fr. Agistment; cattle taken in to graze at a certain price; also the money received for grazing cattle.

GISE. L. Fr. To lie. Gist en le bouche, it lies in the mouth. Le action bien gist, the action well lies. Gisant, lying.

GISTAKER. An agister; a person who takes cattle to graze.

GISLE. In Saxon law. A pledge. Frédigisic, a pledge of peace. Gisalbert, an ilustrious pledge.

GIST. In pleading. The essential ground or object of the action in point of law, without which there would be no cause of action. Gould, Pl. c. 4, § 12; Hathaway v. Rice, 19 Vt. 102.

The gist of an action is the cause for which an action will lie; the ground or foundation of a suit, without which it would not be maintainable; the essential ground or object of a suit, and without which there is not a cause of action. First Nat. Bank v. Burnett, 101 Ill. 391, 40 Am. Rep. 209; Hoffman v. Knight, 127 Ala. 149, 28 South. 583; Tarbell v. Tarbell, 60 Vt. 496, 15 Atl. 104.

GIVE. 1. To transfer or yield to, or bestow upon, another. One of the operative words in deeds of conveyance of real property, importing at common law, a warranty or covenant for quiet enjoyment during the lifetime of the grantor. Mack v. Patchin, 29 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 23; Young v. Harrgrave, 7 Ohio, 68, pt. 2; Dow v. Lewis, 4 Gray (Mass.) 473.

2. To bestow upon another gratuitously or without consideration.

In their ordinary and familiar signification, the words "sell" and "give" have not the same meaning, but are commonly used to express different modes of transferring the right to property from one person to another. "To sell" means to transfer for a valuable consideration, while "to give" signifies to transfer gratuitously, without any equivalent. Parkinson v. State, 14 Md. 184, 74 Am. Dec. 522.

Give and bequeath. These words, in a will, impart a benefit in point of right, to take effect upon the decease of the testator and proof of the will, unless it is made in terms to depend upon some contingencies or condition precedent. Eldridge v. Eldridge, 9 Cush. (Mass.) 519. Give ball. To furnish or put in bail or security for one's appearance. Give color. To admit an apparent or colorable right in the opposite party. See Color. Give judgment. To render, pronounce, or declare the judgment of the court in an action at law; not spoken of a judgment obtained by confession. Schuster v. Rader, 13 Colo. 329, 22 Pac. 505. Give notice. To communicate to another, in any proper or permissible legal manner, information or warning of an existing fact or state of facts or (more usually) of some intended future action. See O'Neill v. Dickson, 11 Ind. 254; In re Devlin, 7 Fed. Cas. 564; City Nat. Bank v. Williams, 122 Mass. 532. Give time. The act of a creditor in extending the time for payment or satisfaction of a claim beyond the time stipulated in the original contract. If done without the consent of the surety, indorser, or guarantor, it discharges him. Howell v. Jones, 1 Comr. M. & R. 107; Shipman v. Kelley, 9 App. Div. 316, 41 N. Y. Supp. 326. Give way. In the rules of navigation, one vessel is said to "give way" to another when she deviates from her course in such a manner and to such an extent as to allow the other to pass without altering her course. See Lockwood v. Lashett, 19 Pa. 350.

GIVER. A donor; he who makes a gift.

GIVING IN PAYMENT. In Louisiana law. A phrase (translating the Fr. "dation en payment") which signifies the delivery and acceptance of real or personal property in satisfaction of a debt, instead of a payment in money. See Civil Code La. art. 2655.

GIVING RINGS. A ceremony anciently performed in England by sergeants at law at the time of their appointment. The rings were inscribed with a motto, generally in Latin.

GLADIOLUS. A little sword or dagger; a kind of sedge. Mat. Paris.

GLADIUS. Lat. A sword. An ancient emblem of defense. Hence the ancient ears or comites (the king's attendants, advisers, and associates in his government) were made by being girt with swords, (pladio succinetti.) The emblem of the executory power of the law in punishing crimes. 4 Bl. Comm. 177. In old Latin authors, and in the Norman laws, this word was used to signify supreme jurisdiction, (jus gladii.)

GLAIVE. A sword, lance, or horseman's staff. One of the weapons allowed in a trial by combat.

GLANS. In the civil law. Acorns or nuts of the oak or other trees. In a larger sense, all fruits of trees.
GLASS-MEN. A term used in St. 1 Jac. I. c. 7, for wandering rogues or vagrants.

GLAVEA. A hand dart. Cowell.

GLEANING. The gathering of grain after reapers, or of grain left ungathered by reapers. Held not to be a right at common law. 1 H. Bl. 51.

GLEBA. A turf, sod, or clod of earth. The soil or ground; cultivated land in general. Church land, (solum et dos ecclesiae) Spelman. See GLEBE.

GLEBE AScriptITiV. Villain-socmen, who could not be removed from the land while they did the service due. Bract. c. 7; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 269.

GLEGAL. Turfs dug out of the ground. Cowell.

GLEBE. In ecclesiastical law. The land possessed as part of the endowment or revenue of a church or ecclesiastical benefice.

In Roman law. A clod; turf; soil. Hence, the soil of an inheritance; an agrarian estate. Servi addicii globar were serfs attached to and passing with the estate. Cod. 11, 47, 7, 21; Nov. 54, 1.

GLISCUWA. In Saxon law. A fraternity.

GLomerellis. Commissioners appointed to determine differences between scholars in a school or university and the townspeople of the place. Jacob.

GLOS. Lat. In the civil law. A husband's sister. Dig. 88, 10, 4, 6.

GLOSS. An interpretation, consisting of one or more words, interlinear or marginal; an annotation, explanation, or comment on any passage in the text of a work, for purposes of elucidation or amplification. Particularly applied to the comments on the Corpus Juris.

GLOSSA. Lat. A gloss, explanation, or interpretation. The glossa of the Roman law are brief illustrative comments or annotations on the text of Justinian's collections, made by the professors who taught or lectured on them about the twelfth century, (especially at the law school of Bologna,) and were hence called "glossators." These glosses were at first inserted in the text with the words to which they referred, and were called "glossae interlinearae;" but afterwards they were placed in the margin, partly at the side, and partly under the text, and called "glossae marginales." A selection of them was made by Accursius, between A. D. 1220 and 1260, under the title of "Glossa Ordinaria," which is of the greatest authority. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 90.

Glosa viperina est quae corrupit viscerarum textum. 11 Coke, 34. It is a poisonous gloss which corrupts the essence of the text.

GLOSSATOR. In the civil law. A commentator or annotator. A term applied to the professors and teachers of the Roman law in the twelfth century, at the head of whom was Inernius. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 90.

GLOUCESTER, STATUTE OF. The statute is the 6 Edw. I. c. 1. A. D. 1278. It takes its name from the place of its enactment, and was the first statute giving costs in actions.

GLOVE SILVER. Extraordinary rewards formerly given to officers of courts, etc.; money formerly given by the sheriff of a county in which no offenders are left for execution to the clerk of assise and judges' officers. Jacob.

GLOVES. It was an ancient custom on a maiden assize, when there was no offender to be tried, for the sheriff to present the judge with a pair of white gloves. It is an immemorial custom to remove the glove from the right hand on taking oath. Wharton.

GLYN. A hollow between two mountains; a valley or glen. Co. Litt. 56.


—Go bail. To assume the responsibility of a surety on a bail-bond.—Go hence. To depart from the court; with the further implication that a suitor who is directed to "go hence" is dismissed from further attendance upon the court in respect to the suit or proceeding which brought him there, and that he is finally denied the relief which he sought, or, as the case may be, absolved from the liability sought to be imposed upon him. See Biatt v. Kinkaid, 40 Neb. 178, 58 N. W. 700.—Go to. In a statute, will, or other instrument, a direction that property shall "go to" a designated person means that it shall pass or proceed to such person, vest in and belong to him. In re Hitchins' Estate, 43 Misc. Rep. 485, 80 N. Y. Supp. 472. Plass v. Plass, 121 Cal. 331, 53 Pac. 448.—Go to protest. Commercial paper is said to "go to protest" when it is dishonored by non-payment or non-acceptance and is handed to a notary for protest.—Go without day. Words used to denote that a party is dismissed the court. He is said to go without day, because there is no day appointed for him to appear again.

GOAT, GOTE. In old English law. A contrivance or structure for draining waters out of the land into the sea. Callis describes goats as "usual engines erected and built with portcullises and doors of timber and stone or brick, invented first in Lower Germany." Callis, Sewers, (91) 112, 113. Cowell defines "gote," a ditch, sewer, or gutter.
GOD AND MY COUNTRY. The answer made by a prisoner, when arraigned, in answer to the question, "How will you be tried?" In the ancient practice he had the choice (as appears by the question) whether to submit to the trial by ordeal (by God) or to be tried by a jury, (by the country); and it is probable that the original form of the answer was, "By God or my country," whereby the prisoner averred his innocence by declining neither of the modes of trial.

GOD-BOTE. An ecclesiastical or church fine paid for crimes and offenses committed against God. Cowell.

GOD-GILD. That which is offered to God or his service. Jacob.

GOD'S PENNY. In old English law. Earnest-money; money given as evidence of the completion of a bargain. This name is probably derived from the fact that such money was given to the church or distributed in alms.

GOING-STOLE. An old form of the word "cucking-stool," (q. v.) Cowell.

GOING. In various compound phrases (as those which follow) this term implies either motion, progress, active operation, or present and continuous validity and efficacy.

—Going before the wind. In the language of mariners and in the rules of navigation, a vessel is said to be going "before the wind" when the wind is free as respects her course, that is, comes from behind the vessel or over the stern, so that her yards may be braced square across. She is said to "go off large" when she has the wind free on either tack, that is, when it blows from some point abaft the beam or from the quarter. This was called "going to the country" or "to the bank." The Buffalo, 11 Fed. Cas. 216; Ward v. The Fashion, 29 Fed. Cas. 188. —Going concern. A firm or corporation which, though embarrassed or even insolvent, has industries to transact, or its ordinary business. White, etc., Mfg. Co. v. Pettes Importing Co. (C. C.) 30 Fed. 805; Corey v. Waterman, 69 Ala. 68, 11 South. 350, 23 L. R. A. 618, 42 Am. St. Rep. 55. —Going off large. See "GOING BEFORE THE WIND," supra. —Going price. The prevalent price; the current market value of the article in question at the time and place of sale. Kelsey v. Haines, 41 N. H. 274. —Going through the bar. The act of the chief of an English common-law court in demanding of every member of the bar, in order of seniority, if he has anything to move that day. This was done at the sitting of the court each day in term, except special paper days, crown paper days in the queen's bench, and revenue paper days in the exchequer. On the last day of term, this order is reversed, the first and second time round. In the exchequer the postman and tubman also called "going through the country." When a party, under the common-law system of pleading, finished his pleading by the words "and of this he puts himself upon the court to consider," the pleading was called "going to the country." It was the essential termination to a pleading which took issue upon a material fact in the preceding pleading. Wharton. —Going value. As applied to the property or plant of a manufacturing or industrial corporation, a public-service corporation, etc., this means the value which arises from having an established business which is in active operation. It is an element of value over and above the replacement cost of the plant, and may represent the increment arising from previous labor, effort, or expenditure in working up business, acquiring good will, and successfully adapting property and plant to the intended use. See Cedar Rapids Water Co. v. Cedar Rapids, 118 Iowa, 234, 91 N. W. 1081. —Going witness. One who is about to take his departure from the jurisdiction of the court, although only into a state or country under the general sovereignty: as from one to another of the United States, or from England to Scotland.


GOLDSMITHS' NOTES. Bankers' cash notes (i.e., promissory notes given by a banker to his customers as acknowledgments of the receipt of money) were originally called in London "goldsmiths' notes," from the circumstance that all the banking business in England was originally transacted by goldsmiths. Wharton.

GOLDWIT. A nuict or fine in gold. GOLIARDUS. L. Lat. A jester, buffoon, or juggler. Spelman, voc. "Gollar-densia."

GOMASHTAH. In Hindu law. An agent; a steward; a confidential factor; a representative.

GONORRHEA. In medical jurisprudence. A venereal disease, characterized by a purulent inflammation of the urethra.

GOOD. 1. Valid; sufficient in law; effectual; unobjectionable.

2. Responsible; solvent; able to pay an amount specified.

3. Of a value corresponding with its terms; collectible. A note is said to be "good" when the payment of it at maturity may be relied on. Curtis v. Smallman, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 232; Cooke v. Nathan, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 344.

Writing the word "Good," across the face of a check is the customary mode in which bankers at the present day certify that the drawer has funds to meet it, and that it will be paid on presentation for that purpose. Merchants' Nat. Bank v. State Nat. Bank, 10 Wall. 645, 19 L. Ed. 1008; Irving Bank v. Wetherald, 38 N. Y. 355.

—Good ahearing. See ATEARANCE.—Good and lawful men. Those who are not disqualified for service on juries by non-age, alienage, infancy, or lunacy, and who reside in the county of the venue. Bonds v. State, Mart. & Y. (Tenn.) 140, 17 Am. Dec. 795; State v. Price, 11 N. J. Law, 209. —Good and valid. Reliable, sufficient, and unimpeachable in law; adequate; responsible; Good behavior. Orderly and lawful conduct; behavior such as is proper for a peaceable and law-abiding citizen. Safety lock and other devices may be exacted from any one who manifests an intention to commit a crime or is otherwise reasonably suspected of a criminal design. Huyser v. Com., 76 S. W.
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—Good country. In Scotch law. Good men of a country. A name given to a jury.—Good faith. Good faith consists in an honest intention to abstain from taking any unconscious advantage of another, even through the means and techniques of law, together with an absence of any information or belief of facts which would render the transaction unconscious. Crouse v. First Nat. Bank, 156 Ill. 312, 36 N. E. 402; Doctor v. For, 91 Wis. 464, 65 N. W. 161; Gress v. Evans, 1 Dak. 357, 46 N. W. 1132; Walraven v. Bank, 96 Tex. 331, 74 S. W. 530; Senr. v. School Dist. 133 U. S. 553, 10 Sup. Ct. 374, 33 L. Ed. 740.

—Good jury. A jury of which the members are selected from the list of special jurors. See 12 Co. Litt. 36-37, 150-151. This means such a title as a court of chancery would adopt as a sufficient ground for compelling specifications. There is no such a title as would be a good answer to an action of ejectment by any claimant. Reynolds v. Horel, 86 Cal. 358, 25 P. 969; Long v. Camble, 121 Ill. 258, 23 N. E. 521; Marion v. A. H. Bros., 23 Barb. (N. Y.) 381.—Good will. The custom or patronage of any established trade or business, the benefit which is enjoyed in the establishment of a business and secured its patronage by the public. The advantage or benefit which is acquired by an establishment, beyond the mere value of the real estate, stocks, funds, or property employed therein, in consequence of the general public patronage and encouragement of which it receives from constant or habitual customers, on account of its local position, or common celebrity, or reputation for skilled performances, and such advantage as from other accidental circumstances or necessities, or even from ancient partialities or prejudices. Story, Part. I. 40; Haverly v. Elliott, 39 Barb. 201; 57 N. Y. 1010; Munsey v. Butterfield, 133 Mass. 494; Bell v. Ellis, 33 Cal. 625; People v. Roberts, 135 N. Y. 70, 53 N. E. 683, 45 L. R. A. 1311; Burt v. Dow, 166 Me. 790; Menendez v. Holt, 128 U. S. 314, 9 Sup. Ct. 143, 32 L. Ed. 526. The good will of a business is less than the expectation of continued public patronage, but it does not follow that a right to use the name of any person from whom it was acquired. Civ. Code Cal. § 1892; Civ. Code Cal. § 77. The term "good will does not mean simply the advantage of occupying particular premises which have been occupied by a manufacturer, etc. It means every advantage, every positive advantage, that has been acquired by a proprietor in carrying on his business, whether connected with the premises in which the business is conducted, or with the name under which it is managed, or with any other matter carrying with it the benefit of the business person. Hall v. Mfg. Co. v. Hall, 61 N. Y. 226, 19 Am. Rep. 275.

GOODRIGHT, GOODTITLE. The fictitious plaintiff in the old action of ejectment, most frequently called "John Doe," was sometimes called "Goodright" or "Goodtitle."

GOODS. In contracts. The term "goods" is not so wide as "chattels," for it applies to inanimate objects, and does not include animals or chattels real, as a lease for years of house or land, which "chattels" does include. Co. Litt. 118; St. Joseph Hydraulic Co. v. Wilson, 133 Ind. 405, 33 N. E. 113; Van Patten v. Leonard, 55 Iowa, 520, 8 N. W. 334; Putnam v. Westcott, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 76.

In wills. In wills "goods" is nomen generalissimum, and, if there is nothing to limit it, will comprehend all the personal estate of the testator, as stocks, bonds, notes, money, plate, furniture, etc. Kendall v. Kendall, 4 Russ. 370; Chamberlann v. Western Transp. Co., 44 N. Y. 310, 4 Am. Rep. 681; Foxall v. McKenney, 9 Fed. Cas. 645; Bailey v. Duncan, 2 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 22; Keyser v. School Dist., 35 N. H. 483.

—Goods and chattels. This phrase is a general denomination of personal property, as distinguished from real property; the term "chattels" having the effect of extending its scope to any objects of that nature which would not properly be included by the term "goods" alone, e. g., living animals, emblems, and fruits, and terms under leases for years. The general phrase also embraces choices in action, as well as personal in possession. In wills. The term "goods and chattels" will, unless restrained by the context, pass all the personal estate, including personal cattle, corn, debts, and the like. Ward, Leg. 298, 211.—Goods sold and delivered. A phrase frequently used in the action of assumpsit, when the sale and delivery of goods are in issue. Mar. 2, 3, 4 42 C. L. 78; Wares, and merchandise. A general and comprehensive designation of such chattels as are ordinarily the subject of traffic and sale. The phrase is used in the statute of frauds, and is frequently found in pleadings and other instruments. As to its scope, see State v. Brooks, 4 Conn. 449; French v. Schoonmaker, 69 N. J. Law. 6, 54 Atl. 223; Sewall v. Allen, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 355; Smith v. Wilcox, 24 N. Y. 358, 18 Am. Rep. 511; United States v. J. W. Marsh. (Ky.) 543; Boston Investment Co. v. Boston, 158 Mass. 461, 33 N. E. 580; Com. v. Nux, 43 Mass. 472. The sale or purchase of goods is an aliquot part of the transaction, and the like. By the handle, the lock, and the like. St. 16 & 17 Car. II. c. 11.

GOOLE. In old English law. A breach in a bank or sea wall, or a passage worn by the flux and reflux of the sea. St. 16 & 17 Car. II. c. 11.

GORCE, or GORS. A wear, pool, or pit of water. Termes de la Ley.

GORE. In old English law, a small, narrow slip of ground. Cowell. In modern land law, a small triangular piece of land, such as may be left between surveys which do not close. In some of the New England states (as, Maine and Vermont) the term is applied to a subdivision of a county, having a scanty population and for that reason not organized as a town.

GOSSIPRED. In canon law. Compatriot; spiritual affinity.

GOUT. In medical jurisprudence. An inflammation of the fibrous and ligamentous parts of the joints, characterized or caused by an excess of uric acid in the blood, and pain-fully, but not invariably, occurring in the joints of the feet, and then specifically called "podagra."

GOVERNMENT. 1. The regulation, restraint, supervision, or control which is ex-
ercised upon the individual members of an organized jural society by those invested with the supreme political authority, for the good and welfare of the body politic; or the act of exercising supreme political power or control.

2. The system of polity in a state; that form of fundamental rules and principles by which a nation or state is governed, or by which individual members of a body politic are to regulate their social actions; a constitution, either written or unwritten, by which the rights and duties of citizens and public officers are prescribed and defined, as a monarchical government, a republican government, etc. Webster.

3. An empire, kingdom, state or independent political community; as in the phrase, "Compacts between independent governments."

4. The sovereign or supreme power in a state or nation.

5. The machinery by which the sovereign power in a state expresses its will and exercises its functions; or the framework of political institutions, departments, and offices, by means of which the executive, judicial, legislative, and administrative business of the state is carried on.

6. The whole class or body of office-holders or functionaries considered in the aggregate, upon whom devolves the executive, judicial, legislative, and administrative business of the state.

7. In a colloquial sense, the United States or its representatives, considered as the prosecuting in a criminal action; as in the phrase, "the government objects to the witness."

—Federal government. The government of the United States of America, as distinguished from the governments of the several states.

—Governmental agencies. These specific agencies of the Federal government, or its representatives, as the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, the Attorney General, legislative or administrative agencies for life or term of years. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 45, this act, as well as 7 & 8 Vict. c. 53, amending it, were repealed, and the whole law in relation to the purchase of government annuities, through the medium of savings banks, was consolidated. And by 27 & 28 Vict. c. 43, additional facilities were afforded for the purchase of such annuities, and for ascertaining payments of money on death. Wharton.—Government de facto. A government of fact. A government actually exercising power and control in the state, as opposed to the true and lawful government; a government not established according to the constitution of the state, or not lawfully entitled to recognition or supremacy, but which has nevertheless supplanted or displaced the government de jure. A government de facto is unlawful and is, in effect, wrongful or unjust, which, nevertheless, receives present, or has received, or has the power to receive, present, or habitual obedience from the bulk of the community. Aust. Jur. 324.—Local government. The government or administration of a particular locality; especially, the governmental authority of a municipal corporation, as a city or county, over its local and individual affairs, excepting some of the features of two or all of the three primary forms, viz., monarchy, aristocracy, and democracy.—Republican government. One which in which the powers of government are vested in the people and are exercised by the people, either directly, or through representatives chosen by the people, whom those powers are specially delegated. Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) 309; In re Duncan, 130 U. S. 449, 11 Sup. Ct. 575, 35 L. Ed. 219; Minor v. Happersett, 21 Wall. 115, 22 L. Ed. 627.

GOVERNOR. The title of the chief executive in each of the states and territories of the United States; and also of the chief
magistrate of some colonies, provinces, and dependences of other nations.

GRACE. This word is commonly used in contradistinction to "right." Thus, in St. 22 Edw. III., the lord chancellor was instructed to take cognizance of matters of grace, being such subjects of equity jurisdiction as were exclusively matters of equity. Brown. A faculty, license, or dispensation; also general and free pardon by act of parliament. See ACT OF GRACE.

GRACE, DAYS OF. Time of indulgence granted to an acceptor or maker for the payment of his bill of exchange or note. It was originally a gratuitous favor, (hence the name,) but custom has rendered it a legal right.

GRADATUM. In old English law. By degrees or steps; step by step; from one degree to another. Bract. fol. 94.

GRADUS. In the civil and old English law. A measure of space. A degree of relationship.

A step or degree generally; e. g., gradus honorum, degrees of honor. Vicat. A pulpit; a year; a generation. Du Cange.

A port; any place where a vessel can be brought to land. Du Cange.

GRADUS PARENTIAE. A pedigree; a table of relationship.

GRAFFARIUS. In old English law. A gragger, notary, or scrivener. St. 5 Hen. VIII. c. 1.

GRAFFER. A notary or scrivener. See St. 5 Hen. VIII. c. 1. The word is a corruption of the French "procéder." (q. v.)


GRAFFIO. A baron, inferior to a count. A fiscal judge. An advocate. Spelman; Cowell.

GRAFT. A term used in equity to denote the confirmation, by relation back, of the right of a mortgagee in premises to which, at the making of the mortgage, the mortgagee or had only an imperfect title, but to which the latter has since acquired a good title.

GRAIN. In Troy weight, the twenty-fourth part of a pennyweight. Any kind of corn sown in the ground.

-Grain rent. A payment for the use of land in grain or other crop; the return to the landlord paid by croppers or persons working the land on shares. Railroad Co. v. Bates, 40 Neb. 381, 58 N. W. 963.

GRAINAGE. An ancient duty in London under which the twentieth part of salt imported by aliens was taken.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. In England, this term designates a school in which such instruction is given as will prepare the student to enter a college or university, and in this sense the phrase was used in the Massachusetts colonial act of 1647, requiring every town containing a hundred householders to set up a "grammar school." See Jenkins v. Andover, 103 Mass. 97. But in modern American usage the term denotes a school, intermediate between the primary school and the high school, in which English grammar and other studies of that grade are taught.

Grammatica falsa non vitiat chartam. 9 Coke, 48. False grammar does not vitiate a deed.

GRAMMATOPHYLACIUM. (Greco-Lat.) In the civil law. A place for keeping writings or records. Dig. 48, 19, 9, 6.

GRAMME. The unit of weight in the metric system. The gramme is the weight of a cubic centimeter of distilled water at the temperature of 4° C. It is equal to 15.4341 grains troy, or 5.5431 drachms avoirdupois.

GRANATARIUS. In old English law. An officer having charge of a granary. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 82, § 1; Id. c. 84.


GRAND COUTUMIER. A collection of customs, laws, and forms of procedure in use in early times in France. See Courums.

GRAND DAYS. In English practice. Certain days by the terms, which are solemnly kept in the courts of court and chancery, viz., Candlemas day in Hilary term, Ascension day in Easter, St. John the Baptist's day in Trinity, and All Saints in Michaelmas; which are dies non juridici. Terminus de la Ley; Cowell; Blount. They are days set apart for peculiar festivity; the members of the respective inns being on such occasions regaled at their dinner in the hall, with more than usual sumptuousness. Holthouse.

GRANDCHILD. The child of one's child.

GRANDFATHER. The father of either of one's parents.

GRANDMOTHER. The mother of either of one's parents.

GRANGE. A farm furnished with barns, granaries, stables, and all conveniences for husbandry. Co. Litt. 5'a.

GRANGEARUS. A keeper of a grange or farm.

GRANGIA. A grange. Co. Litt. 5'a.
GRANT. A generic term applicable to all transfers of real property. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 181, 303.

A conveyance by deed of that which cannot be passed by livery. Williams, Real Prop. 147, 149; Jordan v. Indianapolis Water Co., 150 Ind. 337, 64 N. E. 680.

An act evidenced by letters patent under the great seal, granting something from the king to a subject. Cruise, Dig. tit. 33, 34; Downs v. United States, 112 Fed. 147, 51 C. C. A. 100.

A technical term made use of in deeds of conveyance of lands to import a transfer. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 375-380.

Though the word "grant" was originally made use of, in treating of conveyances of interests in lands, to denote a transfer by deed of that which could not be passed by livery, and, of course, was applied only to incorporeal hereditaments, it has now become a generic term, applicable to the transfer of all classes of real property. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 181.

As distinguished from a mere license, a grant passes some estate or interest, corporeal or incorporeal, in the lands which it embraces; can only be made by an instrument in writing, under seal; and is irrevocable, when made, unless an express power of revocation is reserved. A license is a mere authority; passes no estate or interest whatever; may be made by parol; is revocable at will; and, when revoked, the protection which it gave ceases to exist. Jamieson v. Milleman, 3 Duer (N. Y.) 255, 258.

The term "grant," in Scotland, is used in reference to original dispositions of lands, as when a lord makes grants of land among tenants; (2) to gratuitous deeds. Paterson. In such case, the superior or donor is said to grant the deed; an expression totally unknown in English law. Moxley & Whitley.

By the word "grant," in a treaty, is meant not only a formal grant, but any concession, warrant, order, or permission to survey, possess, or settle, whether written or parol, express, or presumed from possession. Such a grant must be made by law, as well as by a patent pursuant to a law. strother v. Lucas, 12 Pet. 436, 9 L. Ed. 1137. And see Bryan v. Kennett, 113 U. S. 179, 5 Sup. Ct. 413, 28 L. Ed. 908; Hastings v. Turnpike Co., 9 Pick. (Mass.) 80; Dudley v. Sumner, 5 Mass. 470.

-Grant, bargain, and sell. Operative words in conveyances of real estate. See Muller v. Berkeley, 28 Cal. 187; Hawk v. McCullough, 21 Ill. 521; Ake v. Mason, 101 Pa. 20.-Grant and to freight let. Operative words in a charter party, implying the placing of the vessel at the disposition of the charterer for the purposes of the intended voyage, and generally transferring the possession. See Christie v. Lewis, 5 Brod. & B. 441.-Grant of personal property. A method of transferring personal property, distinguished from a gift by being always founded on some consideration or equivalent. 2 Phil. Comm. 440, 441. Its proper legal designation is an "assignment," or "bargain and sale." 2 Steph. Comm. 102.-Grant to uses. The common grant with uses superadded, which has become the favorite mode of transferring realty in England. Wharton.-Private

LAND GRANT. A grant by a public authority vesting title to public land in a private (natural) person. United Land Ass'n v. Knight, 95 Cal. 448, 24 Pac. 818.-Public grant. A grant from the public; a grant of a power, license, privilege, or property, from the state or government to one or more individuals, contained in or shown by a record, conveyance, patent, charter, etc.

GRANTEE. The person to whom a grant is made.

GRANTOR. The person by whom a grant is made.

GRANTZ. In old English law. Noblemen or grandees. Jacob.

GRASS HEARTH. In old records. The grazing or turning up the earth with a plow. The name of a customary service for inferior tenants to bring their plows, and do one day's work for their lords. Cowell.

GRASS WEEK. Rogation week, so called anciently in the inns of court and chancery.

GRASS WIDOW. A slang term for a woman separated from her husband by abandonment or prolonged absence; a woman living apart from her husband. Webster.

GRASSON, or GRASSUM. A fine paid upon the transfer of a copyhold estate.

GRATIFICATION. A gratuity; a recompense or reward for services or benefits, given voluntarily, without solicitation or promise.

GRATIS. Freely; gratuitously; without reward or consideration.

GRATIS DICTUM. A voluntary assertion; a statement which a party is not legally bound to make, or in which he is not held to precise accuracy. 2 Kent, Comm. 486; Medbury v. Watson, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 260, 39 Am. Dec. 726.

GRATUITOUS. Without valuable or legal consideration. A term applied to deeds of conveyance and to bailments and other contracts.

In old English law. Voluntary; without force, fear, or favor. Bract. foils. 11, 17.

As to gratuitous "Ballment." "Contract," and "Deposit," see those titles.

GRAVA. In old English law. A grove; a small wood; a copple or thicket. Co. Litt. 40.

A thick wood of high trees. Blount.

GRAVAMEN. The burden or gist of a charge; the grievance or injury specially complained of.

In English ecclesiastical law. A grievance complained of by the clergy before the bishops in convocation.
GRAVATIO. In old English law. An accusation or impeachment. Leg. Ethel. c. 18.

GRAVE. A sepulcher. A place where a dead body is interred.

GRAVEYARD. A cemetery; a place for the interment of dead bodies; sometimes defined in statutes as a place where a minimum number of persons (as "six or more") are buried. See Stockton v. Weber, 98 Cal. 453, 33 Pac. 332.

—Graveyard insurance. A term applied to insurances fraudulently obtained (as, by false personation or other means) on the lives of infants, very aged persons, or those in the last stages of disease. Also occasionally applied to an insurance company which writes wager policies, takes extra-hazardous risks, or otherwise exceeds the limits of prudent and legitimate business. See McCarty's Appeal, 110 F. 579, 4 Atl. 925.

GRAVIS. Grievous; great. Ad grave damnum, to the grievous damage. 11 Coke, 40.

GRAVIUS. A graf; a chief magistrate or officer. A term derived from the more ancient "grafo," and used in combination with various other words, as an official title in Germany; as Margravius, Rheingravius, Landgravius. Spelman.

Gravius est divinarum quam tempora-lem ladiere majestatem. It is more serious to hurt divine than temporal majesty. 11 Coke, 29.

GRAY'S INN. An inn of court. See INNS OF COURT.

GREAT. As used in various compound legal terms, this word generally means extraordinary, that is, exceeding the common or ordinary measure or standard, in respect to physical size, or importance, dignity, etc. See Gulf, etc., R. Co. v. Smith, 87 Tex. 348, 28 S. W. 520.

—Great cattle. *All manner of beasts except sheep and yearlings." 2 Rolle, 173.—Great charter. Magna Charta. (q. v.)

As to great "Care," "Ponds," "Seal," "Tithes," see those titles.

GREAT LAW, THE, or "The Body of Laws of the Province of Pennsylvania and Territories thereunto belonging, last at an Assembly held at Chester, alias Upland, the 7th day of the tenth month, called 'December,' 1682." This was the first code of laws established in Pennsylvania, and is justly celebrated for the provision in its first chapter for liberty of conscience. Bouvier.

GREEE. Satisfaction for an offense committed or injury done. Cowell.

GREEK KALENDS. A colloquial expression to signify a time indefinitely remote, there being no such division of time known to the Greeks.

GREEN CLOTH. In English law. A board or court of justice held in the counting-house of the king's (or queen's) household, and composed of the lord steward and inferior officers. It takes its name from the green cloth spread over the board at which it is held. Wharton; Cowell.

GREEN SILVER. A feudal custom in the manor of Writtle, in Essex, where every tenant whose front door opens to Greenbury shall pay a half-penny yearly to the lord, by the name of "green silver" or "rent." Cowell.

GREEN WAX. In English law. The name of the strictures in the exchequer, delivered to the sheriff under the seal of that court which was impressed upon green wax.

GREENBACK. The popular and almost exclusive name applied to all United States treasury issues. It is not applied to any other species of paper currency; and, when employed in testimony by way of description, is as certain as the phrase "treasury notes." Hickey v. State, 23 Ind. 23. And see U. S. v. Howell (D. C.) 64 Fed. 114; Spencer v. Prindle, 28 Cal. 276; Levy v. State, 79 Ala. 201.

GREENHEW. In forest law. The same as vert, (q. v.) Termes de la Ley.

GREGFIERS. In French law. Registrars, or clerks of the courts. They are officials attached to the courts to assist the judges in their duties. They keep the minutes, write out the judgments, orders, and other decisions given by the tribunals, and deliver copies thereof to applicants.

GREGORIAN CODE. The code or collection of constitutions made by the Roman Jurist Gregorius. See Codex Gregorianus.

GREGORIAN EPOCH. The time from which the Gregorian calendar or computation dates; i.e., from the year 1582.

GREMIO. In Spanish law. A guild; an association of workmen, artificers, or merchants following the same trade or business; designed to protect and further the interests of their craft.

GREMIO. Lat. The bosom or breast; hence, derivatively, safeguard or protection. In English law, an estate which is in abeyance is said to be in gremio legis; that is, in the protection or keeping of the law.

GRENVILLE ACT. The statute 10 Geo. III. c. 16, by which the jurisdiction over parliamentary election petitions was transferred from the whole house of commons to select committees. Repealed by 9 Geo. IV. c. 22, § 1.

GRESSUME. In English law. A customary fine due from a copyhold tenant on
the death of the lord. 1 Strange, 654; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 615, § 778. Called also "grassum," and "prossome."

**GRETNA GREEN, MARRIAGE.** A marriage celebrated at Gretna, in Dumfries, (bordering on the county of Cumberland,) in Scotland. By the law of Scotland a valid marriage may be contracted by consent alone, without any other formality. When the marriage act (28 Geo. II. c. 33) rendered the publication of banns, or a license, necessary in England, it became usual for persons who wished to marry clandestinely to go to Gretna Green, the nearest part of Scotland, and marry according to the Scotch law; so a sort of chapel was built at Gretna Green, in which the English marriage service was performed by the village blacksmith. Wharton.

**GREVA.** In old records. The sea shore, sand, or beach. 2 Mon. Angl. 625; Cowell.

**GRIEVED.** Aggrieved. 3 East, 22.

**GRITH.** In Saxon law. Peace; protection.

—Grithbreach. Breach of the king's peace, as opposed to frithbreach, a breach of the nation's peace with other nations.—Grithstele. A seat, chair, or place of peace; a sanctuary; a stone within a church-gate, to which an offender might flee.

**GROAT.** An English silver coin (value four pence) issued from the fourteenth to the seventeenth century. See Reg. v. Connell, 1 Car. & K. 191.

**GROGER.** In old English law. A merchant or trader who engaged all vendible merchandise; an engrosser. St. 37 Edw. III. c. 5. See Evossaesa.

**GROG SHOP.** A liquor saloon, bar-room, or dram-shop; a place where intoxicating liquor is sold to be drunk on the premises. See Leeuseb v. Putnam, 103 Ga. 110, 29 S. E. 602.

**GROONA.** In old records. A deep hollow or pit; a bog or mire place. Cowell.

**GROOM OF THE STOLE.** In England. An officer of the royal household, who has charge of the king's wardrobe.

**GROOM PORTER.** Formerly an officer belonging to the royal household. Jacob.


**GROSSE AVANTURE.** Fr. In French marine law. The contract of bottomry. Ord. Mar. liv. 8, tit. 5.

**GROSSE BOIS.** Timber. Cowell.

**GROSSENMENT.** L. Fr. Largely, greatly. Grossemement encaissit, big with child. Plowd. 76.

**GROSSEME.** In old English law. A fine, or sum of money paid for a lease. Plowd. 270, 271. Supposed to be a corruption of persuma, (q. v.) See PRESSUM.

**GROUND. 1.** Soil; earth; a portion of the earth's surface appropriated to private use and under cultivation or susceptible of cultivation.

Though this term is sometimes used in conveyances and in statutes as equivalent to "land," it is properly of a more limited signification, because it applies strictly only to the surface, while "land" includes everything beneath the surface, and because "ground" always means dry land, whereas "land" may and often does include the bottom of lakes and streams, or other surfaces under water. See Wood v. Carter, 70 Ill. App. 218; State v. Jersey City, 25 N. J. Law, 529; Con. v. Roxbury, 5 Gray (Mass.) 401.

—Ground annual. In Scotch law. An annual rent of two kinds: First, the feu duties payable to the lords of erection and their successors; second, the rents reserved on the lots in a city, where sub-feus are prohibited. This rent is in the nature of a perpetual annuity. Reil; Ewok. Inst. 11, 3, 52.—**Ground landlord.** The grantor of an estate on which a ground-rent is reserved.—**Ground-rent.** A perpetual rent reserved to himself and his heirs, by the grantor of the fee-simple in fee-simple out of the land conveyed. It is in the nature of an emphyteutic rent. Also, in English law, rent paid on a building lease. See Hart v. Anderson, 108 Pa. 538, 48 Atl. 630; Sturzeon v. Ely, Jr. 6 Pa. 406; Franciscus v. Heigart, 4 Watts (Pa.) 116.

2. A foundation or basis.

—**Ground of action.** The basis of a suit; the foundation or fundamental state of facts on which an action rests; the real object of the plaintiff. See Nash v. Adams, 24 Conn. 39; Appeal of Huntington, 73 Conn. 582, 48 Atl. 786.—**Ground writ.** By the English common-law procedure act, 1852, c. 121, "it shall not be necessary to issue any writ directed to the sheriff of the county in which the venue is laid, but writs of execution may issue at once into any county, and be directed to and executed by the sheriff of any county, whether a county palentine or not, without reference to the county in which the venue is laid, and without any suggestion of the issuing of a prior writ into such county." Before this enactment, a ca. or a. fa. could not be issued into a county different from that in which the venue in the action was laid, without first issuing a writ, called a "ground writ," into the latter county, and then another writ, which was called a "testamentum writ," into the former. The above enactment abolished this useless process. Wharton.

**GROUNDAGE.** A custom or tribute paid for the standing of shipping in port. Jacob.

**GROWING CROP.** A crop must be considered and treated as a **growing crop** from the time the seed is deposited in the ground, as at that time the seed loses the qualities of a chattel, and becomes a part of the free-

Growing crops of grain, and other annual productions raised by cultivation of the earth and industry of man, are personal chattels. Growing trees, fruit, or grass, and other natural products of the earth, are parcel of the land. Green v. Armstrong, 1 Denlo (N. Y.) 550.

GROWTH HALF-PENNY. A rate paid in some places for the tithe of every fat beast, ox, or other unfruitful cattle. Clayt. 92.

GRUARIL. The principal officers of a forest.

GRUB STAKE. In mining law. A contract between two parties by which one undertakes to furnish the necessary provisions, tools, and other supplies, and the other to prospect for and locate mineral lands and stake out mining claims thereon, the interest in the property thus acquired inuring to the benefit of both parties, either equally or in such proportions as their agreement may fix. Such contracts create a qualified or special partnership. See Berry v. Woodburn, 107 Cal. 512, 40 Pac. 804; Hartney v. Gosling, 10 Wyo. 346, 88 Pac. 1118, 98 Am. St. Rep. 1005; Meyette v. Brennan, 20 Colo. 242, 28 Pac. 75.

GUADIA. In old European law. A pledge. Spelman; Calvin. A custom. Spelman. Spelled also “wadis.”

GUARANTEE. He to whom a guaranty is made. This word is also used, as a noun, to denote the contract of guaranty or the obligation of a guarantor and, as a verb, to denote the action of assuming the responsibilities of a guarantor. But on the general principle of legal orthography—that the title of the person to whom the action passes over should end in “ee,” as “donee,” “grantee,” “payee,” “ballees,” “drawees,” etc.,—it seems better to use this word only as the correlative of “guarantor,” and to spell the verb, and also the name of the contract, “guarany.”

GUARENTIGIO. In Spanish law. A written authorization to a court to enforce the performance of an agreement in the same manner as if it had been decreed upon regular legal proceedings.

GUARANTOR. He who makes a guaranty.

GUARANTY. v. To undertake collaterally to answer for the payment of another’s debt or the performance of another’s duty, liability, or obligation; to assume the responsibility of a guarantor; to warrant. See GUARANTY, n.

GUARANTY, n. A promise to answer for the payment of some debt, or the performance of some duty, in case of the failure of another person, who, in the first instance, is liable therefor, to perform the same. See Thom. 4d T. 57; Gallagher v. Nichols, 60 N. Y. 444; Andrews v. Pope, 126 N. C. 472, 35 S. E. 817; Deming v. Bull, 10 Conn. 409; Religant v. White, 52 Pa. 438.

A guaranty is an undertaking by one person to be answerable for the payment of some debt, or the due performance of some contract or duty, by another person, who himself remains liable to pay or perform the same. Story, Prom. Notes, § 457.

A guaranty is a promise to answer for the debt, default, or miscarriage of another person. Civil Code Cal., art. 1, § 2787.

A guaranty is a contract that some particular thing shall be done exactly as it is agreed to be done, whether it is to be done by one person or another, and whether there be a prior or principal contractor or not. Redfield v. Hight, 27 Conn. 31.

The definition of a “guaranty,” by text-writers, is an engagement by one person to guarantee the performance of another person to perform his contract or fulfill his obligation, or that, if he does not, the guarantor will do it for him. A guarantor of a bill or note is said to be one who engages that the note shall be paid, but is not an indorser or surety. Gridley v. Capen, 72 Ill. 13.

SYNONYMS. The terms guaranty and suretyship are sometimes used interchangingly; but they should not be confounded. The contract of a surety corresponds with that of a guarantor in many respects; yet important differences exist. The surety is bound with his principal as an original promisor. He is a debtor from the beginning, and must see that the debt is paid, and is held ordinarily to know every default of his principal, and cannot protect himself by the mere indulgence of the creditor, nor by want of notice of the default of the principal, however such indulgence or want of notice may in fact injure him. On the other hand, the contract of a guarantor is his own separate contract. It is no part of the surety’s waranty by him that the thing guaranteed to be done by the principal shall be done, not merely an engagement jointly with the principal to do the thing. The sureal contract of a surety or principal is not his contract, and he is not bound to take notice of its non-performance. Therefore the creditor is not bound to give him notice, as is universally held that, if the guarantor can prove that he has suffered damage by the failure to give such notice, he will be discharged to the extent of the damage thus sustained. It is not so with a surety. Durham v. Manrow, 2 N. Y. 549; Nadling v. McGregor, 121 Ind. 465, 23 N. E. 233, 4 L. R. A. 636.

Guaranty and warranty are derived from the same root, and are in fact etymologically the same word, the "gu" of the Norman French, being interchangeble with the English "o." They are often used colloquially and in commercial transactions as having the same signification, as where a piece of machinery or the produce of an estate is "guaranteed" for a term of years, "warranted" being the more appropriate term in such a case. See Accumulator Co. v. Dubuque Gasifier Co., 64 Fed. 753, 37; Martinez v. Earnshaw, 36 Wkly. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 502. A distinction is also sometimes made in common usage, by which a warranty and a guaranty is understood as a collateral warranty (often a conditional one) against some defect or event in the future, while the term "warranty" is taken as meaning an absolute undertaking in praesenti, against the defect, or for
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the quantity or quality contemplated by the parties in the subject-matter of the contract. Sturgis v. Bank of Circleville, 11 Ohio St. 168, 78 Am. Dec. 296. But in strict legal usage the terms are widely defined in this that a warranty is an absolute undertaking or liability on the part of the warrantor, and the contract is void unless it is strictly and literally performed. A warranty is a guarantee of the fact, entirely collateral to the original contract, and not imposing any primary liability on the guarantor to do anything to prevent the failure or default of another. Mason's Union L. Ins. Ass'n v. Brockman, 20 Ind. App. 206, 50 N. E. 463.

—Absolute guaranty. An unconditional promise of payment or performance on the default of the principal. Mast v. Lehman, 100 Ky. 466, 38 S. W. 1056; Beardsley v. Hawes, Ti Conn. 20, 40 Atl. 1043; Parsons' Bank v. Tatnall, 7 Houat. (Del.) 257, 31 Atl. 879; Esberg-Bachman Tobacco Co. v. Held (D. C.) 62 Fed. 962. —Collateral guaranty. A contract by which the guarantor undertakes, in case the principal fails to do what he has promised or undertaken to do, to pay damages for such failure; distinguished from an engagement of suretyship, against the principal. See Suretyship, 477; Note on Guaranty, Ind. 470, 23 N. E. 283; 6 L. R. A. 859. —Conditional guaranty. One which depends upon some extraneous condition, or upon the default of the principal and the guarantor, and generally upon notice of the guarantor, notice of the principal's default, and reasonable diligence in exhausting proper remedies against the principal. Yager v. First Title Co., 112 Ky. 902, 66 S. W. 1027; Tobacco Co. v. Held (D. C.) 62 Fed. 962; Beardsley v. Hawes, 71 Iowa, 444, 45 Ind. 122, 477; Note on Guaranty, Ind. 470, 23 N. E. 283; 6 L. R. A. 859. —Special guaranty. A guaranty which is available only to the particular person to whom it is offered or addressed; as distinguished from a general guaranty, which will operate in favor of any person who may accept it. Everson v. gere, 40 Hun (N. Y.) 250; Tidblond v. Bank v. Libbey, 101 Wis. 193, 77 N. W. 182, 70 St. Rep. 521; Unionville Nat. Bank v. Kaufman, 93 N. Y. 273, 45 Am. Rep. 204. —Guaranteed stock. See Stock. —Guaranty company. A corporation authorized to transact the business of entering into contracts of guaranty and suretyship; as, one which, for fixed premiums, becomes surety on judicial bonds, fidelity bonds, and the like. See Ethna L. Ins. Co. v. Coulter, 74 S. W. 1050, 25 Ky. Law Rep. 185. —Guaranty insurance. See Insurance.

GUARDAGE. A state of wardship.

GUARDIAN. A guardian is a person lawfully invested with the power, and charged with the duty, of taking care of the person and managing the property and rights of an infant, who, by reason of certain peculiarities of status, or defect of age, understanding, or self-control, is considered incapable of administering his own affairs. Bass v. Cook, 4 Port. (Ala.) 392; Sparhawk v. Allen, 21 N. H. 27; Burger v. Farkers, 67 Iowa, 490, 23 N. W. 746. A guardian is a person appointed to take care of the person or property of another. Cit. Code Cal. § 236.

One who legally has the care and management of the person, or the estate, or both, of a child during its minority. Reeve, Dom. Rel. 311.

This term might be appropriately used to designate the person charged with the care and control of idiots, lunatics, habitual drunkards, spendthrifts, and the like; but such person is, under many of the statutory systems authorizing the appointment, styled "committee," and in common usage the name "guardian" is applied only to one having the care and management of a minor.

The name "curator" is given in some of the states to a person having the control of a minor's estate, without that of his person; and this is also the usage of the civil law.

Classification. A testatorly guardian is one appointed by the deed or last will of the child's father or mother while a guardian ad litem is one chosen by the infant himself in a case where he would otherwise be without one. A general guardian is one who has the general care and control of the child, while a foreign guardian derives his authority from appointment by the courts of another state, and generally has charge only of such property as may be located within the jurisdiction of the court appointing him. A guardian ad litem is a guardian appointed by a court of justice to prosecute or defend for an infant in any suit to which he may be a party. 2 Steph. Comm. 342. Most commonly appointed for infant defendants; infant plaintiffs generally suing by next friend. This kind of guardian has no right to interfere with the infant's person or property. 2 Steph. Comm. 343; Richter v. Leiby, 107 Wis. 404, 83 N. W. 694. A guardian ad litem is a guardian appointed by a court of justice to prosecute or defend for an infant in any suit to which he may be a party. 2 Steph. Comm. 341; 2 Kent, Comm. 226. A guardian by nature is the father, and, on his death, the mother, of a child. 1 Bl. Comm. 461; 2 Kent, Comm. 219. This guardianship extends only to the custody of the person of the child to the age of twenty-one years. Sometimes called "natural guardian," but this is rather a popular than a technical mode of expression. 2 Steph. Comm. 337; Klime v. Beebe, 6 Conn. 500; Mauro v. Ritchie, 16 Fed. Cas. 1171. A guardian's discharge is a guardian appointed for a child by the deed or last will of the father, and who has the custody both of his person and estate until the attainment of full age. This kind of guardianship is founded solely upon the statute of 12 Car. II. c. 24, and has been pretty extensively adopted in this country. 1 Bl. Comm. 462; 2 Steph. Comm. 226, 227; 2 Kent, Comm. 224-226; Huson v. Green, 88 Ga. 722, 18 S. E. 255. A guardian for nurture is the father, or, at his decease, the mother, of a child. This kind of guardianship extends only to the person, and determines when the infant arrives at the age of fourteen. 2 Kent, Comm. 221; 1 Bl. Comm. 461; 2 Steph. Comm. 226, 227; Ritchie v. Ritchie, 16 Fed. Cas. 1171; Arbuthnott v. Appeal, 1 Grant Cas. (Pa.) 56. Guardian in chivalry.
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In the tenure by knight's service, in the feudal law, if the heir of the feud was under the age of twenty-one, being a male, or fourteen, being a female, the lord was entitled to the wardship (guarde of the heir, and was called the guardian in chivalry). This wardship consisted in having the custody of the body and lands of such heir, without any account of the profits. 2 Bl. Comm. 67. Guardian in socage. At the common law, this was a species of guardian who had the custody of lands coming to the infant by descent, as also of the infant's person, until the latter reached the age of fourteen. Such guardian was always "the next of kin to whom the inheritance cannot descend."


—Guardian de l'église. A church-warden. —Guardian de l'esteemy. The warden of the stannaries or mines in Cornwall, etc. —Guardian of the peace. A warden or conservator of the peace. —Guardian of the poor. In English law, a person elected by the ratepayers of a parish to have the charge and management of the parish work-house or union. See 3 Steph. Comm. 205, 215. —Guardian of the spirits. A person appointed by the ecclesiastical authorities of a diocese to have the care of the souls of the inhabitants of a certain district in which the diocese is situated. —Guardian of the poor. In civil law, a person appointed to take charge of the poor of a certain district. —Guardian of the poor. In ecclesiastical law, a person appointed to take charge of the poor of a certain district.

GUARDIANSHIP. The office, duty, or authority of a guardian. Also the relation subsisting between guardian and ward.

GUARDIANUS. A guardian, warden, or keeper. Spelman.

GUARNIMENTUM. In old European law. A provision of necessary things. Spelman. A furnishing or garnishment.

GAUSTALD. One who had the custody of the royal mansions.

GUBERNATOR. Lat. In Roman law. The pilot or steersman of a ship.

GUERFI, GUERPY. L. Fr. Abandoned; left; deserted. Brit. c. 33.

GUERRA, GUERRE. War. Spelman.

GUERRILLA PARTY. In military law. An independent body of marauders or armed men, not regularly or organically connected with the armies of either belligerent, who carry on a species of irregular war, chiefly by depredation and massacre.


A guest, as distinguished from a boarder, is bound for no stipulated time. He stops at the inn for as short or as long time as he pleases, paying, while he remains, the customary charge. Stewart v. McCready, 24 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 62.

GUEST-TAKER. An agister; one who took cattle in to feed in the royal forests. Cowell.


GUIA. In Spanish law. A right of way for narrow carts. White, New Recop. I, 2, c. 6, § 1.

GUIDAGE. In old English law. That which was given for safe conduct through a strange territory, or another's territory. Cowell.

- The office of guiding of travelers through dangerous and unknown ways. 2 Inst. 528.

GUIDE-PLATE. An iron or steel plate to be attached to a rail for the purpose of guiding to their place on the rail wheels thrown off the track. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1291.

GUIDON DE LA MER. The name of a treatise on maritime law, by an unknown author, supposed to have been written about 1671 at Rouen, and considered, in continental Europe, as a work of high authority.

GUILD. A voluntary association of persons pursuing the same trade, art, profession, or business, such as printers, goldsmiths, wool merchants, etc., united under a distinct organization of their own, analogous to that of a corporation, regulating the affairs of their trade or business by their own laws and rules, and aiming, by cooperation and organization, to protect and promote the interests of their common vocation. In medieval history these fraternities or guilds played an important part in the government of some states; as at Florence, in the thirteenth and following centuries, where they chose the council of government of the city. But with the growth of cities and the advance in the organization of municipal government, their importance and prestige has declined. The place of meeting of a guild, or association of guilds, was called the "Guildhall." The word is said to be derived from the Anglo-Saxon "glið" or "geld," a tax or tribute, because each member of the society was required to pay a tax towards its support.

—GUILD rents. Rents payable to the crown by any guild, or such as formerly belonged to religious guilds, and came to the crown at the general dissolution of the monasteries. Tomlin.
GUILTHALL. The hall or place of meeting of a guild, or gild.
The place of meeting of a municipal corporation. 8 Steph. Comm. 173, note. The mercantile or commercial gilds of the Saxons are supposed to have given rise to the present municipal corporations of England, whose place of meeting is still called the "Gildhall."

—Guildhall sittings. The sittings held in the Guildhall of the city of London for city of London causes.

GUILLOTINE. An instrument for decapitation, used in France for the infliction of the death penalty on convicted criminals, consisting essentially, of a heavy and weighted knife-blade moving perpendicularly between grooved posts, which is made to fall from a considerable height upon the neck of the sufferer, immovably fixed in position to receive the impact.

GUILT. In criminal law. That quality which imparts criminality to a motive or act, and renders the person amenable to punishment by the law.
That disposition to violate the law which has manifested itself by some act already done. The opposite of innocence. See Ruth. Inst. b. 1, c. 18, § 10.

GUILTY. Having committed a crime or tort; the word used by a prisoner in pleading to an indictment when he confesses the crime of which he is charged, and by the jury in convicting. Com. v. Walter, 83 Pa. 108, 24 Am. Rep. 154; Jessie v. State, 28 Miss. 106; State v. White, 25 Wis. 359.

GUINEA. A coin formerly issued by the English mint, but all these coins were called in in the time of Wm. IV. The word now means only the sum of £1. 1s., in which denomination the fees of counsel are always given.

GULE OF AUGUST. The first of August, being the day of St. Peter ad Vincula.

GULES. The heraldic name of the color usually called "red." The word is derived from the Arabic word "gule," a rose, and was probably introduced by the Crusaders. Gules is denoted in engravings by numerous perpendicular lines. Heralds who blazoned by planets and jewels called it "Mars," and "ruby." Wharton.

GURGES. Lat. Properly a whirlpool, but in old English law and conveyancing, a deep pit filled with water, distinguished from "stagnum," which was a shallow pool or pond. Co. Litt. 5; Johnson v. Rayner, 6 Gray (Mass.) 107.

GURGITES. Wears. Jacob.

GUTI. Judges; one of the three nations who migrated from Germany to Britain at an early period. According to Spelman, they established themselves chiefly in Kent and the Isle of Wight.

GUTTER. The diminutive of a sewer. Callis, Sew. (30) 100. In modern law, an open ditch or conduit designed to allow the passage of water from one point to another in a certain direction, whether for purposes of drainage, irrigation, or otherwise. Warren v. Henly, 31 Iowa, 31; Willis v. State, 27 Neb. 98, 42 N. W. 920.

GWAIR MERCHED. Maid's fee. A British word signifying a customary fine payable to lords of some manors on marriage of the tenant's daughters, or otherwise on their committing incontinence. Cowell.

GWALESTOW. A place of execution. Jacob.

GWAYF. Waif, or waived; that which has been stolen and afterwards dropped in the highway for fear of a discovery. Cowell.

GYLPOT. The name of a court which was held every three weeks in the liberty or hundred of Pathew in Warwick. Jacob.

GYLTWITE. Sax. Compensation for fraud or trespass. Cowell.

GYNARCHY, or GYNECOCRACY. Government by a woman; a state in which women are legally capable of the supreme command; e. g., in Great Britain and Spain.

GYROVAGI. Wandering monks.

GYES. Fetters or shackles for the legs.
H.

This letter, as an abbreviation, stands for Henry (a king of that name) in the citation of English statutes. In the Year Books, it is used as an abbreviation for Hilary term. In tax assessments and other such official records, "h." may be used as an abbreviation for "house," and the courts will so understand. It. Alden v. Newark, 36 N. J. Law, 288; Parker v. Elizabeth, 39 N. J. Law, 693.

H. A.

An abbreviation for hoo anno, this year, in this year.

H. B.

An abbreviation for house bill, i.e., a bill in the house of representatives, as distinguished from a senate bill.

H. C.

An abbreviation for house of commons, or for habeas corpus.

H. L.

An abbreviation for house of lords.

H. R.

An abbreviation for house of representatives.

H. T.

An abbreviation for hoo titulo, this title, under this title; used in references to books.

H. V.

An abbreviation for hoo verbo or hae voce, this word, under this word; used in references to dictionaries and other works alphabetically arranged.

Habe, or Have.

Lat. A form of the salutatory expression "Ave," (hall,) in the titles of the constitutions of the Theodosian and Justinianian Codes. Calvin; Spelman.

Habeas Corpora Juratorum.

A writ commanding the sheriff to bring up the persons of jurors, and, if need were, to detain them of their lands and goods, in order to insure or compel their attendance in court on the day of trial of a cause. It issued from the Common Pleas, and served the same purpose as a distinguas jurare in the King's Bench. It was abolished by the C. L. P. Act, 1852, § 104. Brown.

Habeas Corpus.

Lat. (You have the body.) The name given to a variety of writs, (of which these are anciently the emphatic words,) having for their object to bring a party before a court or judge. In common usage, and whenever these words are used alone, they are understood to mean the habeas corpus ad subiciendum, (see infra.)

—Habeas corpus act. The English statute of 31 Car. II. c. 2, is the original and prominent habeas corpus act. It was amended and supplemented by St. 56 Geo. III. c. 100. And similar statutes have been enacted in all the United States. This act is justly regarded as the great constitutional guaranty of personal liberty—Habeas corpus ad deliciendum et recipiendum. A writ which is issued to remove, for trial, a person confined in one county to the county or place where the offense of which he is accused committed, or has been committed, see Abr. "Habeas Corpus," A. 1 Chit. Crim. Law, 132. Ex parte Bollman, 4 Cranch, 97, 2 L. Ed. 554. Thus, it has been granted to remove a person in custody for contempt to take his trial for perjury in another county. 1 Tyrw. 158.—Habeas corpus ad faciendum et recipiendum. A writ issued in civil cases to remove the cause, as also the body of the defendant, from an inferior court to a superior court having jurisdiction, there to be tried. Ex parte Bollman, 4 Cranch, 97, 2 L. Ed. 554.—Habeas corpus ad prossequendum. A writ which issues when it is necessary to remove a prisoner in order to prosecute in the proper jurisdiction wherein the fact was committed. 3 Bl. Comm. 130.—Habeas corpus ad respondendum. A writ which is usually employed in civil cases to remove a person out of the custody of one court into that of another, in order that he may be sued and answer this action in the latter. 2 Sel. Pr. 259; 2 Mod. 108; 3 Bl. Comm. 129; 1 Tind. Pr. 306.—Habeas corpus ad satisfaciendum. In English practice, a writ which issues when a prisoner has had judgment against him in an action, and the plaintiff is desirous of bringing him up to some superior court, to charge him with process of execution. 3 Bl. Comm. 130; 3 Steph. Comm. 683; 1 Tind. Pr. 550. —Habeas corpus ad subiciendum. A writ directed to the person detaining another, and commanding him to produce the body of the prisoner, (or person detained,) on the day and cause after a citation and detention, ad faciendum, subiciendum et recipiendum, to do, submit to, and receive whatever the judge or court shall consider in that behalf. 3 Bl. Comm. 131; 2 Steph. Comm. 683. This is the well-known remedy for deliverance from illegal confinement

Habeas Corpus, ad respondendum, is a writ and the great and efficacious writ in all manner of illegal confinement. 3 Bl. Comm. 132.—Habeas corpus ad testificandum. A writ to bring a witness into court, when he is in custody at the time of a trial, commanding the sheriff to have his body before the court, to testify in the cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 130; 2 Tind. Pr. 800. Ex parte Marmaduke, 91 Mo. 250; 4 S. W. 91; 90 Am. Rep. 233. Habeas corpus ad testificandum. (You have the body, with the cause.) Another name for the writ of habeas corpus ad faciendum et recipiendum, (q. v.) 1 Tind. Pr. 342, 349.

Habemus optimum testem, constentem rem. 1 Phil. Ev. 397. We have the best witness.—a confessing defendant. "What is taken pro confesso is taken as indubitable truth. The plea of guilty by the party accused shuts out all further inquiry. Habemus constentem rem is demonstration, unless indirect motives can be assigned to it." 2 Hagg. Eccl. 315.

Habendum.

Lat. In conveyancing.

The clause usually following the granting part of the premises of a deed, which defines the extent of the ownership in the thing granted to be held and enjoyed by the grantee. 3 Wash. Real Prop. 457; New York Indiana v. U. S., 170 U. S. 1, 18 Sup. Ct. 531, 42 L. Ed. 927; Clapp v. Byrnes, 3 App. Div. 284, 38 N. Y. Supp. 1063; Miller v. Graham
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—Habendum et tenendum. In old conveyancing. To have and to hold. Formal words in deeds of land from a very early period. Bract. fol. 17b.

HABENTES HOMINES. In old English law. Rich men; literally, having men. The same with fastening-men, (q. v.) Cowell.

HABENTIA. Riches. Mon. Angl. t. 1, 100.

HABERE. Lat. In the civil law. To have. Sometimes distinguished from tenere, (to hold,) and possidere, (to possess;) habere referring to the right, tenere to the fact, and possidere to both. Calv.

HABERE FACIAS POSSESSIONEM. Lat. That you cause to have possession. The name of the process commonly resorted to by the successful party in an action of ejectment, for the purpose of being placed by the sheriff in the actual possession of the land recovered. It is commonly termed simply "habere facias," or "hab. fa."

HABERE FACIAS SEISINAM. L. Lat. That you cause to have seisin. The writ of execution in real actions, directing the sheriff to cause the demandant to have seisin of the lands recovered. It was the proper process for giving seisin of a freehold, as distinguished from a chattel interest in lands.

HABERE FACIAS VISUM. Lat. That you cause to have a view. A writ to cause the sheriff to take a view of lands or tenements.

HABERE LICERE. Lat. In Roman law. To allow [one] to have [possession.] This phrase denoted the duty of the seller of property to allow the purchaser to have the possession and enjoyment. For a breach of this duty, an actio ex emplo might be maintained.

HABERJECTS. A cloth of a mixed color. Magna Charta, c. 26.

HABETO TIBI RES TUAS. Lat. Have or take your effects to yourself. One of the old Roman forms of divorcing a wife. Calvin.

HABILIS. Lat. Fit; suitable; active; useful. (of a servant.) Proved; authentic. (of Book of Saints.) Fixed; stable; (of authority of the king.) Du Cange.

HABIT. A disposition or condition of the body or mind acquired by custom or a usual repetition of the same act or function. Kuehner bocker L. Ins. Co. v. Foler, 105 U. S. 354, 25 L. Ed. 1055; Conner v. Citizens' St. R. Co., 146 Ind. 420, 45 N. E. 662; State v. Skillern, 104 Iowa, 97, 73 N. W. 503; State v. Robinson, 111 Ala. 482, 20 South. 30.

—Habit and repute. By the law of Scotland, marriage may be established by "habit and repute" where the parties cohabit and are at the same time held and reputed as man and wife. See Bell. The same rule obtains in some of the United States.

HABITABLE REPAIR. A covenant by a lessee to "put the premises into habitable repair" binds him to put them into such a state that they may be occupied, not only with safety, but with reasonable comfort, for the purposes for which they are taken. Miller v. McCordell, 19 R. I. 104, 32 Atl. 445, 50 L. R. A. 682.

HABITANCY. Settled dwelling in a given place; fixed and permanent residence there. This term is more comprehensive than "domicile," for one may be domiciled in a given place though he does not spend the greater portion of his time there, or though he may be absent for long periods. It is also more comprehensive than "residence," for one may reside in a given place only temporarily or for short periods on the occasion of repeated visits. But in neither case could he properly be called an "inhabitant" of that place or be said to have his "habitation" there. See Atkinson v. Washington & Jefferson College, 54 W. Va. 32, 46 S. E. 253; Hairston v. Hairston, 27 Miss. 111, 61 Am. Dec. 580; Abingdon v. North Bridgewater, 28 Pick. (Mass.) 170. And see Domicile; Residence.

It is difficult to give an exact definition of "habitation." In general terms, one may be designated as an "inhabitant" of that place which constitutes the principal seat of his residence, of his business, pursuits, connections, attachments, and of his political and municipal relations. The term, therefore, embraces the fact of residence at a place, together with the intent to regard it and make it a home. The act and intent must concur. Lyman v. Fiske, 17 Pick. (Mass.) 231, 28 Am. Dec. 293.

HABITANT. Fr. In French and Canadian law. A resident tenant; a settler; a tenant who kept hearth and home on the seigniory.

HABITATIO. Lat. In the civil law. The right of dwelling; the right of free residence in another's house. Inst. 2, 5; Dig. 7, 8.

HABITATION. In the civil law. The right of a person to live in the house of another without prejudice to the property. It differed from a usufruct, in this: that the usufructuary might apply the house to any purpose, as of a store or manufactory; whereas the party having the right of habitation could only use it for the residence of himself and family. 1 Browne, Civil Law, 184.

In estates. A dwelling-house; a home-stall. 2 Bl. Comm. 4; 4 Bl. Comm. 220;
HABITUAL CRIMINAL. By statute in several states, one who is convicted of a felony, having been previously convicted of any crime (or twice so convicted), or who is convicted of a misdemeanor and has previously (in New York) been five times convicted of a misdemeanor. Crim. Code N. Y. 1903, § 510; Rev. St. Utah, 1889, § 4067. In a more general sense, one made subject to police surveillance and arrest on suspicion, on account of his previous criminal record and absence of honest employment.

HABITUAL DRUNKARD. A person given to ebriety or the excessive use of intoxicating drink, who has lost the power or the will, by frequent indulgence, to control his appetite for it. Ludwig v. Com., 15 Pa. 174; Gourlay v. Gourlay, 16 R. I. 705, 19 Atl. 142; Mixey's Appeal, 107 Pa. 626; Richards v. Richards, 19 Ill. App. 467; McBeet v. McBeet, 22 Or. 329, 29 Pac. 887, 29 Am. St. Rep. 613.

One who has the habit of indulging in intoxicating liquors so firmly fixed that he becomes intoxicated as often as the temptation is presented by his being in the vicinity where liquors are sold is an "habitual drunkard," within the meaning of the divorce law. Magahay v. Magahay, 55 Mech. 210.

In England, it is defined by the habitual drunkards' act, 1879, (42 & 43 Vict. c. 19,) which authorizes confinement in a retreat, upon the party's own application, as "a person who, not being amenable to any jurisdiction in lunacy, is, notwithstanding, by reason of habitual intemperate drinking of intoxicating liquor, at times dangerous to himself, or herself, or others, or incapable of managing himself or herself, or his or her affairs."

HABLE. L. Fr. In old English law. A port or harbor; a station for ships. St. 27 Hen. VI. c. 3.

HACIENDA. In Spanish law. The public domain; the royal estate; the aggregate wealth of the state. The science of administering the national wealth; public economy. Also an estate or farm belonging to a private person.


HADBOTE. In Saxon law. A compensation or satisfaction for the violation of holy orders, or violence offered to persons in holy orders. Cowell: Blount.

HADDA. In Hindu law. A boundary or limit. A statutory punishment defined by law, and not arbitrary. Mozley & Whitley.

HADERUNGA. In old English law. Hatred; ill will; prejudice, or partiality. Spelman; Cowell.

HARGONEL. In old English law. A tax or mulct. Jacob.

HEC EST CONVENTIO. Lat. This is an agreement. Words with which agreements anciently commenced. Yearb. H. 6 Edw. II. 191.

HEC EST FINALIS CONCORDIA. L. Lat. This is the final agreement. The words with which the foot of a fine commenced. 2 Bl. Comm. 351.

HÉREDA. In Gothic law. A tribunal answering to the English court-leet.

HÉREDE ABDUCTO. An ancient writ that lay for the lord, who, having by right the wardship of his tenant under age, could not obtain his person, the same being carried away by another person. Old Nat. Brev. 93.

HÉREDE DELIBERANDO ALTERI QUI HABET CUSTODIUM TERRÆ. An ancient writ, directed to the sheriff, to require one that had the body of an heir, being in ward, to deliver him to the person whose ward he was by reason of his land. Reg. Orig. 161.

HÉREDE RAPTO. An ancient writ that lay for the ravishment of the lord's ward. Reg. Orig. 163.

Hæredem Deus facit, non homo. God makes the heir, not man. Co. Litt. 7b.

HÆREDES. Lat. In the civil law. Heirs. The plural of hæres, (q. v.)

HÆREDIPETA. Lat. In old English law. A seeker of an inheritance; hence, the next heir to lands.

Hæredipeta seu propriaque vel extrae inomine e sine custodiis nullius committatur. To the next heir, whether a relation or a stranger, certainly a dangerous guardian, let no one be committed. Co. Litt. 88b.

HÆREDITAS. In Roman law. The hereditas was a universal succession by law to any deceased person, whether such person had died testate or intestate, and whether in trust (ex fideicommissi) for another or not. The like succession according to Pretorian law was honorum possessio. The hereditas was called "iucens," until the hæres took it up, i. e., made his aditio hereditatis; and such hæres, if a suus hæres, had the right to abstain, (potestas obstinendi); and, if an extraneus hæres, had the right to consider.
whether he would accept or decline, (potestas deliberaundi,) the reason for this precaution being that (prior to Justinian's enactment to the contrary) a heres after his aditio was liable to the full extent of the debts of the deceased person, and could have no relief therefrom, except in the case of a damnum emergens or damnitatem, only in the case of _hereditas_ which disclosed (after the aditio) some enormous unsuspected liability. Brown.

In old English law. An estate transmissible by descent; an inheritance. Co. Litt. 9.

_Hereditas damnosa._ A burdensome inheritance; one which would be a burden instead of a benefit, that is, the debts to be paid by the heir would exceed the assets._Hereditas jacea._ A vacant inheritance. So long as no one had acquired the inheritance, it was termed _hereditas jacea;_ and this, by a legal fiction, represented the person of the decedent. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 737. The estate of a person deceased, where the owner left no heirs or legates to take it, called also "caduce," an escheated estate. Cod. 10, 10, 1; 4 Kent, Comm. 425. The term has also been used in English law to signify an estate in abeyance that, after the heir's death, and before assumption of heir. Co. Litt. 3423. An inheritance without legal owner, and therefore open to the first occupant. 2 R. Comm. 290.

_Hereditas legitima._ A succession or inheritance devolving by operation of law (inestate succession) rather than by the will of the decedent. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 654.

_Hereditas luctuosa._ A sad or mournful inheritance or succession; as that of a parent to the estate of a child, which was regarded as disturbing the natural order of mortality. (turbato ordine mortalitatis.) Cod. 6, 25, 9; 4 Kent, Comm. 387._Hereditas testamentaria._ Testamentary inheritance, that is, succession to an estate under and according to the last will and testament of the decedent. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 694.

_Hereditas, alia corporalis, alia incorporalis; corporalis est, que tangi potest et videri; incorporalis que tangi non potest nec videri._ Co. Litt. 9. An inheritance is either corporeal or incorporeal. Corporeal is that which can be touched and seen; incorporeal, that which can neither be touched nor seen.

_Hereditas est successio in universum jus quod defunctus habuerit._ Co. Litt. 237. Inheritance is the succession to every right which the deceased had.

_Hereditas nihil aliud est quam successio in universum jus, quod defunctus habuerit._ The right of inheritance is nothing else than the faculty of succeeding to all the rights of the deceased. Dig. 50, 17, 62.

_Hereditas nunquam ascendit._ An inheritance never ascends. Glanv. lib. 7, c. 1; 2 Bl. Comm. 211. A maxim of feudal origin, and which invariably prevailed in the law of England down to the passage of the statute 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106; § 6, by which it was abrogated. 1 Steph. Comm. 378. See Broom, Max. 527, 528.

_Hereditas_, _quando_ the title of heirs, come the heirs of heirs to infinity. Co. Litt. 9.

_HERES._ In Roman law. The heir, or universal successor in the event of death. The heir is he who actively or passively succeeds to the entire property of the estate-leaver. He is not only the successor to the rights and claims, but also to the estate-leaver's debts, and in relation to his estate is to be regarded as the identical person of the estate-leaver, inasmuch as he represents him in all his active and passive relations to his estate. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 651.

It should be remarked that the office, powers, and duties of the _heres_, in Roman law, were much more closely associated to those of a modern executor than to those of an heir at law. Hence "heir" is not at all an accurate translation of "heres" unless it be understood in a special, technical sense.

In common law. An heir: he to whom lands, tenements, or hereditaments by the act of God and right of blood do descend, of some estate of inheritance. Co. Litt. 7b.

_Heres astrarius._ In old English law. An heir in actual possession._Heres de facto._ In old English law. Heir from fact; that is, the heir in deed or act of another, without or against right. An heir in fact, as distinguished from an heir _de jure_, or by law._Heres de jure._ In the civil law, an heir to the whole estate; a sole heir. Inst. 2, 23, 9._Heres extraneus._ In the civil law. A strange or foreign heir; one who was not subject to the necus of the testator and who had not made him heir. Qui testatoris juri subjecti non sunt, extranei heredes appellantur. Inst. 2, 10, 3._Heres factus._ In the civil law. An heir made by will; a testamentary heir; the person created universal successor by will. Story, Confl. Laws, § 827; 3 Bl. Comm. 254. Otherwise called "heres eo testamento," and "heres institutus." Inst. 2, 9, 7; Id. 2, 14._Heres fideicommissarius._ In the civil law. The person who was to receive an estate in trust, given to another (termed "heres fideicommisarius," (q. e.) by will. Inst. 2, 23, 6, 7, 9. Answering near to the "testateur" in the English law._Heres fideicommisarius._ A fiduciary heir, or heir in trust; a person constitute heir by will, in trust for the benefit of another. Otherwise called "fideicommissarius._Heres institutus._ A testamentary heir; one appointed by the will of the decedent._Heres legitimus._ A lawful heir; one pointed out as such by the marriage of his parents._Heres naturae._ In the civil law. An heir born; one born heir, as distinguished from one made heir. (heres facta, e. r.) an heir at law, or by intestacy, (ab intestato;) the next of kin by blood, in cases of intestacy. Story, Confl. Laws, § 507; 3 Bl. Comm. 254._Heres nec navigatus._ In the civil law. A necessary or compulsory heir. This name was given to the heir when, being a minor, he was named "heir" in the testament, because on the death of the testator, whether he would or not, he at once became free, and was compelled to assume the heirship. Inst. 2, 13. 1._Heres proximus._ The heir next of kin, or next heirs. The children or descendents of the deceased._Heres rectus._ In old English law. A _rectus_ heire; an heir in the civil law. A man's own heir; a decedent's proper or natural heir. This name was given to the lineal descendents of the deceased. Inst. 3, 1, 4. 5._Heres rigi et necessar._ In Roman law. Own and necessary heirs; i. e., the lineal de
scendants of the estate-leaver. They were called "necessary" heirs, because it was the law that made them heirs, and not the choice of either the decedent or themselves. But since this was also true of slaves (when named "heirs" in the will) the former class was designated "sui et necessaria." By way of distinction, the word "sui" denoting that the necessity arose from their relationship to the decedent. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 733.

_Heres est alter ipse, et aliquis est pars patris._ An heir is another self, and a son is part of the father. 3 Coke, 122.

_Heres est aut jure proprietatis aut jure representationis._ An heir is either by right of property, or right of representation. 3 Coke, 408.

_Heres est eadem persona cum antecessore._ An heir is the same person with his ancestor. Co. Litt. 22; Branch, Princ. See Nov. 48, c. 1, § 1.

_Heres est nomen collectivum. "Herc" is a collective name or noun. 1 Vent. 215.

_Heres est nomen juris; aliquis est nomen naturae._ "Herc" is a name or term of law; "son" is a name of nature. Bac. Max. 52, in reg. 11.

_Heres est pars antecessoris._ An heir is a part of the ancestor. So said because the ancestor, during his life, bears in his body (in judgment of law) all his heirs.

_Heres heredis mai est mens heres._ The heir of my heir is my heir.

_Heres legitimus est quem nuptias demonstrant._ He is a lawful heir whom marriage points out as such; who is born in wedlock. Co. Litt. 79; Bract. fol. 88; Fleta, lib. 6, c. 1; Broom., Max. 515.

_Heres minor non et viginti annis non respondit, nisi in caso dotis._ Moore, 348. An heir under twenty-one years of age is not answerable, except in the matter of dower.

_Heres non tenetur in Anglia ad debita antecessoris reddenda, nisi per antecessorum ad hoc fuerit obligatus, praeter quam debita regis tanta._ Co. Litt. 366. In England, the heir is not bound to pay his ancestor's debts, unless he be bound to it by the ancestor, except debts due to the king. But now, by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 104, he is liable.

_Heretare._ In old English law. To give a right of inheritance, or make the donation hereditary to the grantee and his heirs. Cowell.

_Hereticum comburendo._ The statute 2 Hen. IV. c. 15, de hereticum comburendo, was the first penal law enacted against heresy, and imposed the penalty of death by burning against all heretics who relapsed or who refused to repudiate their opinions. It was repealed by the statute 29 Car. II. c. 9. Brown. This was also the name of a writ for the purpose indicated.

_Hafne._ A haven or port. Cowell.

_Hafne courts._ Haven courts; courts anciently held in certain ports in England. Spelman.

_Hagia._ A house in a city or borough. Scott.


_Hagne._ A little hand-gun. St. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 6.

_Hagnebut._ A hand-gun of a larger description than the hagne. St. 2 & 3 Edw. VI. c. 14; 4 & 5 P. & M. c. 2.


_Haiebote._ In old English law. A permission or liberty to take thorns, etc., to make or repair hedges. Blount.

_Haill._ In Scotch law. Whole; the whole. "All and halil" are common words in conveyances. 1 Bell, App. Cas. 499.

_Hailework._ (i. e., holyworkfolk.) Those who formerly held lands by the service of defending or repairing a church or monument.

_Haithaldare._ In old Scotch law. To seek restitution of one's own goods and gear, and bring the same home again. Skene de Verb. Sign.

_Haimsucken._ In Scotch law. The crime of assaulting a person in his own house. Bell.

_Half._ A moiety; one of two equal parts of anything susceptible of division. Frontis v. Brewer, 17 Wis. 644, 86 Am. Dec. 730; Hartford Iron Min. Co. v. Cambridge Min. Co., 80 Mich. 401, 45 N. W. 351; Cogan v. Cook, 22 Minn. 142; Dart v. Barbour, 32 Mich. 272. Used in law in various compound terms, in substantially the same sense, as follows:

_Half blood._ See Blood. _Half-brother._

_Half-sister._ Persons who have the same father, but different mothers; or the same mother, but different fathers. Wood v. Mitcham, 92 N. Y. 370; In re Weiss' Estate, 1 Montg. Co. Law Rep'r (Pl.) 210._Half-cent._ A copper coin of the United States, of the value of five mills, and of the weight of ninety-four grains. The coinedage of these was discontinued in 1857._Half defense._ See Defense._Half-dime._ A silver (now nickel) coin of the United States, of the value of five cents._Half-dollar._ A silver coin of the United States, of the value of fifty cents, or one-half the value of a dollar._Half-eagle._ A gold coin of the United States, of the value of five
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HALF.-Endeal. A moiety, or half of a thing. -Half-king. In Saxon law. Half-king (semi-rex). A title given to the aldermen of all England. Crabbe, Eng. Law, 28; Spelman, Half-mark. A noble, or six shillings and eight pence in English money. -Half pletage. Compensation for services which a plaintiff has put himself in readiness to perform, by labor, risk, and cost, and has offered to perform, at half the rate he would have received if the services had actually been performed. Gloucester Ferry Co. v. Pennsylvania, 114 U. S., 196, 5 Sup. Ct. 826, 29 L. Ed. 158; Half-proof. In the civil law. Proof by one witness, or a private instrument. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 9, no. 25; 3 Bl. Comm., 370. Or prima facie proof, which yet was not sufficient to found a sentence or decree. -Half-seal. That which was formerly used in the English chancery for sealing of commissions to delegates, upon any appeal to the court of delegates, either in ecclesiastical or marine causes. -Half section. In American land law. The half of a section of land according to the divisions of the government survey, laid off either by a north-and-south or by an east-and-west line, and containing 320 acres. See Brown v. Hardin, 21 Ark. 324; Half-timer. A child who, by the operation of the English factory and education acts, is employed for less than the full time in a factory or workshop, in order that he may attend some "recognized elementary school." See factory and workshop act, 1878, § 23; educational law, 1876, § 11; Halifax. A county half of one of the towns or city of Halifax, or of a city and half of another city. See De Mediate Lingua, Halifax, 11. In legal computation. The period of one hundred and eighty-two days; the period of a month. Lit. 1306; Crat. 165; Yel. 160; 1 Step. Comm. 265; Pol. Code Cal. 1903, § 2257.

HALIFAX LAW. A synonym for lynch law, or the summary (and unauthorized) trial of a person accused of crime and the infliction of death upon him; from the name of the parish of Halifax, in England, where anciently this form of private justice was practised by the freeburghers in the case of persons accused of stealing; also called "gibbet law."

HALIGEMOT. In Saxon law. The meeting of a hall, (conventus assis,) that is, a lord's court; a court of a manor, or count baron. Spelman. So called from the hall, where the tenants or freemen met, and justice was administered. Crabb, Eng. Law, 28.

HALIMAS. In English law. The feast of All Saints, on the 1st of November; one of the cross-quarters of the year, was computed from Halimas to Candlemas. Wharton.

HALL. A building or room of considerable size, used as a place for the meeting of public assemblies, conventions, courts, etc.

In English law. A name given to many manor-houses because the magistrate's court was held in the hall of his mansion; a chief mansion-house. Cowell.

HALLAGE. In old English law. A fee or toll due for goods or merchandise vended in a hall. Jacob. A toll due to the lord of a fair or market, for such commodities as were vended in the common hall of the place. Cowell; Blount.

HALAZCO. In Spanish law. The finding and taking possession of something which previously had no owner, and which thus becomes the property of the first occupant. Las Partidas, 3, 5, 28; 5, 43, 49; 3, 20, 50.

HALLE-GEMOT. In Saxon law. Hallemot, (q.v.)

HALLUCINATION. In medical jurisprudence. A trick or deceit of the senses; a morbid error either of the sense of sight or that of hearing, or possibly of the other senses; a psychological state, such as would be produced naturally by an act of sense-perception, attributed confidently, but mistakenly, to something which has no objective existence; as, when the patient imagines that he sees an object when there is none, or hears a voice or other sound when nothing strikes his ear. See Staples v. Wellington, 58 Me. 450; Foster v. Dickerson, 64 Va. 233, 24 Atl. 257; McNett v. Cooper (C. C.) 33 Fed. 590; People v. Krist, 168 N. Y. 19, 60 N. E. 1057.

Hallucination does not by itself constitute insanity, though it may be evidence of it or a sign of its approach. It is to be distinguished from "delusion" in this, that the latter is a fixed and irrational belief in the existence of a fact or facts, not cognizable through the senses, but to be determined by the faculties of reason, memory, judgment, and the like; while hallucination is a belief in the existence of an external object, perceptible by the senses, but having no real existence; or, in so far as a delusion may relate to an external object, it is an irrational belief as to the existence, nature, or appearance of something which really exists and affects the senses. For example, if a man has the belief that he has his right hand in its proper place, after it had been amputated, it would be a hallucination; but if he believed that his right hand was made of glass, it would be a delusion. In other words, in the case of hallucination, the senses betray the mind; while in the case of delusion, the senses act normally on the evidence then presented by the mind on account of the existence of an irrational belief formed independently of them. They are further distinguished by the fact that hallucinations may be observed and studied by the subject himself and traced to their causes, or may be corrected by reasoning or argument, while a delusion is an unconscious error, but so fixed and unchangeable that the patient cannot be reasoned out of it. Hallucination is also to be distinguished from "illusion," the latter term being appropriate to describe a perverted or distorted or wholly mistaken impression in the mind, derived from a true act of sense-perception, stimulated by a real external object, but modified by the imagination of the subject; while, in the case of hallucination, as above stated, there is no objective reality to correspond with the imagined perception.

HALMOT. See Haligemot.

HALYMOITE. A holy or ecclesiastical court.

A court held in London before the lord mayor and sheriffs, for regulating the bakers. It was anciently held on Sunday next be-
fore St. Thomas' day, and therefore called
the “holy mote,” or holy court. Cowell.

**Halywercfolk.** Sax. In old English law. Tenants who held land by the
service of repairing or defending a church or
monument, whereby they were exempted from
feudal and military services.

**Hama.** In old English law. A hawk; an
engine with which a house on fire is pulled
down. Yel. 60.
A piece of land.

**Hambling.** In forest law. The
boxing or hock-sinewing of dogs; an old mode
of laming or disabling dogs. Termes de la
Ley.

**Hamesecken.** In Scotch law. The
violent entering into a man’s house without
license or against the peace, and the seeking
and assaulting him there. Skene de Verb.
Sign.; 2 Forb. Inst. 139.
The crime of housebreaking or burglary. 4
Bl. Comm. 223.

**Hampare.** (Sax. From ham, a house.)
In Saxon law. An assault made in a house;
a breach of the peace in a private house.

**Hamlet.** A small village; a part or
member of a vill. It is the diminutive of
“ham,” a village. Cowell. See Rex. v. Mor-
is, 4 Term, 552.

**Hamma.** A close joining to a house; a
croft; a little meadow. Cowell.

**Hammer.** Metaphorically, a forced
sale or sale at public auction. “To bring to
the hammer,” to put up for sale at auction.
“Sold under the hammer,” sold by an officer
of the law or by an auctioneer.

**Hamscone.** In Saxon law. The right
of security and privacy in a man’s house.
Du Cange. The breach of this privilege by
a forcible entry of a house is breach of the
peace. Du Cange.

**Hanaper.** A hamper or basket in
which were kept the writs of the court of
chancery relating to the business of a sub-
ject, and their returns. 3 Bl. Comm. 49.
According to others, the fees accruing on
writs, etc., were there kept. Spelman; Du
Cange.

—**Hanaper-office.** An office belonging to the
common-law jurisdiction of the court of chan-
cery, so called because all writs relating to the
business of a subject, and their returns, were
formerly kept in a hamper, in hanaperio. 5 &
6 Vict. c. 103. See Yates v. People, 6 Johns.
(N. Y.) 363.

**Hand.** A measure of length equal to
four inches, used in measuring the height of
horses. A person’s signature.

**In old English law.** An oath.
For the meaning of the terms “strong hand” and “clean hands,” see those titles.

**Hand down.** An appellate court is
said to “hand down” its decision in a case,
when the opinion is prepared and filed for
transmission to the court below.

**Hand-fasting.** In old English law.
Betrothement.

**Hand-grith.** In old English law.
Peace or protection given by the king with
his own hand.

**Hand money.** Money paid in hand
to bind a bargain; earnest money.

**Handbill.** A written or printed no-
tice displayed to inform those concerned of
something to be done. People v. McLaugh-

**Handborow.** In Saxon law. A hand
pledge; a name given to the nine pledges
in a decennary or friborg; the tenth or
chief, being called “handborow,” (q. v.) So
called as being an inferior pledge to the
chief. Spelman.

**Handhabend.** In Saxon law. One
having a thing in his hand; that is, a thief
found having the stolen goods in his posses-
sion. Jurisdiction to try such thief.

**Handsale.** Anciently, among the
northern nations, shaking of hands was held
necessary to bind a bargain,—a custom still
retained in verbal contracts. A sale thus
made was called “handsale,” (vendito per
mutuum manum complexionem.) In proc-
ess of time the same word was used to sig-
nify the price or earnest which was given
immediately after the shaking of hands, or
instead thereof. 2 Bl. Comm. 448.

**Handsel.** Handsale, or earnest money.

**Handwriting.** The chirography of
a person; the cast or form of writing peculi-
ar to a person, including the size, shape,
and style of letters, tricks of penmanship,
and whatever gives individuality to his writ-
ing, distinguishing it from that of other per-
sons. In re Hyland’s Will (Surr. Ct.) 27 N.
Y. Supp. 963.

Anything written by hand; an instrument
written by the hand of a person, or a spec-
imen of his writing.

Handwriting, considered under the law of
evidence, includes not only the ordinary
writing of one able to write, but also writ-
ing done in a disguised hand, or in cipher,
and a mark made by one able or unable to
write. 9 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 264. See
Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 301, 32
Am. Dec. 711.

**Hang.** In old practice. To remain un-
determined. “It has hang long enough; it
is time it were made an end of.” Holt, C. J.,
1 Show. 77.

Thus, the present participle means pend-
HANGING. In criminal law. Suspension by the neck; the mode of capital punishment used in England from time immemorial, and generally adopted in the United States. 4 Bl. Comm. 403.

-Hanging in chains. In atrocious cases it was at one time usual, in England, for the court to direct a murderer, after execution, to be hanged upon a gibbet in chains near the place where the murder was committed, a practice quite contrary to the Mosaic law. (Deut. xxii. 23.) Abolished by 4 & 5 Wm. IV. c. 25. Wharton.

HANGMAN. An executioner. One who executes condemned criminals by hanging.

HANGWITE. In Saxon law. A fine for illegal hanging of a thief, or for allowing him to escape. Immunity from such fine. Du Cange

HANSE. An alliance or confederation among merchants or cities, for the good ordering and protection of the commerce of its members. An imposition upon merchandise. Du Cange.

-Hanse towns. The collective name of certain German cities, including Lubeck, Hamburg, and Bremen, which formed an alliance for mutual protection and furtherance of their commercial interests, in the twelfth century. The powerful confederacy thus formed was called the "Hanseatic League." The league framed and promulgated a code of maritime law, which was known as the "Laws of the Hanse Towns," or Sta Hanseaticum Maritimum. -Hanse towns, laws of the. The maritime ordinances of the Hanseatic towns, first published in German at Lubeck, in 1507, and in May, 1744, revised and enlarged. -Hanseatic. -Hanging to a hanse or commercial alliance; but, generally, the union of the Hanse towns is the one referred to, as in the expression the "Hanseatic League."

HANSGRAVE. The chief of a company; the head man of a corporation.

HANTELOD. In old European law. An arrest, or attachment. Spelmann.

HAP. To catch. Thus, "hap the rent," "hap the deed-poll," were formerly used.

HAPPINESS. The constitutional right of men to pursue their "happiness" means the right to pursue any lawful business or vocation, in any manner not inconsistent with the equal rights of others, which may increase their prosperity, or develop their faculties, so as to give to them their highest enjoyment. Butchers' Union Co. v. Crescent City Co,. 111 U. S. 757, 4 Sup. Ct. 652, 28 L. Ed. 585; 1 Bl. Comm. 41. And see English v. English, 32 N. J. Eq. 750.

HAQUE. In old statutes. A hand-gun, about three-quarters of a yard long.

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HARACIUM. In old English law. A race of horses and mares kept for breed; a stud. Spelman.

HARBINGER. In England, an officer of the royal household.

HARBOR, n. To receive clandestinely and without lawful authority a person for the purpose of so concealing him that another having a right to the lawful custody of such person shall be deprived of the same. Jones v. Van Zandt, 5 How. 215, 227, 12 L. Ed. 122. A distinction has been taken, in some decisions, between "harbor" and "conceal." A person may be convicted of harboring a slave, although he may not have concealed her. McElhaney v. State, 24 Ala. 71.


"Port" is a word of larger import than "harbor," since it implies the presence of wharves, or at any rate the means and opportunity of receiving and discharging cargo.

-Harbor authority. In England a harbor authority is a body of persons, corporate or unincorporate, being proprietors of, or intrusted with the duty of constructing, improving, managing, or lighting, any harbor. St. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 47.—Harbor line. A line marking the boundary of a certain part of a public water which is reserved for a harbor. Engs v. Peckham, 11 R. I. 224.

HARD LABOR. A punishment, additional to mere imprisonment, sometimes imposed upon convicts sentenced to a penitentiary. But the labor is not, as a rule, any harder than ordinary mechanical labor. Brown v. State, 74 Ala. 483.


HARDEHIDIS. In old Scotch law. Lions; coins formerly of the value of three half-pence. 1 Plitc. Crim. Tr. pt. 1, p. 64, note.

HARDSHIP. The severity with which a proposed construction of the law would bear upon a particular case, founding, sometimes, an argument against such construction, which is otherwise termed the "argument ab inconvenienti."

HARMLESS ERROR. See Error.

HARNASCA. In old European law. The defensive armor of a man; harness. Spelman.

HARNES. All warlike instruments; also the tackle or furniture of a ship.

HARRIOTT. The old form of "berlot," (q. v.) Williams, Sels. 208.

HART. A stag or male deer of the forest five years old complete.

HASP AND STAPLE. In old Scotch law. The form of entering an heir in a subject situated within a royal borough. It consisted of the heir's taking hold of the hasp and staple of the door, (which was the symbol of possession,) with other formalities. Bell; Burrill.

HASPA. In old English law. The hasp of a door; by which livery of selson might anclyent be made, where there was a house on the premises.

HASTA. Lat. A spear. In the Roman law, a spear was the sign of a public sale of goods or sale by auction. Hence the phrase "hasta subjicere" (to put under the spear) meant to put up at auction. Calvin.

In feudal law. A spear. The symbol used in making investiture of a sief. Feud. lib. 2, tit. 2.

HAT MONEY. In maritime law. Prize; a small duty paid to the captain and mariners of a ship.

HAUBER. O. Fr. A high lord; a great baron. Spelman.

HAUGH, or HOWGH. A green plot in a valley.

HAUL. The use of this word, instead of the statutory word "carry," in an indictment charging that the defendant "did feloniously steal, take, and haul away" certain personality, will not render the indictment bad, the words being in one sense equivalent. Spittoroff v. State, 108 Ind. 171, 8 N. E. 911.

HAUR. In old English law. Hatred. Leg. Wm. I. c. 16; Blount.

HAUSTUS. Lat. In the civil law. A species of servitude, consisting in the right to draw water from another's well or spring, in which the iter, (right of way to the well or spring,) so far as it is necessary, is tacitly included. Dig. 8, 3, 1; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 318.


HAUTNER. In old English law. A man armed with a coat of mail. Jacob.

HAVE. Lat. A form of the salutatory expression "Ave," used in the titles of some of the constitutions of the Theodosian and Justinianian codes. See Cod. 7, 62, 9; Id. 9, 2, 11.

HAVE. To possess corporally. "No one, at common law, was said to have or to be in possession of land, unless it were conveyed to him by the livery of selson, which gave him the corporal investiture and bodily occupation thereof." Bl. Law Tracts, 113.

-Have and hold. A common phrase in conveyancing, derived from the habendum et tenendum of the old common law. See Habendun et Tenendum.

HAVEN. A place of a large receipt and safe riding of ships, so situate and secured by the land circumjacent that the vessels thereby ride and anchor safely, and are protected by the adjacent land from dangerous or violent winds; as Milford Haven, Plymouth Haven, and the like. Hale de Jure Mar. par. 2, c. 2. And see Lowndes v. Board of Trustees, 153 U. S. 1, 14 Sup. Ct. 759, 38 L. Ed. 615; De Longuemere v. New York Ina. Co., 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 125(a); De Lovio v. Bolt, 7 Fed. Cas. 429.

HAW. A small parcel of land so called in Kent; houses. Co. Litt. 5.

HAWBERK. A coat or shirt of mail; hence, derivatively (in feudal law) one who held a sief on the duty or service of providing himself with such armor and standing ready, thus equipped, for military service when called on. Wharton.

HAWGH, HOWGH. In old English law. A valley. Co. Litt. 5b.

HAWKER. A trader who goes from place to place, or along the streets of a town, selling the goods which he carries with him.

It is perhaps not essential to the idea, but is generally understood from the word, that a hawkier is to be one who not only carries goods for sale, but seeks for purchasers, either by outcry, which some lexicographers conceive as intimated by the derivation of the word, or by attracting notice and attention to them, as goods for sale, by an actual exhibition or exposure of them, by placards or labels, or by a conventional signal, like the sound of a horn, for the sale of fish. Com. v. Ober, 12 Cush. (Mass.) 403. And see Gruffy v. Ruskville, 107 Ind. 502, 8 N. E. 600, 57 Am. Rep. 128; Clements v. Casper, 4 Wyo. 494, 35 Pac. 472; Hall v. State, 39 Fla. 637, 23 South. 119.

HAY-BOTE. Another name for "hedgebote," being one of the estovers allowed to a tenant for life or years, namely, material for repairing the necessary hedges or fences of his grounds. 2 Bl. Comm. 35; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 129.

HAYWARD. In old English law. An officer appointed in the lord's court to keep
a common herd of cattle of a town; so called because he was to see that they did not break or injure the hedges of enclosed grounds. His duty was also to impound trespassing cattle, and to guard against pound-breakers. Kitch. 46; Cowell. Adams v. Nichols, 1 Alken (Vt.) 310.

HAZARD. 1. In old English law. An unlawful game at dice, those who play at it being called "hazardors." Jacob.

2. In modern law. Any game of chance or wagering. Cheek v. Com., 100 Ky. 1, 37 S. W. 132; Graves v. Ford, 3 B. Mon. (Ky.) 113; Somers v. State, 5 Sneed (Tenn.) 488.


-Moral hazard. In fire insurance. The risk or danger of the destruction of the insured property, as measures to resist the character and interest of the insured owner, his habits as a prudent and careful man or the reverse, his know integrity or his bad reputation, and the amount of loss he would suffer by the destruction of the property or the gain he would make by suffering it to burn and collecting the insurance. See Syndicate Ins. Co. v. Bohn, 95 Fed. 170, 12 C. C. A. 551, 27 L. R. A. 614.

HAZARDOUS. Exposed to or involving danger; perilous; risky.

The terms "hazardous," "extra-hazardous," "specially hazardous," and "not hazardous" are well-understood technical terms in the business of insurance, having distinct and separate meanings. Although what goods are included in each designation may not be so known as to dispense with actual proof, the terms themselves are distinct and known to be so. Russell v. Insurance Co., 50 Minn. 409, 52 N. W. 906; Plindor v. Insurance Co., 38 N. Y. 305.

-Hazardous contract. See Contract—Hazardous insurance. Insurance effected on property which is in unusual or peculiar danger of destruction by fire, or on the life of a man whose occupation exposes him to special or unusual peril. Hazardous negligence. See Negligence.

HE. The use of this pronoun in a written instrument, in referring to a person whose Christian name is designated therein by a mere initial, is not conclusive that the person referred to is a male; it may be shown by parol that the person intended was a female. Bernlaud v. Beecher, 71 Cal. 38, 11 Pac. 802.

He who has committed iniquity shall not have equity. Francis, Max.

He who seeks equity must do equity. It is in pursuance of this maxim that equity enforces the right of the wife's equity to a settlement. Snell. Eq. (5th Ed.) 374.

HEAD. Chief; leading; principal; the upper part or principal source of a stream.

-Head money. A sum of money reckoned at a fixed amount for each head (person) in a designated class. Particularly (1) a capitation or poll tax. (2) A bounty offered by the laws of the United States for each person on board an enemy's ship or vessel, at the commencement of a naval engagement, which shall be sunk or destroyed by a ship or vessel of the United States of equal or inferior force, the same to be divided among the officers and crew in the same manner as prize money. In re Farragut, 7 D. C. 97. A similar reward is offered by the British state for ships. The tax or duty imposed by act of Congress of Aug. 3, 1882, on owners of steamships and sailing vessels for every immigrant brought into the United States. Head Money Cases, 112 U. S. 590, 5 Sup. Ct. 247, 28 L. Ed. 788. (4) A bounty or reward paid to one who pursues and kills a bandit or outlaw and proves he had as evidence; the offer of such a reward being popularly called "putting a price on his head."—Head of creek.

This term means the source of the longest branch, unless general reputation has given the appellation to another. Davis v. Bryant, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 110.—Head of department. In the constitution and laws of the United States, the heads of departments are the officers at the head of the great executive departments of government. The head is sometimes called "the cabinet," such as the secretary of state, secretary of the interior, attorney general, postmaster general, and so on, not including heads of bureaus. In S. v. Monongahela, 124 U. S. 303, 8 Sup. Ct. 505, 31 L. Ed. 463; U. S. v. Germaine, 99 U. S. 611, 26 L. Ed. 452.—Head of a family. A term used by a husband and wife as heads to designate a person who maintains a family; a householder. Not necessarily a husband or father, but any person who has charge, care, and management of the affairs of the household or the collective body of persons residing together and constituting the family. See Duncan v. Frank, 5 Mo. App. 209; Jarboe v. Jarboe, 106 Mo. App. 460, 70 S. W. 1163; Whalen v. Cadman, 11 Iowa 227; Brokaw v. Ogle, 70 Ill. 115, 48 N. W. 594; Beeler v. Trust Co., 106 Ga. 573, 32 S. E. 825.—Head of stream. The highest point on the stream which furnishes a continuous stream of water not necessary the longest fork or spring. Dull v. Reynolds, 64 S. W. 406, 25 Ky. Law Rep. 796; State v. Coleman, 13 N. J. Law. 104.—Head of tide. In hydraulic engineering, the effective force of a body or volume of water, expressed in terms of the vertical distance from the level of the water in a pond, lake, dam, or other source of supply, to the point where it is to be mechanically applied, or expressed in terms of the pressure of the water per square inch at the latter point. See Shearer v. Middleton, 88 Mich. 621, 50 N. W. 737; Caryll v. Thompson, 57 Minn. 654, 59 N. W. 688.

HEADBOROUGH. In Saxon law. The head or chief officer of a borough; chief of the frankpledge tithing or decennary. This office was afterwards, when the petty constableship was created, united with that office.

HEAD-COURTS. Certain tribunals in Scotland, abolished by 20 Geo. II. c. 50. Erak. 1, 4, 5.

HEADLAND. In old English law. A narrow piece of unplowed land left at the end of a plowed field for the turning of the plow. Called, also, "butt."
HEALTH. Freedom from sickness or suffering. The right to the enjoyment of health is a subdivision of the right of personal security, one of the absolute rights of persons. 1 Bl. Comm. 129, 134. As to injuries affecting health, see 3 Bl. Comm. 122.

-Bill of health. See BILL.-Board of health. See BOARD.—Health laws. Laws prescribing sanitary measures, and designed to promote or preserve the health of the community.—Health officers. The officer charged with the execution and enforcement of health laws. The powers and duties of health officers are regulated by local laws.—Public health. As one of the objects of the police power of the state, the "public health[, means the pre-existing health of a body of people or the community in mass, and the absence of any general or widespread disease or cause of mortality."

HEALTHY. Free from disease or bodily ailment, or any state of the system peculiarly susceptible or liable to disease or bodily ailment. Bell v. Jeffrey, 35 N. C. 356.

HEARING. In equity practice. The hearing of the arguments of the counsel for the parties upon the pleadings, or pleadings and proofs; corresponding to the trial of an action at law.

The word "hearing" has an established meaning as applicable to such cases. It means the same thing in those cases that the word "trial" does in cases at law. And the words "final hearing" have long been used to designate the trial of an equity case upon the merits, as distinguished from the hearing of any preliminary questions arising in the cause, and which are termed "interlocutory." Akerly v. Vila, 24 Wis. 171, 1 Am. Rep. 166.

In criminal law. The examination of a prisoner charged with a crime or misdemeanor, and of the witnesses for the accused.

-Final hearing. See FINAL.

HEARSAY. A term applied to that species of testimony given by a witness who relates, not what he knows personally, but what others have told him, or what he has heard said by others. Hopt v. Utah, 110 U. S. 574, 4 Supp. Ct. 202, 28 L. Ed. 202; Morell v. Morell, 157 Ind. 170, 60 N. E. 1002; Stockton v. Williams, 1 Doug. (Mich.) 570; People v. Kraft, 91 Hun, 474, 38 N. Y. Supp. 1004.

Hearsay evidence is that which does not derive its value solely from the credit of the witness, but rests mainly on the veracity and competency of other persons. The very nature of the evidence shows its weakness, and it is admitted only in specified cases from necessity. Code Ga. 1852, § 3770; 1 Phil. Ev. 186.

Hearsay evidence is second-hand evidence, as distinguished from original evidence; it is the repetition at second-hand of what would be original evidence if given by the person who originally made the statement.

HEARTH MONEY. A tax levied in England by St. 14 Car. II. c. 10, consisting of two shillings on every hearth or stove in the kingdom. It was extremely unpopular, and was abolished by 1 W. & M. St. 1, c. 10. This tax was otherwise called "chimney money."

HEARTH SILVER. In English law. A species of modus or composition for tithes. Anstr. 3:25, 326.

HEAT OF PASSION. In criminal law. A state of violent and uncontrollable rage
HEAVE TO. In maritime parlance and admiralty law. To stop a sailing vessel's headway by bringing her head "into the wind," that is, in the direction from which the wind blows. A steamer is said to be "hove to" when held in such a position that she takes the heaviest seas upon her quarter. The Hugo (D. C.) 57 Fed. 411.

HEBBERMANN. An unlawful fisher in the Thames below London bridge; so called because they generally fished at ebbing tide or water. 4 Hen. VII. c. 16; Jacob.

HEBBERTHEP. In Saxon law. The privilege of having the goods of a thief, and the trial of him, within a certain liberty. Cowell.

HEBBING-WEARS. A device for catching fish in ebbing water. St. 23 Hen. VIII. c. 5.

HEBDOMADIUS. A week's man; the canon or prebendary in a cathedral church, who had the peculiar care of the choir and the offices of it for his own week. Cowell.

HECOAGIUM. In feudal law. Rent paid to a lord of the fee for a liberty to use the engines called "beck's."

HECK. An engine to take fish in the river Ouse. 23 Hen. VIII. c. 18.

HEDA. A small haven, wharf, or landing place.

HEDACIUM. Toll or customary dues at the hithe or wharf, for landing goods, etc., from which exemption was granted by the crown to some particular persons and societies. Wharton.

HEDGE-BOTE. An allowance of wood for repairing hedges or fences, which a tenant or lessee has a right to take off the land let or demised to him. 2 Bl. Comm. 35.

HEDGE-PRIEST. A vagabond priest in olden time.

HEGEMONY. The leadership of one among several independent confederate states.

HEGIRA. The epoch or account of time used by the Arabians and the Turks, who begin their computation from the day that Mahomet was compelled to escape from Mecca, which happened on Friday, July 16, A. D. 622, under the reign of the Emperor Heraclius. Wharton.

HEGUMENOS. The leader of the monks in the Greek Church.

HEIFER. A young cow which has not had a calf. 2 East. P. C. 616. And see State v. McMinn, 54 Ark. 162; Mundell v. Hammond, 40 Vt. 645.


The term "heir" has a very different significance at common law from what it has in those states and countries which have adopted the civil law. In the latter, the term is indiscriminately applied to all persons to whom the succession to the property or by operation of law. The person who is created universal successor by a will is called the "testamentary heir;" and the next of kin by blood is, in cases of intestacy, called the "heir at law," or "heir by intestacy." The executor of the common law in many respects corresponds to the testamentary heir of the civil law. Again, the administrator in many respects corresponds with the heir by intestacy. By the common law, executors and administrators have no right except to the personal estate of the deceased; whereas the heir by the civil law is authorized to administer both the personal and real estate. Story, Const. Laws, §§ 57, 598.

In the civil law. A universal successor in the event of death. He who actively or passively succeeds to the entire property or estate, rights and obligations, of a decedent, and occupies his place.

The term "heir" has several significations. Sometimes it refers to one who has formally accepted a succession and taken possession thereof; sometimes to one who is called to succeed, but still retains the faculty of accepting or renouncing, and it is frequently used as applied to one who has formally renounced. Mumford v. Bowman, 26 La. Ann. 417.

In Scotch law. The person who succeeds to the heritage or heritable rights of one deceased. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3. p. 75. The word has a more extended significance than in English law, comprehending not only those who succeed to lands, but successors to personal property also. Wharton.

—Heir apparent. An heir whose right of inheritance is indefeasible, provided he outlive the ancestor: as in England the eldest son, or his issue, who must, by the course of the common law, be heir to the father whenever he happens to die. 2 Bl. Comm. 208: 1 Steph. Comm. 308: Jones v. Fleming, 37 Hun (N. Y.) 220—Heir at law. He who, after his ancestor's death intestate, has a right to inherit all lands, tenements, and hereditaments which belonged to him or of which he was seised. The same as "heir generell." Forrest v. Porch, 100 Tenn. 391, 45 S. W. 676; In re Aspden's
Estate. 2 Ped. Cas. 42; McKinney v. Stewart 5 Ky. 304. —Heir, benefit of the. In the civil law. One who has accepted the succession under the benefit of an inventory regularly made. Heirs are divided into two classes, acc. to their mode of obtaining the succession; except the legitimate and adopted children. Hayden v. Barrett, 172 Mass. 472, 52 N. E. 380, 70 Am. St. Rep. 265; Ballentine v. Wood, 42 N. J. Eq. 352; McCreary v. Estate, v. Patterson, 123 Md. 170, 186 Am. Dec. 360; Heir’s body. An heir begotten or borne by the person referred to, or a child of such heir; any lineal descendant of such heir, including husband or wife, adopted children, and collateral relations. Black v. Cartmell, 10 B. Mon. (Ky.) 355; 14 Mo. 127; 145 Tenn. 112, 48 Am. Dec. 146; Balch v. Johnson, 106 Tenn. 249, 61 S. W. 288; Clarkson v. Hatton, 143 Mo. 47, 44 S. W. 761, 39 L. R. A. 147, 68 Am. St. Rep. 657; Houghton v. Kendall, 7 Allen (Mass.) 72; Roberts v. Ogborne, 37 Ala. 178. —Heir, presumptive. The person who, if the ancestor should die immediately, would, in the present circumstances of things, be his heir, but whose right of inheritance may be defeated by the contingency of some nearer heir being born, or the presumption of the birth of such heir. The issue in tail, who claims per forum doni; by the form of the gift. —Heir, substitute, in a bond. —Heir, special, in the civil law. One who is named and appointed heir in the testament of the decedent. This name distinguishes him from a legal heir, (one upon whom the duty devolves in fact), from the survivor of a joint heir, from a conventional heir, (one who takes by virtue of a previous contract or settlement). —Heir, unconditional. In the civil law. One who inherits without any reservation, or without making an inventory, whether his acceptance be express or tacit. Distinguished from heir beneficiarius. —Joint heirs. Heirs who are all entitled to an equal share in the inheritance. The term is also used in Anglo-American law in the same sense, that is, the several owners to a joint tenancy. —Heir, male. In Scotch law. An heir who, though not next in blood to the deceased, is his nearest male relation that can succeed to him. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 76. In English law, the nearest male blood-relation of the deceased, unless further defined by the words of his body, which restrict the inheritance to sons, grandsons, and other male descendants in the male line. 1 Parkin v. Adams, 3 C. P. R. 674; Goodsite v. Herring, 1 East 275; Ewan v. Cox, 9 N. J. Law, 14. —Heir of conquest. In Scotch law. One who succeeds to the deceased in conquest, i. e., lands or other heritable rights to which the deceased neither did nor could succeed as heir to his predecessor. —Heir of inae. In Scotch law. One who succeeds to the deceased in inae, i. e., lands and other heritable rights derived to him by his wife, his widow, his heiress. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 77. —Heir of provision. In Scotch law. One who succeeds as heir by virtue of a particular provision in a deed or instrument. See also widow, in Scotch law. He on whom an estate is settled that would not have fallen to him by legal succession. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 102. —Heir, onerous. A beneficiary who succeeds to the estate by virtue of a conditional agreement with the decedent, either in the ascending or descending line, including illegitimate children, surviving husband or wife, adopted children, and adopted children. Hayden v. Barrett, 172 Mass. 472, 52 N. E. 380, 70 Am. St. Rep. 265; Ballentine v. Wood, 42 N. J. Eq. 352; McCreary v. Estate, v. Patterson, 123 Md. 170, 186 Am. Dec. 360; Heir’s body. An heir begotten or borne by the person referred to, or a child of such heir; any lineal descendant of such heir, including husband or wife, adopted children, and collateral relations. Black v. Cartmell, 10 B. Mon. (Ky.) 355; 14 Mo. 127; 145 Tenn. 112, 48 Am. Dec. 146; Balch v. Johnson, 106 Tenn. 249, 61 S. W. 288; Clarkson v. Hatton, 143 Mo. 47, 44 S. W. 761, 39 L. R. A. 147, 68 Am. St. Rep. 657; Houghton v. Kendall, 7 Allen (Mass.) 72; Roberts v. Ogborne, 37 Ala. 178. —Heir, presumptive. The person who, if the ancestor should die immediately, would, in the present circumstances of things, be his heir, but whose right of inheritance may be defeated by the contingency of some nearer heir being born, or the presumption of the birth of such heir. The issue in tail, who claims per forum doni; by the form of the gift. —Heir, substitute, in a bond. —Heir, special, in the civil law. One who is named and appointed heir in the testament of the decedent. This name distinguishes him from a legal heir, (one upon whom the duty devolves in fact), from the survivor of a joint heir, from a conventional heir, (one who takes by virtue of a previous contract or settlement). —Heir, unconditional. In the civil law. 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HEIR-LOOMS. Such goods and chattels as, contrary to the nature of chattels, shall go by special custom to the heir along with the inheritance, and not to the executor. The termination "loom" (Sax.) signifies a limb or member; so that an heirloom is nothing else but a limb or member of the inheritance. They are generally such things as cannot be taken away without damaging or dismembering the freehold; such as deer in a park, doves in a cote, deeds and charters, etc. 2 Bl. Comm. 427.

HEIRDOM. Succession by inheritance.

HEIRESS. A female heir to a person having an estate of inheritance. When there are more than one, they are called "co-heiresses," or "co-heirs."

HEIRS. A word used in deeds of conveyance, (either solely, or in connection with others,) where it is intended to pass a fee.

HEIRSHIP. The quality or condition of being heir, or the relation between the heir and his ancestor.

HEIRSHIP MOVABLES. In Scotch law. The movables which go to the heir, and not to the executor, that the land may not go to the heir completely dismantled, such as the best of furniture, horses, cows, etc., but not fungibles. Bell.

HELL. The name formerly given to a place under the exchequer chamber, where the king's debtors were confined. Rich. Dict.

HELM. Thatch or straw; a covering for the head in war; a coat of arms bearing a crest; the tiller or handle of the rudder of a ship.

HELOWE-WALL. The end-wall covering and defending the rest of the building. Paroch. Antiq. 573.

HELSING. A Saxon brass coin, of the value of a half-penny.

HEMIPLEGIA. In medical jurisprudence. Unilateral paralysis; paralysis of one side of the body, commonly due to a lesion in the brain, but sometimes originating from the spinal cord, as in "Brown-Sequard's paralysis," unilateral paralysis with crossed anæsthesia. In the cerebral form, the hemiplegia is sometimes "alternate" or crossed, that is occurring on the opposite side of the body from the initial lesion. If the disease comes on rapidly or suddenly, it is called "quick" hemiplegia; if slowly or gradually, "chronic." The former variety is more apt to affect the mental faculties than the latter; but, where hemiplegia is complete, the operations of the mind are generally much impaired. See Baughman v. Baughman, 32 Kan. 559, 4 Pac. 1002.

HEMOLDBORCH, or HELMELBORCH. A title to possession. The admission of this old Norse term into the laws of the Conqueror is difficult to be accounted for; it is not found in any Anglo-Saxon law extant. Wharton.

HEPTARCHY. A word of futurity, which, as employed in legal documents, statutes, and the like, always imports a continuity of action or condition from the present time forward, but excludes all the past. Thomson v. American Surety Co., 170 N. Y. 106, 62 N. E. 1073; Opinion of Chief Justice, 7 Pick. (Mass.) 128, note.

HENCHMAN. A page; an attendant; a herald. See Barnes v. State, 88 Md. 347, 41 Atl. 781.

HENEDPENNY. A customary payment of money instead of hens at Christmas; a composition for eggs. Cowell.

HENFARE. A fine for flight on account of murder. Domesday Book.

HENGHEN. In Saxon law. A prison, a gaol, or house of correction.

HENGWYTE. Sax. In old English law. An acquittance from a fine for hanging a thief. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 47, § 17.

HENRIOUS VETUS. Henry the Old, or 'Elder. King Henry I. is so called in ancient English chronicles and charters, to distinguish him from the subsequent kings of that name. Spelman.

HEORDFRERE, or NUDEFEST. In Saxon law. A master of a family, keeping house, distinguished from a lower class of freemen, viz., folgeras, (folgaris,) who had no habitations of their own, but were house retainers of their lords.

HEORDPENNY. Peter-pence, (q. v.)

HEORDWERCH. In Saxon law. The service of herdsmen, done at the will of their lord.

HEPTARCHY. A government exercised by seven persons, or a nation divided into seven governments. In the year 560, seven different monarchies had been formed in England by the German tribes, namely, that of Kent by the Jutes; those of Sussex, Wessex, and Essex by the Saxons; and those of East Anglia, Bernicia, and Deira by the Angles. To these were added, about the year 586, an eighth, called the "Kingdom of Mercia," also founded by the Angles, and comprehending nearly the whole of the heart of the kingdom. These states formed what has been designated the "Anglo-Saxon Octarchy," or more commonly, though not so correctly, the "Anglo-Saxon Heptarchy," from the custom of speaking of Deira and Bernicia under the single appellation of the "Kingdom of Northumberland." Wharton.
HERALD. In ancient law, a herald was a diplomatic messenger who carried messages between kings or states, and especially proclamations of war, peace, or truce. In English law, a herald is an officer whose duty is to keep genealogical lists and tables, adjourn armorial bearings, and regulate the ceremonies at royal coronations and funerals.

—Herald's College. In England. An ancient royal corporation, first instituted by Richard III. in 1483. It comprises three kings of arms, six heralds, and four marshals or pursuivants of arms, together with the earl marshal and a secretary. The heralds' books, compiled when progresses were solemnly and regularly made into every part of the kingdom, to inquire into the state of families, and to register such marriages and descents as were verified to them upon oath, are allowed to be good evidence of pedigrees. The heralds' office is still allowed to make grants of arms and to permit change of names. 3 Starkie, Ev. 843; Wharton.

Heraldry. The art, office, or science of heralds. Also an old and obsolete abuse of buying and selling precedence in the paper of causes for hearing.

HERBAGE. In English law. An easement or liberty, which consists in the right to pasture cattle on another's ground. For cattle in fields and pastures. Bract. fol. 222; Co. Litt. 46; Shep. Touch. 97. A right to herbage does not include a right to cut grass, or dig potatoes, or pick apples. Simpson v. Coe, 4 N. H. 303.

HERBAGIUM ANTERIUS. The first crop of grass or hay, in opposition to after-math or second cutting. Paroch. Antiq. 459.

HERBENCER, or HARBRINGER. An officer in the royal house, who goes before and allots the noblemen and those of the household their lodgings; also an innkeeper.

HERBERGAGIUM. Lodgings to receive guests in the way of hospitality. Cowell.

HERBERGARE. To harbor; to entertain.

HERBERGATUS. Harborred or entertained in an inn. Cowell.

HERBERY, or HERBURY. An inn. Cowell.

HERCIA. A harrow. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 77.

HERCIATRIX. To harrow. 4 Inst. 270.

HERCIATURA. In old English law. Harrowing; work with a harrow. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 82, § 2.

HERCISCUNDA. In the civil law. To be divided. Familia heriscunda, an inheritance to be divided in fields family heriscunda, an actio for dividing an inheritance. Heriscunda is more commonly used in the civil law. Dig. 10, 2; Inst. 3, 28, 4; Id. 4, 6, 20.

HERD, n. An indefinite number, more than a few, of cattle, sheep, horses, or other animals of the larger sorts, assembled and kept together as one drove and under one care and management. Brim v. Jones, 18 Utah, 440, 45 Pac. 352.

HERD, v. To tend, take care of, manage, and control a herd of cattle or other animals, implying something more than merely driving them from place to place. Phipps v. Grover, 9 Idaho, 415, 75 Pac. 65; Fry v. Hubner, 35 Or. 184, 57 Pac. 420.

HERDER. One who herds or has charge of a herd of cattle, in the senses above defined. See Hooker v. McAllister, 12 Wash. 46, 40 Pac. 617; Underwood v. Birdsell, 6 Mont. 142, 9 Pac. 922; Rev. Codes N. D. 1890, § 1544.6.

HERDEWICH. A range or place for cattle or husbandry. Mon. Angl. pt. 3.


HEREBANNUM. In old English law. A proclamation summoning the army into the field.

A mulct or fine for not joining the army when summoned. Spelman.

A tax or tribute for the support of the army. Du Cange.

HEREBOTE. The royal edict summoning the people to the field. Cowell.

HEREAD. In Spanish law. A piece of land under cultivation; a cultivated farm, real estate; an inheritance or heirship.


HEREDERO. In Spanish law. Heir; he who, by legal or testamentary disposition, succeeds to the property of a deceased person. "Herede censeatur cum defuncto una eademque persona." Las Partidas, 7, 9, 13; See Eneric v. Alvarado, 64 Cal. 529, 2 Pac. 433.

HEREEDITAGIUM. In Sicilian and Neapolitan law. That which is held by hereditary right; the same with hereditamentum (hereditament) in English law. Spelman.
HEREDITAMENTS. Things capable of being inherited, be it corporeal or incorporeal, real, personal, or mixed, and including not only lands and everything thereon, but also heir-looms, and certain furniture which, by custom, may descend to the heir together with the land. Co. Litt. 55; 2 Bl. Comm. 17; Nellis v. Munson, 108 N. Y. 453, 15 N. E. 739; Owens v. Lewis, 46 Ind. 508, 15 Am. Rep. 295; Whitlock v. Greacen, 48 N. J. Eq. 359, 21 Atl. 944; Mitchell v. Warner, 5 Conn. 497; New York v. Mable, 13 N. Y. 159, 64 Am. Dec. 533.

The term includes a few rights unconnected with land, but it is generally used as the widest expression for real property of all kinds, and is therefore employed in conveyances after the words “lands” and “tenements,” to include everything of the nature of reality which they do not cover. Sweet.

-Corporeal hereditaments. Substantial permanent objects which may be inherited. They will also include all such. 2 Bl. Comm. 17; Whitlock v. Greacen, 48 N. J. Eq. 359, 21 Atl. 944; Cary v. Daniels, 5 Metc. (Mass.) 236; Gibbs v. Drew, 16 Fla. 147, 26 Am. Rep. 700.-Incorporeal hereditaments. Anything, the subject of property, which is inheritable and not tangible or visible. 2 Wood. Lect. 4. A right issuing out of a thing corporate (whether real or personal) or concerning or annexed to or exercisable within the same. 2 Bl. Comm. 20; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 10; Heron v. Penderglass Yacht Club (Ky.), 64 S. W. 467; Whitlock v. Greacen, 48 N. J. Eq. 359, 21 Atl. 944; Stone v. Stone, 1 R. I. 428.

HEREDITARY. That which is the subject of inheritance.

-Hereditary disease. One transmitted or transmissible from parent to child in consequence of the infection of the former or the presence of the disease in his system, and without exposure of the latter to any fresh source of infection or contagion.-Hereditary right to the crown. The crown of England, by the positive constitution of the kingdom, has ever been descendent, and so continues, in a course permanent to itself, yet subject to limitation by parliament; but, notwithstanding such limitation, the crown retains its descendent quality, and becomes hereditary in the prince to whom it is limited. 1 Bl. Comm. 181.-Hereditary succession. Inheritance by law; title by descent; the title whereby a person, on the death of his ancestor, acquires his estate as his heir at law. Barclay v. Cameron, 27 Tex. 241; In re Donahue's Estate, 36 Cal. 322.

HEREFARE. Sax. A going into or with an army; a going out to war, (profectio militaris;) an expedition. Spelman.

HEREGEAT. A heretick, (q. v.)

HEREGELD. Sax. In old English law. A tribute or tax levied for the maintenance of an army. Spelman.


HEREMONES. Followers of an army.

HERENACH. An archdeacon. Cowell.

HERES. Heir; an heir. A form of heres, very common in the civil law. See Hæres.

HERESCHIP. In old Scotch law. Theft or robbery. 1 Pittc. Crim. Tr. pt. 2, pp. 26, 89.

HERESLITA, HERESSA, HERESSIZ. A hired soldier who departs without license. 4 Inst. 128.

HERESY. In English law. An offense against religion, consisting not in a total denial of Christianity, but of some of its essential doctrines, publicly and obstinately avowed. 4 Bl. Comm. 44, 45. An opinion on divine subjects devised by human reason, openly taught, and obstinately maintained. 1 Hale, P. C. 354. This offense is now subject only to ecclesiastical correction, and is no longer punishable by the secular law. 4 Steph. Comm. 253.

HERETOCH. A general, leader, or commander; also a baron of the realm. Du Fresne.

HERETOFORE. This word simply denotes time past, in distinction from time present or time future, and has no definite and precise signification beyond this. Andrews v. Thayer, 40 Conn. 107.

HERETUM. In old records. A court or yard for drawing up guards or military retinue. Cowell.

HEREZELD. In Scotch law. A gift or present made or left by a tenant to his lord as a token of reverence. Skene.

HERGE. In Saxon law. Offenders who joined in a body of more than thirty-five to commit depredations.


HERIOT. In English law. A customary tribute of goods and chattels, payable to the lord of the fee on the decease of the owner of the land.

Heriots are divided into heriot service and heriot custom. The former expression denotes such as are due upon a special reservation in a grant or lease of lands, and therefore amount to little more than a mere rent; the latter arise upon no special reservation whatever, but depend solely upon immemorial usage and custom. 2 Bl. Comm. 422; See Adams v. Morse, 51 Me. 501.

HERISCHILD. In old English law. A species of military service, or knight's fee. Cowell.

HERISCHULDA. In old Scotch law. A fine or penalty for not obeying the proclamation made for warfare. Skene.
HERISCIUM. A division of house-
hold goods. Blount.

HERISLIT. Laying down of arms.
Blount. Desertion from the army. Spelman.

HERISTAL. The station of an army; the
place where a camp is pitched. Spelman.

HERITABLE. Capable of being taken
by descent. A term chiefly used in Scotch
law, where it enters into several phrases.

—Heritable bond. A bond for a sum of
money to which is added, for further security
of the creditor, a conveyance of land or heri-
tage to be held by the creditor as pledge. 1
Ross, Conv. 76; 2 Ross, Conv. 324.—Herit-
able jurisdictions. Grants of criminal ju-
risdiction formerly bestowed on great families
in Scotland, to facilitate the administration of
justice. Whishaw. Abolished in effect by St.
20 Geo. II. c. 50. Tomlins.—Heritable obli-
gation. In Louisiana. An obligation is herit-
able when the heirs and assigns of one party
may enforce the performance against the heirs
of the other. Civ. Code La. art. 1997.—Herit-
able rights. In Scotch law. Rights of the
heir; all rights to land or whatever is connect-
ed with land, as mills, fishings, tithes, etc.

HERITAGE. In the civil law. Every
species of immovable which can be the sub-
ject of property; such as lands, houses, orch-
ards, woods, marshes, ponds, etc., in what-
ever mode they may have been acquired,
either by descent or purchase. 3 Toullier,
no. 472.

In Scotch law. Land, and all property
connected with land; real estate, as distin-
guished from movables, or personal estate.
Bell.

HERITOR. In Scotch law. A propri-
etor of land. 1 Kames, Eq. Pref.

HERMANDAD. In Spanish law. A fra-
ternity formed among different towns and
villages to prevent the commission of crimes,
and to prevent the abuses and vexations to
which they were subjected by men in
power. Bouvier.

HERMAPHRODITE. In medical juris-
prudence. A person of doubtful or double
sex; one possessing, really or apparently,
and in more or less developed form, some
or all of the genital organs of both sexes.

Hermaphroditus tam masculo quam
femine comparatur, secundum pravale-
tiam sexus ineascentis. An her-
maphrodit is to be considered male or female
according to the predominance of the excit-
ing sex. Co. Litt. 8; Bract. fol. 5.

HERMENUTICS. The science or art
of construction and interpretation. By the
phrase 'legal hermenutics' is understood
the systematic body of rules which are recog-
nised as applicable to the construction and
interpretation of legal writings.

HERMER. A great lord. Jacob.

HERMOGENIAN CODE. See Codex
Hermogenianus.

HERNECUS. A heron. Cowell.

HERNESIUM, or HERNASIUM.
Household goods; implements of trade or
husbandry; the rigging or tackle of a ship.
Cowell.

HEROU, HERAUD. L. Fr. A herald.

HERPEX. A harrow. Spelman.

HERPICATIO. In old English law. A
day's work with a harrow. Spelman.

HERRING SILVER. This was a com-
position in money for the custom of supply-
ing herrings for the provision of a religious
house. Wharton.

HERUS. Lat. A master. Serus facit
ut herus det, the servant does [the work] in
order that the master may give [him the
wages agreed on.] Herus dat ut servus facit,
the master gives [or agrees to give, the
wages] in consideration of, or with a view
to, the servant's doing [the work.] 2 Bl.
Comm. 445.

HESIA. An easement. Du Cange.

HEST CORN. In old records. Corn or
grain given or devoted to religious persons
or purposes. 2 Mon. Angl. 3679; Cowell.

HESTA, or HESTHA. A little loaf of
bread.

HETZERACHA. The head of a relig-
ious house; the head of a college; the ward-
en of a corporation.

HETZRIA. In Roman law. A company,
society, or college.

HEUVELBORN. Sax. In old English
law. A surety, (warrantus.)

HEYLODE. In old records. A custom-
ary burden upon inferior tenants, for mend-
ing or repairing hays or hedges.

HEYMBCTUS. A hay-net; a net for
catching conies. Cowell.

HIBERNAGIUM. The season for sowing
winter corn. Cowell.

HIDAGE. An extraordinary tax former-
ly payable to the crown for every hide of
land. This taxation was levied, not in mon-
ey, but provision of armor, etc. Cowell.

HIDALGO. In Spanish law. A noble;
a person entitled to the rights of nobility.
By hidalgos are understood men chosen from
HIDALGUIA. In Spanish law. Nobility by descent or lineages. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 1.

HIDE. In old English law. A measure of land, being as much as could be worked with one plow. It is variously estimated at from 60 to 100 acres, but was probably determined by local usage. Another meaning was as much land as would support one family or the dwellers in a mansion-house. Also a house; a dwelling-house.


Hide lands. In Saxon law. Lands belonging to a hide; that is, a house or mansion. Spelman.

HIDEL. In old English law. A place of protection; a sanctuary. St. 1 Hen. VII. cc. 5, 6; Cowell.

HIDGILD. A sum of money paid by a villein or servant to save himself from a whipping. Fleta, l. 1, c. 47, § 20.

HIERARCHY. Originally, government by a body of priests. Now, the body of officers in any church or ecclesiastical institution, considered as forming an ascending series of ranks or degrees of power and authority, with the correlative subjection, each to the one next above. Derivatively, any body of men, taken in their public capacity, and considered as forming a chain of powers, as above described.

HIGH. This term, as used in various compound legal phrases, is sometimes merely an addition of dignity, not importing a comparison; but more generally it means exalted, either in rank or location, or occupying a position of superiority, and in a few instances it implies superiority in respect to importance, size, or frequency or publicity of use, e. g., "high seas," "highway."


HIGHER AND LOWER SCALE. In the practice of the English supreme court of judicature there are two scales regulating the fees of the court and the fees which solicitors are entitled to charge. The lower scale applies (unless the court otherwise orders) to the following cases: All causes and matters assigned by the judicature acts to the king's bench, or the probate, divorce, and admiralty divisions; all actions of debt, contract, or tort; and in almost all causes and matters assigned by the acts to the chancery division in which the amount in controversy is under £1,000. The higher scale applies in all other causes and matters, and also in actions falling under one of the above classes, but in which the principal relief sought to be obtained is an injunction. Sweet.

HIGHNESS. A title of honor given to princes. The kings of England, before the time of James I., were not usually saluted with the title of "Majesty," but with that of "Highness." The children of crowned heads generally receive the style of "Highness." Wharton.


"In all counties of this state, public highways are roads, streets, avenues, lanes, courts, places, trails, and bridges, laid out or erected as such by the public, or, if laid out and erected by others, dedicated or abandoned to the public, or made such in actions for the partition of real property." Pol. Code Cal. § 2018.

There is a difference in the shade of meaning conveyed by two uses of the word. Sometimes it signifies right of free passage, in the abstract, not importing anything about the character or construction of the way. Thus, a river is called a "highway," and it has been not unusual for congress, in granting a privilege of building a bridge, to declare that it shall be a public highway. Again, it has reference to some system of law authorizing the taking a strip of land, and preparing and devoting it to the use of travelers. In this use it imports a road-way upon the soil, constructed under the authority of these laws. Abbott.

Commissioners of highways. Public officers appointed in the several counties and municipalities, in many states, to take charge of the opening, altering, repair, and vacating of highways within their respective jurisdictions. Common highway. By this term is meant a road to be used by the community at large for any purpose of transit or traffic. Ham. N. P. 359; Railroad Co. v. State, 23 Fla. 546, 3 South. 358, 11 Am. St. Rep. 365.

HIGHWAYMAN. A bandit; one who robs travelers upon the highway.

HIGLER. In English law. A hawk or peddler. A person who carries from door to door, and sells by retail, small articles of provisions, and the like.

FIGUERA. In Spanish law. A receipt given by an heir of a decedent, setting forth what property he has received from the estate.

HIKENILD STREET. One of the four great Roman roads of Britain. More commonly called “Ikenild Street.”

HILARY RULES. A collection of orders and forms extensively modifying the pleading and practice in the English superior courts of common law, established in Hilary term, 1834. Stimson.

HILARY TERM. In English law. A term of court, beginning on the 11th and ending on the 31st of January in each year. Superseded (1875) by Hilary sittings, which begin January 11th, and end on the Wednesday before Easter.

HINDENI HOMINES. A society of men. The Saxons ranked men into three classes, and valued them, as to satisfaction for injuries, etc., according to their class. The highest class were valued at 1,200s., and were called “tweelf hindmen;” the middle class at 600s., and called “axhindmen;” the lowest at 200s., called “tyrhindmen.” Their wives were termed “hindus.” Brompt. Leg. Alfred. c. 12.

HINDER AND DELAY. To hinder and delay is to do something which is an attempt to defraud, rather than a successful fraud; to put some obstacle in the path, or interpose some time, unjustly, before the creditor can realize what is owed out of his debtor’s property. See Walker v. Sayers, 5 Bush (Ky.) 582; Burdick v. Post, 12 Barb. (N. Y.) 186; Crow v. Beardsley, 68 Mo. 439; Burnham v. Brennan, 42 N. Y. Super. Ct. 63.

HINDU LAW. The system of native law prevailing among the Gentoo, and administered by the government of British India.

HINE, or HIND. In old English law. A husbandry servant.

HINEFARE. In old English law. The loss or departure of a servant from his master. Domesday.

HIPOTECA. In Spanish law. A mortgage of real property.

HIRCISCUNDA. See HIRCISCUNDA.

HIRE. v. To purchase the temporary use of a thing, or to stipulate for the labor or services of another. See Hiring.

To engage in service for a stipulated reward, as to hire a servant for a year or laborers by the day or month; to engage a man to temporary service for wages. To “employ” is a word of more enlarged signification. A man hired to labor is employed, but a man may be employed in a work who is not hired. McCluskey v. Cromwell, 11 N. Y. 605.

For definitions of the various species of this class of contracts, under their Latin names, see Locatto and following titles.

HIREMAN. A subject. Du Cange.

HIRER. One who hires a thing, or the labor or services of another person. Turner v. Cross, 83 Tex. 218, 18 S. W. 578, 15 L. R. A. 262.

HIRING. Hiring is a contract by which one person grants to another either the enjoyment of a thing or the use of the labor and industry, either of himself or his servant, during a certain time, for a stipulated compensation, or where one contracts for the labor or services of another about a thing bailed to him for a specified purpose. Code Ga. 1882, § 2065.

Hiring is a contract by which one gives to another the temporary possession and use of property, other than money, for reward, and the latter agrees to return the same to the former at a future time. Civ. Code Cal. § 1925; Civ. Code Dak. § 1103.

Synonyms. “Hiring” and “borrowing” are both contracts by which a qualified property may be transferred to the hirer or borrower, and they differ only in this, that hiring is always for a price, stipend, or recompense, while borrowing is merely gratuitous. 2 Bl. Comm. 433; Netl v. State, 33 Tex. Ct. R. 468, 33 S. W. 726.

HIRST, HURST. In old English law. A wood. Co. Litt. 46.

HIS. The use of this pronoun in a written instrument, in referring to a person whose Christian name is designated therein by a mere initial, is not conclusive that the person referred to is a male; it may be shown by parol that the person intended is a female. Bernland v. Beecher, 71 Cal. 38, 11 Pac. 802.

HIS EXCELLENCY. In English law. The title of a viceroy, governor general, ambassador, or commander in chief.

In American law. This title is given to the governor of Massachusetts by the constitution of that state; and it is commonly giv-
en, as a title of honor and courtesy, to the governors of the other states and to the president of the United States. It is also customarily used by foreign ministers in addressing the secretary of state in written communications.

**HIS HONOR.** A title given by the constitution of Massachusetts to the lieutenant-governor of that commonwealth. Const. Mass. pt. 2, c. 2, § 2, art. 1.

**HIS TESTIBUS.** Lat. These being witnesses. The attestation clause in old deeds and charters.

**HITHERTO.** In legal use, this term always restricts the matter in connection with which it is employed to a period of time already passed. Mason v. Jones, 18 Barb. (N. Y.) 479.

**HIVISC.** In old English law. A hide of land.

**HLAF ETA.** Sax. A servant fed at his master's cost.

**HLAFORD.** Sax. A lord. 1 Spence, Ch. 36.

**HLAFORDSOCNA.** Sax. A lord's protection. Du Cange.

**HLAFORDSWIC.** Sax. In Saxon law. The crime of betraying one's lord, (proditio dominii;) treason. Crabb, Eng. Law, 59, 301.

**HLASOCNA.** Sax. The benefit of the law. Du Cange.

**HLOTBHOTE.** In Saxon law. A fine for being present at an unlawful assembly. Spelman.

**HLOTHE.** In Saxon law. An unlawful assembly from eight to thirty-five, inclusive. Cowell.

**HOASTMEN.** In English law. An ancient guild or fraternity at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who dealt in sea coal. St. 21 Jac. L. c. 3.

**HOBBIT.** A measure of weight in use in Wales, equal to 168 pounds, being made up of four Welsh pecks of 42 pounds each. Hughes v. Humphreys, 26 Eng. L. & Eq. 132.

**HOBBLERS.** In old English law. Light horsemen or bowmen; also certain tenants, bound by their tenure to maintain a little light horse for giving notice of any invasion, or such like peril, towards the seaside. Camden, Brit.

**HOC.** Lat. This. Hoc intuitus, with this expectation. Hoc loco, in this place. Hoc nomine, in this name. Hoc titulo, under this title. Hoc voce, under this word.

**HOC QUIDEM PERQUAM DURUM EST, SED ITA LEX SCRIPTA EST.** Lat. (This indeed is exceedingly hard, but so the law is written; such is the written or positive law.) An observation quoted by Blackstone as used by Ulpian in the civil law; and applied to cases where courts of equity have no power to abate the rigor of the law. Dig. 40, 9, 12, 1; 3 Bl. Comm. 430.

**HOC PARATUS EST VERIFICARE.** Lat. This he is ready to verify.

Hoc servabitur quod initio convenit. This shall be preserved which is useful in the beginning. Dig. 50, 17, 23; Bract. 73b.

**HOCUS SALTS.** A hoke, hole, or lesser pit of salt. Cowell.

**HOCK-TUESDAY MONEY.** This was a duty given to the landlord that his tenants and bondmen might solemnize the day on which the English conquered the Danes, being the second Tuesday after Easter week. Cowell.

**HOCKETTOR, or HOCQUETEUR.** A knight of the post; a decayed man; a basket carrier. Cowell.

**HODGE-PODGE ACT.** A name applied to a statute which comprises a medley of incongruous subjects.

**HOCA.** In old English law. A hill or mountain. In old English, a hoca. Græne hoga, Grenowe. Domesday; Spelman.


**HOGGUS, or HOGIETUS.** A hog or swine. Cowell.

**HOGHENHYNE.** In Saxon law. A house-servant. Any stranger who lodged three nights or more at a man's house in a deanery was called "hoghenhyne," and his host became responsible for his acts as for those of his servant.

**HOGHESHEAD.** A measure of a capacity containing the fourth part of a tun, or sixty-three gallons. Cowell. A large cask, of indefinite contents, but usually containing from one hundred to one hundred and forty gallons. Webster.

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2. To be the grantee or tenant of another; to take or have an estate from another. Properly, to have an estate on condition of paying rent, or performing service.

3. To adjudge or decide, spoken of a court, particularly to declare the conclusion of law reached by the court as to the legal effect of the facts disclosed.

4. To maintain or sustain; to be under the necessity or duty of sustaining or proving; as when it is said that a party "holds the affirmative" or negative of an issue in a cause.

5. To bind or obligate; to restrain or constrain; to keep in custody or under an obligation; as in the phrases "hold to bail," "hold for court," "held and firmly bound," etc.

6. To administer; to conduct or preside at; to convene, open, and direct the operations of; as to hold a court, hold pleas, etc. Smith v. People, 47 N.Y. 334.

7. To prosecute; to direct and bring about officially; to conduct according to law; as to hold an election.

8. To possess; to occupy; to be in possession and administration of; as to hold office.

—HOLD over. To hold possession after the expiration of a term or lease. To retain possession of property leased, after the end of the term. To continue in possession of an office and continue to exercise its functions, after the end of the officer's lawful term. State v. Simon, 20 Or. 365, 26 Pac. 174; Frost v. Akron Iron Co., 1 App. Div. 449, 37 N.Y. Supp. 874.—HOLD pleas. To hear or try causes. 3 Bl. Comm. 35, 298.

HOLD, n. In old law. Tenure. A word constantly occurring in conjunction with others, as f.hold, leasehold, copyhold, etc., but rarely met with in the separate form.

HOLDER. The holder of a bill of exchange, promissory note, or check is the person who has legally acquired the possession of the same, from a person capable of transferring it, by indorsement or delivery, and who is entitled to receive payment of the instrument from the party or parties liable to meet it. Bowling v. Harrison, 6 How. 258, 12 L.Ed. 425; Crocker-Woolworth Nat. Bank v. Nevada Bank, 139 Cal. 564, 73 Pac. 466, 62 L.R.A. 245, 96 Am. St. Rep. 169; Rice v. Hogan, 8 Dana (Ky.) 136; Rev. Laws Mass. 1902, p. 653, § 207.

—HOLDER in due course, in English law, is "a holder who has taken a bill of exchange (check or note) complete and regular on the face of it, under the following conditions, namely: (a) That he became the holder of it before it was overdue, and without notice that it had been previously dishonored, if such was the fact. (b) That he took the bill (check or note) in good faith and for value, and that at the time it was negotiated to him he had no notice of any defect in the title of the person who negociated it." Bills of Exchange, Act 1882, 45 & 46 Vict. c. 61, § 29.) And see Sutherland v. Mead, 50 App. Div. 103, 50 N.Y. Supp. 504.


HOLDING. In English law. A piece of land held under a lease or similar tenancy for agricultural, pastoral, or similar purposes.

In Scotch law. The tenure or nature of the right given by the superior to the vassal. Bell.

—HOLDING up the hand. In criminal practice. A formality observed in the arraignment of prisoners. Held to be not absolutely necessary. 1 W. Bl. 8, 4.

HOLIDAY. A religious festival; a day set apart for commemorating some important event in history; a day of exemption from labor. Webster. A day upon which the usual operations of business are suspended and the courts closed, and, generally, no legal process is served.

—LEGAL HOLIDAY. A day designated by law as exempt from judicial proceedings, service of process, demand and protest of commercial paper, etc.—PUBLIC HOLIDAY. A legal holiday.

HOLM. An island in a river or the sea. Spelman.

Plain grassy ground upon water sides or in the water. Blount. Low ground intersected with streams. Spelman.

HOLGRAFO. In Spanish law. A holograph. An instrument (particularly a will) wholly in the handwriting of the person executing it; or which, to be valid, must be so written by his own hand.

HOLOGRAPH. A will or deed written entirely by the testator or grantor with his own hand. Estate of Billings, 64 Cal. 427, 1 Pac. 701; Harrison v. Weatherby, 180 Ill. 418, 54 N. E. 227.

HOLT. Sax. In old English law. A wood or grove. Spelman; Cowell; Co. Litt. 48.

HOLY ORDERS. In ecclesiastical law. The orders of bishops, (including archbishops, priests, and deacons in the Church of England. The Roman canonists had the orders of bishop, (in which the pope and archbishops were included,) priest, deacon, sub-deacon, psalmist, acolyte, exorcist, reader, ostiarius. 3 Steph. Comm. 55, and note a.

HOMAGE. In feudal law. A service (or the ceremony of rendering it) which a tenant was bound to perform to his lord on receiving investiture of a fee, or succeeding to it as heir, in acknowledgment of the tenure. It is described by Littleton as the most honorable service of reverence that a free tenant might do to his lord. The ceremony was as follows: The tenant, being ungirt and with bare head, kneel before the lord.
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the latter sitting, and held his hands extended and joined between the hands of the lord, and said: "I become your man [homo] from this day forward, of life and limb and earthly honor, and to you will be faithful and loyal, and bear you faith, for the tenements that I claim to hold of you, saving the faith that I owe unto our sovereign lord the king, so help me God." The tenant then received a kiss from the lord. Homage could be done only to the lord himself. Litt. § 85; Glanv. lib. 8, c. 1; Bract. fons. 77b, 78–80; Wharton.

"Homage" is to be distinguished from "fidelity," another incident of feudalism, and which consisted in the solemn oath of fidelity made by the vassal to the lord, whereas homage was merely an acknowledgment of tenure. If the homage was intended to include fidelity, it was called "liege homage;" but otherwise it was called "simple homage." Brown.

Homage ancestral. In feudal law. Homage was called by this name where a man and his ancestors had immemorially held of another and his ancestors a tenure by homage, which bound the lord to warrant the title, and also to hold the tenant clear of all services to supersede his lord. If the tenant was summoned in fees, his alieness was a tenant by homage, but not by homagio ancestral. Litt. § 143; 2 Bl. Comm. 300.—Homage jury. A jury in a court-baron, consisting of tenants that do homage, who are to inquire and make presentments of the death of tenants, survivers, admissitides, and the like. Coll. Justinian. 8; Hn. 6; 12 Sent. 77; 2 El. 7; 1 Co. 64c; 2 Bl. Comm. 300.—Homage port. In maritime law, the home port of a vessel is either the port where she is registered or enrolled, or the port at or nearest to which her owner usually resides, or, if there be more than one owner, the port at or nearest to which the husband or acting and managing owner resides.

HOMAGER. One who does or is bound to do homage. Cowell.

HOMAGIO RESPECTUANDO. A writ to the escheator commanding him to deliver seisin of lands to the heir of the king's tenant, notwithstanding his homage not done. Fitch, Nat. Brv. 260.

HOMAGIUM. L. Lat. Homage, (q. v.)

—Homagium liegii. Liege homage; that kind of homage which was due to the sovereign alone as supreme lord, and which was done without any saving or exception of the rights of other lords. Spelman. So called from liegeo, (binding,) because it could not be renounced like other kinds of homage.—Homagium planum. In feudal law. Plain homage: a species of homage which bound him who did it to nothing more than fidelity, without any obligation either of military service or attendance in the courts of his superior. 1 Robertson's Car. V. Appendix, note 8. —Homagium redere. To renounce homage. This was when a vassal made a solemn declaration of disin- heriting and defying his lord; for which there was a set form and method prescribed by the feudal law. Bract., f. 4, c. 1; § 1; Homagium simplex. In feudal law. Simple homage; that kind of homage which was merely an acknowledgment of tenure, with a saving of the rights of other lords. Harg. Co. Litt. note 12, lib. 2.

Homage, non per procuratores nec per literas fieri potuit, sed in propria persona tam domini quam tenentis capi debet at siari. Co. Litt. 68. Homage cannot be done by proxy, nor by letters, but must be paid and received in the proper person, as well of the lord as the tenant.

HOMBRE BUENO. In Spanish law. The judge of a district. Also an arbitrator chosen by the parties to a suit. Also a man in good standing; one who is competent to testify in a suit.

HOME. When a person voluntarily takes up his abode in a given place, with intention to remain permanently, or for an indefinite period of time, or without any present intention to remove therefrom, such place of abode becomes his residence or home. This word has not the same technical meaning as "domicile." See Laughammer v. Munter, 80 Md. 518, 31 Atl. 300, 27 L. R. A. 300; King v. King, 155 Mo. 403, 56 S. W. 534; Dunn v. Cannon, 37 W. Va. 123, 16 S. E. 444; Jefferson v. Washington, 19 Me. 258; Welch v. Whelpiley, 111 Me. 163, 88 A. 300;.ne 744, 4 A. M. St. Rep. 810; Warren v. Thomaston, 43 Me. 418, 69 Am. Dec. 69.

—Home office. The department of state through which the English sovereign administers most of the internal affairs of the kingdom, especially the police, and communicates with the judicial functionaries. As applied to a corporation, its principal office within the state or country where it was incorporated or formed. Rev. St. Tex. 1895, art. 3000c.—Home port. In maritime law, the home port of a vessel is either the port where she is registered or enrolled, or the port at or nearest to which her owner usually resides, or, if there be more than one owner, the port at or nearest to which the husband or acting and managing owner resides. White's Bank v. Smith, 7 Wall. 651, 19 L. Ed. 211; The Ellen Holgate (D. C.) 30 Fed. 125; The Albany, 1 Fed. Cas. 288; Com. v. Ager & Lord Title Co., 77 S. W. 638, 25 Ky. Law Rep. 1068. But for some purposes any port where the owner happens at the time to be with his vessel is its home port. Case v. Woolley, 11 Dan. (Ky.) 27, 32 Am. Dec. 54.

—Home rule. In constitutional and statutory law, local self-government, or the right thereof. Attorney General v. Lowrey, 131 Mich. 633, 92 N. W. 298. In British politics, a programme or plan (or a more or less definitely formulated demand) for the right of local self-government for Ireland under the lead of an Irish national parliament.


HOMESTEAD. The home place; the place where the home is. It is the home, the
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HOMICIDAL. Pertainning to homicide; relating to homicide; impelling to homicide; as a homicidal mania. (See Insanity.)


Homicide is not necessarily a crime. It is a necessary consequence of the crimes of murder and manslaughter, but there is a distinction in which homicide may be committed without criminal intent and without criminal consequences, as, for instance, when it is done in the heat of passion, the commission of a judicial sentence, in self-defense, or as the only possible means of arresting an escaping felon. The term "homicide" is neutral; while it describes the act, it pronounces no judgment on its moral or legal quality. See People v. Conners, 13 Misc. Rep. 562, 35 N. Y. Supp. 473.

Classification. Homicide is ordinarily classified as "justifiable," "excusable," and "felonious." For the definition of these terms, and of some other words and terms, see subsequent terms.

-Culpable homicide. Described as a crime varying from the very lowest culpability, up to the very verge of murder. Lord Moncrieff, Art. 62, 263. The name itself imports some fault, error, or omission, so trivial, however, that the law excuses it from guilt of felony, though in strictness it judges it deserving of some lesser degree of blame than murder. Com. Law, Article 138. It is of two sorts,—either per infortunium, by misadventure, or se defendendo, upon a sudden affray. Homicide per infortunium is where a man, doing a lawful act, without any intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another; but, if death ensue from any unlawful act, the offense is manslaughter, and not homicide per se. Homicide se defendendo is where a man kills another upon a sudden affray, merely in his own defense, or in defense of his wife, child, parent, or servant, and not from any vindictive feeling. 4 Bl. Comm. 182. Felonious homicide. The wrongful killing of a human being, of any kind, without any legal justification, or excuse in law; of which offense there are two degrees, manslaughter and murder. 4 Bl. Comm. 182; 4 Steph. Comm. 137. Homicide by misadventure. The accidental killing of another, where the slayer is doing a lawful act, unaccompanied by any criminal negligence or reckless conduct. State v. Miller, 9 How. (Del.) 504, 32 Atl. 157; U. S. v. Meagher (C. C.) 37 Fed. 879. The same as "homicide per infortunium."—Homicide per infortunium.

Homicide by misfortune, or accidental homicide; as where a man doing a lawful act, without any intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another; a species of excessive homicide. 4 Bl. Comm. 182; 4 Steph. Comm. 101. —Homicide se defendendo. Homicide in self-defense; as where a person uses upon a sudden affray, where the slayer had no other possible (or, at least, probable) means of escaping from his assailant. 4 Bl. Comm. 183-186; 4 Steph. Comm. 153-160. An act of excusable homicide. 4 Bl. Comm. 182; 4 Steph. Comm. 101. —Justifiable homicide. Such as is committed intentionally, but without any evil design, and under such circumstances of necessity or duty as render the act proper, and relieve the party from any shadow of blame; as where a sheriff lawfully executes a resisted arrest upon a malefactor, or where the killing takes place in the endeavor to prevent the commission of felony which could not be otherwise avoided.
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HOMO. Lat. A man; a human being, male or female; a vassal, or feudal tenant; a retainer, dependent, or servant.

—Homo chartularius. A slave manumitted by charter.—Homo commendatus. In feudal law. One who surrendered himself into the power of another for the sake of protection or support. See Commendation.—Homo ecclesiasticus. A church vassal; one who was bound to serve a church, especially to do service of an agricultural character. Spelman.—Homo ec- clereticus. A man of the army, (exercitus;) a soldier.—Homo feudalis. A vassal or tenant; one who held a fee, (feodum,) or part of a fee. Spelman.—Homo feudalis, or Feudalis. A servant or vassal belonging to the treasury or fiscus.—Homo frances. In old English law. A free man. A Frenchman.—Homo ingenuus. A free man. A free and lawful man. A yeoman.

—Homo liber. A freeman.—Homo libitum. A liege man; a subject; a king’s vassal. The vassal of a subject.—Homo novus. In feudal law. A new tenant or vassal; one who was invested with a new fee. Spelman. Also one who, after conviction of a crime, had been pardoned, thus “making a new man of him.”—Homo pertinens. In feudal law. A feudal bondman or vassal; one who belonged to the soil. (quod pecus adscriptum.)—Homo regius. A king’s vassal.—Homo Romanus. A Roman. An appellation given to the old inhabitants of Gaul and other Roman provinces, and retained in the laws of the barbarous nations. Spelman.—Homo trium litterarum. A man of the three letters: that is, the three letters, “r,” “u,” “i” the Latin word for meaning “thief.”

Homo potest esse habilitus et inhabilitis diversis temporibus. 5 Coke, 98. A man may be capable and incapable at different times.

Homo vocabulum est naturae; persona juris civilis. Man (homo) is a term of nature; person (persona) of civil law. Calvin.

HOMOLOGACION. In Spanish law. The tacit consent and approval inferred by law from the omission of the parties, for the space of ten days, to complain of the sentences of arbitrators, appointment of syndics, or assignees of insolvents, settlements of successions, etc. Also the approval given by the judge of certain acts and agreements for the purpose of rendering them more binding and executory. Escrich.

HOMOLOGARE. In the civil law. To confirm or approve; to consent or assent; to confess. Calvin.

HOMOLAGATE. In modern civil law. To approve; to confirm; as a court homologate a proceeding. See Homologation. Literally, to use the same words with another; to say the like. Viales v. Gardenier, 9 Mart. C. S. (La.) 324. To assent to what another says or writes.

HOMOLOGATION. In the civil law. Approbation; confirmation by a court of justice; a judgment which orders the execu-
tion of some act. Merl. Répert. The term is also used in Louisiana. Hecker v. Brown, 104 La. 524, 29 South. 222.


In Scotch law. An act by which a person approves of a deed, the effect of which is to render that deed, though in itself defective, binding upon the person by whom it is homologated. Bell. Confirmation of a voidable deed.

HOMONYMIE. A term applied in the civil law to cases where a law was repeated, or laid down in the same terms or to the same effect, more than once. Cases of iteration and repetition. 2 Kent, Comm. 480, note.

HONDHAEBEND. Sax. Having in hand. See HANDIAEBEND.

HONESTE VIVERE. Lat. To live honorably, creditably, or virtuously. One of the three general precepts to which Justinian reduced the whole doctrine of the law, (Inst. 1, 1, 3; Bract. fols. 3, 3b,) the others being alterum non laderc, (not to injure others,) and suum cuique tribuere, (to render to every man his due.)

HONESTUS. Lat. Of good character or standing. Corum duobus vel pluribus viris loyalibus et honestis, before two or more lawful and good men. Bract. fol. 61.

HONOR, v. To accept a bill of exchange, or to pay a note, check, or accepted bill, at maturity and according to its tenor. Peterson v. Hubbard, 28 Mich. 196; Clarke v. Cock, 4 East, 72; Lucas v. Grout, 7 Taunt. 103.

—Act of honor. When a bill has been protested, and a third person wishes to take it up, or accept it, for the “honor” (credit) of one or more of the parties, the notary draws up an instrument, evidencing the transaction, which is called by this name.

HONOR, n. In English law. A seigniory of several manors held under one baron or lord paramount. Also those dignities or privileges, degrees of nobility, knighthood, and other titles, which flow from the crown as the fountain of honor. Wharton.

In American law. The customary title of courtesy given to judges of the higher courts, and occasionally to some other officers; as “his honor,” “your honor.”

—Honor courts. Tribunals held within honors or seigniories. —Office of honor. As used in constitutional and statutory provisions, this term denotes a public office of considerable dignity and importance, to which important public trusts or interests are confided, but which is not compensated by any salary or fees, being thus contrasted with an “office of profit.” See Dickson v. People, 17 Ill. 186.

HONORABLE. A title of courtesy given in England to the younger children of earls, and the children of viscounts and barons; and, collectively, to the house of commons. In America, the word is used as a title of courtesy for various classes of officials, but without any clear lines of distinction.

HONORARIUM. In the civil law. An honorary or free gift; a gratuitous payment, as distinguished from hire or compensation for service; a lawyer’s or counselor’s fee. Dig. 50, 13, 1, 10-12.

An honorarium is a voluntary donation, in consideration of services which admit of no compensation in money; in particular, to advocates at law, deemed to practice for honor or influence, and not for fees. McDonald v. Napier, 14 Ga. 89.

HONORARIUM JUS. Lat. In Roman law. The law of the praetors and the edicts of the aediles.

HONORARY. As applied to public offices and other positions of responsibility or trust, this term means either that the office or title is bestowed upon the incumbent as a mark of honor or compliment, without intending to charge him with the active discharge of the duties of the place, or else that he is to receive no salary or other compensation in money, the honor conferred by the incumbency of the office being his only reward. See Fanwell v. New York, 81 N. Y. 253. In other connections, it means attached to or growing out of some honor or dignity or honorable office, or else it imports an obligation or duty growing out of honor or trust only, as distinguished from legal accountability.

—Honorary emoluments. Those without emolument. 3 & 4 Vict. c. 113, § 23.—Honorary feuds. Titles of nobility, descended to the eldest son, in exclusion of all the rest. 2 Bl. Comm. 56.—Honorary services. In feudal law. Special services to be rendered to the king in person, characteristic of the tenure by grand serjeancy: such as to carry his banner, his sword, or the like, or to be his butler, chamberlain, or other officer, at his coronation. Litt. 1 133; 2 Bl. Comm. 78.—Honorary trustees. Trustees to preserve contingent remainders, so called because they are bound, in honor only, to decide on the most proper and prudent course. Lewin, Trusts, 408.

HONORIS RESPECTUM. By reason of honor or privilege. See CHALLENGE.

HONTFONGENETH. In Saxon law. A thief taken with hondhabend; 4, e., having the thing stolen in his hand. Cowell.

HONY. L. Fr. Shame; evil; disgrace. Hony sott qui mal y pense, evil be to him who evil thinks.

HOO. In old English law. A hill. Co. Litt. 5b.

HOOKLAND. Land plowed and sown every year.
HOPCON. In old English law. A valley. Cowell.


HOPE, v. As used in a will, this term is a precatory word, rather than mandatory or dispositive, but it is sufficient, in proper cases, to create a trust in or in respect to the property spoken of. See Cockrill v. Armstrong, 31 Ark. 589; Curd v. Field, 103 Ky. 295, 45 S. W. 92.

HOPPO. A Chinese term for a collector; an overseer of commerce.

HORA. Lat. An hour; the hour.

—Hora aurora. In old English law. The morning bell, as ignis gravit or coser feu (curew) was the evening bell. —Horse juridicus, or jadilo. Hours during which the judges sat in court to attend to judicial business.

Hora non est multum de substantia negotii, licet in appelle de en aliquando fiat mentio. The hour is not of much consequence as to the substance of business, although in appeal it is sometimes mentioned. 1 Bulst. 82.

HORCA. In Spanish law. A gallows; the punishment of hangling. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 19, c. 4, § 1.

HORDA. In old records. A cow in calf.

HORDERA. In old English law. A treasurer. Du Cange.

HORDERIUM. In old English law. A board; a treasure, or repository. Cowell.

HORDEUM. In old records. Barley. Hordeum palmae, beer barley, as distinguished from common barley, which was called "hordeum quadragesimale." Blount.

HORN. In old Scotch practice. A kind of trumpet used in denouncing contumacious persons rebels and outlaws, which was done with three blasts of the horn by the king's sergeant. This was called "putting to the horn;" and the party so denounced was said to be "at the horn." Bell. See HORNING.

HORN-BOOK. A primer; a book explaining the rudiments of any science or branch of knowledge. The phrase "horn-book law" is a colloquial designation of the rudiments or most familiar principles of law.

HORN TENURE. In old English law. Tenure by cornage; that is, by the service of winding a horn when the Scots or other enemies entered the land, in order to warn the king's subjects. This was a species of grand serjeancy. Litt. § 156; 2 Bl. Comm. 74.

HORN WITH HORN, or HORN UNDER HORN. The promiscuous feeding of bulls and cows or all horned beasts that are allowed to run together upon the same common. Spelman.

HORNEGGELE. Sax. In old English law. A tax within a forest, paid for horned beasts. Cowell; Blount.

HORNING. In Scotch law. "Letters of hornning" is the name given to a judicial process issued on the decree of a court, by which the debtor is summoned to perform his obligation in terms of the decree, the consequence of his failure to do so being liability to arrest and imprisonment. It was anciently the custom to proclaim a debtor who had failed to obey such process a rebel or outlaw, which was done by three blasts of the horn by the king's sergeant in a public place. This was called "putting to the horn," whence the name.

HORREUM. Lat. A place for keeping grain; a granary. A place for keeping fruits, wines, and goods generally; a store-house. Calvin; Bract. fol. 48.

HORS. L Fr. Out; out of; without.

—Hors de son ffe. Out of his fee. In old pleading, this was the name of a plea in an action for rent or services, by which the defendant alleged that the land in question was out of the compass of the plaintiff's fee. Mather v. Wood, 13 Pa., Co. Ct. 11. 4. —Hors praes. Except. Literally translated by the Scotch "out taken."

HORS WEAL. In old English law. The wealth, or Briton who had care of the king's horses.

HORS WEARD. In old English law. A service or currie, consisting in watching the horses of the lord. Anc. Inst. Eng.

HORSE. An animal of the genus equus and species caballus. In a narrow and strict sense, the term is applied only to the male, and only to males of four years old or thereabouts, younger horses being called "colts." But even in this sense the term includes both stallions and geldings. In a wider sense, and as generally used in statutes, the word is taken as alpha generalissimum, and includes not only horses strictly so called, but also colts, mares and fillies, and mules and asses. See Owens v. State, 38 Tex. 557; Ashworth v. Mounsey, L. R. 9 Exch. 187; Pullen v. State, 11 Tex. App. 91; Allison v. Brookshire, 38 Tex. 201; State v. Ingram, 16 Kan. 19; State v. Dunnivant, 3 Brev. (S. C.) 10, 5 Am. Dec. 530; State v. Gooch, 60 Ark. 218, 2 S. W. 649; Davis v. Collier, 13 Ga. 401. Compare Richardson v. Chicago & A. R. Co., 149 Mo. 311, 50 S. W. 792.
head of this department. It is subordinate to the war office, but the relations between them are complicated. Wharton.

HORTUS. Lat. In the civil law. A garden. Dig. 32, 91, 5.

HOSPES. Lat. A guest. 8 Coke, 32.

HOSPES GENERALIS. A great chamberlain.

HOSPITAL. An institution for the reception and care of sick, wounded, infirm, or aged persons; generally incorporated, and then of the class of corporations called “eleemosynary” or “charitable.” See In re Curtiss (Sur.) 7 N. Y. Supp. 207.

HOSPITALLERS. The knights of a religious order, so called because they built a hospital at Jerusalem, wherein pilgrims were received. All their lands and goods in England were given to the sovereign by 32 Hen. VIII. c. 24.

HOSPITATOR. A host or entertainer. Hospitator communis. An innkeeper. 8 Coke, 32.

Hospitator magnus. The marshal of a camp.


HOSPITICIDE. One that kills his guest or host.

HOSPITIUM. An inn; a household. See Cromwell v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 17.

HOSPODAR. A Turkish governor in Moldavia or Wallachia.

HOST. L Fr. An army. Britt. c. 22.

HOSTAGE. A person who is given into the possession of the enemy, in a public war, his freedom (or life) to stand as security for the performance of some contract or promise made by the belligerent power giving the hostage with the other.

HOSTELAGIUM. In old records. A right to receive lodging and entertainment, anciently reserved by lords in the houses of their tenants. Cowell.

HOSTELER. See HOSTLER.

HOSTES. Lat. Enemies. Hostes humani generis, enemies of the human race; i. e., pirates.

Hostes sunt qui nabis vel quibus nos bellum decernimus; ceteri prodistores vel predones sunt. 7 Coke, 24. Enemies are those with whom we declare war, or who declare it against us; all others are traitors or pirates.

HOSTIA. In old records. The host-bread, or consecrated wafer, in the eucharist. Cowell.

HOSTICIDE. One who kills an enemy.

HOSTILARIA, HOSPITALARIA. A place or room in religious houses used for the reception of guests and strangers.

HOSTILE. Having the character of an enemy; standing in the relation of an enemy. See 1 Kent, Comm. c. 4.

HOSTILE embargo. One laid upon the vessels of an actual or prospective enemy. Hostile possession. This term as applied to an occupant of real estate holding adversely, is not construed as implying actual emnity or ill will, but merely means that he claims to hold the possession in the character of an owner, and therefore denies all validity to claims set up by any and all other persons. Ballard v. Hansen, 33 Neb. 861, 51 N. W. 226; Griffin v. Mulley, 167 Pa. 339, 31 Atl. 864.—Hostile witness. A witness who manifests so much hostility or prejudice under examination in chief that the party who has called him, or his representative, is allowed to cross-examine him, i. e., to treat him as though he had been called by the opposite party. Wharton.

HOSTILITY. In the law of nations. A state of open war. “At the breaking out of hostility.” 1 Kent, Comm. 90.

An act of open war. “When hostilities have commenced.” Id. 56.

A hostile character. “Hostility may attach only to the person.” Id.

HOSTLER. In Norman and old English law, this was the title of the officer in a monastery charged with the entertainment of guests. It was also applied (until about the time of Queen Elizabeth) to an innkeeper, and afterwards, when the keeping of horses at livery became a distinct occupation, to the keeper of a livery stable, and then (under the modern form “ostler”) to the groom in charge of the stables of an inn. Cromwell v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 20. In the language of railroad, an “ostler” or “hostler” at a roundhouse is one whose duty it is to receive locomotives as they come in from the road, care for them in the roundhouse, and have them cleaned and ready for departure when wanted. Railroad Co. v. Messick, 50 Ill. App. 569; Railroad Co. v. Ashling, 34 Ill. App. 105; Granville v. Railroad Co., 81 Iowa, 444, 46 N. W. 1067.

HOT-WATER ORDEAL. In old English law. This was a test, in cases of accusation, by hot water; the party accused and suspected being appointed by the judge to put his arms up to the elbows in seeth-
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ing hot water, which, after sundry prayers and invocations, he did, and was, by the effect which followed, judged guilty or innocent. Wharton.

HOTCHPOT. The blending and mixing property belonging to different persons, in order to divide it equally. 2 Bl. Comm. 190.

Anciently applied to the mixing and blending of lands given to one daughter in frank marriage, with those descending to her and her sisters in fee-simple, for the purpose of dividing the whole equally among them; without which the daughter who held in frank marriage could have no share in the lands in fee-simple. Litt. §§ 267, 268; Co. Litt. 177a; 2 Bl. Comm. 190.

Hotchpot, or the putting in hotchpot, is applied in modern law to the throwing the amount of an advancement made to a particular child, in real or personal estate, into the common stock, for the purpose of a more equal division, or of equalizing the shares of all the children. 2 Kent, Comm. 421, 422. This answers to or resembles the colisato bicornem, or collation of the civil law. See Law v. Smith, 2 R. I. 249; Ray v. Loper, 65 Mo. 472; Jackson v. Jackson, 29 Miss. 650; 64 Am. Dec. 114; Thompson v. Carmichael, 8 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 120.

HOTEL. An inn; a public house or tavern; a house for entertaining strangers or travelers. St. Louis v. Siegrist, 46 Mo. 594; People v. Jones, 54 Barb. (N. Y.) 316; Cromwell v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 19.

SYNONYMS. In law, there is no difference whatever between the terms "hotel," "inn," and "tavern," except that in some states a statutory definition has been given to the word "hotel," especially with reference to the grant of licenses to sell liquor, as, that it shall contain a certain number of separate rooms for the entertainment of guests, or the like. But none of these definitions can be said to include a boarding house (because that is a place kept for the entertainment of permanent boarders, while a hotel or inn is for travelers and transient guests), nor a lodging house (because the keeper thereof does not furnish food for guests, which is one of the requisites of a hotel or inn), nor a restaurant or eating-house, which furnishes food only and not lodging. See Martin v. State Ins. Co., 44 N. J. Law, 485, 43 Am. Rep. 307; It v. Licensee, 4 Montg. Co. Law Rep' r (Pa.) 70; Kelly v. Excise Com'r, 54 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 331; Carpenter v. Taylor, 1 Hilt. (N. Y.) 183; Cromwell v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 25.

HOUR. The twenty-fourth part of a natural day; sixty minutes of time.

HOUR OF CAUSE. In Scotch practice. The hour when a court is met. 3 How. State Tr. 603.

HOUSE. 1. A dwelling; a building designed for the habitation and residence of men.

"House" means, presumptively, a dwelling-house; a building divided into floors and apartments, with four walls, a roof, and doors and chimneys; but it does not necessarily mean precisely this. Daniel v. Coulting, 7 Man. & W. 123; Long v. Darley, 14 Man. & W. 698. "House" is not synonymous with "dwelling-house." While the former is used in a broader and more comprehensive sense, the latter, it has a narrower and more restricted meaning than the word "dwelling." State v. Garity, 46 N. H. 65.

In the devise of a house, the word "house" is synonymous with "messuage," and conveys all that comes within the curtilage. Rogers v. Smith, 4 Pa. 95.

2. A legislative assembly, or (where the bicameral system obtains) one of the two branches of the legislature; as the "house of lords," "house of representatives." Also a quorum of a legislative body. See Southworth v. Palmyra & J. R. Co., 2 Mich. 287.

3. The name "house" is also given to some collections of men other than legislative bodies, to some public institutions, and (colloquially) to mercantile firms or joint-stock companies.

_Ancient house._ One which has stood long enough to acquire an easement of support against the adjoining land or building. 3 Kent, Comm. 457.

_Baronage._ A brother in a house maintained for purposes of residence.

_Beaver._ See Beaver. See _Boarding house._ See that title.

_Dwelling house._ See that title.

_House of commons._ One of the constituent houses of the British parliament composed of representatives of the counties, cities, and boroughs.

_House of correction._ A reformatory. A place for the imprisonment of juvenile offenders, or those who have committed crimes of lesser magnitude. Ex parte Moon Fook, 72 Cal. 10, 12 Pac. 904.

_House of delegates._ The official title of the lower branch of the legislative assembly of several of the American states. Among others, Maryland and Virginia.

_House of ill fame._ A bawdy-house; a brothel; a dwelling allowed by its chief occupant to be used as such by those desiring unlawful sexual intercourse. McAlister v. Clark, 33 Conn. 91; State v. Smith, 29 Minn. 393, 23 N. W. 524; 52 Am. 534; 22 Am. St. Rep. 128.

_House of keys._ The name of the lower branch of the legislative assembly or parliament of the Isle of Man, consisting of twenty-four representatives chosen by popular election.

_House of lords._ The upper chamber of the British parliament. It comprises the archbishops and bishops, (called "Lords Spiritual"); the English peers sitting by virtue of hereditary right, sixteen Scotch peers elected to represent the Scotch peers under the act of union, and twenty-eight Irish peers elected under similar provisions. The house of lords, as a judicial body, has ultimate appellate jurisdiction, and may sit as a court for the trial of impeachments.

_House of refuge._ A prison for juvenile delinquents. A house of correction.

_House of representatives._ The name of the body forming the more popular and numerous branch of the congress of the United States; also of the similar branch in many of the state legislatures.

_House of worship._ A building or place set apart for and devoted to the holding of religious services or public exercises, or for a church or chapel or place similarly used. Old
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South. Soc. v. Boston, 127 Mass. 379; Lafavre v. Detroit, 2 Mich. 569; Washington Heights M. E. Church v. New York, 20 Hun (N. Y.) 297.—Inner house, outer house. See Those Titles.—Mansion house. See Mansion—Public house. An inn or tavern; a house for the entertainment of the public, or for the entertainment of all who come lawfully and pay regularly. 8 Brew. 344. A place of public resort, particularly for purposes of drinking or gaming. In a more general sense, any house made public by the occupation carried on in it and the implied invitation to the public to enter, such as inns, taverns, drinking saloons, gambling houses, and perhaps also shops and stores. See Cole v. State, 28 Tex. App. 350, 13 S. W. 830, 19 Am. St. Rep. 596; State v. Barnes, 25 Tex. 655; Arnold v. State, 29 Ala. 50; Lafferty v. State, 41 Tex. Cr. R. 606, 56 S. W. 623; Bentley v. State, 32 Ala. 549; Brown v. State, 27 Ala. 50.—Tipping house. A place where intoxicating liquors are sold in drums or small quantities to be drunk on the premises, and where men resort for drinking purposes.

HOUSEAGE. A fee paid for housing goods by a carrier, or at a wharf, etc.

HOUSEBREAKING. In criminal law. Breaking and entering a dwelling-house with intent to commit any felony therein. If done by night, it comes under the definition of "burglary."


—Household goods. See Furniture.—Household stuff. These words, in a will, include everything of a permanent nature (i. e., articles of household which are not consumed in the life of a person) that is used in or purchased or otherwise acquired by a testator for his house. 1 Rop. Leg. 191; Marquand v. Sengfelder, 24 Or. 2, 52 Pac. 676; Smith v. Findley, 34 Kan. 316, 3 Pac. 871; In re Hooper's Est. et al., 1 Brewst. (Pa.) 463.—Household stuff. This phrase, in a will, includes everything which may be used for the convenience of the house, as tables, chairs, bedding, and the like. But apparel, books, weapons, tools for artificers, cattle, victuals, and choses in action will not pass by those words, unless the context of the will clearly show a contrary intention. 1 Rop. Leg. 206. See Appeal of Hoopes, 60 Pa. 227, 100 Am. Dec. 562.

HOUSEHOLDER. The occupier of a house. Brande. More correctly, one who keeps house with his family; the head or master of a family. Webster; 18 Johns. 302. One who has a household; the head of a household. See Greenwood v. Maddox, 27 Ark. 655; Sullivan v. Canan, Wils. (Ind.) 534; Shively v. Lankford, 174 Mo. 535, 74 S. W. 933.

HOUSEKEEPER. One who is in actual possession of and who occupies a house, as distinguished from a "boarder," "lodger," or "guest." See Bell v. Keach, 80 Ky. 45; Velle v. Koch, 27 Ill. 131.

HOVEL. A place used by boardmen to set their plows, carts, and other farming utensils out of the rain and sun. A shed; a cottage; a mean house.


HOY. A small coasting vessel, usually sloop-rigged, used in conveying passengers and goods from place to place, or as a tender to larger vessels in port. Webster.

HOYMAN. The master or captain of a hoy.


HUCUSQUE. In old pleading. Hither-to. 2 Mod. 24.

HUDE-GEILD. In old English law. An accquittance for an assault upon a trespassing servant. Supposed to be a mistake or misprint in Fleta for "hinegeld." Fleta, lib. 1, c. 47, § 20. Also the price of one's skin, or the money paid by a servant to save himself from a whipping. Du Cange.

HUE AND CRY. In old English law. A loud outcry with which felons (such as robbers, burglars, and murderers) were anciently pursued, and which all who heard it were bound to take up, and join in the pursuit, until the malefactor was taken. Bract. fol. 115b, 124; 4 Bl. Comm. 203.

A written proclamation issued on the escape of a felon from prison, requiring all officers and people to assist in retaking him. 3 How. State Tr. 386.

HUEBRAS. In Spanish law. A measure of land equal to as much as a yoke of oxen can plow in one day. 2 White, Recop. (3d) 49; Strother v. Lucas, 12 Pet. 442, 9 L. Ed. 1137.


HUISERIUM. A ship used to transport horses. Also termed "offer."

HUISSIERS. In French law. Marshals; ushers; process-servers; sheriff's officers. Ministerial officers attached to the courts, to effect legal service of process required by law in actions, to issue executions, etc., and to maintain order during the sitting of the courts.
HULKA. In old records. A hulk or small vessel. Cowell.

HULLUS. In old records. A hill. 2 Mon. Angl. 292; Cowell.

HUMAGRUM. A moister place. Mon. Angl.

HUNDRED. Under the Saxon organisation of England, each county or shire comprised an indestructible number of hundreds, each hundred containing ten wifedoms, or groups of ten families of freeholders or frank-pledges. The hundred was governed by a high constable, and had its own court; but its most remarkable feature was the corporate responsibility of the whole for the crimes or defaults of the individual members. The introduction of this plan of organization into England is commonly ascribed to Alfred, but the idea, as well of the collective liability as of the division, was probably known to the ancient German peoples, as we find the same thing established in the Frankish kingdom under Clothaire, and in Denmark. See 1 Bl. Comm. 115; 4 Bl. Comm. 411.

—Hundred court. In English law. A larger court-baron, being held for all the inhabitants of a particular hundred, instead of a manor. The free suits are the judges, and the steward the registrar, as in the case of a court-baron. It is not a court of record, and resembles a court-baron in all respects except that in point of territory it is of greater jurisdiction. These courts have long since fallen into desuetude. 3 Bl. Comm. 34, 35; 3 Steph. Comm. 394, 395.

—Hundred gnomon. Among the Saxons, a meeting or court of the freeholders of a hundred, which, assembled, originally, twelve times a year, and possessed civil and criminal jurisdiction and ecclesiastical powers. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law 1; 2d law 1. The law of the hundred, or hundred court: liability to attend the hundred court. Spelman—Hundred penny. In old English law. A tax collected from the hundred, by the sheriff or lord of the hundred.

—Hundred secta. The performance of suit and service at the hundred court. —Hundred section. In Saxon law. The dwellers or inhabitants of a hundred. Cowell; Blunt. Spelman suggests the reading scectena from Saxon "scout, a tax.

HUNDRED-WEIGHT. A denomination of weight containing, according to the English system, 112 pounds; but in this country, generally, it consists of 100 pounds avoirdupois.

HUNDREDARIUS. In old English law. A hundredary or hundreder. A name given to the chief officer of a hundred, as well as to the freeholders who composed it. Spel. voc. "Hundredes.

HUNDREDARY. The chief or presiding officer of a hundred.

HUNDREDES EARLDOR, or HUNREDES MAN. The presiding officer in the hundred court. Anc. Inst. Angl.

HUNDREDORS. In English law. The inhabitants or freeholders of a hundred, anciently the suitors or judges of the hundred court. Persons impaneled or fit to be impaneled upon juries, dwelling within the hundred where the cause of action arose. Croup. Jur. 217. It was formerly necessary to have some of these upon every panel of jurors. 3 Bl. Comm. 359, 360; 4 Steph. Comm. 370.
The term "hundredor" was also used to signify the officer who had the jurisdiction of a hundred, and held the hundred court, and sometimes the bailiff of a hundred. Terms de la Ley; Cowell.

HUNG JURY. A jury so irreconcilably divided in opinion that they cannot agree upon any verdict.

HURDEREFERST. A domestic; one of a family.

HURDLE. In English criminal law. A kind of sledge, on which convicted felons were drawn to the place of execution.

HURRICANE. A storm of great violence or intensity, of which the particular characteristic is the high velocity of the wind. There is naturally no exact measure to distinguish between an ordinary storm and a hurricane, but the wind should reach a velocity of at least 50 or 60 miles an hour to be called by the latter name, or, as expressed in some of the cases, it should be sufficient to "throw down buildings." A hurricane is properly a circular storm in the nature of a cyclone. See Pelican Ins. Co. v. Troy Co-op. Ass'n, 77 Tex. 225, 13 S. W. 980; Queen Ins. Co. v. Hudnut Co., 8 Ind. App. 22, 35 N. B. 397; Tyson v. Union Mut. Fire & Storm Co., 2 Montg. Co. Law Rep'r (Pa.) 17.

HURST, HURST, HERST, or HIRST. A wood or grove of trees. Co. Litt. 4b.

HURT. In such phrases as "to the hurt or annoyance of another," or "hurt, molested, or restrained in his person or estate," this word is not restricted to physical injuries, but includes also mental pain, as well as discomfort or annoyance. See Rowland v. Miller (Super. N. Y.) 15 N. Y. Supp. 702; Prosk v. Brooklyn Heights R. Co., 68 App. Div. 390, 74 N. Y. Supp. 375; Thurston v. Whitney, 2 Cush. (Mass.) 110.

HURTARDUS, or HURTUS. A ram or wether.


HUSBAND. A married man; one who has a lawful wife living. The correlative of "wife." Etymologically, the word signified the "house bond;" the man who, according to Saxon ideas
HUSBAND and wife. One of the great domestic relationships; being that of a man and woman lawfully joined in marriage, by which, at common law, the legal existence of a wife is incorporated with that of her husband.—Husband land. In old Scotch law. A quantity of land containing commonly six acres. Skene.—Husband of a ship. See Ship’s Husband.

HUSBANDMAN. A farmer; a cultivator or tiller of the ground. The word “farmer” is colloquially used as synonymous with “husbandman,” but originally meant a tenant who cultivates leased ground.

HUSBANDRY. Agriculture; cultivation of the soil for food; farming, in the sense of operating land to raise provisions. Simons v. Loveil, 7 Helsk. (Tenn.) 516; McCue v. Tunstead, 65 Cal. 506, 4 Pac. 510.

HUSBREC. In Saxon law. The crime of housebreaking or burglary. Crabb, Eng. Law, 59, 308.

HUSCARLE. In old English law. A house servant or domestic; a man of the household. Spielman.

A king’s vassal, thane, or baron; an earl’s man or vassal. A term of frequent occurrence in Domesday Book.

HUSFASNE. He who holds house and land. Bract. 1, 3, t. 2, c. 10.

HUSGALM. In old records. House rent; or a tax or tribute laid upon a house. Cowell; Blount.

HUSH-MONEY. A colloquial expression to designate a bribe to hinder information; pay to secure silence.

HUSTINGS. Council; court; tribunal. Apparently so called from being held within a building, at a time when other courts were held in the open air. It was a local court. The county court in the city of London bore this name. There were hustings at York, Winchester, Lincoln, and in other places similar to the London hustings. Also the raised place from which candidates for seats in parliament address the constituency, on the occasion of their nomination. Wharton. In Virginia, some of the local courts are called “hustings,” as in the city of Richmond. Smith v. Com., 6 Grat. (Va.) 996.

HUTESIUM ET CLAMOR. Hue and cry. See Hue and Cry.


HWATA, HWATUNG. In old English law. Augury; divination. ...

HYBERNAGIUM. In old English law. The season for sowing winter grain, between Michaelmas and Christmas. Where the land on which such grain was sown. The grain itself; winter grain or winter corn. Cowell.

HYBRID. A mongrel; an animal formed of the union of different species, or different genera; also (metaphorically) a human being born of the union of persons of different races.

HYD. In old English law. Hide; skin. A measure of land, containing, according to some, a hundred acres, which quantity is also assigned to it in the Dialogus de Scaccario. It seems, however, that the hide varied in different parts of the kingdom.

HYDAGE. See Hidage.

HYDROMETER. An instrument for measuring the density of fluids. Being immersed in fluids, as in water, brine, beer, brandy, etc., it determines the proportion of their density, or their specific gravity, and thence their quality. See Rev. St. U. S. § 2915 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1927).

HYEMS, HIEMS. Lat. In the civil law. Winter. Dig. 43, 20, 4, 34. Written, in some of the old books, “yems.” Fleta, lib. 2, c. 73, §§ 16, 18.

HYPNOTISM. In medical jurisprudence. A psychic or mental state rendering the patient susceptible to suggestion at the will of another.

The hypnotic state is an abnormal condition of the mind and senses, in the nature of trance, artificial catalepsy, or somnambulism, induced in one person by another, by concentration of the attention, a strong effort of volition, and perhaps the exercise of a telepathic power not as yet fully understood, or by mental suggestion, in which condition the mental processes of the subject and to a great extent his will are subjugated and directed by those of the operator.

HYPOBOLUM. In the civil law. The name of the bequest or legacy given by the husband to his wife, at his death, above her dowry.

HYPOCHONDRIA. See Insanity.

HYPOSTASIS. In medical jurisprudence. (1) The morbid deposition of a sediment of any kind in the body. (2) A congestion or flushing of the blood vessels, as in varicose veins. Post-mortem hypostasis, a peculiar lividity of the cadaver.

HYPOTHEC. In Scotland, the term “hypothec” is used to signify the landlord’s right which, independently of any stipulation, he has over the crop and stock of his tenant. It gives a security to the landlord over the crop of each year for the rest of
that year, and over the cattle and stocking on the farm for the current year's rent, which last continues for three months after the last conventional term for the payment of the rent. Bell.

HYPOTHECA. "Hypothca" was a term of the Roman law, and denoted a pledge or mortgage. As distinguished from the term "pignus," in the same law, it denoted a mortgage, whether of lands or of goods, in which the subject in pledge remained in the possession of the mortgagee or debtor, whereas in the pignus the mortgagee or creditor was in the possession. Such an hypothca might be either express or implied; express, where the parties upon the occasion of a loan entered into express agreement to that effect; or implied, as, e. g., in the case of the stock and utensils of a farmer, which were subject to the landlord's right as a creditor for rent; whence the Scotch law of hypothca.

The word has suggested the term "hypothecate," as used in the mercantile and maritime law of England. Thus, under the factor's act, goods are frequently said to be "hypothecated:" and a captain is said to have a right to hypothecate his vessel for necessary repairs. Brown. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 334–336.

HYPOTHECARIUS ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. An hypothecary action; an action for the enforcement of an hypothca, or right of mortgage; or to obtain the surrender of the thing mortgaged. Inst. 4, 6, 7; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 356. Adopted in the Civil Code of Louisiana, under the name of "Action hypothecarie," (translated, "action of mortgage.") Article 3261.

HYPOTHECAI CREDITORES. Lat. In the civil law. Hypothecary creditors; those who loaned money on the security of an hypothca, (q. v.) Calvin.

HYPOTHECARY ACTION. The name of an action allowed under the civil law for the enforcement of the claims of a creditor by the contract of hypothca. Lovell v. Craygin, 136 U. S. 130, 10 Sup. Ct. 1024, 34 L. Ed. 372.

HYPOTHECATE. To pledge a thing without delivering the possession of it to the pledgee. "The master, when abroad, and in the absence of the owner, may hypothcate the ship, freight, and cargo, to raise money requisite for the completion of the voyage." 3 Kent. Comm. 171. See Spec v. Spec, 88 Cal. 437, 26 Pac. 203, 13 L. R. A. 157, 22 Am. St. Rep. 314; Ogden v. Lathrop, 31 N. Y. Super. Ct. 651.

HYPOTHECATION. A term borrowed from the civil law. In so far as it is naturalized in English and American law, it means a contract of mortgage or pledge in which the subject-matter is not delivered into the possession of the pledgee or pawns; or, conversely, a conventional right existing in one person over specific property of another, which consists in the power to cause a sale of the same, though it be not in his possession, in order that a specific claim of the creditor may be satisfied out of the proceeds.

The term is frequently used in our textbooks and reports, particularly upon the law of bottomry and maritime liens; thus a vessel is said to be hypothecated for the demand of one who has advanced money for supplies.

In the common law, there are but few, if any, cases of hypothecation, in the strict sense of the civil law; that is, a pledge without possession by the pledgee. The nearest approaches, perhaps, are cases of bottomy bonds and claims of materialmen, and of seamen for wages; but these are liens and privileges, rather than hypothecations. Story, Bailm. § 288.

"Hypothecation" is a term of the civil law, and is that kind of pledge in which the possession of the thing pledged remains with the debtor, (the obligation resting in mere contract without delivery,) and in this respect distinguished from "pignus," in which possession is delivered to the creditor or pawn. Whitney v. Peay, 24 Ark. 27. See 2 Bell, Comm. 25.

HYPOTHECATION BOND. A bond given in the contract of bottomry or respondentia.

HYPOTHEQUE. In French law. Hypothecation; a mortgage on real property; the right vested in a creditor by the assignment to him of real estate as security for the payment of his debt, whether or not it be accompanied by possession. See Civ. Code La. art. 3390.

It corresponds to the mortgage of real property in English law, and is a real charge, following the property into whosoever hands it comes. It may be lace, as in the case of the charge which the state has over the lands of its accountants, or which a married woman has over that of her husband; judicature, when it is the result of a judgment of a court of justice; and conventionelle, when it is the result of an agreement of the parties. Brown.

HYPOTHESIS. A supposition, assumption, or theory; a theory set up by the prosecution, on a criminal trial, or by the defense, as an explanation of the facts in evidence, and a ground for inferring guilt or innocence, as the case may be, or as indicating a probable or possible motive for the crime.

HYPOTHECTICAL QUESTION. A combination of assumed or proved facts and circumstances, stated in such form as to constitute a coherent and specific situation or state of facts, upon which the opinion of an expert is asked, by way of evidence on a trial. Howard v. People, 185 Ill. 552, 57 N. E. 441; People v. Durrant, 116 Cal. 216, 45 Pac. 55; Cowley v. People, 83 N. Y. 464, 38 Am. Rep. 404; Stearns v. Field, 90 N. Y. 641.
HYPOTHETICAL YEARLY RENTANCY. The basis, in England, of rating lands and hereditaments to the poor-rate, and to other rates and taxes that are expressed to be leviable or assessable in like manner as the poor-rate.

HYRANTES. In old English law. A parish.

HYSTÉRIA. A paroxysmal disease or disorder of the nervous system, more common in females than males, not originating in any anatomical lesion, due to psychic rather than physical causes, and attended, in the acute or convulsive form, by extraordinary manifestations of secondary effects of extreme nervousness.

Hysteria is a state in which ideas control the body and produce morbid changes in its functions, Möbius. A special psychic state, characterised by symptoms which can also be produced or reproduced by suggestion, and which can be treated by psychotherapy or persuasion, hysterical and hypnotic states being practically equivalent to each other. Babinski. A purely psychic or mental disorder due to hereditary predisposition. Charcot. A state resulting from a psychic lesion or nervous shock, leading to repression or aberration of the sexual instinct, Freud. Hysteria is much more common in women than in men, and was formerly thought to be due to some disorder of the uterus or sexual system; but it is now known that it may occur in men, in children, and in very aged persons of either sex.

In the convulsive form of hysteria, commonly called "hysterics" or "a fit of hysterics," there is nervestorm characterized by loss or abandonment of self-control in the expression of the emotions, particularly grief, by paroxysms of tears or laughter or both together, sensations of constriction as of a ball rising in the throat (globus hystericus), convulsive movements in the chest, pelvis, and abdomen, sometimes leading to a fall with apparent unconsciousness, followed by a relapse into semi-unconsciousness or catalepsy. In the non-convulsive forms, all kinds of organic paralyses may be simulated, as well as muscular contractions and spasms, tremor, loss of sensation (anesthesia) or exaggerated sensation (hyperesthesia), disturbances of respiration, disordered appetite, accelerated pulse, hemorrhages in the skin (eritema), pain, swelling, or even dislocation of the joints, and great amenability to suggestion.

Hydroo-epilepsy. See Epilepsy.

HYSTEROPOTMOL. Those who, having been thought dead, had, after a long absence in foreign countries, returned safely home; or those who, having been thought dead in battle, had afterwards unexpectedly escaped from their enemies and returned home. These, among the Romans, were not permitted to enter their own houses at the door, but were received at a passage opened in the roof. Enc. Lond.

HYSTEROTOMY. The Cesarean operation. See Cesarean Section.

HYTHE. In English law. A port, wharf, or small haven to embark or land merchandise at. Cowell; Blount.
I. The initial letter of the word "Instituta," used by some civilians in citing the Institutes of Justinian. Tayl. Civil Law, 24.

I–CTUS. An abbreviation for "jurisconsultus," one learned in the law; a jurisconsult.

I. E. An abbreviation for "id est," that is; that is to say.

I O U. A memorandum of debt, consisting of these letters, ("I owe you,") a sum of money, and the debtor's signature, is termed an "I O U." Kinney v. Flynn, 2 B. Intro. 329.

IBERNAGIUM. In old English law. The season for sowing winter corn. Also spelled "hibernagium" and "hybernagium."

Id semper debit fieri triatia ubi jure\n\ntores meliorem possunt habere notitiam. 7 Coke, 15. A trial should always be had where the jurors can be the best informed.

IBIDEM. Lat. In the same place; in the same book; on the same page, etc. Abbreviated to "ibid." or "ib."

ICENI. The ancient name for the people of Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire, in England.

ICONA. An image, figure, or representation of a thing. Du Cange.

ICTUS. In old English law. A stroke or blow from a club or stone; a bruise, contusion, or swelling produced by a blow from a club or stone, as distinguished from "plaga," (a wound.) Fleta, lib. 1, c. 41, § 3.

—Letus orbis. In medical jurisprudence. A main, a bruise, or swelling; any burt without cutting the skin. When the skin is cut, the injury is called a "wound." Bract. lib. 2, tr. 2, cc. 5, 24.

Id certum est quod certum reddi potest. That is certain which can be made certain. 2 Bl. Comm. 143; 1 Bl. Comm. 78; 4 Kent, Comm. 462; Broom, Max. 624.

Id certum est quod certum reddi potest, sed id magis certum est quod de semetipso est certum. That is certain which can be made certain, but that is more certain which is certain of itself. 9 Coke, 47a.

ID EST. Lat. That is. Commonly abbreviated "i. e."

Id perfectum est quod ex omnibus suis partibus constat. That is perfect which consists of all its parts. 9 Coke, 9.

Id possimus quod de jure possimus. Lane, 116. We may do only that which by law we are allowed to do.

Id quod est magis remotum, non trahit ad se quod est magis junctum, sed e contrario in omni casu. That which is more remote does not draw to itself that which is nearer, but the contrary in every case. Co. Litt. 164.

Id quod nostrum est sine facto nostro ad alium transferri non potest. That which is ours cannot be transferred to another without our act. Dig. 50, 17, 11.

Id solum nostrum quod debitis deductis nostrum est. That only is ours which remains to us after deduction of debts. Tray. Lat. Max. 227.

IDEM. Lat. The same. According to Lord Coke, "idem" has two significations, (a., idem syllabes seu verbis, (the same in syllables or words), and idem re et sensu, (the same in substance and in sense),) 10 Coke, 124a.

In old practice. The said, or aforesaid; said, aforesaid. Distinguished from "predictus" in old entries, though having the same general signification. Townsh. Pl. 15, 16.

Idem agent et patiens esse non potest. Jenk. Cent. 40. The same person cannot be both agent and patient; i.e., the doer and person to whom the thing is done.

Idem est facere, et non prohibere cum possit; et qui non prohibit, cum prohibere possit, in culpâ est, (est iudicat.) 3 Inst. 153. To commit, and not to prohibit when in your power, is the same thing; and he who does not prohibit when he can prohibit is in fault, or does the same as ordering it to be done.

Idem est nihil diciere, et insusicienter diciere. It is the same thing to say nothing, and to say a thing insufficiently. 2 Inst. 178. To say a thing in an insufficient manner is the same as not to say it at all. Applied to the plea of a prisoner. Id.

Idem est non esse, et non appareire. It is the same thing not to be as not to appear. Jenk. Cent. 207. Not to appear is the same thing as not to be. Broom, Max. 163.

Idem est non probari et non esse; nondicet jus, sed probatio. What is not proved and what does not exist are the...
same; it is not a defect of the law, but of proof.

Idem est scire aut scire debeare aut potuisse. To be bound to know or to be able to know is the same as to know.

IDEM PER IDEM. The same for the same. An illustration of a kind that really adds no additional element to the consideration of the question.

Idem semper antecedenti proximo refertur. Co. Litt. 585. "The same" is always referred to its next antecedent.

IDEM SONANS. Sounding the same or alike; having the same sound. A term applied to names which are substantially the same, though slightly varied in the spelling, as "Lawrence" and "Lawrence," and the like. 1 Cromp. & M. 300; 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 171.

Two names are said to be "idem sonantes" if the auditory ear finds difficulty in distinguishing them when pronounced, or if common and long-continued usage has by corruption or abbreviation made them identical in pronunciation. State v. Griffith, 118 Mo. 232, 23 S. W. 878. The rule of "idem sonans" is that absolute accuracy in spelling names is not required in a legal document or proceedings either civil or criminal; that if the name, as spelled in the document, though different from the correct spelling thereof, conveys to the ear, when pronounced according to the commonly accepted methods, a sound practically identical with the correct name as commonly pronounced, the name thus given is a sufficient identification of the individual referred to, and no advantage can be taken of the clerical error. Hubner v. Reckhoff, 103 Iowa, 369, 72 N. W. 540, 64 Am. St. Rep. 191. But the doctrine of "idem sonans" has been much enlarged by modern decisions, to conform to the growing rule that a variance, to be material, must be such as has misled the opposite party to his prejudice. State v. White, 34 S. C. 66, 12 S. E. 601, 27 Am. St. Rep. 785.

IDENTIFICATION. Proof of identity; the proving that a person, subject, or article before the court is the very same that he or it is alleged, charged, or reputed to be; as where a witness recognizes the prisoner at the bar as the same person whom he saw committing the crime; or where handwriting, stolen goods, counterfeit coin, etc., are recognized as the same which once passed under the observation of the person identifying them.

Identitas vera colligitur ex multitut—
dine signorum. True identity is collected from a multitude of signs. Bac. Max.

IDENTITATE NOMINIS. In English law. An ancient writ (now obsolete) which lay for one taken and arrested in any personal action, and committed to prison, by mistake for another man of the same name. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 257.

IDENTITY. In the law of evidence. Sameness; the fact that a subject, person, or thing before a court is the same as it is represented, claimed, or charged to be. See Burritt, Circ. Ev. 352, 453, 631, 644.

In patent law. Such sameness between two designs, inventions, combinations, etc., as will constitute the one an infringement of the patent granted for the other.

To constitute "identity of invention," and therefore infringement, not only must the result obtained be the same, but, in case the means used for its attainment is a combination of known elements, the elements combined in both cases must be the same, and combined in the same way, so that each element shall perform the same function; provided that the differences alleged are not merely colorable according to the rule forbidding the use of known equivalents. Electric Railroad Signal Co. v. Hall Railroad Signal Co., 114 U. S. 87, 5 Sup. Ct. 1069, 29 L. Ed. 96; Latta v. Shaw, 14 Fed. Cas. 1188. "Identity of design" means sameness of appearance, or, in other words, sameness of effect upon the eye of an expert, but of an ordinary intelligent observer. Smith v. Whitman Saddle Co., 148 U. S. 674, 13 Sup. Ct. 705, 37 L. Ed. 900.

IDEO. Lat. Therefore. Calvin.

IDEO CONSIDERATUM EST. Lat. Therefore it is considered. These were the words used at the beginning of the entry of judgment in an action, when the forms were in Latin. They are also used as a name for that portion of the record.

IDES. A division of time among the Romans. In March, May, July, and October, the Ides were on the 15th of the month; in the remaining months, on the 13th. This method of reckoning is still retained in the chancery of Rome, and in the calendar of the breviary. Wharton.

IDIOCHIRIA. Greco-Lat. In the civil law. An instrument privately executed, as distinguished from such as were executed before a public officer. Cod. 8, 18, 11; Calvin.

IDIocy. See INSANITY.

IDIOT. A person who has been without understanding from his nativity, and whom the law, therefore, presumes never likely to attain any. Shelf. Lun. 2. See INSANITY.

IDIOTA. In the civil law. An unlearned, illiterate, or simple person. Calvin. A private man; one not in office.

In common law. An idiot or fool.

IDIOTA INQUIRENDO, WRIT DE. This is the name of an old writ which directs the sheriff to inquire whether a man be an idiot or not. The inquisition is to be made by a jury of twelve men. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 232. And, if the man were found an idiot, the profits of his land and the custody of his person might be granted by the
IGNORANTIA FACTI EXCUSAT

IGNORANCIĀ. Lat. Ignorance; want of knowledge. Distinguished, from mistake, (error,) or wrong conception. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 178; Dig. 22. 6. Divided by Lord Coke into ignorantia facti (ignorance of fact) and ignorantia juris, (ignorance of law.) And the former, he adds, is twofold. Lectiones et linguæ, (Ignorance of reading and ignorance of language.) 2 Coke, 39.

Ignorantia corum quae quis scire tenetur non excusat. Ignorance of those things which one is bound to know excuses not. Hale. P. C. 42; Broom. Max. 267.

Ignorantia facti excusat. Ignorance of fact excuses or is a ground of relief. 2 Coke, 39. Acts done and contracts made under a mistake of a material fact are voidable and relievable in law and equity. 2 Kent, Comm. 491. And notes.

Ignorantia facti excusat, ignorantia juris non excusat. Ignorance of the fact excuses; ignorance of the law excuses not. Every man must be taken to be cognizant of the law; otherwise there is no saying to what extent the excuse of ignorance may not be carried. 1 Coke. 177; Broom. Max. 233.

king to any subject who had interest enough to obtain them. 1 Bl. Comm. 303.

IDONEUM SE FACERE; IDONEARE SE. To purge one's self by oath of a crime of which one is accused.

IDONEUS. Lat. In the civil and common law. Sufficient; competent; fit or proper; responsible; unimpeachable. Idoneus homo, a responsible or solvent person; a good and lawful man. Sufficient; adequate; satisfactory. Idonea cautio, sufficient security.

IDONIETAS. In old English law. Ability or fitness, (of a parson.) Artic. Cleri, c. 13.

IF. In deeds and wills, this word, as a rule, implies a condition precedent, unless it be controlled by other words. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 806, § 2192; Sutton v. West, 77 N. C. 451.

IFANGIA. In old English law. The finest white bread, formerly called "cocked bread." Blount.

IGLIZE. L. Fr. A church. Kelham. Another form of "eglise."

IGNIS JUDICIUM. Lat. The old judicial trial by fire. Blount.

IGNITIETIUM. In old English law. The curfew, or evening bell. Cowell. See Curfew.

IGNOMINIA. Public disgrace; infamy; reproach; dishonor. Ignominy is the opposite of esteem. Wolff, § 145. See Brown v. Kingsley, 38 Iowa, 220.

IGNORAMUS. Lat. "We are ignorant;" "We ignore it." Formerly the grand jury used to write this word on its bills of indictment when, after having heard the evidence, they thought the accusation against the prisoner was groundless, intimating that, though the facts might possibly be true, the truth did not appear to them; but now they usually write in English the words "Not a true bill," or "Not found," if that is their verdict; but they are still said to ignore the bill. Brown.

IGNORANCE. The want or absence of knowledge. Ignorance of law is want of knowledge or acquaintance with the laws of the land so far as they apply to the act, relation, duty, or matter under consideration. Ignorance of fact is want of knowledge of some fact or facts constituting or relating to the subject-matter in hand. Marshall v. Coleman, 187 Ill. 556, 58 N. E. 628; Haven v. Foster, 9 Pick. (Mass.) 130, 19 Am. Dec. 353.

Ignorance is not a state of the mind in the sense in which sanity and insanity are. When the mind is ignorant of a fact, its condition still remains sound; the power of thinking, of judging, of reason is just as complete before communication of the fact as after; the essence or texture, so to speak, of the mind, is not, as in the case of insanity, affected or impaired. Ignorance of a particular fact consists in this: that the mind, although sound and capable of healthy action, has never acted upon the fact in question; whereas the subject of knowledge brought to the notice of the perceptive faculties. Meeker v. Boylan, 28 N. J. Law, 274.

Synonyms. "Ignorance" and "error" or "mistake" are not convertible terms. The former is a lack of information or absence of knowledge; the latter, a misapprehension or confusion of information, or a mistaken supposition of the possession of knowledge. Error as to a fact may imply ignorance of the truth; but ignorance does not necessarily imply error. Hutton v. Edgerton, 9 Rich. (S. C.) 489; Culbreath v. Culbreath, 7 Ga. 70, 50 Am. Dec. 375.

Essential ignorance is ignorance in relation to some essential circumstance so intimately connected with the matter in question, and which so influences the parties, that it induces them to act in the business. Poth. Vente. nn. 3, 4; 2 Kent, Comm. 367. Non-essential or accidental ignorance is that which has not of itself any necessary connection with the business in question, and which is not the true consideration for entering into the contract. Involuntary ignorance is that which does not proceed from choice, and which cannot be overcome by the use of any means of knowledge known to a person and within his power; as the ignorance of a law which has not yet been promulgated. Voluntary ignorance exists when a party might, by taking reasonable pains, have obtained the necessary knowledge. For example, every man might acquire a knowledge of the laws which have been promulgated. Doct. & Stud. 1, 46; Plowd. 343.

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IGNORANTIA JURIS QUOD QUISQUE TENETUR SEIRE, NEMINEM EXCUSAT. Ignorance of the [or a] law, which every one is bound to know, excuses no man. A mistake in point of law is, in criminal cases, no sort of defense. 4 Bl. Comm. 27; 4 Steph. Comm. 51; Broom, Max. 253; 7 Car. & P. 456. And, in civil cases, ignorance of the law, with a full knowledge of the facts, furnishes no ground, either in law or equity, to rescind agreements, or reclaim money paid, or set aside solemn acts of the parties. 2 Kent, Comm. 401, and note.

IGNORANTIA JURIS SUI NON PREJUDICAT JURI. Ignorance of one’s right does not prejudice the right. Coft, 552.

IGNORANTIA LEGIS NEMINEM EXCUSAT. Ignorance of law excuses no one. 4 Bouv. Inst. no. 3825; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 111; 7 Watts, 374.

IGNORATIO ELENCHI. Lat. A term of logic, sometimes applied to pleadings and to arguments on appeal, which signifies a mistake of the question, that is, the mistake of one who, failing to discern the real question which he is to meet and answer, addresses his allegations or arguments to a collateral matter or something beside the point. See Case upon the Statute for Distribution, Wythe (Va.) 509.

IGNORATIS TERMINIS ARTIS, IGNORATUR ET ARTS. Where the terms of an art are unknown, the art itself is unknown also. Co. Litt. 2a.

IGNOR. 1. To be ignorant of, or unacquainted with.
2. To disregard willfully; to refuse to recognize; to decline to take notice of. See Cieburne County v. Morton, 69 Ark. 48, 60 S. W. 307.
3. To reject as groundless, false or unsupported by evidence; as when a grand jury ignores a bill of indictment.

IGNOSITUR ET QUI SANGUINEM SUAM QUALITER REDEMPTUM VOLUIT. The law holds him excused from obligation who chose to redeem his blood (or life) upon any terms. Whatever a man may do under the fear of losing his life or limbs will not be held binding upon him in law. 1 Bl. Comm. 131.

IKENILD STREET. One of the four great Roman roads in Britain; supposed to be so called from the Iceni.

ILL. In old pleading. Bad; defective in law; null; naught; the opposite of good or valid.

ILL FAME. Evil repute; notorious bad character. Houses of prostitution, gaming houses, and other such disorderly places are called “houses of ill fame,” and a person who frequents them is a person of ill fame. See Bole v. State, 46 Ala. 206.

ILLATA ET INVECTA. Lat. Things brought into the house for use by the tenant were so called, and were liable to the jus hypothecae of Roman law, just as they are to the landlord’s right of distress at common law.

ILLEGAL. Not authorized by law; illicit; unlawful; contrary to law.

Sometimes this term means merely that which lacks authority of or support from law; but more frequently it imports a violation. Etymologically, the word seems to convey the negative meaning only. But in ordinary use it has a severer, stronger signification; the idea of censure or condemnation for breaking law is usually presented. But the law implied in illegal is not necessarily an express statute. Things are called "illegal" for a violation of common-law principles. And the term does not imply that the act spoken of is immoral or wicked; it implies only a breach of the law. See State v. Haynworth, 3 Sneed (Tenn.) 65; Tiedt v. Carstensen, 61 Iowa, 334, 16 N. W. 214; Chadbourne v. Newcastle, 48 N. H. 190; People v. Key, 1 Abb. Prac. N. Y. 457; Ex parte Sewart, 2 Tex. App. 80.

—Illegal conditions. All those that are impossible, or contrary to law, immoral, or repugnant to the nature of the transaction.—Illegal contract. An agreement to do any act forbidden by the law, Billingsley v. Clelland, 41 W. Va. 243, 23 S. E. 816.—Illegal interest. Usury; interest at a higher rate than the law allows. Parsons v. Babcock, 40 Neb. 119, 85 N. W. 726.—Illegal trade. Such traffic or commerce as is carried on in violation of the municipal law, or contrary to the law of nations. See ILLEGIT.

ILLEGITIMACY. The condition before the law, or the social status, of a bastard; the state or condition of one whose parents were not intermarried at the time of his birth. Miller v. Miller, 18 Hun (N. Y.) 509; Brown v. Belmarde, 3 Kan. 52.

ILLEGITIMATE. That which is contrary to law; it is usually applied to bastards, or children born out of lawful wedlock.

The Louisiana Code divided illegitimate children into two classes: (1) Those born from two persons who, at the moment when such children were conceived, could have lawfully intermarried; and (2) those who are born from persons whose marriage there existed at the time some legal impediment. Both classes, however, could be acknowledged and take by devise. Compton v. Prescott, 12 Rob. (La.) 56.

ILLEVABLE. Not leviable; that cannot or ought not to be levied. Cowell.

ILLICENCIATUS. In old English law. Without license. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 5, § 12.

ILLICIT. Not permitted or allowed; prohibited; unlawful; as an illicit trade; ii-
ILLICIT intercourse. State v. Miller, 60 Vt. 90, 12 Atl. 526.

—Illicit connection. Unlawful sexual intercourse. State v. King, 5 S. D. 1228, 70 N. W. 1046.—Illicit disembarkation. The living together as man and wife of two persons who are not lawfully married, with the implication that they habitually practice fornication. See Rex v. Kalaiwai, 4 Hawaii, 41.—Illicit distillery. One carried on without a compliance with the provisions of the laws of the United States relating to the taxation of spiritsuous liquors. U. S. v. Johnson (C. C.) 20 Fed. 684.—Illicit trade. Policies of marine insurance usually contain a covenant of warranty against "illicit trade," meaning thereby trade which is forbidden, or declared unlawful, by the laws of the country where the cargo is to be delivered. "It is not the same with 'contraband trade,' although the words are sometimes used as synonymous. Illicit or prohibited trade is one which cannot be carried on without a distinct violation of some positive law of the country where the transaction is to take place." 1 Fam. Mar. Ins. 614.

ILLICITE. Lat. Unlawfully. This word has a technical meaning, and is requisite in an indictment where the act charged is unlawful; as in the case of a riot. 2 Hawk. P. C. c. 25, § 96.

ILLICITUM COLLEGIIUM. Lat. An illegal corporation.

ILLITERATE. Unlettered; ignorant; unlearned. Generally used of one who cannot read and write. See In re Succession of Carroll, 28 La. Ann. 388.

ILLOCABLE. Incapable of being placed out or hired.

ILLUD. Lat. That.

Ilud, quod alias licitum non est, necessitas factit licitem; et necessitas inducit privilegium quodam jura privata. Bac. Max. That which is otherwise not permitted, necessity permits; and necessity makes a privilege as to private rights.

Ilud, quod alteri unitur, extinguitur, neque amplius per se vacare licet. Godol. Ecc. Law, 189. That which is united to another is extinguished, nor can it be any more independent.

ILLUSION. In medical jurisprudence. An image or impression in the mind, excited by some external object addressing itself to one or more of the senses, but which, instead of corresponding with the reality, is perverted, distorted, or wholly mistaken, the error being attributable to the imagination of the observer, not to any defect in the organs of sense. See Hallucination, and see "Delusion," under Insanity.

ILLUSORY. Deceiving by false appearances; nominal, as distinguished from substantial.

—Illusory appointment. Formerly the appointment of a merely nominal share of the property to one of the objects of a power, in order to escape the rule that an exclusive appointment could not be made unless it was authorized by the instrument creating the power, was considered illusory and void in equity. But this rule has been abolished in England. (1 Warn. IV. c. 40; 37 & 38 Vict. c. 87) Sweet. See In rxman v. Meade, 3 Wall. Jr. 32, 18 Fed. Cas. 50.—Illusory appointment act. The statute 1 Warn. IV. c. 40. This statute enacts that no appointment made after its passing, (July 16, 1830,) in exercise of a power to appoint property, real or personal, among several objects, shall be invalid, or impeached in equity, on the ground that an unsubstantial, illusory, or nominal share only was thereby appointed, or left unappointed, to devolve upon any one or more of the objects of such power; but that the appointment shall be valid in equity, as at law. See, too, 37 & 38 Vict. c. 37 Wharton.

ILLUSTRIOUS. The prefix to the title of a prince of the blood in England.

IMAGINE. In English law. In cases of treason the law makes it a crime to imagine the death of the king. But, in order to complete the crime, this act of the mind must be demonstrated by some overt act. The terms "imagining" and "compassing" are in this connection synonymous. 4 Bl. Comm. 78.

IMAN, IMAM, or IMAUM. A Mohammedan prince having supreme spiritual as well as temporal power; a regular priest of the mosque.

IMBARGO. An old form of "embargo," (q. v.) St. 18 Car. II. c. 5.

IMBASING OF MONEY. The act of mixing the specie with an alloy below the standard of sterling. 1 Hale, F. C. 102.

IMBECILITY. See INSANITY.

IMBEZZLE. An occasional or obsolete form of "embezzle," (q. v.)

IMBLADARE. In old English law. To plant or sow grain. Bract. fol. 176b.

IMBRACERY. See Embracery.

IMBROUS. A brook, gutter, or waterpassage. Cowell.

IMITATION. The making of one thing in the similitude or likeness of another; as, counterfeited coin is said to be made "in imitation" of the genuine. An imitation of a trade-mark is that which so far resembles the genuine trade-mark as to be likely to induce the belief that it is genuine, whether by the use of words or letters similar in appearance or in sound, or by any sign, device, or other means. Pen. Code N. Y. 1903, § 308; Wagner v. Duly, 67 Hun. 477, 22 N. Y. Supp. 403; State v. Harris, 27 N. C. 294.
IMMATERIAL. Not material, essential, or necessary; not important or pertinent; not decisive.

-Immaterial averment. An averment alleging nothing particular or unnecessary, what is material and necessary, and which might properly have been stated more generally and without such circumstances and particulars; or, in other words, a statement of unnecessary particulars in connection with and as descriptive of what is material with. Pl. c. 3, § 150; Peirce v. Bachelor, 3 Ala. 245; Green v. Palmer, 15 Cal. 410, 76 Am. Dec. 482; Dunlap v. Kelly, 100 Mass. 407, 59 Am. 664.—Immaterial issue. In pleading. An issue taken on an immaterial point; that is, a point not proper to decide the action. Steph. Pl. 69, 130; 2 Tidd, Pr. 921.

IMMEDIATE. 1. Present; at once; without delay; not deferred by any interval of time. In this sense, the word, without any very precise signification, denotes that an action is instantly to be taken either instantly or without any considerable loss of time.

Immediately does not, in legal proceedings, necessarily import the exclusion of any interval of time. It is a word of no very definite signification, and is much in subjection to its grammatical connections. Howell v. Gaddis, 31 N. J. Law, 313.

2. Not separated in respect to place; not separated by the intervention of any intermediate object, cause, relation, or right. Thus we speak of an action as prosecuted for the "immediate benefit" of A., of a devise as made to the "immediate issue" of B., etc.

-Immediate cause. The last of a series or chain of causes tending to a given result, and which, of itself, and without the intervention of any further cause, directly produces the result or event. A cause may be immediate in this sense, and yet not "proximate:" and conversely, the proximate cause (that which directly and efficiently brings about the result) may not be immediate. The familiar illustration is that of a drunken man falling into the water and drowning. His intoxication is the proximate cause of his death, if it can be said that he would not have fallen into the water when sober: but the immediate cause of death is suffocation by drowning. See Davis v. Stadelman, 49 Hun (N. Y.) 81; Deliseniere v. Kraus-Merkel Malting Co., 97 Wis. 276, 72 N. W. 735. Compare Langenbach v. Railroad Co., 8 Nev. 271. See, also, PROXIMATE.—Immediate descent. See DESCENT.

IMMEDIATELY. "It is impossible to lay down any hard and fast rule as to what is the meaning of the word 'immediately' in all cases. The words 'forthwith' and 'immediately' have the same meaning. They are used more than the expression 'within a reasonable time,' and imply prompt, vigorous action, without any delay, and whether there has been such action is a question of fact, having regard to the circumstances of the particular case." Cockburn, C. J., in Reg. v. Justices of Berkshire, 4 Q. B. Div. 471.

IMMEMORIAL. Beyond human memory; true out of mind.

-Immemorial possession. In Louisiana, possession of which no man living has seen the beginning, and the existence of which he has learned from his elders. Civ. Code La. art. 762.—Immemorial usage. A practice which has existed time out of mind; custom; prescription. Miller v. Garlock, 3 Barb. (N. Y.) 154.

IMMUEBLES. Fr. These are, in French law, the immovable of English law. Things are immuebiles from any one of three causes: (1) From their own nature, e. g., lands and houses; (2) from their destination, e. g., animals and instruments of agriculture when supplied by the landlord; or (3) by the object to which they are annexed, e. g., easements. Brown.

IMMIGRATION. The coming into a country of foreigners for purposes of permanent residence. The correlative term "emigration" denotes the act of such persons in leaving their former country.

IMMINENT DANGER. In relation to homicide in self-defense, this term means immediate danger; such as must be instantly met, such as cannot be guarded against by calling for the assistance of others or the protection of the law. U. S. v. Outerbridge, 27 Fed. Cas. 590; State v. West, 45 La. Ann. 14, 12 South. 7; State v. Smith, 43 Or. 109, 71 Pac. 973. Or, as otherwise defined, such an appearance of threatened and impending injury as would put a reasonable and prudent man to his instant defense. State v. Fontenot, 50 La. Ann. 537, 23 South. 674, 60 Am. St. Rep. 455; Shorter v. People, 2 N. Y. 201, 51 Am. Dec. 286.

IMMISCERE. Lat. In the civil law. To mix or mingle with; to meddle with; to join with. Calvin.

IMMITTERE. Lat. In the civil law. To put or let into, as a beam into a wall. Calvin; Dig. 60, 17, 242, 1.

In old English law. To put cattle on a common. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 20, § 7.

IMMOBILIA situm sequuntur. Immovable things follow their site or position; are governed by the law of the place where they are fixed. 2 Kent, Comm. 67.

IMMOBILIS. Lat. Immovable. Immo- bilia or re immobiles, immovable things, such as lands and buildings. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 190.

IMMORAL. Contrary to good morals; inconsistent with the rules and principles of morality which regard men as living in a community, and which are necessary for the public welfare, order, and decency.

-Immoral consideration. One contrary to good morals, and therefore invalid. Contracts based upon an immoral consideration are generally void.—Immoral contracts. Contracts founded upon considerations contra bonos mores are void.
IMMORALITY. That which is contra bonos mores. See IMMORAL.

IMMOVABLES. In the civil law. Property which, from its nature, destination, or the object to which it is applied, cannot move itself, or be removed. Immovable things are, in general, such as cannot either move themselves or be removed from one place to another. But this definition, strictly speaking, is applicable only to such things as are immovable by their own nature, and not to such as are so only by the disposition of the law. Civ. Code La. art. 462; Mt. Carmel Fruit Co. v. Webster, 140 Cal. 185, 73 Pac. 826; Sullivan v. Richardson, 33 Fla. 1, 14 South. 462.


IMPAYING THE OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTS. For the meaning of this phrase in the constitution of the United States, see 2 Story, Const. §§ 1374–1396; 1 Kent, Comm. 413–422; Pom. Const. Law; Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 720 et seq.

IMPANEL. In English practice. To impanel a jury signifies the entering by the sheriff upon a piece of parchment, termed a "panel," the names of the jurors who have been summoned to appear in court on a certain day to form a jury of the country to hear such matters as may be brought before them. Brown.

In American practice. Besides the meaning given above, "impanel" signifies the act of the clerk of the court in making up a list of the jurors who have been selected for the trial of a particular cause.

Impanelling has nothing to do with drawing, selecting, or swearing jurors, but means simply making the list of those who have been selected. Porter v. People, 7 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 441.

IMPARCARE. In old English law. To impound. Reg. Orig. 929.

To shut up, or confine in prison. Inducti sunt in carcerem et imparcati, they were carried to prison and shut up. Bract. fol. 124.

IMPARGAMENTUM. The right of impounding cattle.

IMPARL. To have license to settle a litigation amicably; to obtain delay for adjustment.

IMPARLANCE. In early practice, imparlance meant time given to either of the parties to an action to answer the pleading of the other. It thus amounted to a continuance of the action to a further day. Literally the term signified leave given to the parties to talk together; i.e., with a view to settling their differences amicably. But in modern practice it denotes a time given to the defendant to plead.

A general imparlance is the entry of a general prayer and allowance of time to plead till the next term, without reserving to the defendant the benefit of any exception; so that after such an imparlance the defendant cannot object to the jurisdiction of the court, or plead any matter in abatement. This kind of imparlance is always from one term to another. Colby v. Knapp, 13 N. H. 175; Mack v. Lewis, 67 Vt. 383, 31 Atl. 888.

A special imparlance contains a saving of all exceptions whatsoever, so that the defendant after this may plead not only in abatement, but he may also plead a plea which affects the jurisdiction of the court, as privilege. He cannot, however, plead a tender, and that he was always ready to pay, because by craven time he admits that he is not ready, and so falsifies his plea.

A special imparlance reserves to the defendant all exceptions to the writ, bill, or count; and therefore after it the defendant may plead in abatement, though not to the jurisdiction of the court. 1 Tidd, Pr. 462, 463.

IMPARSONEE. L. Fr. In ecclesiastical law. One who is inducted and in possession of a benefice. Parson Imparsonee, (persona impersonata.) Cowell; Dyer, 40.

IMPATRONIZATION. In ecclesiastical law. The act of putting into full possession of a benefice.

IMPEACH. To accuse; to charge a liability upon; to sue.

To dispute, disfigure, deny, or contradict; as, to impeach a judgment or decree; or as used in the rule that a jury cannot "impeach their verdict." See Wolfram v. Schoepke, 123 Wis. 10, 100 N. W. 1056.

To proceed against a public officer for crime or misbehavior, before a proper court, by the presentation of a written accusation called "articles of impeachment."

In the law of evidence. To call in question the veracity of a witness, by means of evidence adduced for that purpose.

IMPEACHMENT. A criminal proceeding against a public officer, before a quasi political court, instituted by a written accusation called "articles of impeachment:" for example, a written accusation by the house of representatives of the United States to
the senate of the United States against an officer.

In England, a prosecution by the house of commons before the house of lords of a commoner for treason, or other high crimes and misdemeanors, or of a peer for any crime.

In evidence. An allegation, supported by proof, that a witness who has been examined is unworthy of credit.

--- Articles of impeachment. The formal written allegation of the causes for an impeachment, answering the same purpose as an indictment in an ordinary criminal proceeding.

--- Collateral impeachment. The collateral impeachment of a judgment or decree is an attempt made to destroy or evade its effect as an estoppel, by reopening the merits of the cause or showing reasons why the judgment should not have been given or should not have a conclusive effect, in any collateral proceeding, that is, in any action or proceeding other than that in which the judgment was given, or other than an appeal, certiorari, or other direct proceeding to review the judgment. A term sometimes used in English law to denote anything that operates as a hindrance, impediment or obstruction of the making of the profits out of which the annuity is to arise. Pitt v. Williams, 4 Adol. & El. 385.—Impeachment of waste. Liability for waste committed; or a demand or suit for compensation for waste committed upon lands or tenements by a tenant thereof, having only a leasehold or particular estate, had no right to commit waste. See 2 Bl. Comm. 283; Sanderson v. Jones, 6 Fla. 480, 63 Am. Dec. 217.—Impeachment of witness. Proof that a witness who has testified in a cause is unworthy of credit. White v. Railroad Co., 142 Ind. 648, 42 N. E. 486; Com. v. Welch, 111 Ky. 590, 63 S. W. 984; Smith v. State, 100 Ga. 478, 35 S. E. 59.

IMPECHIARE. To impeach, to accuse, or prosecute for felony or treason.

IMPEDIENS. In old practice. One who hinders; an impediment. The defendant or defendant in a case was sometimes so called. Cowell; Blount.

IMPEDIMENTO. In Spanish law. A prohibition to contract marriage, established by law between certain persons.

IMPEDMENTS. Disabilities, or hindrances to the making of contracts, such as coverture, infancy, want of reason, etc.

In the civil law. Bars to marriage. Absolute impediments are those which prevent the person subject to them from marrying at all, without either the nullity of marriage or its being punishable. Direct impediments are those which render a marriage void; as where one of the contracting parties is unable to marry by reason of a prior undissolved marriage. Prohibited impediments are those which do not render the marriage null, but subject the parties to a punishment. Relative impediments are those which regard only certain persons with respect to each other; as between two particular persons who are related within the prohibited degrees. Bowyer, Mod. Civil Law, 44, 45.


IMPEDE. Lat. In the civil law. Expenses; outlays. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 188; Calvin. Divided into necessary, (necessarie,) useful, (utiles,) and tasteful or ornamental, (coluptuaria.) Dig. 50, 16, 79. See Id. 25, 1.

IMPERATIVE. See Directory.

IMPERATOR. Emperor. The title of the Roman emperors, and also of the Kings of England before the Norman conquest. Cod. 1, 14, 12; 1 Bl. Comm. 242. See Emperor.

IMPERFECT. As used in various legal compound terms, this word means defective or incomplete; wanting in some legal or formal requisite; wanting in legal sanction or effectiveness; as in speaking of imperfect "obligations," "ownership," "rights," "title," "usufruct," or "war." See those nouns.

Imperii majestas est tutela salus. Co. Litt. 64. The majesty of the empire is the safety of its protection.

IMPERITIA. Lat. Unskilledness; want of skill.

Imperitia culpa adnumeratur. Want of skill is reckoned as culpa; that is, as blamable conduct or neglect. Dig. 50, 17, 132.

Imperitia est maxima mechanicae rei poma. Unskilledness is the greatest punishment of mechanics; [that is, from its effect in making them liable to those by whom they are employed.] 11 Coke, 544. The word "poma" in some translations is erroneously rendered "fault."

IMPERIUM. The right to command, which includes the right to employ the force of the state to enforce the laws. This is one of the principal attributes of the power of the executive. 1 Toullier, no. 58.

IMPERSONALITAS. Lat. Impersonality. A mode of expression where no reference is made to any person, such as the expression "ut dicitur," (as is said.) Co. Litt. 352b.


IMPERTINENCE. Irrelevancy; the fault of not properly pertaining to the issue or proceeding. The introduction of any matters into a bill, answer, or other pleading or proceeding in a suit, which are not properly before the court for decision, at any particular stage of the suit. Story, Eq. Pl.
In practice. A question propounded to a witness, or evidence offered or sought to be elicited, is called "impertinent" when it has no logical bearing upon the issue, is not necessarily connected with it, or does not belong to the matter in hand. On the distinction between pertinency and relevancy, we may quote the following remark of Dr. Wharton: "Relevancy is that which conduces to the proof of a pertinent hypothesis; a pertinent hypothesis being one which, if sustained, would logically influence the issue." 1 Whart. Ev. § 20.

IMPERTINENT. In equity pleading. That which does not belong to a pleading, interrogatory, or other proceeding; out of place; superfluous; irrelevant.

At law. A term applied to matter not necessary to constitute the cause of action or ground of defense. Cownp. 683; 5 East, 275; Tucker v. Randall, 2 Mass. 283. It constitutes surplusage, (which see.)

IMPECONSARE. In old records. To impeach or accuse. Impeccatus, impeached. Blount.

IMPEITIO VASTI. Impeachment of waste. (q. v.)

IMPETRARE. In old English practice. To obtain by request, as a writ or privilege. Bract. fol. 57, 172b. This application of the word seems to be derived from the civil law. Calvin.

IMPETRATION. In old English law. The obtaining anything by petition or entreaty. Particularly, the obtaining of a benefice from Rome by solicitation, which benefice belonged to the disposal of the king or other lay patron. Webster; Cowell.

IMPIER. Umpire, (q. v.)

IMPIERMENT. Impairing or prejudicing. Jacob.


IMPIGNORATION. The act of pawning or putting to pledge.

Implus et crudelis judicio adduxus est qui libertati non favet. He is to be judged impious and cruel who does not favor liberty. Co. Litt. 124.

IMPLICATARE. Lat. To implead; to sue.

IMPLEAD. In practice. To sue or prosecute by due course of law. People v. Clarke, 9 N. Y. 368.

IMPLEADED. Sued or prosecuted; used particularly in the titles of causes where there are several defendants; as "A. B., impleaded with C. D."

IMPLEMENT. Such things as are used or employed for a trade, or furniture of a house. Cooldge v. Choate, 11 Metc. (Mass.) 82.

Whatever may supply wants; particularly applied to tools, utensils, vessels, instruments of labor; as, the implements of trade or of husbandry. Goddard v. Chaffee, 2 Allen (Mass.) 205; 79 Am. Dec. 706; Sallies v. Waters, 17 Ala. 456; Rayner v. Whitcher, 6 Allen (Mass.) 294; In re Slade's Estate, 122 Cal. 434, 55 Pac. 158.

IMPLICATA. A term used in mercantile law, derived from the Italian. In order to avoid the risk of making fruitless voyages, merchants have been in the habit of receiving small adventures, on freight, at so much per cent., to which they are entitled at all events, even if the adventure be lost; and this is called "implicata." Wharton.

IMPLICATION. Intention or inference, as distinguished from the actual expression of a thing in words. In a will, an estate may pass by mere implication, without any express words to direct its course. 2 Bl. Comm. 381.

An inference of something not directly declared, but arising from what is admitted or expressed.

In construing a will conjecture must not be taken for implication; but necessary implication means, not natural necessity, but so strong a probability of intention that an intention contrary to that which is imputed to the testator cannot be supposed. 1 Ves. & B. 400.

"Implication" is also used in the sense of "inference;" i.e., where the existence of an intention is inferred from acts not done for the sole purpose of communicating it, but for some other purpose. Sweet.

—Necessary implication. In construing a will, necessary implication means not natural necessity, but so strong a probability of intention that an intention contrary to that which is imputed to the testator cannot be supposed. Wilkinson v. Adam, 1 Ves. & B. 400; Gilbert v. Craddock, 67 Kan. 346, 72 Pac. 860; Whitfield v. Garris, 134 N. C. 24, 45 S. E. 904.

IMPLIED. This word is used in law as contrasted with "express;" i.e., where the intention in regard to the subject-matter is not manifest by explicit and direct words, but is gathered by implication or necessary deduction from the circumstances, the general language, or the conduct of the parties.

IMPORTATION. The act of bringing goods and merchandise into a country from a foreign country.

IMPORTS. Importations; goods or other property imported or brought into the country from a foreign country.

IMPORTUNITY. Pressing solicitation; urgent request; application for a claim or favor which is urged with troublesome frequency or pertinacity. Webster.


IMPOSSIBILITY. That which, in the constitution and course of nature or the law, no man can do or perform. See Klauber v. San Diego Street-Car Co., 95 Cal. 353, 30 Pac. 555; Reid v. Alaska Packing Co., 43 Or. 429, 73 Pac. 337.

Impossibility is of the following several sorts:

An act is physically impossible when it is contrary to the course of nature. Such an impossibility may be either absolute, i. e., impossible in any case, (e. g., for A. to reach the moon,) or relative, (sometimes called "impossibility in fact,"?) i. e., arising from the circumstances of the case, (e. g., for A. to make a payment to B., he being a deceased person.) To the latter class belongs what is sometimes called "practical impossibility," which exists when the act can be done, but only at an excessive or unreasonable cost. An act is legally or juridically impossible when a rule of law makes it impossible to do it; e. g., for A. to make a valid will before his majority. This class of acts must not be confounded with those which are possible, although forbidden by law, as to commit a theft. An act is logically impossible when it is contrary to the nature of the transaction, as where A. gives property to B. expressly for his own benefit, on condition that he transfers it to C. Sweet.

Impossibilium nulla obligatio est. There is no obligation to do impossible things. Dig. 50, 17, 185; Broom. Max. 249.

IMPOSSIBLE CONTRACTS. An impossible contract is one which the law will not hold binding upon the parties, because of the nature or legal impossibility of the performance by one party of that which is the consideration for the promise of the other. 7 Wait, Act. & Def. 124.

Impossible contracts, which will be deemed void in the eye of the law, or of which the performance will be excused, are such contracts as cannot be performed, either because of the nature of the obligation undertaken, or because of some supervening event which renders the performance of the obligation either physically or legally impossible. 10 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 176.

IMPOSTS. Taxes, duties, or impositions. A duty on imported goods or merchandise. Story, Const. § 949. And see Norris v. Boston, 4 Metc. (Mass.) 296; Pacific Ins. Co. v. Soule, 7 Wall. 453, 19 L. Ed. 53; Woodruff v. Parham, 8 Wall. 131, 19 L. Ed. 382; Dooley v. U. S., 183 U. S. 151, 22 Sup. Ct. 62, 43 L. Ed. 128; Passenger Cases, 7 How. 407, 12 L. Ed. 702.

Impost is a tax received by the prince for such merchandise as are brought into any haven within his dominions from foreign nations. It may in some sort be distinguished from customs, because customs are rather that profit the prince maketh of wares shipped out; yet they are frequently confounded. Cowell.

IMPOTENCE. In medical jurisprudence. The incapacity for copulation or propagating the species. Properly used of the male; but it has also been used synonymously with "sterility." Griffith v. Griffith, 162 Ill. 368, 44 N. E. 820; Payne v. Payne, 46 Minn. 467, 49 N. W. 230, 24 Am. St. Rep. 240; Kempf v. Kempf, 34 Mo. 213.

Impotentia excusat legem. Co. Litt. 29. The impossibility of doing what is required by the law excuses from the performance.

IMPOTENTIAM, PROPERTY PROPER. A qualified property, which may subsist in animals ferae naturae on account of their inability, as where hawks, herons, or other birds build in a person's trees, or conies, etc., make their nests or burrows in a person's land, and have young there, such person has a qualified property in them till they can fly or run away, and then such property expires. 2 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) §.

IMPOUND. To shut up stray animals or distrained goods in a pound. Thomas v. Harries, 1 Man. & G. 703; Goodsell v. Dunning, 34 Conn. 257; Howard v. Bartlett, 70 VT. 314. 40 Atl. 825.

To take into the custody of the law or of a court. Thus, a court will sometimes impound a suspicious document produced at a trial.

IMPRESCRIPTIBILITY. The state or quality of being incapable of prescription; not of such a character that a right to it can be gained by prescription.

IMPRESCRIPTIBLE RIGHTS. Such rights as a person may use or not, at pleasure, since they cannot be lost to him by
the claims of another founded on prescription.

**IMPRESSION.** A "case of the first impression" is one without a precedent; one presenting a wholly new state of facts; one involving a question never before determined.

**IMPRESSION.** A power possessed by the English crown of taking persons or property to aid in the defense of the country, with or without the consent of the persons concerned. It is usually exercised to obtain hands for the royal ships in time of war, by taking seamen engaged in merchant vessels, (1 Bl. Comm. 420; Maud & P. Shipp. 123;) but in former times impressment of merchant ships was also practiced. The admiralty issues protections against impressment in certain cases, either under statutes passed in favor of certain callings (c. p., persons employed in the Greenland fisheries) or voluntarily. Sweet.

**IMPREST MONEY.** Money paid on enlisting or impressing soldiers or sailors.

**IMPRENTIABILIS.** Lat. Beyond price; Invaluable.

**IMPRIMATUR.** Lat. Let it be printed. A license or allowance, granted by the constituted authorities, giving permission to print and publish a book. This allowance was formerly necessary, in England, before any book could lawfully be printed, and in some other countries is still required.

**IMPRIMERE.** To press upon; to impress or press; to imprint or print.

**IMPRIMERY.** In some of the ancient English statutes this word is used to signify a printing-office, the art of printing, a print or impression.

**IMPRIMIS.** Lat. In the first place; first of all.

**IMPRISON.** To put in a prison; to put in a place of confinement.

To confine a person, or restrain his liberty, in any way.

**IMPRISONMENT.** The act of putting or confining a man in prison; the restraint of a man's personal liberty; coercion exercised upon a person to prevent the free exercise of his powers of locomotion. State v. Shaw, 73 Vt. 149, 50 Atl. 863; In re Langslow, 167 N. Y. 314, 69 N. E. 590; In re Langan (C. C.) 123 Fed. 134; Steere v. Field, 22 Fed. Cas. 1221.

It is not a necessary part of the definition that the confinement should be in a place usually appropriated to that purpose; it may be in a locality used only for the specific occasion; or it may take place without the actual application of any physical agencies of restraint, (such as locks or bars,) but by verbal compulsion and the display of available force. See Pike v. Hanson, 9 N. H. 491.

Any forcible detention of a man's person, or control over his movements, is imprisonment. Lawson v. Busines, 3 Har. (Del.) 416.

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**False imprisonment.** The unlawful arrest or detention of a person without warrant, or by an illegal warrant, or a warrant illegally executed, and either in a prison or a place used temporarily for that purpose, or by force and constraint without confinement. Brewer v. People, 182 Ill. 143, 55 N. E. 640; Miller v. Fano, 134 Cal. 108, 69 Pac. 183; Filer v. Smith, 96 Mich. 847, 55 N. W. 960, 35 Am. St. Rep. 603; Eberling v. State, 136 Ind. 117, 35 N. E. 1023. False imprisonment consists in the unlawful detention of the person of another for any length of time, whereby he is deprived of his personal liberty. Code Ga. 1852, § 2900; Pen. Code Cal. § 236. The term is also used as the name of the action which lies for this species of injury. 3 Bl. Comm. 138.

**IMPRISTI.** Adherents; followers. Those who side with or take the part of another, either in his defense or otherwise.

**IMPROBATION.** In Scotch law. An action brought for the purpose of having some instrument declared false and forged. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, p. 161. The verb "improve" (q. v.) was used in the same sense.


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**Improper seal.** These were derivative seals; as, for instance, those that were originally bartered and sold to the feuodary for a price, or were held upon base or less honorable service, or upon a rent in lieu of military service, or were themselves alienable, without mutual license, or descended indifferently to males or females. Wharton.—**Improper influence.** Undue influence, (q. v.) And see Millican v. Millican, 24 Tex. 446.—**Improper navigation.** Anything improperly done with the ship or part of the ship in the course of the voyage. L. R. 6 C. P. 563. See, also, 53 Law J. P. D. 65.

**IMPROPRIATE RECTOR.** In ecclesiastical law. Commonly signifies a lay rector as opposed to a spiritual rector; just as inappropriate tithes are tithes in the hands of a lay owner, as opposed to appropriate tithes, which are tithes in the hands of a spiritual owner. Brown.

**IMPROPRIATION.** In ecclesiastical law. The annexing an ecclesiastical benefice to the use of a lay person, whether individual or corporate, in the same way as appropriation is the annexing of any such benefice to the proper and perpetual use of some spiritual corporation, whether sole or aggregate, to enjoy forever. Brown.
IMPROVE. In Scotch law. To disprove; to invalidate or impeach; to prove false or forged. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, p. 162.

To improve a lease means to grant a lease of unusual duration to encourage a tenant, when the soil is exhausted, etc. Bell; Stair, Inst. p. 676, § 22.

IMPROVED. Improved land is such as has been reclaimed, is used for the purpose of husbandry, and is cultivated as such, whether the appropriation is for tillage, meadow, or pasture. "Improve" is synonymous with "cultivate." Clark v. Phelps, 4 Cow. (N. Y.) 190.

IMPROVEMENT. A valuable addition made to property (usually real estate) or an amelioration in its condition, amounting to more than mere repairs or replacement of waste, vesting labor or capital, and intended to enhance its value and utility or to adapt it for new or further purposes. Spencer v. Tobey, 22 Barb. (N. Y.) 209; Allen v. McKay, 120 Cal. 332, 52 Pac. 828; Simpson v. Robinson, 57 Ark. 132.

In American land law. An act by which a locator or settler expresses his intention to cultivate or clear certain land; an act expressive of the actual possession of land; as by erecting a cabin, planting a corn-field, deadening trees in a forest; or by merely marking trees, or even by plowing up a brush-heap. Burill. And see In re Leet Tp. Road, 169 Pa. 72, 28 Atl. 238; Bixler v. Baker, 4 Bin. (Pa.) 217.

An "improvement," under our land system, does not mean a general enhancement of the value of the tract from the occupant's operations. It has a more limited meaning, which has in view the population of our forests, and the increase of agricultural products. All works which are directed to the creation of homes for families, or are substantial steps towards bringing land into cultivation, have in their result the special character of "improvements," and under the land laws of the United States and of the several states, are encouraged. Sometimes their minimum extent is defined as requisite to convey rights. In other cases not. But the test which runs through all the cases is always this: Are they real, and made bona fide, in accordance with the policy of the law, or are they only colorable, and made for the purpose of fraud and speculation? Simpson v. Robinson, 37 Ark. 137.

In the law of patents. An addition to, or modification of, a previous invention or discovery, intended or claimed to increase its utility or value. See 2 Kent, Comm. 360-372. And see Gelsier Mfg. Co. v. Frick Co. (C. C.) 92 Fed. 191; Jollet Mfg. Co. v. Dice, 105 Ill. 650; Schwarzwelder v. Detroit (C. C.) 77 Fed. 591; Reese's Appeal, 122 Pa. 392, 15 Atl. 807; Rheem v. Holliday, 16 Pa. 352; Allison Bros. Co. v. Allison, 144 N. Y. 21, 38 N. E. 966.

_LOCAL IMPROVEMENT._ By common usage, especially by the practice of courts and text-writers, the term "local improvements" is employed as signifying improvements made in a particular locality, by which the real property adjoining or near such locality is specially benefited, such as the improvement of highways, grading, paving, curbing, laying sewers, etc. Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Decatur, 154 Ill. 173, 38 N. E. 628; Rogers v. St. Paul, 22 Minn. 507; Crane v. Sioux Springs, 57 Ark. 30, 25 S. W. 955; New York L. Ins. Co. v. Prest (C. C.) 71 Fed. 816.

IMPROVEMENTS. A term used in leases, of doubtful meaning. It would seem to apply principally to buildings, though generally it extends to the amelioration of every description of property, whether real or personal; but, when contained in any document, its meaning is generally explained by other words. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 174.

IMPROVEMENTS, as used in a statute excluding one found incompetent to execute the duties of an administrator by reason of improvidence, means that want of care and foresight in the management of property which would be likely to render the estate and effects of the intestate unsafe, and liable to be lost or diminished in value, in case the administration should be committed to the improvident person. Coope v. Lowerre, 1 Barb. Ch. (N. Y.) 45.

IMPROVIDENTLY. A judgment, decree, rule, injunction, etc., when given or rendered without adequate consideration by the court, or without proper information as to all the circumstances affecting it, or based upon a mistaken assumption or misleading information or advice, is sometimes said to have been "improvidently" given or issued.

IMPRUARE. In old records. To improve land. _Impraudementum_, the improvement so made of it. Cowell.

IMPUBES, Lat. In the civil law. A minor under the age of puberty; a male under fourteen years of age; a female under twelve. Calvin; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 188.

IMPULSE. As to "irresistible" or " uncontrollable" impulse, see INSANITY.

Impunitas continua affectum tribuit delinquendi. 4 Coke, 45. Impunity confirms the disposition to commit crime.

Impunitas semper ad deteriora invitat. 5 Coke, 109. Impunity always invites to greater crimes.

IMPUNITY. Exemption or protection from penalty or punishment. Dillon v. Rogers, 23 Tex. 153.

IMPUTATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Legal liability.

IMPUTATION OF PAYMENT. In the civil law. The application of a payment made by a debtor to his creditor.
IMPUTED. As used in legal phrases, this word means attributed vicariously; that is, an act, fact, or quality is said to be "imputed" to a person when it is ascribed or charged to him, not because he is personally cognizant of it or responsible for it, but because another person is, over whom he has control or for whose acts or knowledge he is responsible.

—Imputed knowledge. This phrase is sometimes used as equivalent to "implied notice," i.e., knowledge attributed or charged to a person (often contrary to the fact) because the facts in question were open to his discovery and it was his duty to inform himself as to them. See Roche v. Llewellyn Iron Works Co., 140 Cal. 563, 74 Pac. 147.—Imputed notice. Information as to a given fact or circumstance charged or attributed to a person, and affecting his rights or conduct, on the ground that actual notice was given to some person whose duty was to report it to the person to be affected, as, his agent or his attorney of record.

—Imputed negligence. Negligence which is not directly attributable to the person himself, but which is the negligence of a person who is in privity with him, and with whose fault he is chargeable. Smith v. Railroad Co., 4 App. Div. 403, 32 N. Y. Supp. 600.

IN. In the law of real estate, this preposition has always been used to denote the fact of seisin, title, or possession, and apparently serves as an elliptical expression for some such phrase as "in possession," or as an abbreviation for "entitled" or "invested with title." Thus, in the old books, a tenant is said to be "in by lease of his lessor." Litt. § 82.

IN ACTION. Attainable or recoverable by action; not in possession. A term applied to property of which a party has not the possession, but only a right to recover it by action. Things in action are rights of personal things, which nevertheless are not in possession. See CHOICE IN ACTION.

IN ADVERSUM. Against an adverse, unwilling, or resisting party. "A decree not by consent, but in adversum." 3 Story, 318.

In sedes eis lapis male postus non est removendus. 11 Coke, 60. A stone badly placed in buildings is not to be removed.

IN AQUA MANU. In equal hand. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 14, § 2.

IN AQUALI JURE. In equal right; on an equality in point of right.

In aequali jure mellior est conditio possidentis. In [a case of] equal right the condition of the party in possession is the better. Plowd. 296; Broom, Max. 713.

IN AQUALI MANU. In equal hand; held equally or indifferently between two parties. Where an instrument was deposited by the parties to it in the hands of a third person, to keep on certain conditions, it was said to be held in aquali manu. Reg. Orig. 28.

IN ALIENO SOLO. In another's land. 2 Steph. Comm. 20.

IN ALIO LOCO. In another place.

In alta predictione nullus potest esse accessorius sed principalis solummodo. 3 Inst. 138. In high treason no one can be an accessory but only principal.

In alternativus electio est debitoris. In alternatives the debtor has the election.

In ambigua voce legis ea potius accipienda est significatio quam vitio caret, presentem cum etiam voluntas legis ex hoc colligi possit. In an ambiguous expression of law, that signification is to be preferred which is consonant with equity, especially when the spirit of the law can be collected from that. Dig. 1, 8, 19; Broom, Max. 576.

In ambigua casibus semper presumitur pro rege. In doubtful cases the presumption is always in favor of the king.

In ambiguis orationibus maximse sententiae spectanda est ejus qui eas protralisse. In ambiguous expressions, the intention of the person using them is chiefly to be regarded. Dig. 50, 17, 90; Broom, Max. 597.

In Anglia non est interregnum. In England there is no interregnum. Jenk. Cent. 205; Broom, Max. 50.

IN APERTA LUCE. In open daylight; in the day-time. 9 Coke, 65b.

IN APICIBUS JURIS. Among the subtleties or extreme doctrines of the law. 1 Kames, Eq. 190. See APICIBUS.

IN ARBITRIUM JUDICIS. At the pleasure of the judge.

IN ARCTA ET SALVA CUSTODIA. In close and safe custody. 3 Bl. Comm. 415.

IN ARTICULO. In a moment; immediately. Cod. 1, 34, 2.

IN ARTICULO MORTIS. In the article of death; at the point of death. Jackson v. Vredenburgh, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 159.

In atrocioribus delictis punitur affectus licet non sequatur effectus. 2 Rolle R. 82. In more atrocious crimes the intent is punished, though an effect does not follow.

IN AUTRE DROIT. L. Fr. In another's right. As representing another. An ex-
ecutor, administrator, or trustee sues in autre droit.

IN BANCO. In bank; in the bench. A term applied to proceedings in the court in bank, as distinguished from proceedings at nisi prius. Also, in the English court of common bench.

IN BEING. In existence or life at a given moment of time, as, in the phrase "life or lives in being" in the rule against perpetuities. An unborn child may, in some circumstances be considered as "in being." Phillips v. Herron, 55 Ohio St. 478, 45 N. E. 720; Hone v. Van Schalk, 3 Barb. Ch. (N. Y.) 509.

IN BLANK. A term applied to the indorsement of a bill or note where it consists merely of the indorser's name, without restriction to any particular indorsee. 2 Steph. Comm. 164.

IN BONIS. Among the goods or property; in actual possession. Inst. 4, 2, 2. In bonis defuncti, among the goods of the deceased.

IN BULK. As a whole; as an entirety, without division into items or physical separation in packages or parcels. Standard OIl Co. v. Com., 119 Ky. 75, 82 S. W. 1022; Fitz Henry v. Munter, 33 Wash. 629, 74 Pac. 1003; State v. Smith, 114 Mo. 180, 21 S. W. 493.

IN CAMERA. In chambers; in private. A cause is said to be heard in camera either when the hearing is had before the judge in his private room or when all spectators are excluded from the court-room.

IN CAPITA. To the heads; by heads or polls. Persons succeed to an inheritance in capita when they individually take equal shares. So challenges to individual jurors are challenges in capite, as distinguished from challenges to the array.

IN CAPITE. In chief. 2 Bl. Comm. 80. Tenure in capite was a holding directly from the king.

IN CASU EXTREMUS. Necessitas omnium sunt communia. Hale, P. C. 54. In cases of extreme necessity, everything is in common.

IN CASU PROVISO. In a (or the) case provided. In tali caso edictum et provisum, in such case made and provided. Townsh. Pl. 164, 165.

IN CAUSA. In the cause, as distinguished from in initialibus, (q. v.) A term in Scotch practice. 1 Brown, Ch. 232.

IN CHIEF. Principal; primary; directly obtained. A term applied to the evidence obtained from a witness upon his examination in court by the party producing him.

IN CIVILIBUS MINISTERIUM EXCUSAT, IN CRIMINALIBUS NON ITEM. In civil matters agency (or service) excuses, but not so in criminal matters. Looff, 228; Tray. Lat. Max. 243.

IN CLARIS NON EST LOCUS CONJECUTURIA. In things obvious there is no room for conjecture.

IN COMMENDAM. In commendation; as a commended living. 1 Bl. Comm. 393. See COMMENDA.

A term applied in Louisiana to a limited partnership, answering to the French "en commandite." Civil Code La. art. 2510.

IN COMMODO HAC PACTIO, NON DOLUS PRESTETUR, RATA NON EST. In the contract of loan, a stipulation not to be liable for fraud is not valid. Dig. 13, 7, 17, pr.

IN COMMON. Shared in respect to title, use, or enjoyment, without partition or division into individual parts; held by several for the equal advantage, use, or enjoyment of all. See Hewitt v. Jewell, 59 Iowa, 37, 12 N. W. 738; Chambers v. Harrington, 111 U. S. 350, 4 Sup. Ct. 428, 28 L. Ed. 452; Walker v. Dunshee, 38 Pa. 439.

IN COMMUNI. In common. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 4, § 2.

IN CONJUNCTIVIS, OPERET UTRAMQUE PARTEM ESE VERAM. In conjunctives it is necessary that each part be true. Wing, Max. 13, max. 9. In a condition consisting of divers parts in the copulative, both parts must be performed.

IN CONSIDERATIONE INDE. In consideration thereof. 3 Salk. 64, pl. 5.

IN CONSIDERATIONE LEGIS. In consideration or contemplation of law; in abeyance. Dyer, 1029.

IN CONSIDERATIONE PREMISSORUM. In consideration of the premises. 1 Strange, 535.

IN CONSUMIILL CASU, CONSIMILE DEBIT ESE REMEDII. Hardr. 65. In similar cases the remedy should be similar.

IN CONSPECTU EJUS. In his sight or view. 12 Mod. 95.

In consuetudinibus, non disturnitus temporis sed soliditas rationum est consideranda. In customs, not length of time,
but solidity of reason, is to be considered. Co. Litt. 141a. The antiquity of a custom is to be less regarded than its reasonableness.

IN CONTINENTI. Immediately; without any interval or intermission. Calvin. Sometimes written as one word "incontinent."

In contractibus, benigna; in testamen-
tis, benignior; in restitutionibus, be-
ignissima interpretatio facienda est. Co. Litt. 112. In contracts, the interpretation is to be liberal; in wills, more liberal; in restitutions, most liberal.

In contractibus, rei veritas potius quam scriptura perspicet debet. In contracts, the truth of the matter ought to be regarded rather than the writing. Cod. 4, 22, 1.

In contractibus, tacito insunt [ven-
unt] que sunt moris et consuetudinis. In contracts, matters of custom and usage are tacitly implied. A contract is understood to contain the customary clauses, although they are not expressed. Story, Bills, § 143; 3 Kent, Comm. 260, note; Broom, Max. 842.

In contrahenda venditione, ambiguum pactum contra venditorem interpretandum est. In the contract of sale, an ambiguous agreement is to be interpreted against the seller. Dig. 50, 17, 172. See Id. 18, 1, 21.

In conventio, in contractibus, ubi verba spectari possunt. In agreements, the intention of the contracting parties, rather than the words used, should be regarded. Broom, Max. 551; Jackson v. Wilkinson, 17 Johns. (N. Y.) 150.

IN CORPORE. In body or substance; in a material thing or object.

IN CUSTODIA LEGIS. In the custody or keeping of the law. 2 Steph. Comm. 74.

IN DELICTO. In fault. See in PARI DELICTO, etc.

IN DIEM. For a day; for the space of a day. Calvin.

In dissociatis sufficit alteram partem esse veram. In dissociatives it is sufficient that either part be true. Where a condition is in the dissociative, it is sufficient if either part be performed. Wing. Max. 12, max. 9; Broom, Max. 592; 7 East, 272.

IN DOMINICO. In demesne. In do-
minico suo ut de feodo, in his demesne as of

fee.

IN DORSO. On the back. 2 Bl. Comm. 468; 2 Steph. Comm. 194. In doro recordi, on the back of the record. 5 Coke, 45. Hence the English indorse, indorsement, etc.

In dubii, benigniora preferenda sunt. In doubtful cases, the more favorable views are to be preferred; the more liberal interpretation is to be followed. Dig. 50, 17, 56; 2 Kent, Comm. 557.

In dubii, magis dignum est accipi-
endum. Branch, Princ. In doubtful cases, the more worthy is to be accepted.

In dubii, non presumitur pro testa-
mente. In cases of doubt, the presumption is not in favor of a will. Branch, Princ. But see Cro. Car. 51.

IN DUBIO. In doubt; in a state of un-
certainty, or in a doubtful case.

In dubio, hae legis constructio quam verba ostendunt. In a case of doubt, that is the construction of the law which the words indicate. Branch, Princ.

In dubio, pars mitior est sequenda. In doubt, the milder course is to be followed.

In dubio, sequendum quod tutius est. In doubt, the safer course is to be adopted.

IN DUPLO. In double. Damnum in du-
plio, double damages. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 10, § 1.

IN EADEM CAUSA. In the same state or condition. Calvin.

IN EMULATONEM VICINI. In envy or hatred of a neighbor. Where an act is
done, or action brought, solely to hurt or distress another, it is said to be in emulatit"-
"sect widini. 1 Kames, Eq. 56.

In eo quod plus sit, semper intest et
minus. In the greater is always included
the less also. Dig. 50, 17, 110.

In EQUITY. In a court of equity, as
distinguished from a court of law; in the
purview, consideration, or contemplation of equity;
according to the doctrines of equity.

In ESSE. In being. Actually existing.
Distinguished from in posse, which means
"that which is not, but may be." A child
before birth is in posse; after birth, in esse.

In EVIDENCE. Included in the evidence
already adduced. The "facts in evidence"
are such as have already been proved in
the cause.

In EXCAMBIO. In exchange. Formal
words in old deeds of exchange.

In EXITU. In issue. De materia in
exitu, of the matter in issue. 12 Mod. 372.

In expositione instrumentorum, mala
grammatica, quod fieri potest, vitanda
est. In the construction of instruments,
bad grammar is to be avoided as much as
possible. 6 Coke, 39; 2 Pars. Cont. 20.

In EXTENSO. In extension; at full
length; from beginning to end, leaving out
nothing.

In EXTREMIS. In extremity; in the
last extremity; in the last illness. 2 Bl.
Comm. 375, 500; Prince v. Hazleton, 20
in extremis, being in extremity. Bract. fol.
372b. Declarations in extremis, dying decla-
"rations. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 159; Wilson v.
Boerem, 15 Johns. (N. Y.) 236.

In FACIE CURIE. In the face of the

In FACIE ECCLESIE. In the face of
the church. A term applied in the law of
England to marriages, which are required to
be solemnized in a parish church or public
chapel, unless by dispensation or license. 1

In FORMA PAUPERIS. In the charac-
ter or manner of a pauper. Describes per-
mission given to a poor person to sue without
liability for costs.

In FORO. In a (or the) forum, court, or
tribunal.

In FORO CREDITORUM. In fraud of creditors; with intent to defraud creditors. Inst. 1, 6, pr. 5.

In FORO LICITI. In fraud of the
law. 3 Bl. Comm. 94. With the intent or
view of evading the law. Jackson v. Jack-
son, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 424, 432.
IN FULL. Relating to the whole or full amount; as a receipt in full. Compleat; giving all details. Bard v. Wood, 8 Metc. (Mass.) 75.

IN FULL LIFE. Continuing in both physical and civil existence; that is, neither actually dead nor civiliter mortuus.

IN FUTURO. In future; at a future time; the opposite of in præsent. 2 Bl. Comm. 166, 175.

IN GENERALE PASSAGIO. In the general passage; that is, on the journey to Palestine with the general company or body of Crusaders. This term was of frequent occurrence in the old law of essoals, as a means of accounting for the absence of the party, and was distinguished from simplex passagium, which meant that he was performing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land alone.


IN GENEERE. In kind; in the same genus or class; the same in quantity and quality, but not individually the same. In the Roman law, things which may be given or restored in genere are distinguished from such as must be given or restored in specie; that is, identically. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 161.

IN GREGIO LEGIS. In the bosom of the law; in the protection of the law; in abeyance. 1 Coke, 131a; T. Raym. 319.

IN GROSS. In a large quantity or sum; without division or particulars; by wholesale. Green v. Taylor, 10 Fed. Cas. No. 1,123.

At large; not annexed to or dependent upon another thing. Common in gross is such as is neither appendant nor appurtenant to land, but is annexed to a man's person. 2 Bl. Comm. 84.

IN HAEC PARTE. In this behalf; on this side.

IN HEC VERBA. In these words; in the same words.

In hæredes non solent transire actiones quas pœnales ex malefacio sunt. 2 Inst. 442. Penal actions arising from anything of a criminal nature do not pass to heirs.

In his quæ sunt favorabilia animæ, quamvis sunt damnosa rebus, stat aliquando extensio statutii. In things that are favorable to the spirit, though injurious to property, an extension of the statute should sometimes be made. 10 Coke, 101.

In his quæ de jure communis omnibus concedatur, constutudo alius juris patriæ vel loe non est allegenda. 11 Coke, 85. In those things which by common right are conceded to all, the custom of a particular district or place is not to be alleged.

In hoc. In this; in respect to this.

In isdem terminis. In the same terms. 9 East, 487.

IN INDIVIDUO. In the distinct, identical, or individual form; in specie. Story, Ballm. § 97.

IN INFINITUM. Infinitely; indefinitely. Imports indefinite succession or continuance.

IN INITIALIBUS. In the preliminaries. A term in Scotch practice, applied to the preliminary examination of a witness as to the following points: Whether he knows the parties, or hears ill will to either of them, or has received any reward or promise of reward for what he may say, or can lose or gain by the cause, or has been told by any person what to say. If the witness answer these questions satisfactorily, he is then examined in causa, in the cause. Bell. Dict. "Evidence."

In initio. In or at the beginning. In initio litis, at the beginning, or in the first stage of the suit. Bract. fol. 400.

IN INTEGRUM. To the original or former state. Calvin.

IN INVIDIAM. To excite a prejudice.

IN INVITUM. Against an unwilling party; against one not assenting. A term applied to proceedings against an adverse party, to which he does not consent.

In ipsis fauces. In the very throat or entrance. In ipsis fauces of a port, actually entering a port. 1 C. Rob. Adm. 233, 234.

In itinere. In eye; on a journey or circuit. In old English law, the justices in itinere (or in eye) were those who made a circuit through the kingdom once in seven years for the purposes of trying causes. 3 Bl. Comm. 68. In course of transportation; on the way; not delivered to the vendee. In this sense the phrase is equivalent to "in transitu."

In judgment. In a court of justice; in a seat of judgment. Lord Hales is called "one of the greatest and best men who ever sat in judgment." 1 East, 306.
In judiciis, minori stati suocurritur. In courts or judicial proceedings, infancy is aided or favored. Jenk. Cent. 46, case 89.

In JUDICIO. In Roman law. In the course of an actual trial; before a judge, (judece.) A cause, during its preparatory stages, conducted before the prætor, was said to be in jure; in its second stage, after it had been sent to a judece for trial, it was said to be in judicio.

In judicio non creditur nisi juratis. Cro. Car. 64. In a trial, credence is given only to those who are sworn.

In JURE. In law; according to law. In the Roman practice, the procedure in an action was divided into two stages. The first was said to be in jure; it took place before the prætor, and included the formal and introductory part and the settlement of questions of law. The second stage was committed to the judece, and comprised the investigation and trial of the facts; this was said to be in judicio.

In JURE ALTERIUS. In another's right. Hale, Anal. § 26.

In jure, non remota causa sed proxima spectatur. Bac. Max. reg. 1. In law, the proximate, and not the remote, cause is regarded.

In JURE PROPRIO. In one's own right. Hale, Anal. § 26.

In JUS VOCARE. To call, cite, or summon to court. Inst. 4, 16, 3; Calvin. In jus vocando, summoning to court. 3 Bl. Comm. 279.

In KIND. In the same kind, class, or genus. A loan is returned “in kind” when not the identical article, but one corresponding and equivalent to it, is given to the lender. See in GENERE.

In LAW. In the intendment, contemplation, or inference of the law; implied or inferred by law; existing in law or by force of law. See in FACT.

In LECTO MORTALI. On the deathbed. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 28, § 12.

In LIMINE. On or at the threshold; at the very beginning; preliminarily.

In LITEM. For a suit; to the suit. Greenl. Ev. § 348.

In LOC. In place; in lieu; instead; in the place or stead. Townsh. Pl. 38.

In LOCO PARENTIS. In the place of a parent; instead of a parent; charged, factually, with a parent's rights, duties, and responsibilities. Wetherby v. Dixon, 19 Ves. 412; Brinkerhoff v. Merselis, 24 N. J. Law. 683; Capek v. Kropik, 129 Ill. 509, 21 N. E. 836.

In major summa continetur minor. 5 Coke, 115. In the greater sum is contained the less.

In MAJOREM CAULEAM. For greater security. 1 Strange, 105; arg.

In MALAM PARTEM. In a bad sense, so as to wear an evil appearance.

In maleficis voluntas spectatur, non exitus. In evil deeds regard must be had to the intention, and not to the result. Dig. 48, 8, 14; Broom, Max. 324.

In maleficium, ratibus dicto mandato comparatur. In a case of malfeasance, ratification is equivalent to command. Dig. 50, 17, 132, 2.

In maxima potentia minima licentia. In the greatest power there is the least freedom. Hob. 150.

In MEDIAS RES. Into the heart of the subject, without preface or introduction.

In MEDIO. Intermediate. A term applied, in Scotch practice, to a fund held between parties litigant.

In mercibus illis etiam non sit commercium. There should be no commerce in illicit or prohibited goods. 3 Kent, Comm. 262, note.

In MERCY. To be in mercy is to be at the discretion of the king, lord, or judge in respect to the imposition of a fine or other punishment.

In MISERICORDIA. The entry on the record where a party was in mercy was, "ideo in misericordia," etc. Sometimes “misericordia” means the being quit of all amercements.

In MITIORI SENSI. In the milder sense; in the less aggravated acceptance. In actions of slander, it was formerly the rule that, if the words alleged would admit of two constructions, they should be taken in the less injurious and defamatory sense, or in mitiori sensu.

In MODUM ASSISÆ. In the manner or form of an assise. Bract. fol. 183b. In modum jurata, in manner of a jury. Id. fol. 181b.

In MORA. In default; literally, in delay. In the civil law, a borrower who omits
or refuses to return the thing loaned at the proper time is said to be in mora. Story, Ballm. §§ 234, 239.

In Scotch law. A creditor who has begun without completing diligence necessary for attaching the property of his debtor is said to be in mora. Bell.

In mortua manu. Property owned by religious societies was said to be held in mortua manu, or in mortmain, since religious men were civiliter mortui. 1 Bl. Comm. 479; Tayl. Gloss.

In nomine dei, amen. In the name of God, Amen. A solemn introduction, anciently used in wills and many other instruments. The translation is often used in wills at the present day.

In notis. In the notes.

In novo casu, novum remedium apponendum est. 2 Inst. 3. A new remedy is to be applied to a new case.

In nubibus. In the clouds; in abeyance; in custody of law. In nubibus, in mare, in terris, vel in custodia legis, in the air, sea, or earth, or in the custody of the law. Tayl. Gloss. In case of abeyance, the inheritance is ambiguously said to rest in nubibus, or in preempta legis.

In nullius bonis. Among the goods or property of no person; belonging to no person, as treasure-trove and wreck were anciently considered.

In nullo est erratum. In nothing is there error. The name of the common plea or joinder in error, denying the existence of error in the record or proceedings: which is in the nature of a demurrer, and at once refers the matter of law arising thereon to the judgment of the court. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1173; Booth v. Com., 7 Metc. (Mass.) 285, 287.

In obscura voluntate manumittentis, favendum est libertati. Where the expression of the will of one who seeks to unmanumit a slave is ambiguous, liberty is to be favored. Dig. 50, 17, 179.

In obscuris, inspici solere quod verissimilius est, aut quod plerunque fieri solet. In obscure cases, we usually look at what is most probable, or what most commonly happens. Dig. 50, 17, 114.

In obscuris, quod minimum est sequimus. In obscure or doubtful cases, we follow that which is the least. Dig. 60, 17, 9; 2 Kent, Comm. 557.


In odium spoliatoris omnis presumption. To the prejudice (in condemnation) of a despoiler all things are presumed; every presumption is made against a wrongdoer. 1 Vern. 452.

In omni actione ubi dux concurrent districtiones, videlicet, in rem et in personam, illa districtio tenenda est que magis timeatur et magis ligaret. In every action where two distresses concur, that is, in rem and in personam, that is to be chosen which is most dreaded, and which binds most firmly. Bract. fol. 372; Fleta, l. 6, c. 14, § 28.

In omni re nascitur res quam ipsam rem exterrinit. In everything there arises a thing which destroys the thing itself. Everything contains the element of its own destruction. 2 Inst. 15.

In omnibus. In all things; on all points. "A case parallel in omnibus." 10 Mod. 104.

In omnibus contractibus, sive nominatis sive innominatis, perpetuo continetur. In all contracts, whether nominate or innominate, an exchange of value, or, a consideration, is implied. Gravin. lib. 2, § 12; 2 Bl. Comm. 444, note.

In omnibus obligationibus in quibus dies non positur, praesenti die debetur. In all obligations in which a date is not put, the debt is due on the present day; the liability accrues immediately. Dig. 50, 17, 14.

In omnibus [fere] penalibus judiciis, et statu et imprudentiae succurratur. In nearly all penal judgments, immaturity of age and imbecility of mind are favored. Dig. 50, 17, 108; Broom, Max. 314.

In omnibus quidem, maxime tamen in jure, sequitas spectanda sit. In all things, but especially in law, equity is to be regarded. Dig. 50, 17, 90; Story, Ballm. § 257.

In pacato solo. In a country which is at peace.

In pace dei et regis. In the peace of God and the king. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 31, § 8 Formal words in old appeals of murder.

In pais. This phrase, as applied to a legal transaction, primarily means that it has taken place without legal proceedings. Thus a widow was said to make a request in pais for her dower when she simply applied to the heir without issuing a writ. (Co. Litt. 329.) So conveyances are divided into those by matter of record and those by mat-
for the purpose of declaring and settling a
thing forever. 1 Bl. Comm. 36.

IN PERSON. A party, plaintiff or de-
fendant, who sues out a writ or other pro-
cess, or appears to conduct his case in court
himself, instead of through a solicitor or
counsel, is said to act and appear in person.

IN PERSONAM, IN REM. In the Ro-
man law, from which they are taken, the ex-
pressions "in rem" and "in personam" were
always opposed to one another, an act or
proceeding in personam being one done di-
rected against or with reference to a spe-
cific person, while an act or proceeding in
rem was one done or directed with refer-
ence to no specific person, and consequently
against or with reference to all whom it
might concern, or "all the world." The
phrases were especially applied to actions;
an actio in personam being the remedy where
a claim against a specific person arose out
of an obligation, whether ex contractu or ex
malefacto, while an actio in rem was one
brought for the assertion of a right of prop-
erty, easement, status, etc., against one
who denied or infringed it. See Inst. 4, 6, 1;
Gaius, 4, 1, 1–10; 5 Sav. Syst. 13, et seq.;
Dig. 2, 4, 7, 8; id. 4, 2, 9, 1.

From this use of the terms, they have
come to be applied to signify the antithesis of
"available against a particular person," and
"available against the world at large." Thus,
Jura in personam are rights primarily
available against specific persons; jura in
rem, rights only available against the world
at large.

So a judgment or decree is said to be in
rem when it binds third persons. Such is
the sentence of a court of admiralty on a
question of prize, or a decree of nullity or
dissolution of marriage, or a decree of a
court in a foreign country as to the status
of a person domiciled there.

Lastly, the terms are sometimes used to
signify that a judicial proceeding operates
on a thing or a person. Thus, it is said of
the court of chancery that it acts in perso-
am, and not in rem, meaning that its de-
crees operate by compelling defendants to
do what they are ordered to do, and not by
producing the effect directly. Sweet. See
Cross v. Armstrong, 44 Ohio St. 613, 10 N.
E. 160; Cunningham v. Shanklin, 60 Cal.
125; Hill v. Heury, 66 N. J. Eq. 150, 57 Atl.
555.

In personam actio est, qua cum eo
agimus qui obligatus est nobis ad faci-
endum aliquid vel dandum. The action
in personam is that by which we sue him
who is under obligation to us to do some-
thing or give something. Dig. 44, 7, 25;
Bract. 1015.

IN PIOS USUS. For pious uses; for re-
ligious purposes. 2 Bl. Comm. 505.
IN PLACE. In mining law, rock or mineralized matter is "in place" when remaining as nature placed it, that is, unsevered from the circumjacent rock, or which is fixed solid and immovable in the form of a vein or lode. See Williams v. Gibson, 84 Ala. 228, 4 South. 350, 5 Am. St. Rep. 365; Stevens v. Williams, 23 Fed. Cas. 44; Tabor v. Dexter, 23 Fed. Cas. 615; Leadville Co. v. Fitzgerald, 15 Fed. Cas. 99; Jones v. Prospect Mountain Tunnel Co., 21 Nev. 339, 31 Pac. 645.


IN PLENO COMITATU. In full county court. 3 Bl. Comm. 36.

IN PLENO LUMINE. In public; in common knowledge; in the light of day.

In postulatis causa benignius interpretandum est. In penal causes or cases, the more favorable interpretation should be adopted. Dig. 50, 17, (197), 155, 2; Plowd. 863, 124; 2 Hale, P. C. 365.

IN POSSE. In possibility; not in actual existence. See In Essx.

IN POTESTATE PARENTIS. In the power of a parent. Inst. 1, 8, pr.; Id. 1, 9; 2 Bl. Comm. 406.

IN PRÆMISSORUM FIDEM. In confirmation or attestation of the premises. A notarial phrase.

In preparatorio ad judicium favetur actori. 2 Inst. 57. In things preceding judgment the plaintiff is favored.


In praesentia majoris potestatis, minor potestas cessat. In the presence of the superior power, the inferior power ceases. Jenk. Cent. 214, c. 53. The less authority is merged in the greater. Broom, Max. 111.

IN PRENDER. L. Fr. In taking. A term applied to such incorporeal hereditaments as a party entitled to them was to take for himself; such as common. 2 Steph. Comm. 23; 3 Bl. Comm. 15.

In pretio emptionis et venditionis, naturaliter licet contraentibus se circumvenire. In the price of buying and selling, it is naturally allowed to the contracting parties to overreach each other. 1 Story, Cont. 606.

IN PRIMIS. In the first place. A phrase used in argument.

IN PRINCIPIO. At the beginning.

IN PROMPTU. In readiness; at hand.

In propria causa nemo judex. No one can be judge in his own cause. 12 Coke, 13.

IN PROPRIA PERSONA. In one's own proper person.

In quo quis delinquit, in eo de jure est puniendus. In whatever thing one offends, in that is he rightfully to be punished. Co. Litt. 238b; Wing. Max. 204, max. 58. The punishment shall have relation to the nature of the offense.

IN RE. In the affair; in the matter of. This is the usual method of entitling a judicial proceeding in which there are not adversary parties, but merely some res concerning which judicial action is to be taken, such as a bankrupt's estate, an estate in the probate court, a proposed public highway, etc. It is also sometimes used as a designation of a proceeding where one party makes an application on his own behalf, but such proceedings are more usually entitled "Ex parte _________."

In re communi neminem dominorum jure facere quæcumque, invito altero, posse. One co-proprietor can exercise no authority over the common property against the will of the other. Dig. 10, 3, 28.

In re communi potior est conditio prohibentia. In a partnership the condition of one who forbids is the more favorable.

In re dubia, benigniorem interpretationis sequi, non minus justius est quam tuitus. In a doubtful matter, to follow the more liberal interpretation is not less the juster than the safer course. Dig. 50, 17, 192, 1.

In re dubia, magis insecutio quam affirmatio intelligenda. In a doubtful matter, the denial or negative is to be understood, [or regarded,] rather than the affirmative. Godb. 37.

In re lupanarii, testes lupanares admittentur. In a matter concerning a brothel, prostitutes are admitted as witnesses. Van Epps v. Van Epps, 6 Barb. (N. Y.) 320, 324.

In re pari potiore causam esse prohibentia constat. In a thing equally shared [by several] it is clear that the party refusing [to permit the use of it] has the better cause. Dig. 10, 3, 28. A maxim applied
to partnerships, where one partner has a right to withhold his assent to the acts of his copartner. 3 Kent, Comm. 45.

In re propria iniquum admodum est aliqui licentiam tribuere sententiae. It is extremely unjust that any one should be judge in his own cause.

In robus manifestis, errat qui authoritates legitimae allegat; qua perspicuas vera non sunt probanda. In clear cases, he mistakes who cites legal authorities; for obvious truths are not to be proved. 5 Coke, 67a. Applied to cases too plain to require the support of authority; "because," says the report, "he who endeavors to prove them obscures them."

In robus quae sunt favorabiles animo, quamvis sint damnosae rebus, sit aliquando extensioni statutum. 10 Coke, 101. In things that are favorable to the spirit, though injurious to things, an extension of a statute should sometimes be made.

IN REM. A technical term used to designate proceedings or actions instituted against the thing, in contradistinction to personal actions, which are said to be in persona. See IN PERSONAM.

It is true that, in a strict sense, a proceeding in rem is one taken directly against property, and has for its object the disposition of property, without reference to the title of individual claimants; but, in a larger and more general sense, the terms are applied to actions between parties, where the direct object is to reach and dispose of property owned by them, or of some interest therein. Such are cases commenced by attachment against the property of debtors, or instituted to partition real estate, foreclose a mortgage, or enforce a lien. So far as they affect property in this state, they are substantially proceedings in rem in the broader sense which we have mentioned. Pennoyer v. Neff, 96 U. S. 734, 24 L. Ed. 565.

—Quasi in rem. A term applied to proceedings which are not strictly and purely in rem, but are brought against the defendant personally, though the real object is to deal with particular property or subject property to the discharge of claims asserted; for example, foreign attachment, or proceedings to foreclose a mortgage, remove a cloud from title, or effect a partition. See Freeman v. Alderson, 119 U. S. 187, 7 Sup. Ct. 163, 30 L. Ed. 372; Hill v. Henry, 66 N. J. Eq. 150, 57 Atl. 553.

In rem actio est per quam rem nostram qua ab aliis posse detur petimus, et semper adversus eum est qui rem possidet. The action in rem is that by which we seek our property which is possessed by another, and is always against him who possesses the property. Dig. 44, 7, 25; Bract. fol. 102.

IN RENDER. A thing is said to lie in render when it must be rendered or given by the tenant; as rent. It is said to lie in prender when it consists in the right in the lord or other person to take something.

In republica maxime conservanda sunt jura bellii. In a state the laws of war are to be especially upheld. 2 Inst. 58.

IN RERUM NATURA. In the nature of things; in the realm of actuality; in existence. In a dilatory plea, an allegation that the plaintiff is not in rerum natura is equivalent to averring that the person named is fictitious. 3 Bl. Comm. 301. In the civil law the phrase is applied to things. Inst. 2, 20, 7.

In restitutionem, non in possum hares succedit. The heir succeeds to the restitution, not to the penalty. An heir may be compelled to make restitution of a sum unlawfully appropriated by the ancestor, but is not answerable criminally, as for a penalty. 2 Inst. 198.

In restitutionibus benignissimae interpretationis facienda est. Co. Litt. 112. The most benign interpretation is to be made in restitutions.

In satisfactionibus non permititur amplius fieri quam semel factum est. In payments, more must not be received than has been received once for all. 9 Coke, 53.

IN SCRINIO JUDICIS. In the writing-case of the judge; among the judge's papers. "That is a thing that rests in scrinio judicis, and does not appear in the body of the decree." Hardr. 51.

IN SEPARALI. In several; in severalty. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 54, § 20.

IN SIMILI MATERIA. Dealing with the same or a kindred subject-matter.

IN SIMPLICI PEREGRINATIONE. In simple pilgrimage. Bract. fol. 338. A phrase in the old law of escouins. See IN GENERALI PASSAIO.

IN SOLIDO. In the civil law. For the whole; as a whole. An obligation in solido is one where each of the several obligors is liable for the whole; that is, it is joint and several. Henderson v. Wadsworth, 115 U. S. 204, 6 Sup. Ct. 140, 29 L. Ed. 377. Possession in solido is exclusive possession.

When several persons obligate themselves to the obligee by the terms "in solido," or use any other expressions which clearly show that they intend that each one shall be separately bound to perform the whole of the obligation, it is called an "obligation in solido" on the part of the obligors. Ctv. Code La. art. 2082.

IN SOLIDUM. For the whole. At plurum sint adejudicata, quotquot sunt numero, singuli in solidum tinctur, if there
be several sureties, however numerous they may be, they are individually bound for the whole debt. Inst. 3, 21, 4. *In parte suo in solidum*, for a part or for the whole. Id. 4, 1, 16. See Id. 4, 6, 20; Id. 4, 7, 2.

**IN SOLO.** In the soil or ground. *In solo alieno*, in another's ground. *In solo proprio*, in one's own ground. 2 Steph. Comm. 20.

**IN SPECIE.** Specific; specifically. Thus, to decree performance in *specie* is to decree specific performance.

In kind; in the same or like form. A thing is said to exist in *specie* when it retains its existence as a distinct individual of a particular class.

**IN STATU QUO.** In the condition in which it was. See *Status Quo*.

In *stipulationibus omnium queritur quid actum sit verba contra stipulatum interpretanda sunt*. In the construction of agreements words are interpreted against the person using them. Thus, the construction of the *stipulatum* is against the stipulator, and the construction of the *promissio* against the promisor. Dig. 45, 1, 38, 18; Broom, Max. 599.

In *stipulationibus, id temporis spectatur quo contrahimus*. In stipulations, the time when we contract is regarded. Dig. 50, 17, 144, 1.

**IN STIRPES.** In the law of intestate succession. According to the roots or stocks; by representation; as distinguished from succession per *capita*. See *Per Stirpes*; *Per Capita*.

**IN SUBSIDIUM.** In aid.

_in suo quiesque negotio hebectior est quam in alieno._ Every one is more dull in his own business than in another's.

**IN TANTUM.** In so much; so much; so far; so greatly. Reg. Orig. 97, 106.

**IN TERMINIS TERMINANTIBUS.** In terms of determination; exactly in point. 11 Coke, 40b. In express or determine terms. 1 Leon. 93.

**IN TERROREM.** In terror or warning; by way of threat. Applied to legacies given upon condition that the recipient shall not dispute the validity or the dispositions of the will; such a condition being usually regarded as a mere threat.

**IN TERROREM POPULI.** Lat. To the terror of the people. A technical phrase necessary in indictments for riots. 4 Car. & P. 373.

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**IN TESTAMENTIS pleniis testatoris intentionem scrutamus.** In wills we more especially seek out the intention of the testator. 3 Bull. 103; Broom, Max. 555.

**In testamentis pleniis voluntates testamenti interpretatur.** Dig. 50, 17, 12. In wills the intention of testators is more especially regarded. "That is to say," says Mr. Broom, (Max., 568) "a will will receive a more liberal construction than its strict meaning, if alone considered, would permit."

In *testamentis ratio tacita non debet considerari, sed verba solum spectari debent; adoe per divinisationem mentis a verbis recedere durum est. In wills an unexpressed meaning ought not to be considered, but the words alone ought to be looked to; so hard is it to recede from the words by guessing at the intention.

**IN TESTIMONIUM.** Lat. In witness; in evidence whereof.

**IN TOTIDEM VERBIS.** In so many words; in precisely the same words; word for word.

**IN TOTO.** In the whole; wholly; completely; as the award is void in *toto*.

_in toto et pars contineatur._ In the whole the part also is contained. Dig. 50, 17, 113.

**In traditionibus scriptorum, non quod dictum est, sed quod gestum est, insipietur.** In the delivery of writings, not what is said, but what is done, is looked to. 9 Coke, 137a.

**IN TRAJECTU.** In the passage over; on the voyage over. See Sir William Scott, 3 C. Rob. Adm. 141.

**IN TRANSITU.** In transit; on the way or passage; while passing from one person or place to another. 2 Kent, Comm. 540-552; More v. Lott. 13 Nev. 383; Amory Mfg. Co. v. Gulf, etc., R. Co. 89 Tex. 419, 37 S. W. 856, 59 Am. St. Rep. 65. On the voyage. 1 C. Rob. Adm. 338.

**IN VACUO.** Without object; without concomitants or coherence.

**IN VADIO.** In gage or pledge. 2 Bl. Comm. 157.

**IN VENTRE SA MERE.** L. Fr. In his mother's womb; spoken of an unborn child.

_in veram quantitatem fideliussor tenestur, nisi pro certa quantitate accessit._ Let the surety be holden for the true quantity, unless he agree for a certain quantity. Bean v. Parker, 17 Mass. 597.

**IN VERAM QUANTITATEM**
IN VERBIS, NON VEBBA

In verbis, non verba, sed res et ratio, quernada est. Jenk. Cent. 132. In the construction of words, not the mere words, but the thing and the meaning, are to be inquired after.

IN VINCULIS. In chains; in actual custody. Gilb. Forum Rom. 97.

Applied also, figuratively, to the condition of a person who is compelled to submit to terms which oppression and his necessities impose on him. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 302.

IN VIRIDI OBSERVANTIA. Present to the minds of men, and in full force and operation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. The initial words of the concluding clause in deeds: "In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands," etc. A translation of the Latin phrase "in cujus rei testimonium."

INADEQUATE. Insufficient; disproportionately; lacking in effectiveness or in conformity to a prescribed standard or measure.

—Inadequate damages. See DAMAGES. Inadequate price. A term applied to indicate the want of a sufficient consideration for a thing sold, or such a price as would ordinarily be entirely incommensurate with its intrinsic value. State v. Purcell, 131 Mo. 212, 33 S. W. 13; Stephens v. Osborne, 107 Tenn. 672, 64 S. W. 903, 89 Am. St. Rep. 967. Inadequate remedy at law. Within the meaning of the rule that equity will not entertain a suit if there is an adequate remedy at law, this does not mean that there must be a failure to collect money or damages at law, but the remedy is considered inadequate if it is, in its nature and character, unfitted or not adapted to the end in view, as, for instance, when the relief sought is preventory, that is, to compensate for a wrong, as Bidwell, 176 U. S. 73, 20 Sup. Ct. 280, 44 L. Ed. 574; Safe Deposit & Trust Co. v. Anniston (C. C.) 96 Fed. 665; Crawford County v. Luib, 110 Iowa, 355, 81 N. W. 590.

INADMISSIBLE. That which, under the established rules of law, cannot be admitted or received; e. g., parol evidence to contradict a written contract.

INADVERTENCE. Needlessness; lack of attention; failure of a person to pay careful and prudent attention to the progress of a negotiation or a proceeding in court by which his rights may be affected. Used chiefly in statutory enumerations of the grounds on which a judgment or decree may be vacated or set aside; as, "mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect." See Skinner v. Terry, 107 N. C. 108, 12 S. E. 118; Davis v. Steuben School Tp., 19 Ind. App. 695, 50 N. E. 1, 2; Taylor v. Pope, 106 N. C. 267, 11 S. E. 237, 19 Am. St. Rep. 532; Thompson v. Connell, 51 Or. 231, 48 Pac. 467, 65 Am. St. Rep. 818.

INÆDIFICATION. Lat. In the civil law. Building on another's land with one's own materials, or on one's own land with another's materials.

INAILIENABLE. Not subject to alienation; the characteristic of those things which cannot be bought or sold or transferred from one person to another, such as rivers and public highways, and certain personal rights; e. g., liberty.

INAUGURATION. The act of installing or inducing into office with formal ceremonies. As the coronation of a sovereign, the inauguration of a president or governor, or the consecration of a priest.

INBLAURA. In old records. Profit or product of ground. Cowell.

INBOARD. In maritime law, and particularly with reference to the stowage of cargo, this term is contrasted with "outboard." It does not necessarily mean under deck, but is applied to a cargo so piled or stowed that it does not project over the "board" (side or rail) of the vessel. See Allen v. St. Louis Ins. Co., 46 N. Y. Super. Ct. 181.

INBORH. In Saxon law. A security, pledge, or hypotheca, consisting of the chattels of a person unable to obtain a personal "borg," or surety.

INBOUND COMMON. An uninclosed common, marked out, however, by boundaries.

INCAPACITY. Want of capacity; want of power or ability to take or dispose; want of legal ability to act. Ellicott v. Ellicott, 90 Md. 321, 45 Atl. 183, 48 L. R. A. 58; Drews' Appeal, 58 N. H. 320; Appeal of Cleveland, 72 Conn. 340, 44 Atl. 476; In re Bllinn, 99 Cal. 216, 33 Pac. 841.

—Legal incapacity. This expression implies that the person in view has the right vested in him, but is prevented by some impediment from exercising it: as in the case of minors, feme covert, lunatics, etc. An administrator has no right until letters are issued to him. Therefore he cannot benefit (as respects the time before obtaining letters) by a saving clause in a statute of limitations in favor of persons under a legal incapacity to sue. Gates v. Bratlee, 1 Root (Conn.) 187.

INCARCERATION. Imprisonment; confinement in a jail or penitentiary. This term is seldom used in law, though found occasionally in statutes. (Rev. St. Okla. 1903, § 2068.) When so used, it appears always to mean confinement by competent public authority or under due legal process, whereas "imprisonment" may be effected by a private person without warrant of law, and if unjustifiable is called "false imprisonment." No occurrence of such a phrase as "false incarceration" has been noted. See IMPRISONMENT.
INCASTELLARE. To make a building serve as a castle. Jacob.

INCAUSTUM, or ENCAUSTUM. Ink. Fleta, l. 2, c. 27, § 5.

Iscant factum pro non facto habeatur. A thing done unwarily (or unawares) will be taken as not done. Dig. 28, 4, 1.

INCIENDIARY. A house-burner; one guilty of arson; one who maliciously and willfully sets another person's building on fire.

Inciendum sive alieno non exuit debitorum. Cod. 4, 2, 11. A fire does not release a debtor from his debt.


Iscant pro nullis habeatur. Uncertain things are held for nothing. Dav. Ir. K. B. 33.


INCEST. The crime of sexual intercourse or cohabitation between a man and woman who are related to each other within the prohibited degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law. People v. Stratton, 141 Cal. 604, 75 Pac. 166; State v. Herges, 55 Minn. 402, 57 N. W. 205; Dinkey v. Com., 17 Pa. 129, 59 Am. Dec. 542; Taylor v. State, 110 Ga. 150, 35 S. E. 161.

Incestuous adultery. The elements of this offense are that the defendant, being married to one person, has had sexual intercourse with another related to the defendant within the prohibited degrees. Cook v. State, 11 Ga. 53, 56 Am. Dec. 410.-Incestuous bastard. Incestuous bastards are those who are produced by the illegal connection of two persons who are related within the degrees prohibited by law. Civ. Code La. art. 183.

INCH. A measure of length, containing one-twelfth part of a foot; originally supposed equal to three barleycorns.

Inch of candle. A mode of sale at one time in use among merchants. A notice is first given upon the exchange, or other public place, as to the time of sale. The goods to be sold are divided into lots, printed papers of which, and the conditions of sale, are published. When the sale takes place, a small piece of candle, about an inch long, is kept burning, and the last bidder, when the candle goes out, is entitled to the lot or parcel for which he bids. Wharton.-Inch of water. The unit for the measurement of a volume of water or of hydraulic power, being the quantity of water which, under a given constant head or pressure, will escape through an orifice one inch square (or a circular orifice having a diameter of one inch) in a vertical plane. Jackson Milling Co. v. Chando, 85 Wis. 437, 52 N. W. 753.-Miner's inch. The quantity of water which is discharging from the top of the orifice of the box put into the banks of the ditch to the surface of water.


INDICTARE. To give, or grant, and assure anything by a written instrument.

INCHOATE. Imperfect; unfinished; begun, but not completed; as a contract not executed by all the parties.

Inchoate instrument. Instruments which the law requires to be registered or recorded are said to be "inchoate" in character, and that they are then good only between the parties and privies and as to persons having notice. Wilkins v. McCorkle, 112 Tenn. 688, 50 S. W. 884.-Inchoate interest. An interest in real estate which is not a present interest, but which may ripen into a vested estate, if not barred, extinguished, or divested. Rupe v. Hadley, 113 Ind. 416, 16 N. E. 301; Bever v. North, 307 Ind. 547, 8 N. E. 570; Warford v. Noble (C. C.) 2 Fed. 204.-Inchoate dower. A wife's interest in the lands of her husband during his life, which may become a right of dower upon his death. Guerin v. Moore, 25 Minn. 405; Dingman v. Dingman, 30 Ohio St. 178; Smith v. Shaw, 150 Mass. 297, 22 N. E. 924.

INCIDENT. This word, used as a noun, denotes anything which inseparably belongs to, or is connected with, or inherent in, another thing, called the "principal." In this sense, a court-baron is incident to a manor. Also, less strictly, it denotes anything which is usually accompanied with a thing or connected for some purposes, though not inseparably. Thus, the right of alienation is incident to an estate in fee-simple, though separable in equity. See Cromwell v. Phipps (Sur.) 1 N. Y. Supp. 278; Mount Carmel Fruit Co. v. Webster, 140 Cal. 183, 73 Pac. 826.

INCIDERE. Lat. In the civil and old English law. To fall into. Calvin.

To fall out; to happen; to come to pass. Calvin.

To fall upon or under; to become subject or liable to. Incidere in legem, to incur the penalty of a law. Brissignon.

INCILE. Lat. In the civil law. A trench. A place sunk by the side of a stream, so called because it is cut (incidatur) into or through the stone or earth. Dig. 43, 21, 1, 5. The term seems to have included ditches (fosse) and wells, (pudet).

INCINERATION. Burning to ashes; destruction of a substance by fire, as, the corpse of a murdered person.
INCIPIitur. Lat. It is begun; it begins. In old practice, when the pleadings in an action at law, instead of being recited at large on the issue-roll, were set out merely by their commencement, this was described as entering the incipitur; i.e., the beginning.

INCISED WOUND. In medical jurisprudence. A cut or incision on a human body; a wound made by a cutting instrument, such as a razor. Burrell, Circ. Ev. 693; Whart. & S. Med. Jur. § 848.

INCITE. To arouse; stir up; instigate; set in motion; as, to "incite" a riot. Also, generally, in criminal law to instigate, persuade, or move another to commit a crime; in this sense nearly synonymous with "abet." See Long v. State, 23 Neb. 33, 36 N. W. 310.

INCIVILE. Lat. Irregular; improper; out of the due course of law.

Incivile est, nisi tota lege perspecta, una aliqua particula ejus proposita, judicatae vel respondae. It is improper, without looking at the whole of a law, to give judgment or advice, upon a view of any one clause of it. Dig. 1, 3, 24.

Incivile est, nisi tota sententia inspecta, de aliqua parte judicatae. It is irregular, or legally improper, to pass an opinion upon any part of a sentence, without examining the whole. Hob. 171a.

INCIVISM. Unfriendliness to the state or government of which one is a citizen.

INCLAUSA. In old records. A home close or inclosure near the house. Paroch. Antig. 31; Cowell.

INCLOSE. To shut up. "To inclose a jury," in Scotch practice, is to shut them up in a room by themselves. Bell. See Union Pac. Ry. Co. v. Harris, 28 Kan. 210; Campbell v. Gilbert, 57 Ala. 569.


INCLOSURE. In English law. Inclosure is the act of freeing land from rights of common, comminable rights, and generally all rights which obstruct cultivation and the productive employment of labor on the soil. Also, an artificial fence around one's estate. Porter v. Aldrich, 39 Vt. 330; Taylor v. Welbey, 36 Wis. 44. See CLOSE.

Inclusio in unius est exclusio alterius. The inclusion of one is the exclusion of another. The certain designation of one person is an absolute exclusion of all others. 11 Coke, 589.

INCLUSIVE. Embraced; comprehend; comprehending the stated limits or extremes. Opposed to "exclusive."

-Inclusive survey. In land law, one which includes within its boundaries prior claims excepted from the computation of the area within such boundaries and excepted in the grant. Stockton v. Morris, 59 W. Va. 432, 19 S. E. 631.

INCOLA. Lat. In the civil law. An inhabitant; a dweller or resident. Properly, one who has transferred his domicile to any country.


INCOME. The return in money from one's business, labor, or capital invested; gains, profit, or private revenue. Braum's Appeal, 105 Pa. 415; People v. Davenport, 30 Hun (N. Y.) 177; In re Sicoum, 159 N. Y. 153, 52 N. E. 130; Waring v. Savannah, 60 Ga. 99.

"Income" means that which comes in or is received from any business or investment of capital, without reference to the outgoing expenditures; while "profits" generally means the gain which is made upon any business or investment when both receipts and payments are taken into account. "Income," when applied to the affairs of individuals, expresses the same idea that "revenue" does when applied to the affairs of a state or nation. People v. Niagara County, 4 Hill (N. Y.) 20; Bates v. Porter, 74 Cal. 224, 15 Pac. 732.


Incommmodum non solvit argumentum. An inconvenience does not destroy an argument.

INCOMMUNICATION. In Spanish law. The condition of a prisoner who is not permitted to see or to speak with any person visiting him during his confinement. A person accused cannot be subjected to this treatment unless it be expressly ordered by the judge, for some grave offense, and it cannot be continued for a longer period than is absolutely necessary. This precaution is resorted to for the purpose of preventing the accused from knowing beforehand the testimony of the witnesses, or from attempting to corrupt them and concert such measures as will efface the traces of his guilt. As soon, therefore, as the danger of his doing so has ceased, the interdiction ceases likewise. Escribano.

INCOMMUTABLE. Not capable of or entitled to be commuted. See COMMUTATION,
INCOMPATIBLE. Two or more relations, offices, functions, or rights which cannot naturally, or may not legally, exist in or be exercised by the same person at the same time, are said to be incompatible. Thus, the relations of lessor and lessee of the same land, in one person at the same time, are incompatible. So of trustee and beneficiary of the same property. See People v. Green, 46 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 370; Com. v. Sheriff, 4 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 275; Regents of University of Maryland v. Williams, 9 Gill & J. (Md.) 422, 31 Am. Dec. 72.

INCOMPETENCY. Lack of ability, legal qualification, or fitness to discharge the required duty. In re Leonard's Estate, 95 Mich. 293, 54 N. W. 1082; In re Cohn, 78 N. Y. 252; Stephenson v. Stephenson, 49 N. C. 473; Nehrling v. State, 112 Wis. 637, 83 N. W. 610.

In New York, the word "incompetency" is used in a special sense to designate the condition or legal status of a person who is unable or unfit to manage his own affairs by reason of insanity, imbecility, or feeble-mindedness, and for whom, therefore, a committee may be appointed; and such a person is designated an "incapable." See Code Civ. Proc. N. Y. § 2320 et seq.; In re Curtiss, 124 App. Div. 547, 119 N. Y. Supp. 556; In re Fox, 122 App. Div. 45, 122 N. Y. Supp. 870. As applied to evidence, the word "incompetent" means not proper to be received; inadmissible, as distinguished from that which the court should admit for the consideration of the jury, though they may not find it worthy of credence.

In French law. Inability or insufficiency of a judge to try a cause brought before him, proceeding from lack of jurisdiction.

INCONCLUSIVE. That which may be disproved or rebutted; not shutting out further proof or consideration. Applied to evidence and presumptions.

INCONSISTENT. Mutually repugnant or contradictory; contrary, the one to the other, so that both cannot stand, but the acceptance or establishment of the one implies the abrogation or abandonment of the other; as, in speaking of "inconsistent defenses," or the repeal by statute of "all laws inconsistent herewith." See In re Hickory Tree Road, 43 Pa. 142; Irwin v. Hollbrook, 32 Wash. 349, 73 Pac. 361; Swan v. U. S., 3 Wyo. 161, 9 Pac. 931.

INCONSULTO. Lat. In the civil law. Unadvisedly; unintentionally. Dig. 28, 4, 1.


INCONVIENCE. In the rule that statutes should be so construed as to avoid "inconvenience," this means, as applied to the public, the sacrifice or jeopardizing of important public interests or hampering the legitimate activities of government or the transaction of public business, and, as applied to individuals, serious hardship or injustice. See Black, Interp. Laws, 102; Betts v. U. S., 132 Fed. 237, 65 C. C. A. 452.

INCOPOLITUS. A proctor or vicar.

Incorporallia bello non acquiruntur. Incorporeal things are not acquired by war. 6 Maule & S. 104.

INCORPORAMUS. We incorporate. One of the words by which a corporation may be created in England. 1 Bl. Comm. 473; 3 Steph. Comm. 173.

INCORPORATE. 1. To create a corporation; to confer a corporate franchise upon determinate persons.

2. To declare that another document shall be taken as part of the document in which the declaration is made as much as if it were set out at length therein. Railroad Co. v. Cupp, 8 Ind. App. 388, 35 N. E. 703.

INCORPORATION. 1. The act or process of forming or creating a corporation; the formation of a legal or political body, with the quality of perpetual existence and succession, unless limited by the act of incorporation.

2. The method of making one document of any kind become a part of another separate document by referring to the former in the latter, and declaring that the former shall be taken and considered as a part of the latter the same as if it were fully set out therein. This is more fully described as "incorporation by reference." If the one document is copied at length in the other, it is called "actual incorporation."

3. In the civil law. The union of one domain to another.

INCORPOREAL. Without body; not of material nature; the opposite of "corporeal," (q. v.)

-Incorporallia chattels. A class of incorporeal rights growing out of or incident to things personal, such as patent-rights and copyrights. 2 Steph. Comm. 72. See Borel v. New York, 2 Sandf. (N. Y.) 559. —Incorporallia hereditamenta. See Hereditamenta. —Incorporallia property. In the civil law. That which consists in legal right merely. The same as choses in action at common law. —Incorporallia things. In the civil law. Things which neither be seen nor touched, such as consist in rights only, such as the mind alone can perceive. Inst. 2, 2; Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 460; Sullivan v. Richardson, 33 Fla. 1, 14 South. 602.

INCORRIGIBLE ROGUE. A species of rogue or offender, described in the statutes 5 Geo. IV. c. 83, and 1 & 2 Vict. c. 38. 4 Steph. Comm. 309.
INCREASE. (1) The produce of land; (2) the offspring of animals.

Increase, affidavit of. Affidavit of payment of increased costs, produced on taxation.

Increase, costs of. In English law. It was formerly a practice with the jury to award to the successful party in an action the nominal sum of 40s. only for his costs; and the court assessed by their own officer the actual amount of the successful party's costs; and the amount so assessed, over and above the nominal sum awarded by the jury, was then called "costs of increase." Lush. Com. Law Pr. 118. The practice has now wholly ceased. Raps. & Law.

INCREMEMENTUM. Lat. Increase or improvement, opposed to decrementum or abatement.

INCRIMINATE. To charge with crime; to expose to an accusation or charge of crime; to involve oneself or another in a criminal prosecution or the danger thereof; as, in the rule that a witness is not bound to give testimony which would tend to incriminate him.

Incriminating circumstances. A fact or circumstance, collateral to the fact of the commission of a crime, which tends to show either that such a crime has been committed or that some particular person committed it. Davis v. State, 61 Neb. 301, 70 N.W. 984.

INCRUPTMENT. An unlawful gaining upon the right or possession of another. See ENCROACHMENT.

INCRULPATE. To impute blame or guilt; to accuse; to involve in guilt or crime.

INCRULATORY. In the law of evidence. Going or tending to establish guilt; intended to establish guilt; crystallizing. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 251, 252.

INCRUMENT. A person who is in present possession of an office; one who is legally authorized to discharge the duties of an office. State v. McCollister, 11 Ohio, 60; State v. Blakemore, 104 Mo. 540, 15 S. W. 960.

In ecclesiastical law, the term signifies a clergymen who is in possession of a benefice.

INCRUMBER. To incumber land is to make it subject to a charge or liability; e.g., by mortgaging it. Incumbrances include not only mortgages and other voluntary charges, but also liens, lites pendentes, registered judgments, and writs of execution, etc. Sweet. See Newhall v. Insurance Co., 52 Me. 151.


Incurmbrances, covenant against. See COVENANT.

INCRUMBRANCE. The holder of an incumbrance, e.g., a mortgage, on the estate of another. De Voe v. Rundle, 33 Wash. 904, 74 Pac. 580; Shaeffer v. Weed, 8 Ill. 514; Newhall v. Insurance Co., 52 Me. 151.

INCRUPT. Men contract debts; they incur liabilities. In the one case, they act affirmatively; in the other, the liability is incurred or cast upon them by act or operation of law.


INCURRIMENTUM. L. Lat. The liability to a fine, penalty, or amercement. Cowell.

INDE. Lat. Thence; thenceforth; thereof; thereupon; for that cause.

Inde data leges me fortior omnin posset. Laws are made to prevent the stronger from having the power to do everything. Dav. Ir. K. B. 30.


Indebitatus assumptus. Lat. Being indebted, he promised or undertook. This is the name of that form of the action of assumptus in which the declaration alleges a debt or ob-
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Indeclamable. In old English law. That which is not titheable, or liable to pay tithe. 2 Inst. 400.

Indefeasible. That which cannot be defeated, revoked, or made void. This term is usually applied to an estate or right which cannot be defeated.


Indefinite Payment. In Scotch law. Payment without specification. Indefinite payment is where a debtor, owing several debts to one creditor, makes a payment to the creditor, without specifying to which of the debts he means the payment to be applied. See Bell.

Indefinitum aequipollent universali. The undefined is equivalent to the whole. 1 Vent. 368.

Indefinitum supplet locum universalis. The undefined or general supplies the place of the whole. Branch, Prince.

Indemnificatus. Lat. Indemnified. See Indemnity.

Indemnity. To save harmless; to secure against loss or damage; to give security for the reimbursement of a person in case of an anticipated loss falling upon him. Also to make good; to compensate; to make reimbursement to one of a loss already incurred by him. Cousins v. Paxton & Gallagher Co., 122 Iowa, 465, 98 N. W. 277; Weller v. Eames, 35 Minn. 467 (Gll. 370), 2 Am. Rep. 150; Frye v. Bath Gas Co., 97 Me. 241, 54 Atl. 396, 56 L. R. A. 444, 94 Am. St. Rep. 500.

Indemnis. Lat. Without hurt, harm, or damage; harmless.

Indemnitee. The person who, in a contract of indemnity, is to be indemnified or protected by the other.

Indemnitor. The person who is bound, by an indemnity contract, to indemnify or protect the other.
INDUSTRY. A deed to which two or more persons are parties, and in which these enter into reciprocal and corresponding grants or obligations towards each other; whereas a deed-poll is properly one in which only the party making it executes it, or binds himself by it as a deed, though the grantees or grantors therein be several in number. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 311; Scott v. Mills, 10 N. Y. St. Rep. 385; Bowen v. Beck, 94 N. Y. 89, 46 Am. Rep. 124; Hopewell Tp. v. Amwell Tp., 6 N. J. Law, 175. See INDENT, v.

-Indenture of apprenticeship. A contract in two parts, by which a person, generally a minor, is bound to serve another in his trade, art, or occupation for a stated time, on condition of being instructed in the same.

INDEPENDENCE. The state or condition of being free from dependence, subjection, or control. Political independence is the attribute of a nation or state which is entirely independent, and not subject to the government, control, or dictation of any exterior power.

INDEPENDENT. Not dependent; not subject to control, restriction, modification, or limitation from a given outside source.

-Independent contract. See CONTRACT.—Independent contractor. In the law of agency and of master and servant, an independent contractor is one who, exercising an independent employment, contracts to do a piece of work according to his own methods and without being subject to the control of his employer except as to the result of the work; one who contracts to perform the work at his own risk and cost, the workmen being his servants and he, and not the person with whom he contracts, being liable for their fault or misconduct. People v. Orange County Road Const. Co., 175 N. Y. 84, 76 N. E. 129, 65 L. R. A. 33; Waters v. Pioneer Fuel Co., 52 Minn. 474, 55 N. W. 52, 38 Am. St. Rep. 504; Smith v. Simmons, 105 Pa. 30, 49 Am. Rep. 115; Holmes v. Tennessee Gas Co., 49 La. 1452, 22 South. 403; Bibb v. Norfolk & W. R. Co., 87 Va. 711, 14 S. E. 105; Louthan v. Hewes, 188 Cal. 110, 70 Pac. 1065.—Independent covenant. See COVENANT.
INDETERMINATE. That which is uncertain, or not particularly designated; as if I sell you one hundred bushels of wheat, without stating what wheat. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 850.

INDEX. A book containing references, alphabetically arranged, to the contents of a series or collection of volumes; or an addition to a single volume or set of volumes containing such references to its contents.

Index animi sermon. Language is the exponent of the intention. The language of a statute or instrument is the best guide to the intention. Broom, Max. 622.

INDIANS. The aboriginal inhabitants of North America. Frazee v. Spokane County, 29 Wash. 278, 69 Pac. 752.

—Indian country. This term does not necessarily import territory owned and occupied by Indians, but it means all those portions of the United States designated by this name in the legislation of congress. Waters v. Campbell, 4 Sawyer, 121, Fed. Cas. No. 17,204; In re Jackson (C. C.) 40 Fed. 373—Indian tribes. A separate and distinct community or body of the aboriginal Indian race of men found in the United States. Montoya v. U. S., 180 U. S. 261, 21 Sup. Ct. 358, 45 L. Ed. 521; Cherokee Nation v. Georgia, 5 Pet. 17, 8 L. Ed. 25.

INDICARE. Lat. In the civil law. To show or discover. To fix or tell the price of a thing. Calvin. To inform against; to accuse.

INDICATIF. An abolished writ by which a prosecution was in some cases removed from a court-christian to the queen's bench. Enc. Lond.

INDICATION. In the law of evidence. A sign or token; a fact pointing to some inference or conclusion. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 251, 252, 253, 275.

INDICATIVE EVIDENCE. This is not evidence properly so called, but the mere suggestion of evidence proper, which may possibly be procured if the suggestion is followed up. Brown.

INDICAVIT. In English practice. A writ of prohibition that lies for a patron of a church, whose clerk is sued in the spiritual court by the clerk of another patron, for tithes amounting to a fourth part of the value of the living. 3 Bl. Comm. 91; 3 Steph. Comm. 711. So termed from the emphatic word of the Latin form. Reg. Orig. 359, 30.

INDICIA. Signs; indications. Circumstances which point to the existence of a given fact as probable, but not certain. For example, "indicia of partnership" are any circumstances which would induce the belief that a given person was in reality, though not ostensibly, a member of a given firm.

INDICUM. In the civil law. A sign or mark. A species of proof, answering very nearly to the circumstantial evidence of the common law. Best, Pres. p. 13, § 11, note; Wills, Circ. Ev. 34.

INDICT. See INDICTMENT.

INDICTABLE. Proper or necessary to be prosecuted by process of indictment.

INDICTED. Charged in an indictment with a criminal offense. See INDICTMENT.

INDICTEE. A person indicted.

INDICTIO. In old public law. A declaration; a proclamation. Indictio belii, a declaration or indiction of war. An indictment.

INDICTION, CYCLE OF. A mode of computing time by the space of fifteen years, instituted by Constantine the Great; originally the period for the payment of certain taxes. Some of the charters of King Edgar and Henry III. are dated by Indictions. Wharton.

INDICTMENT. An indictment is an accusation in writing found and presented by a grand jury, legally convoked and sworn, to the court in which it is impaneled, charging that a person therein named has done some act, or been guilty of some omission, which, by law, is a public offense, punishable on indictment. Code Iowa 1889, § 4325; Pen. Code Cal. § 917; Code Ala. 1886, § 4304. And see Gris v. Shiloe, 187 U. S. 181, 23 Sup. Ct. 98, 47 L. Ed. 130; State v. Walker, 32 N. C. 236; Ex parte Hart, 68 Fed. 259, 11 C. C. A. 165, 28 L. R. A. 801; Ex parte Bain, 121 U. S. 1, 7 Sup. Ct. 781, 30 L. Ed. 849; Ex parte Slater, 72 Mo. 102; Finley v. State, 61 Ala. 201.

A presentment differs from an indictment in that it is an accusation made by a grand jury of their own motion, either upon their own observation and knowledge, or upon evidence before them; while an indictment is preferred at the suit of the government, and is usually framed in the first instance by the prosecuting officer of the government, and by him laid before the grand jury, to be found or ignored. An information resembles in its form and substance an indictment, but is filed at the mere discretion of the proper law officer of the government, without the intervention or approval of a grand jury. 2 Story, Const. §§ 1784, 1790.

In Scotch law. An indictment is the form of process by which a criminal is brought to trial at the instance of the lord advocate. Where a private party is a principal prosecu-
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tor; he brings his charge in what is termed the "form of criminal letters."

—Joint indictment. When several offenders are joined in the same indictment, such an indictment is called a "joint indictment," as when principals in the first and second degree, and accessories before and after the fact, are all joined in the same indictment. 2 Hale, P. C. 173; Brown.

Indictment de felony est contra pacem domini regis, coronam et dignitatem suam, in genere et non in individuo; quia in Anglia non est interregnum. Jenk. Cent. 205. Indictment for felony is against the peace of our lord the king, his crown and dignity in general, and not against his individual person; because in England there is no interregnum.

INDICTOR. He who causes another to be indicted. The latter is sometimes called the "indictee."

INDIFFERENT. Impartial; unblased; disinterested. People v. Vermilyea, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 122; Fox v. Hills, 1 Comn. 307.

INDIGENA. In old English law. A subject born; one born within the realm, or naturalised by act of parliament. Co. Litt. 8a. The opposite of "alienigena." (q. v.)

INDIGENT. In a general sense an "indigent" person is one who is needy and poor, or one who has not sufficient property to furnish him a living nor any one able to support him and to whom he is entitled to look for support. See Storrs Agricultural School v. Whitney, 64 Conn. 342, 8 Atl. 141; Juneau County v. Wood County, 100 Wis. 330, 85 N. W. 387; City of Lynchburg v. Slaughter, 75 Va. 62. The laws of some of the states distinguish between "vampees" and "indigent persons," the latter being persons who have no property or source of income sufficient for their support aside from their own labor, though self-supporting when able to work and in employment. See In re Hybart, 119 N. C. 359, 25 S. E. 963; People v. Schoharie County, 121 N. Y. 345, 24 N. E. 830; Rev. St. Mo. 1899, § 4894 (Am. St. 1906, p. 2616).

INDIGNITY. In the law of divorce, a species of cruelty addressed to the mind, sensibilities, self-respect, or personal honor of the subject, rather than to the body, and defined as "unmerited contemptuous conduct towards another; any action towards another which manifests contempt for him; contumely, incivility, or injury accompanied with insult." Coble v. Coble, 55 N. C. 393; Erwin v. Erwin, 57 N. C. 84; Hooper v. Hooper, 19 Mo. 357; Goodman v. Goodman, 80 Mo. App. 281; 1 Bish. Mar. & Div. § 823. But the phrase "indignities to the person," as used in statutes, has reference to bodily indignities, as distinguished from such as may be offered to the mind, sensibilities, or reputation. Cheatham v. Cheatham, 10 Mo. 298; Butler v. Butler, 1 Pa's. Eq. Cas. (Pa.) 329; Kurtz v. Kurtz, 38 Ark. 123. But compare Miller v. Miller, 75 N. C. 105.

INDIRECT. A term almost always used in law in opposition to "direct," though not the only antithesis of the latter word, as the terms "collateral" and "cross" are sometimes used in contrast with "direct."


INDISPENSABLE. That which cannot be spared, omitted, or dispensed with.

—Indispensable evidence. See Evidence.—Indispensable parties. In a suit in equity, those who not only have an interest in the subject-matter of the controversy, but an interest of such a nature that a final decree cannot be made without either affecting their interests or leaving the controversy in such a condition that its final determination may be wholly inconsistent with equity and good conscience. Shields v. Barrow, 17 How. 139, 15 L. Ed. 158; Kendall v. Dean, 97 U. S. 425, 24 L. Ed. 1061; Mallory v. Hinde, 12 Wheat. 193, 6 L. Ed. 595.

INDISTANTER. Fortieth; without delay.

INDITEE. L. Fr. In old English law. A person indicted. Mirr. c. 1, § 3; 9 Coke, pref.

INDIVIDUAL. As a noun, this term denotes a single person as distinguished from a group or class, and also, very commonly, a private or natural person as distinguished from a partnership, corporation, or association; but it is said that this restrictive signification is not necessarily inherent in the word, and that it may, in proper cases, include artificial persons. See Bank of U. S. v. State, 12 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 407; State v. Bell Telephone Co., 36 Ohio St. 310, 33 Am. Rep. 583; Pennsylvania R. Co. v. Canal Com'rs, 21 Pa. 20. As an adjective, "individual" means pertaining or belonging to, or characteristic of, one single person, either in opposition to a firm, association, or corporation, or considered in his relation thereto.

—Individual assets. In the law of partnership, property belonging to a member of a partnership as his separate and private fortune, apart from the assets or property belonging to the firm as such or the partner's interest therein.—Individual debts. Such as are due from a member of a partnership in his private or personal capacity, as distinguished from those due from the firm or partnership. Goddard v. Hapgood, 25 VT. 300, 60 Am. Dec. 272.—Individual system of location. A term formerly used in Pennsylvania to designate the location of public lands by surveys, in which the land called for by each warrant was separately surveyed. Ferguson v. Bloom, 144 Pa. 549, 23 Atl. 49.

INDIVIDUUM. Lat. In the civil law. That cannot be divided. Calvin.

INDIVISIBLE. Not susceptible of division or apportionment; inseparable; et-
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INDIVISIBILITY. Lat. That which two or more persons hold in common without partition; undivided.

INDORSAT. In old Scotch law. Indorsed. 2 Pitt. Crim. Tr. 41.

INDORSE. To write a name on the back of a paper or document. Bills of exchange and promissory notes are indorsed by a party's writing his name on the back. Hartwell v. Henmenway, 7 Pick. (Mass.) 117. "Indorse" is a technical term, having sufficient legal certainty without words of more particular description. Brooks v. Edson, 7 Vt. 351.

INDORSEE. The person to whom a bill of exchange, promissory note, bill of lading, etc., is assigned by indorsement, giving him a right to sue thereon.

—Indorse in due course. An indorse in due course is one who, in good faith, in the ordinary course of business, and for value, before its dishonor or payment, or prior to the dishonor or when the note is payable, acquiesces in the identity of the instrument. When the indorsor without knowledge of the actual dishonor, accepts a negotiable instrument duly indorsed to him, or indorsed generally, or payable to bearer, Civ. Code Cal. § 3123; Civ. Code S. D. 1903, § 2109; Civ. Code Idaho 1901, § 2898; More v. Finger, 128 Cal. 313, 60 Pac. 933.

INDORSEMENT. The act of a payee, drawee, accommodation indorser, or holder of a bill, note, check, or other negotiable instrument, in writing his name upon the back of the same, with or without further or qualifying words, whereby the property in the same is assigned and transferred to another. That which is so written upon the back of a negotiable instrument.

One who writes his name upon a negotiable instrument, otherwise than as a maker or acceptor, and delivers it, with his name thereon, to another person, is called an "indorsor" and his act is called "indorsement." Civ. Code Cal. § 3108; Civ. Code Dek. § 1894.

—Accommodation Indorsement. One made by a third person who puts his indorsement on a note without any consideration, but merely for the benefit of the holder thereof or to enable the maker to obtain money or credit on it. Unless otherwise explained, it is understood to be a loan of the indorsor's credit without restriction. Citizens' Bank v. Platt, 135 Mich. 267, 37 N. W. 964; Penley v. Addicks, 174 Pa. 543, 34 Atl. 201; Cozene v. Middleton, 118 Pa. 622, 12 Atl. 566. —Blank Indorsement. One made by the mere writing of the indorser's name on the back of the note or bill, without mention of the name of any person in whose favor the indorsement is made, but with the implied understanding that any lawful holder may fill in his own name above the indorsement if he so chooses. See Thornton v. Moody, 11 Me. 235; Wood v. Rollin, 170 Mass. 346, 48 N. E. 983, 88 Am. St. Rep. 386; Malone v. Garver, 3 Neb. (Unof.) 710, 92 N. W. 726. —Conditional Indorsement. One by which the indorser annexes some condition (other than the failure of prior parties to pay) to his liability. The condition may be either preceding or subsequent. 1 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 607. —Full Indorsement. One by which the indorser orders that money be paid to some particular person by name; it differs from a blank indorsement, which consists merely in the name of the indorser written on the back of the instrument. Patrick v. Heath, 88 B. & C. 92; Lee v. Chillicothe Branch of State Bank, 15 Fed. Cas. 153. —Irregular Indorsement. One made by a third person for delivery of the note to the payee; an indorsement in blank by a third person above the name of the payee, or when the payee does not indorse at all. 1 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 1153. —Regular Indorsement. One which restrains or limits, or qualifies or enlarges, the liability of the indorser, in any manner different from what the law generally imports as his true liability, deducible from the nature of the instrument. Chitty, Bills, 261. A transfer of a bill of exchange or promissory note to an indorsee, without any liability to the indorser. The words usually employed for this purpose are "sans recu," "sans recu original," or "sans recu d'origine." 1 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 1138.

—Restrictive Indorsement. One which stops the negotiability of the instrument, or which contains such a definite direction as to the payment as to preclude the indorsee from making any further transfer. Dickey v. Bank; 6 N. C. 138; Lee v. Chillicothe Branch Bank, 15 Fed. Cas. 153; People's Bank v. Jefferson County Sav. Bank, 106 Ala. 524, 7 South 726, 54 Am. St. 659. Defined by statute in some states as an indorsement which either prohibits the further negotiation of the instrument, or constitutes the indorsee the agent of the indorser, or vests the title in the indorsee in trust for or to the use of some other person. Negotiable Instruments Law N. B. 1909; Robins' Ann. St. Ohio 1904, § 3172. —Special Indorsement. An indorsement is special, which specifically names the indorsee. McLain v. Garver, 7 Neb. (Unof.) 710, 92 N. W. 729; Carolina Sav. Bank v. Florence Tobacco Co., 45 S. C. 373, 23 S. E. 139. —Special Indorsement of Write. In English practice, the write of a person in an action for order of the write. 6, be indorsed with the particulars of the amount sought to be recovered in the action, including credit for payment or set-off, and this special indorsement (as it is called) of the write is applicable in all actions where the plaintiff seeks merely to recover a debt or liquidated demand in money payable by the defendant, with or without interest, arising upon a contract, express or implied, as, for instance, on a bill of exchange, promissory note, check, or other simple contract debt, or on a bond or contract under seal for payment of a liquidated amount of money, or on a note, where the money to be recovered is a fixed sum of money or in the nature of a debt, or a guaranty, whether under seal or not. Brown.

INDORSER. He who indorses; i. e., being the payee or holder, writes his name on the back of a bill of exchange, etc..

INDUBITABLE PROOF. Evidence which is not only found credible, but is of such weight and directness as to make out the facts alleged beyond a doubt. Hart v. Carroll, 86 Pa. 511; Jermyn v. McClure, 195 Pa. 245, 45 Atl. 983.
INDUCEMENT. In contracts. The benefit or advantage which the promisor is to receive from a contract is the inducement for making it.

In criminal evidence. Motive; that which leads or tempts to the commission of crime. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 233.

In pleading. That portion of a declaration or of any subsequent pleading in an action which is brought forward by way of explanatory introduction to the main allegations. Brown, Huston v. Tyler, 140 Mo. 262, 36 S. W. 654; Consolidated Coal Co. v. Peers, 97 Ill. App. 194; Taverner v. Little, 5 Bing. N. C. 678; Grand v. Dreyfus, 122 Cal. 58, 54 Pac. 389.

INDUCE. In international law. A truce; a suspension of hostilities; an agreement during war to abstain for a time from warlike acts.

In old maritime law. A period of twenty days after the safe arrival of a vessel under bottomry, to dispose of the cargo, and raise the money to pay the creditor, with interest.

In old English practice. Delay or indulgence allowed a party to an action; further time to appear in a cause. Bract. fol. 3320; Fleta, lib. 4, c. 5, § 8.

In Scotch practice. Time allowed for the performance of an act. Time to appear to a citation. Time to collect evidence or prepare a defense.

—Inductio legales. In Scotch law. The days between the citation of the defendant and the day of appearance; the days between the test day and day of return of the writ.

INDUCTIO. Lat. In the civil law. Obliteration, by drawing the pen or stylus over the writing. Dig. 28, 4; Calvin.

INDUCTION. In ecclesiastical law. Induction is the ceremony by which an incumbent who has been instituted to a benefice is vested with full possession of all the profits belonging to the church, so that he becomes seized of the temporalities of the church, and is then complete incumbent. It is performed by virtue of a mandate of induction directed by the bishop to the archdeacon, who either perfonns it in person, or directs his precept to one or more other clergymen to do it. Phill. Ecc. Law, 477.

INDULGENCE. In the Roman Catholic Church. A remission of the punishment due to sins, granted by the pope or church, and supposed to save the sinner from purgatory. Its abuse led to the Reformation in Germany. Wharton. Forbearance. (q. v.)

INDULTO. In ecclesiastical law. A dispensation granted by the pope to do or obtain something contrary to the common law.

In Spanish law. The condonation or remission of the punishment imposed on a criminal for his offense. This power is exclusively vested in the king.

INDUMENT. Endowment, (q. v.)

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES. Societies formed in England for carrying on any labor, trade, or handicraft, whether wholesale or retail, including the buying and selling of land and also (but subject to certain restrictions) the business of banking.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS. Schools established by voluntary contribution in which industrial training is provided, and in which children are lodged, clothed, and fed, as well as taught.

INDUSTRIAM, PER. Lat. A qualified property in animals farm natura may be acquired per industrium, e. e., by a man's re-assuming and making them tame by art, industry, and education; or by so confining them within his own immediate power that they cannot escape and 'use their natural liberty. 2 Steph. Comm. 5.

INEBRIATE. A person addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors; an habitual drunkard.

Any person who habitually, whether continuously or periodically, indulges in the use of intoxicating liquors to such an extent as to stupefy his mind, and to render him incompetent to transact ordinary business with safety to his estate, shall be deemed an inebriate, within the meaning of this chapter; provided, the habit of indulging in such use shall have been at the time of inquisition of at least one year's standing. Code N. C. 1883, § 1671. And see In re Anderson, 122 N. C. 248; 49 S. E. 549; State v. Ryan, 19 Wis. 670, 56 N. W. 523.

INEeligibility. Disqualification or legal incapacity to be elected to an office. Thus, an alien or naturalized citizen is ineligible to be elected president of the United States. Carroll v. Green, 145 Ind. 362, 47 N. E. 223; State v. Murray, 28 Wis. 96, 9 Am. Rep. 450.

INELEGIBLE. Disqualified to be elected to an office; also disqualified to hold an office if elected or appointed to it. State v. Murray, 28 Wis. 96, 9 Am. Rep. 488.

Inesse potest donationi, modus, conditionem esse causa; ut modus est; si conditionem quae causa. In a gift there may be manner, condition, and cause; as [if] introduces a manner; if [si] a condition; because, [quia] a cause. Dyer, 138.

INEST DE JURE. Lat. It is implied of right; it is implied by law.
INEVITABLE. Incapable of being avoided; fortuitous; transcending the power of human care, foresight, or exertion to avoid or prevent, and therefore suspending legal relations so far as to excuse from the performance of contract obligations, or from liability for consequent loss.

—Inevitable accident. An inevitable accident is one produced by an irresistible physical cause; an accident which cannot be prevented by human skill or foresight, but results from natural causes, such as lightning or storms, perils of the sea, inundations or earthquakes, or sudden death or illness. By irresistible force is meant an interposition of human agency, from its nature and power absolutely uncontrollable. Broussseau v. The Hudson, 11 La. Ann. 428; State v. Lewis, 197 N. C. 967, 12 S. E. 467, 11 L. R. A. 105; Russell v. Fagan, 7 Houst. (Del.) 380, 8 Atl. 278; Hall v. Cheney, 36 N. H. 30; Newport News & M. V. Co. v. U. S., 61 Fed. 488, 9 C. C. A. 579; The R. L. Mabey, 14 Wall. 215, 20 L. Ed. 881; The Locklibo, 3 W. Rob. 318. Inevitable accident is where a vessel is pursuing a lawful avocation in a lawful manner, using the proper precautions against danger, and an accident occurs. The highest degree of caution that can be used is not required. It is enough that it is reasonable under the circumstances; such as is usual in similar cases, and has been found by long experience to be sufficient to answer the end in view,—the safety of life and property. The Grace Girdler, 7 Wall. 196, 19 L. Ed. 113. Inevitable accident is only when the disaster happens from natural causes, without negligence or fault on either side, and when both parties have endeavored, by every means in their power, with due care and caution, and with a proper display of nautical skill, to prevent the occurrence of the accident. Sampson v. U. S., 12 Ct. Cl. 491.

INEWARDUS. A guard; a watchman. Domesday.

INFALISTATUS. In old English law. Exposed upon the sands, or sea-shore. A species of punishment mentioned in Hengham. Cowell.

INFAMIA. Lat. Infamy; ignominy or disgrace.

By infamia juris is meant infamy established by law as the consequence of crime; infamia facti is where the party is supposed to be guilty of such crime, but it has not been judicially proved. Comm. v. Green, 17 Mass. 513, 541.

INFAMIS. Lat. In Roman law. A person whose right of reputation was diminished (involving the loss of some of the rights of citizenship) either on account of his infamous avocation or because of conviction for crime. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 135.

INFAMOUS CRIME. See Crime.

INFAMY. A qualification of a man's legal status produced by his conviction of an infamous crime and the consequent loss of honor and credit, which, at common law, rendered him incompetent to testify, and, by statute in some jurisdictions entails other disabilities. McCafferty v. Guyer, 59 Pa. 116; Ex parte Wilson, 114 U. S. 417, 5 Sup. Ct. 635, 29 L. Ed. 89; State v. Clark, 60 Kan. 450, 56 Pac. 767.

INFANCY. Minority; the state of a person who is under the age of legal majority. At common law, twenty-one years. According to the sense in which this term is used, it may denote the condition of the person merely with reference to his years, or the contractual disabilities which non-age entails, or his status with regard to other powers or relations. Keating v. Railroad Co., 94 Mich. 219, 58 N. W. 1053; Anonymous, 1 Salk. 44; Code Miss. 1892, § 1505.

—Natural infancy. A period of non-responsible life, which ends with the seventh year. Wharton.

INFANGENTHEP. In old English law. A privilege of lords of certain manors to judge any thief taken within their fee.

INFANS. Lat. In the civil law. A child under the age of seven years; so called "quasi impos fandi," (as not having the faculty of speech.) Cod. Theodos, 5, 18, 8.

INFANS non multum a furioso distat. An infant does not differ much from a lunatic. Bract. 1, 8, c. 2, § 8; Dig. 50, 17, 5, 40; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. §§ 223, 224, 242.

INFANT. A person within age, not of age, or not of full age; a person under the age of twenty-one years; a minor. Co. Litt. 171b; 1 Bl. Comm. 463-466; 2 Kent, Comm. 233.

INFANTIA. Lat. In the civil law. The period of infancy between birth and the age of seven years. Calvin.

INFANTICE. The murder or killing of an infant soon after its birth. The fact of the birth distinguishes this act from "feticide" or "procuring abortion," which terms denote the destruction of the fetus in the womb.

INFANTS' MARRIAGE ACT. The statute 18 & 19 Vict. c. 43. By virtue of this act every infant, (if a male, of twenty, or, if a female, of seventeen, years,—section 4), upon or in contemplation of marriage, may, with the sanction of the chancery division of the high court, make a valid settlement or contract for a settlement of property. Wharton.

INFANZON. In Spanish law. A person of noble birth, who exercises within his domains and inheritance no other rights and privileges than those conceded to him. Escrible.

INFECTION. In medical jurisprudence. The transmission of disease or disease germs from one person to another, either directly by contact with morbidity affected surfaces,
INFECTION or more remotely through inhalation, absorption of food or liquid tainted with excremental matter, contact with contaminated clothing or bedding, or other agencies.

A distinction is sometimes made between "infection" and "contagion," by restricting the latter term to the communication of disease by direct contact. See Grayson v. Lynch, 103 U.S. 408, 18 Sup. Ct. 1004, 41 L. Ed. 220; Wirth v. State, 63 Wis. 51, 22 N. W. 800; Stryker v. Crane, 33 Neb. 690, 50 N. W. 1133. But "infection" is the wider term and in proper use includes "contagion," and is frequently extended so as to include the local inauguration of disease from other than human sources, as, from miasmas, poisonous plants, etc. In another, and perhaps more accurate sense, contagion is the entrance or lodgment of pathogenic germs in the system as a result of direct contact; infection is their fixation in the system or the inauguration of disease as a consequence. In this meaning, infection does not always result from contagion, and on the other hand it may result from the introduction of disease germs into the system otherwise than by contagion.

Auto-infection. The communication of disease from one part of the body to another by mechanical transmission of virus from a diseased to a healthy part.—Infections disease. One capable of being transmitted or communicated by means of infection.

INFECT. In Scotch law. To give seisin or possession of lands; to invest or enfeoff.

INFEMENT. In old Scotch law. Investiture or infedation, including both charter and seisin. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 110.

In later law. Saisine, or the instrument of possession. Bell.

INFENSARE CURIAM. Lat. An expression applied to a court when it suggested to an advocate something which he had omitted through mistake or ignorance. Spelman.

INFEOFMENT. The act or instrument of feoffment. In Scotland it is synonymous with "saisine," meaning the instrument of possession. Formerly it was synonymous with "investiture." Bell.

INERENCE. In the law of evidence. A truth or proposition drawn from another which is supposed or admitted to be true. A process of reasoning by which a fact or proposition sought to be established is deduced as a logical consequence from other facts, or a state of facts, already proved or admitted. Gates v. Hughes, 44 Wis. 336; Whithouse v. Bolster, 95 Me. 458, 50 Atl. 249; Joske v. Irvine, 91 Tex. 574, 44 S. W. 1059.

An inference is a deduction which the reason of the jury makes from the facts proved, without an express direction of law to that effect. Code Civil Proc. Cal. § 1152.


—Inferential facts. See FACT.

INFERIOR. One who, in relation to another, has less power and is below him; one who is bound to obey another. He who makes the law is the superior; he who is bound to obey it, the inferior. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 8.

INFERIOR COURT. This term may denote any court subordinate to the chief appellate tribunal in the particular judicial system; but it is commonly used as the designation of a court of special, limited, or statutory jurisdiction, whose record must show the existence and attaching of jurisdiction in any given case, in order to give presumptive validity to its judgment. See Ex parte Cuddy, 131 U. S. 290, 9 Sup. Ct. 703, 33 L. Ed. 154; Kempe v. Kennedy, 5 Cranch, 185, 3 L. Ed. 70; Grignon v. Astor, 2 How. 341, 11 L. Ed. 283; Swift v. Wayne Circuit Judges, 64 Mich. 479, 31 N. W. 434; Kirkwood v. Washington County, 32 Or. 568, 52 Pac. 568.

The English courts of judicature are classed generally under two heads—the superior courts and the inferior courts; the former division comprising the courts at Westminster, the latter comprising all the other courts in general, many of which, however, are far from being of inferior importance in the common acceptance of the word. Brown.

INFEUDATION. The placing in possession of a freehold estate; also the granting of tithes to laymen.

INFIHICABL. Lat. In the civil law. To deny; to deny one's liability; to refuse to pay a debt or restore a pledge; to deny the allegation of a plaintiff; to deny the charge of an accuser. Calvin.

INFIICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Denial; the denial of a debt or liability; the denial of the claim or allegation of a party plaintiff. Calvin.

INFIDEL. One who does not believe in the existence of a God who will reward or punish in this world or that which is to come. Hale v. Everett, 53 N. H. 54, 16 Am. Rep. 82; Jackson v. Gridley, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 103; Heirn v. Bridault, 37 Miss. 220. One who professes no religion that can bind his conscience to speak the truth. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 308.

INFIDELIS. In old English law. An infidel or heathen.

In feudal law. One who violated fealty.

INFIDELITAS. In feudal law. Infidelity; faithlessness to one's feudal oath. Spelman.
INFIDUCIARE. In old European law. To pledge property. Spelman.

INFIDUAT. Sax. An assault made on a person inhabiting the same dwelling.

Infinitum in jure reproubarat. That which is endless is repudiated in law. 12 Coke, 24. Applied to litigation.

INFORM. Weak, feeble. The testimony of an "inform" witness may be taken de bene esse in some circumstances. See 1 P. Wms. 117.

INFORMATIVE. In the law of evidence. Having the quality of diminishing force; having a tendency to weaken or render inform. 3 Benth. Jud. Ev. 14; Best, Pres. § 217.

—Informative consideration. In the law of evidence. A consideration, supposition, or hypothesis of which the criminative facts of a case are not, and which tends to weaken the inference or presumption of guilt deducible from them. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 133-135.

—Informative fact. In the law of evidence. A fact set up, proved, or even supposed, in opposition to the criminative facts of a case, the tendency of which is to weaken the force of the inference of guilt deducible from them. 3 Benth. Jud. Ev. 14; Best, Pres. § 217, et seq.

—Informative hypothesis. A term sometimes used in criminal evidence to denote an hypothesis or theory of the case which assumes the defendant's innocence, and explains the criminative evidence in a manner consistent with that assumption.

INFLUENCE. See Undue Influence.

INFORMAL. Deficient in legal form; inartificially drawn up.


INFORMATION. In practice. An accusation exhibited against a person for some criminal offense, without an indictment. 4 Bl. Comm. 308.

An accusation in the nature of an indictment, from which it differs only in being presented by a competent public officer on his oath of office, instead of a grand jury on their oath. 1 Bish. Crim. Proc. § 141; People v. Sponsler, 1 Dak. 280, 46 N. W. 450; Goldberg v. State, 12 Conn. 522; State v. Ashley, 1 Ark. 270; Cooper v. State, 4 Tex. 246.

The word is also frequently used in the law in its sense of communicated knowledge, and affidavits are frequently made, and pleadings and other documents verified, on "information and belief."

In French law. The act or instrument which contains the depositions of witnesses against the accused. Poth. Proc. Civil, § 2, art. 5.


—Information in the nature of a quo warranto. A proceeding against the usurper of a franchise or office. See QUO WARRANTO.


INFORMATUS NON SUM. In practice. I am not informed. A formal answer made by the defendant's attorney in court to the effect that he has not been advised of any defense to be made to the action. Thereupon judgment by default passes.

INFORMER. A person who informs or prefers an accusation against another, whom he suspects of the violation of some penal statute.

—Common informer. A common prosecutor. A person who habitually ferrets out crimes and offenses and lays information thereof before the ministers of justice, in order to set a prosecution on foot, not because of his office or any special duty in the matter, but for the sake of the share of the fine or penalty which the law allots to the informer in certain cases. Also used in a less invidious sense, as designating persons who were authorized and empowered to bring actions for penalties. U. S. v. Stocking (D. C.) 87 Fed. 561; In re Barker, 56 Vt. 20.

INFORTIATUM. The name given by the glossators to the second of the three parts or volumes into which the Pandects were divided. The glossators at Bologna had at first only two parts, the first called "Digestum Vetus," (the old Digest,) and the last called "Digestum Novum," (the New Digest.) When they afterwards received the middle or second part, they separated from the Digestum Novum the beginning it had then, and added it to the second part, from which enlargement the latter received the name "Infortiatum." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 110.

INFORTIUM, HOMICIDE PER. Where a man doing a lawful act, without intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another.

INFRA. Lat. Below; underneath; within. This word occurring by itself in a book refers the reader to a subsequent part of the book, like "post." It is the opposite of "ante" and "supra," (q. v.)

INFRA ETATEM. Under age; not of age. Applied to minors.

INFRA ANNOS NUBILES. Under marriageable years; not yet of marriageable age.

INFRA ANNUM. Under or within a year. Bract. fol. 7.

INFRA ANNUM LUCTUS. (Within the year of mourning.) The phrase is used in
INFRA BRACHIA

reference to the marriage of a widow within a year after her husband’s death, which was prohibited by the civil law.

INFRA BRACHIA. Within her arms. Used of a husband de jure, as well as de facto. 2 Inst. 317. Also inter brachia. Bract. fol. 1486. It was in this sense that a woman could only have an appeal for murder of her husband inter brachia sua.

INFRA CIVITATEM. Within the state. 1 Camp. 23, 24.

INFRA CORPUS COMITATUS. Within the body (territorial limits) of a county. In English law, waters which are infra corpus comitatus are exempt from the jurisdiction of the admiralty.

INFRA DIGNITATEM CURLE. Beneath the dignity of the court; unworthy of the consideration of the court. Where a bill in equity is brought upon a matter too trivial to deserve the attention of the court, it is demurrable, as being infra dignitatem curiae.

INFRA FUBOREM. During madness; while in a state of lunacy. Bract. fol. 190.

INFRA HOSPITIUM. Within the inn. When a traveler’s baggage comes infra hospitium, i.e., in the care and under the custody of the innkeeper, the latter’s liability attaches.

INFRA JURISDICTIONEM. Within the jurisdiction. 2 Strange, 827.

INFRA LIGEANTIAM REGIS. Within the king’s liegeance. Comb. 212.

INFRA METAS. Within the bounds or limits. Infra metas foresta, within the bounds of the forest. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 41, § 12. Infra metas hospitii, within the limits of the household; within the verge. Id. lib. 2, c. 2, § 2.

INFRA PRÆSIDIA. Within the protection; within the defenses. In international law, when a prize, or other captured property, is brought into a port of the captors, or within their lines, or otherwise under their complete custody, so that the chance of rescue is lost, it is said to be infra praesidia.

INFRA QUATUOR MARIA. Within the four seas; within the kingdom of England; within the jurisdiction.

INFRA QUATUOR PARETES. Within four walls. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 106, § 1080.

INFRA REGNUM. Within the realm.

INFRA SEX ANNOS. Within six years. Used in the Latin form of the plea of the statute of limitations.

INFRA TRIDUUM. Within three days. Formal words in old appeals. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 31, § 6; Id. c. 35, § 3.

INFRACTION. A breach, violation, or infringement; as of a law, a contract, a right or duty.

In French law, this term is used as a general designation of all punishable actions.


INFUGARE. Lat. To put to flight.

INFULA. A coif, or a cassock. Jacob.

INFUSION. In medical jurisprudence. The process of steeping in liquor; an operation by which the medicinal qualities of a substance may be extracted by a liquor without boiling. Also the product of this operation. “Infusion” and “decoction,” though not identical, are ejusdem generis in law. 3 Camp. 74. See Decoction.

INGE. Meadow, or pasture. Jacob.

INGENIUM. (1) Artifice, trick, fraud; (2) an engine, machine, or device. Spelman.

INGENUITAS. Lat. Freedom; liberty; the state or condition of one who is free. Also liberty given to a servant by manumission.

—Ingenuitas regni. In old English law. The freemen, yeomanry, or commonalty of the kingdom. Cowell. Applied sometimes also to the barons.

INGENUUS. In Roman law. A person who, immediately that he was born, was a free person. He was opposed to libertus, or libertus, who, having been born a slave, was afterwards manumitted or made free. It is not the same as the English law term “generosus,” which denoted a person not
merely free, but of good family. There were no distinctions among ingenui; but among libertini there were (prior to Justinian’s abolition of the distinctions) three varieties, namely: Those of the highest rank, called “Cicca Romani;” those of the second rank, called “Latini Quintani;” and those of the lowest rank, called “Dediticii.” Brown.

INGRATITUDE. In Roman law, ingratitude was accounted a sufficient cause for revoking a gift or recalling the liberty of a freedman. Such is also the law of France, with respect to the first case. But the English law has left the matter entirely to the moral sense.

INGRESS, EGRESS, AND REGRESS. These words express the right of a lessee to enter, go upon, and return from the lands in question.

INGRESSU. In English law. An ancient writ of entry, by which the plaintiff or complainant sought an entry into his lands. Abolished in 1833.

INGRESSUS. In old English law. Ingress; entry. The relief paid by an heir to the lord was sometimes so called. Cowell.

INGROSSATOR. An engrosser. Ingrossator magni rotuli, engrosser of the great roll; afterwards called “clerk of the pipe.” Spelman; Cowell.

INGROSSING. The act of making a fair and perfect copy of any document from a rough draft of it, in order that it may be executed or put to its final purpose.

INHABITANT. One who resides actually and permanently in a given place, and has his domicile there. Ex parte Shaw, 145 U. S. 444, 12 Sup. Ct. 535, 32 L. Ed. 708; The Picarro, 2 Wheat. 245, 4 L. Ed. 220.

"The words ‘inhabitant,’ ‘citizen,’ and ‘resident,’ as employed in different constitutions to define the qualifications of electors, mean substantially the same thing; and one is an inhabitant, resident, or citizen at the place where he has his domicile or home,” Cooley, Const. Lim. “000. But the terms “resident” and “inhabitant” have also been held not synonymous, the latter implying a more fixed and permanent abode than the former, and importing privileges and duties to which a mere resident would not be subject. Tatewell County v. Davenport, 40 Ill. 197.

INHABITED HOUSE DUTY. A tax assessed in England on inhabited dwelling-houses, according to their annual value, (St. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 36; 32 & 33 Vict. c. 14, § 11,) which is payable by the occupier, the landlord being deemed the occupier where the house is let to several persons, (St. 48 Geo. III. c. 55, Schedule B.) Houses occupied solely for business purposes are exempt from duty, although a care-taker may dwell therein, and houses partially occupied for business purposes are to that extent exempt. Sweet.

INHERENT POWER. An authority possessed without its being derived from another. A right, ability, or faculty of doing a thing without receiving that right, ability, or faculty from another.

INHERETRIX. The old term for “heirness.” Co. Litt. 37a.


INHERITABLE BLOOD. Blood which has the purity (freedom from attainder and legitimacy necessary to give its possessor the character of a lawful heir; that which is capable of being the medium for the transmission of an inheritance.


Such an estate in lands or tenements or other things as may be inherited by the heir. Termes de la Ley.

An estate or property which a man has by descent, as heir to another, or which he may transmit to another, as his heir. Litt. § 9.

A perpetuity in lands or tenements to a man and his heirs. Cowell; Blount.

“Inheritance” is also used in the old books where “hereditament” is now commonly employed. Thus, Coke divides inheritances into corporeal and incorporeal, into real, personal, and mixed, and into entire and several.

In the civil law. The succession of the heir to all the rights and property of the estate-leaver. It is either testamentary, where the heir is created by will, or ad intestato, where it arises merely by operation of law. Helnec. § 484.

—Estate of inheritance. See ESTATE.—Inheritable act. The English statute of 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 100, by which the law of inheritance or descent has been considerably modified. 1 Steph. Comm. 359, 500.—Inheritance tax. A tax on the transfer or passing of estates or property by legacy, devise, or intestate succession; not a tax on the property itself, but on the right to acquire it by descent or testamentary gift. 12 Car. 2; Gisb’n’s Estate. 102 N. Y. 445, 62 N. B. 561; Magoun v. Rank. 176 U. S. 283, 18 Sup. Ct. 594, 42 L. Ed. 1037.
INHIBITION. In ecclesiastical law. A writ issuing from a superior ecclesiastical court, forbidding an inferior judge to proceed further in a cause pending before him. In this sense it is closely analogous to the writ of prohibition at common law.

Also the command of a bishop or ecclesiastical judge that a clergyman shall cease from taking any duty.

In Scotch law. A species of diligence or process by which a debtor is prohibited from contracting any debt which may become a burden on his heritable property, in competition with the creditor at whose instance the inhibition is taken out; and from granting any deed of alienation, etc., to the prejudice of the creditor. Brande.

In the civil law. A prohibition which the law makes or a judge oralsus to an individual. Hallifax. Civil Law, p. 126.

—Inhibition against a wife. In Scotch law. A writ in the sovereign's name, passing the signet, which prohibits all and sundry from having transactions with a wife or giving her credit. Bell; Ersk. Inst. 1, 6, 26.

INHOC. In old records. A nook or corner of a common or fallow field, inclosed and cultivated. Kennett, Par. Antiq. 297, 298; Cowell.

INHONESTUS. In old English law. Unseemly; not in due order. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 31, § 8.

INHUMAN TREATMENT. In the law of divorce. Such barbarous cruelty or severity as endangers the life or health of the party to whom it is addressed, or creates a well-founded apprehension of such danger. Whaley v. Whaley, 68 Iowa, 647, 27 N. W. 800; Wells v. Wells, 116 Iowa, 59, 89 N. W. 98; Cole v. Cole, 23 Iowa, 433; Evans v. Evans, 82 Iowa, 462, 48 N. W. 806. The phrase commonly employed in statutes is "cruel and inhuman treatment," from which it may be inferred that "inhumanity" is an extreme or aggravated "cruelty."

Inqulissima pax est anteponenda: justissimo bello. The most unjust peace is to be preferred to the justest war. Root v. Stuyvesant, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 237, 305.

INiquity. In Scotch practice. A technical expression applied to the decision of an inferior judge who has decided contrary to law; he is said to have committed iniquity. Bell.

Iniquum est alios permettere, alios inhiberere mercaturam. It is inequitable to permit some to trade and to prohibit others. 3 Inst. 181.

Iniquum est aliquem rei sui esse judieem. It is wrong for a man to be a judge in his own cause. Branch, Princ.; 12 Coke, 113.

INJUNCTION. Injunction est ingenuis hominibus non esse liberam rerum suarum alienationem. It is unjust that freemen should not have the free disposal of their own property. Co. Litt. 222a; 8 Kent, Comm. 131; Hob. 87.

INITIAL. That which begins or stands at the beginning. The first letter of a man's name. See Elberson v. Richards, 42 N. J. Law, 70.

—Initial carrier. In the law of bailments. The carrier who first receives the goods and begins the process of their transportation, after delivering them to another carrier for the further prosecution or completion of their journey. See Beard v. Railway Co., 79 Iowa, 527, 44 N. W. 803.

INITIALIA TESTIMONII. In Scotch law. Preliminaries of testimony. The preliminary examination of a witness, before examining him in chief, answering to the voir dire of the English law, though taking a somewhat wider range. Wharton.

INITIATE. Commenced; inchoate. Curtesy initiata is the interest which a husband has in the wife's lands after a child is born who may inherit, but before the wife dies.

INITIATIVE. In French law. The name given to the important prerogative conferred by the charte constitutionnelle, article 16, on the late king to propose through his ministers projects of laws. 1 Toullier, no. 39.

INJUNCTION. A prohibitive writ issued by a court of equity, at the suit of a party complainant, directed to a party defendant in the action, or to a party made a defendant for that purpose, forbidding the latter to do some act, or to permit his servants or agents to do some act, which he is threatening or attempting to commit, or restraining him in the continuance thereof, such act being unjust and inequitable, injurious to the plaintiff, and not such as can be adequately redressed by an action at law. U. S. v. Haggerty (C. C.) 116 Fed. 515; Dupre v. Anderson, 45 La. Ann. 1134, 13 South. 748; City of Alma v. Loehr, 42 Kan. 368, 22 Pac. 424.

An injunction is a writ or order requiring a person to refrain from a particular act. It may be granted by the court in which the action is brought, or by a judge thereof, and when made by a judge it may be enforced as an order of the court. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 525.

—Final injunction. A final injunction is one granted when the rights of the parties are determined; it may be made mandatory, (commanding acts to be done,) and is distinguished from a preliminary injunction, which is confined to the purpose and office of simple prevention or restraining. Southern Pac. R. Co. v. Oakland (C. C.) 58 Fed. 54.—Mandatory Injunction. One which (1) commands the defendant to do some positive act or particular
Injuria non exornat injuriam. One wrong does not justify another. Broom, Max. 393. See 8 El. & Bl. 47.


Injuria propria non cadet in beneficio facientes. One's own wrong shall not fail to the advantage of him that does it. A man will not be allowed to derive benefit from his own wrongfull act. Branch, Princ.

Injuria servit dominum pertininx. The master is liable for injury done by his servant. Lofft. 229.

INJURIOUS WORDS. In Louisiana, Slander, or libelous words. Civil Code La. art. 3501.


In the civil law. A delict committed in contempt or outrage of any one, whereby his body, his dignity, or his reputation is maliciously injured. Voet, Com. ad Pand. 47, t. 10, no. 1.


Irreparable injury. This phrase does not mean such an injury as is beyond the possibility of repair, or beyond possible compensation in damages, necessarily great, but includes an injury, whether great or small, which ought not to be submitted to, on the one hand, without regard to the other; and which, because it is so large or so important, or of such constant and frequent occurrence, cannot receive reasonable redress in a court of law. Sanderlin v. Baker, 76 Va. 305, 44 Am. Rep. 165; Farley v. Gate City Gaslight Co., 105 Ga. 323, 31 S. E. 193; While v. Relbach, 76 Ill. 322; Camp v. Dixon, 112 Ga. 872, 38 S. F. 71, 52 L. R. A. 755. Wrongs of a repeated and continuing character, or which occasion damages that are estimated only by conjecture, and not by any accurate standard, are included. Johnson v. Kier, 3 Pittb. (Pa.) 294.—Personal injury. A hurt or damage done to a man's person, such as a cut or bruise, a broken limb, or the like, as distinguished from an injury to his property or his reputation. The phrase is chiefly used in connection with actions for tort for negligence. Norris v. Grove, 100 Mich. 256, 58 N. W. 1006; State v. Clayborne, 14 Wash. 622, 45 Pac. 383; Terre Haute v. City v. Co. v. Lawe, 21 Ind. App. 466, 52 N. E. 703. But the term is also used (chiefly in statutes) in a much wider sense, and as including any injury which is an invasion of personal rights, and in this connection it may include such injuries as libel or slander, criminal conversation with a wife, seduction of a daughter, and mental suffering. See Delamar v. Russell, 4 How, Prac. (N.)
sive of the open sea, though the water in ques-
tion may open or empty into the ocean. Unit-
ited States v. Steam Vessels of War, 106 U. S.
607, 1 Sup. Ct. 539, 27 L. Ed. 286; The Cot-
ton Plant, 19 Wall. 281, 19 L. Ed. 983; Copes-
1076.

INJUSTICE. The withholding or denial of
justice. In law, almost invariably applied to
the act, fault, or omission of a court, as
distinguished from that of an individual.
See Holton v. Olsott, 58 N. H. 598; In re
Moulton, 50 N. H. 532.

"Fraud" is deception practised by the party;
"injustice" is the fault or error of the court.
They are not equivalent words in substance, or
in a statute authorising a new trial on a
showing of fraud or injustice. Fraud is al-
ways the result of contrivance and deception;
injustice may be done by the negligence, mis-
take, or omission of the court itself. Silvey v.
U. S., 7 Ct. Cl. 324.

Injustum est, nisi tota lege inspecta,
de una aliqua eius particula proposita
judicare vel respondere. 8 Coke, 1175.
It is unjust to decide or respond as to any
particular part of a law without examining the
whole of the law.

INLAGAR. In old English law. To
restore to protection of law. Restoration from a
condition of outlawry.

INLAGH. A person within the law's pro-
tection; contrary to ulaghe, an outlaw. Cow-
ell.

INLAND. Within a country, state, or
territory; within the same country.

In old English law, Inland was used for
the demesne (q. v.) of a manor; that part
which was occupied by the lord or most con-
spicuous for the lord's mansion-house, as within
the view thereof, and which, therefore, he kept in
his own hands for support of his family and for
hospitality; in distinction from outland or
outlet, which was the portion let out to ten-
ants. Cowell; Kennett; Spelman.

—Inland bill of exchange. A bill of which
both the drawer and drawer reside within the
same state or country. Otherwise called a
"domestic bill," and distinguished from a "for-
eign bill." Buckner v. Finley, 2 Pet. 588, 7
507; Strawbridge v. Robinson, 1 Ill. 472, 50
Am. Dec. 420.—Inland navigation. With-
ning the meaning of the legislation of congress
upon the subject, this phrase means navigation
upon the rivers of the country, but not upon the
Co., 24 How. 38, 16 L. Ed. 674; The Water
Eagle, 6 Biss. 364, Fed. Cas. No. 17,173;
The Garden City (D. C.) 26 Fed. 773.—Inland
trade. Trade wholly carried on at home; as
distinguished from commerce. (which see.)—
Inland waters. Such waters as canals, lakes,
rivers, water-courses, inlets and bays, exclu-

INLAND, INLANTALE. Demesne or
inland, opposed to diction, or land tenant.
Cowell.

INLAEUGE. Sax. In old English law.
Under the law, (sub leges) in a frank-pledge,
or decennary. Bract. fol. 125b.

INLAW. To place under the protection of
the law. "Swearing obedience to the king
in a leet, which doth inlaw the subject." Ba-
corn.

INLEASED. In old English law. En-
tangled, or ensnared. 2 Inst. 247; Cowell;
Blount.

INLIGARE. In old European law. To
confederate; to join in a league, (in ligan
cuirre.) Spelman.

INMATE. A person who lodges or dwells
in the same house with another, occupying
different rooms, but using the same door for
passing in and out of the house. Webster:
Jacob.

INN. An inn is a house where a traveler
is furnished with everything which he has
occasion for while on his way. Thompson v.
Lacy, 3 Barn. & Ald. 287; Wintemute v.
Clark, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 242; Walling v. Pot-
ter, 33 Conn. 185. And see Hordk.

Under the term "inn" the law includes all
taverns, hotels, and houses of public general
entertainment for guests. Code Ga. 1852, §
214.

The words "inn," "tavern," and "hotel" are
used synonymously to designate what is ordi-
narily and popularly known as an "inn" or
tavern, or place for the entertainment of
travelers, and where all their wants can be
supplied. A restaurant where meals only are
furnished is not an inn or tavern. People v.
Jones, 64 Barb. (N. Y.) 311; Carpenter v.
Taylor, 1 Hilt. (N. Y.) 185.

An inn is distinguished from a private board-
ing-house mainly in this: that the keeper of
the latter is at liberty to choose his guests,
while the innkeeper is obliged to entertain and
furnish all travelers of good conduct and means
of payment with what they may have occasion
for, as such travelers, while on their way.
Pinkerton v. Woodward, 33 Cal. 507, 91 Am.
Dec. 657.

The distinction between a boarding-house and
an inn is that in the former the guest is under
an express contract for a certain time at a
certain rate; in the latter the guest is enter-
tained free of any day upon an implied con-
tact. Willard v. Reinhardt, 2 E. D. Smith
(N. Y.) 148.

—Common inn. A house for the entertain-
ment of travelers and passengers, where
lodging and necessary are provided for them
and for their horses and attendants. Crom-
well v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 13. The word
INNAMOUS. In old English law. A pledge.

INNAVIGABILITY. In insurance law.
The condition of being "innavigable," (q. v.)
The foreign writers distinguish "innavigability" from "shipwreck." 3 Kent, Comm. 323, and note. The term is also applied to the condition of streams which are not large enough or deep enough, or are otherwise unsuited, for navigation.

INNAVIGABLE. As applied to streams, not capable of, or suitable for navigation; impassable by ships or vessels.
As applied to vessels in the law of marine insurance, it means unfit for navigation; so damaged by misadventures at sea as to be no longer capable of making a voyage. See 3 Kent, Comm. 323, note.

INNER BARRISTER. A serjeant or king's counsel, in England, who is admitted to plead within the bar.

INNER HOUSE. The name given to the chambers in which the first and second divisions of the court of session in Scotland hold their sittings. See Outer House.

INNINGS. In old records. Lands recovered from the sea by draining and banking. Cowell.

INNKEEPER. On who keeps an "inn" or house for the lodging and entertainment of travelers. The keeper of a common inn for the lodging and entertainment of travelers and their horses, their horses and attendants, for a reasonable compensation. Story, Balim. § 475. One who keeps a tavern or coffee-house in which lodging is provided. 2 Steph. Comm. 133. See Inn.
One who receives as guests all who choose to visit his house, without any previous agreement as to the time of their stay, or the terms. His liability as innkeeper ceases when his guest pays his bill, and leaves the house with the declared intention of not returning, notwithstanding the guest leaves his luggage behind him. Wintermute v. Clark, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 242.

INNOCENT. Free from guilt; acting in good faith and without knowledge of incriminatory circumstances, or of defects or objections.

-INNOCENT agent. In criminal law. One who, being ignorant of any unlawful intent on the part of his principal, is merely the instrument of the guilty party in committing an offense; one who does an unlawful act at the solicitation or request of another, but who, from defect of understanding or ignorance of the inculpatory facts, incurs no legal guilt. Smith v. State, 21 Tex. App. 107, 17 S. W. 552; State v. Carr, 28 Or. 389, 42 Pac. 215.—INNOCENT conveyances. A technical term of the English law of conveyancing, used to designate such conveyances as may be made by a leasehold tenant without working a forfeiture. These are said to be lease and re-lease, bargain and sale, and, in case of a life-tenant, a covenant to stand seized. See 1 Chit. Pr. 243.

-INNOCENT purchasers. One who, by an honest contract or agreement, purchases property or acquires an interest therein, without knowledge, or means of knowledge sufficient to charge him in law with knowledge, of any infirmity in the title of the seller. Hanchett v. Kimbark, (Ill.) 2 N. E. 517; Gerson v. Pool, 31 Ark. 90; Stephens v. Olson, 62 Minn. 205, 64 N. W. 808.

INNOMINATE. In the civil law. Not named or classed; belonging to no specific class; ranking under a general head. A term applied to those contracts for which no certain or precise remedy was appointed, but a general action on the case only. Dig. 2, 1, 4, 7, 2; Id. 19, 4, 5.

-INNOMINATE contracts, literally, are the "unclassified" contracts of Roman law. They are contracts which are neither re, verbis, litteris, nor concessis simply, but some mixture of or variation upon two or more of such contracts. They are principally the contracts of pejusatio, de assimilato, precarium, and transactio. Brown.

INNOMIA. In old English law. A close or inclosure, (clausum, inclausura.) Spelman.

IN NOTESCIMUS. Lat. We make known. A term formerly applied to letters, patent, derived from the emphatic word at the conclusion of the Latin forms. It was a species of exemplification of charters of feoffment or other instruments not of record. 5 Coke, 54a.

INNOVATION. In Scotch law. The exchange of one obligation for another, so as to make the new obligation secure at the place of the first, and be the only subsisting obligation against the debtor. Bell. The same with "novation," (q. v.)

INNOXIARE. In old English law. To purge one of a fault and make him innocent.

INNS OF CHANCERY. So called because anciently inhabited by such clerks as chiefly studied the framing of writs, which regularly belonged to the curators, who were officers of the court of chancery. There are nine of them,—Clement's, Clifford's, and Lyon's Inn; Furnival's, Thavies,' and Symond's Inn; New Inn; and Barnard's and Staples' Inn. These were formerly preparatory colleges for students, and many entered them before they were admitted into the Inns of Court. They consist chiefly of solicitors, and possess corporate property, hall, chambers, etc., but perform no public functions like the Inns of Court. Wharton.

INNS OF COURT. These are certain private unincorporated associations, in the nature of collegiate houses, located in London,
and invested with the exclusive privilege of calling men to the bar; that is, conferring the rank or degree of a barrister. They were founded probably about the beginning of the fourteenth century. The principal inns of court are the Inner Temple, Middle Temple, Lincoln's Inn, and Gray's Inn. (The two former originally belonged to the Knights Templar; the two latter to the earls of Lincoln and Gray respectively.) These bodies now have a "common council of legal education," for giving lectures and holding examinations. The inns of chancery, distinguishable from the foregoing, but generally classed with them under the general name, are the buildings known as "Clifford's Inn," "Clement's Inn," "New Inn," "Staples' Inn," and "Barnard's Inn." They were formerly a sort of collegiate houses in which law students learned the elements of law before being admitted into the inns of court, but they have long ceased to occupy that position.

INNUENDO. This Latin word (commonly translated "meaning") was the technical beginning of that clause in a declaration or indictment for slander or libel in which the meaning of the alleged libellous words was explained, or the application of the language charged to the plaintiff was pointed out. Hence it gave its name to the whole clause; and this usage is still retained, although an equivalent English word is now substituted. Thus, it may be charged that the defendant said "he [meaning the said plaintiff] is a perjurer."

The word is also used, (though more rarely) in other species of pleadings, to introduce an explanation of a preceding word, charge, or averment.

It is said to mean no more than the words "id est," "scilicet," or "meaning," or "aforesaid," as explanatory of a subject-matter sufficiently expressed before, as "such a one, meaning the defendant," or "such a subject, meaning the subject in question." Cwmp. 683. It is only explanatory of some matter already expressed. It serves to point out where there is precedent matter, but never for a new charge. It may apply what is already expressed, but cannot add to or enlarge or change the sense of the previous words. 1 Chit. Pl. 422. See Grand v. Dreyfus, 122 Cal. 38, 54 Pac. 358; Nanty v. Boltin Co., 206 Pa. 128, 56 Atl. 862; Checkham v. Tilletson, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 458; Quinn v. Prudential Ins. Co., 116 Iowa, 522, 90 N. W. 340; Dickson v. State, 34 Tex. Cr. R. 1, 30 S. W. 867, 53 Am. St. Rep. 684.

INOFFICIUSUM. In the civil law. Inofficious; contrary to natural duty or affection. Used of a will of a parent which disinherited a child without just cause, or that of a child which disinherited a parent, and which could be contested by querela inofficii testamento. Dig. 2, 5, 3, 13; Paulus, lib. 4, tit. 5, § 1.

INOFFICIOUS TESTAMENT. A will not in accordance with the testator's natural affection and moral duties. Williams, Extra. (7th Ed.) 39; Stein v. Wilsinoki, 4 Heyf. Sur. (N. Y.) 450; In re Wilford's Will (N. J.) 51 Atl. 502. But particularly, in the civil law, a will which deprives the heirs of that portion of the estate to which the law entitles them, and of which they cannot legally be disinherited. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 714; Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 3556, subd. 16.

INOFFICIICIDAD. In Spanish law. Everything done contrary to a duty or obligation assumed, as well as in opposition to the pietry and affection dictated by nature. Escrib. INOPS CONSILII. Lat. D instituted of counsel; without legal counsel. A term applied to the acts or condition of one acting without legal advice, as a testator drafting his own will.

INORDINATUS. An intestate.

INPENY and OUTPENY. In old English law. A customary payment of a penny on entering into and going out of a tenancy, (pro estitio de tenura, et pro ingressu.) Spelman.

INQUEST. 1. A body of men appointed by law to inquire into certain matters. The grand jury is sometimes called the "grand inquest."

2. The judicial inquiry made by a jury summoned for the purpose is called an "inquest." The finding of such men, upon an investigation, is also called an "inquest." People v. Coombs, 36 App. Div. 284, 55 N. Y. Supp. 278; Davis v. Bibb County, 116 Ga. 23, 42 S. E. 403.

3. The inquiry by a coroner, termed a "coroner's inquest," into the manner of the death of any one who has been slain, or has died suddenly or in prison.

4. This name is also given to a species of proceeding under the New York practice, allowable where the defendant in a civil action has not filed an affidavit of merit nor verified his answer. In such case the issue may be taken up, out of its regular order, on plaintiff's motion, and tried without the admission of any affirmative defense.

An inquest is a trial of an issue of fact where the plaintiff alone introduces testimony. The defendant is entitled to appear at the taking of the inquest, and to cross-examine the plaintiff's witnesses: and, if he do appear, the inquest must be taken before a jury, unless a jury be expressly waived by him. Haines v. Davis, 6 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 118.

—Coroner's inquest. See CORONER.—Inquest of lunacy. See LUNACY.—Inquest of office. In English practice. An inquiry made made by the king's (or queen's) officer, his sheriff, coroner, or escheator, virtuoso office, or by writ sent to them for that purpose, or by commissioners specially appointed, concerning any
INQUILINUS. In Roman law. A tenant; one who hires and occupies another's house; but particularly, a tenant of a hired house in a city, as distinguished from colonus, the hirer of a house or estate in the country. Calvin.

INQUIRENDO. An authority given to some official person to institute an inquiry concerning the crown's interests.

INQUIRY. The writ of inquiry is a judicial process addressed to the sheriff of the county in which the venue is laid, stating the former proceedings in the action, and "because it is unknown what damages the plaintiff has sustained," commanding the sheriff that, by the oath of twelve men of his county, he diligently inquire into the same, and return the inquisition into court. This writ is necessary after an interlocutory judgment, the defendant having let judgment go by default, to ascertain the quantum of damages. Wharton.

INQUISTITIO. In old English law. An inquisition or inquest. Inquisitio post mortem, an inquisition after death. An inquest of office held, during the continuance of the military tenures, upon the death of every one of the king's tenents, to inquire of what lands he died seised, who was his heir, and of what age, in order to entitle the king to his marriage, wardship, relief, primer seisin, or other advantages, as the circumstances of the case might turn out. 3 Bl. Comm. 238. Inquisitio patria, the inquisition of the country; the ordinary jury, as distinguished from the grand assise. Bract. fol. 155.

INQUISITION. In practice. An inquiry or inquest; particularly, an investigation of certain facts made by a sheriff, together with a jury impaneled by him for the purpose.

- Inquisition after death. See INQUISTITIO- Inquisition of lunacy. See LUNACY.

INQUISITOR. A designation of sheriffs, coroners super visum corporis, and the like, who have power to inquire into certain matters.

INSANITY. Unsound in mind; of unsound mind; deranged, disordered, or diseased in mind. Violently deranged; mad.

INSANITY. Unsoundness of mind; madness; mental alienation or derangement; a morbid psychic condition resulting from disorder of the brain, whether arising from malformation or defective organization or morbid processes affecting the brain primarily or diseased states of the general system implicating it secondarily, which involves the intellect, the emotions, the will, and the moral sense, or some of these faculties, and which is characterized especially by their non-development, derangement, or perversion, and is manifested, in most forms, by delusions, incapacity to reason or to judge, or by uncontrolled impulses. In law, such a want of reason, memory, and intelligence as prevents a man from comprehending the nature and consequences of his acts or from distinguishing between right and wrong conduct. From both the pathologic and the legal definitions are to be excluded temporary mental aberrations caused by or accompanying alcoholic or other intoxication and the delirium of fever. See Crosswell v. People, 13 Mich. 427, 87 Am. Dec. 774; Johnson v. Insurance Co., 85 Me. 182, 22 Atl. 107; McNell v. Relief Ass'n, 40 App. Div. 551, 58 N. Y. Supp. 122; Hale v. Railroad Co., 60 Fed. 500, 9 C. C. A. 134, 23 L. R. A. 174; Meyers v. Com., 33 Pa. 136; Somers v. Pumphrey, 24 Ind. 245; Frazer v. Frazer, 2 Del. Ch. 263.

Other definitions. Insanity is a manifestation of disease of the brain, characterized by a general or partial derangement of one or more faculties of the mind, and in which, while consciousness is not abolished, mental freedom is perverted, weakened, or destroyed. Hammond, Nervous System, 532. The prolonged departure, without any return, from the cause, from the motive of feeling and modes of thinking usual to the individual in health. Bouvier. By insanity is not meant (in law) a total deprivation of reason, but only an inability, from defect of perception, memory, and judgment, to do the act in question, [with an intelligent apprehension of its nature and consequences.] So, by a lucid interval is not meant a perfect restoration to reason, but a restoration so far as to be able, beyond doubt, to comprehend and to do the act with such reason, memory, and judgment as to make it a legal act. Frazer v. Frazer, 2 Del. Ch. 263.

Synonyms. Lunacy. Lunacy, at the common law, was a term used to describe the state of one who, by sickness, grief, or other accident, has wholly lost his memory and understanding. Co. Litt. 2465, 247a; Com. v. Haskell, 2 Brewst. (Pa.) 493. It is distinguished from idiocy, an idiot being one who from his birth has had no memory or understanding, while lunacy implies the possession and subsequent loss of mental powers. Bicknell v. Spear, 38 Misc. Rep. 380, 77 N.
Y. Supp. 920. On the other hand, lunacy is a total deprivation or suspension of the ordinary powers of the mind, and is to be distinguished from imbecility, where there is a more or less advanced decay and feebleness of the intellectual faculties. In re Vanaunek, 10 N. J. Eq. 186, 195; Odell v. Buck, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 142. As to all other forms of insanity, lunacy was originally distinguished by the occurrence of lucid intervals, and hence might be described as a periodical or recurrent insanity. In re Anderson, 132 N. C. 243, 43 S. E. 649; Hlett v. Shull, 36 W. Va. 503, 15 S. E. 146. But while these distinctions are still observed in some jurisdictions, they are more generally disregarded; so that, at present, in inquisitions of lunacy and other such proceedings, the term "lunacy" has almost everywhere come to be synonymous with "insanity," and is used as a general description of all forms of derangement or mental unsoundness, this rule being established by statute in many states and by judicial decisions in others. In re Clark, 175 N. Y. 139, 67 N. E. 212; Smith v. Hickenbottom, 57 Iowa, 733, 11 N. W. 604; Cason v. Owens, 300 Ga. 142, 28 S. E. 75; In re Hill, 31 N. J. Eq. 203. Cases of arrested mental development would come within the definition of lunacy, that is, where the patient was born with a normal brain, but the cessation of mental growth occurred in infancy or so near it that he never acquired any greater intelligence or discretion than belongs to a normally healthy child. Such a subject might be scientifically examined an "idiot," but not legally, for in law the latter term is applicable only to congenital amnesia. The term "lucid interval" means not an apparent tranquillity or seeming repose, or cessation of the violent symptoms of the disorder, or a simple diminution or remission of the disease, but a temporary cure—an intermission so clearly marked that it perfectly resembles a return of health; and it must be such a restoration of the faculties as enables the patient beyond doubt to comprehend the nature of his acts and transact his affairs as usual; and it must be continued for a length of time sufficient to give certainty to the temporary restoration of reason. Golden v. Burke, 35 La. Ann. 160, 173; Ricketts v. Joliff, 62 Miss. 440; Ekin v. McCracken, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 534; Frazer v. Frazer, 2 Del. Ch. 200.

Idiocy is congenital amnesia, that is, a want of reason and intelligence existing from birth and due to structural defect or malformation of the brain. It is a congenital obliterance of the chief mental powers, and is defined in law as that condition in which the patient has never had, from his birth, except during the obliterance of reason; for a person is not legally an "idiot" if he can tell his parents, his age, or other like common matters. This is not the condition of a deranged mind, but that of a total absence of mind, so that, while idiocy is generally classed under the general designation of "insanity," it is rather to be regarded as a natural defect than as a disease or as the result of a disease. It differs from "lunacy" because there are no lucid intervals or periods of ordinary intelligence. See In re Beaumont, 1 Whart. (Pa.) 53, 29 Am. Dec. 33; Clark v. Robinson, 88 Ill. 502; Crosswell v. People, 13 Mich. 427, 87 Am. Dec. 774; Hlett v. Shull, 36 W. Va. 503, 15 S. E. 146; Thompson v. Thompson, 21 Barb. (N. Y.) 128; In re Owings, 1 Bland (Md.) 386, 17 Am. Dec. 311; Francke v. His Wife, 29 La. Ann. 304; Hall v. Unger, 11 Fed. Cas. 261; Bicknell v. Spear, 38 Misc. Rep. 389, 77 N. Y. Supp. 920.

Imbecility. A more or less advanced decay and feebleness of the intellectual faculties; that weakness of mind which, without depriving the person entirely of the use of his reason, leaves only the faculty of conceiving the most common and ordinary ideas and such as relate almost always to physical wants and habits. It varies in shades and degrees from merely excessive folly and eccentricity to an almost total vacuity of mind or amnesia, and the test of legal capacity, in this condition, is the stage to which the weakness of mind has advanced, as measured by the degree of reason, judgment, and memory remaining. It may proceed from paresis or general paralysis, from senile decay, or from the advanced stages of any of the ordinary forms of insanity; and the term is rather descriptive of the consequences of insanity than of any particular type of the disease. See Calderon v. Martin, 50 La. Ann. 1153, 22 South. 909; Dealefeld v. Parish, 1 Redf. (N. Y.) 115; Campbell v. Campbell, 130 Ill. 466, 22 N. E. 620, 6 L. R. A. 167; Messenger v. Bliss, 35 Ohio St. 592.


Derangement. This term includes all forms of mental unsoundness, except of the natural born idiot. Hlett v. Shull, 36 W. Va. 503, 15 S. E. 147.

Delusion is sometimes loosely used as synonymous with insanity. But this is incorrect. Delusion is not the substance but the evidence of insanity. The presence of an insane delusion is a recognized test of insanity in all cases except amnesia and imbecility, and where there is no frenzy or raving mad-
ness; and in this sense an insane delusion is a fixed belief in the mind of the patient of the existence of a fact which has no objective existence but is purely the figment of his imagination, and which cannot extirpate the error. The person would believe it under the circumstances of the case, the belief, nevertheless, being so unchangeable that the patient is incapable of being permanently disabused by argument or proof. The characteristic which distinguishes an "insane" delusion from other mistaken beliefs is that it is not a product of the reason but of the imagination, that is, not a mistake of fact induced by deception, fraud, insufficient evidence, or erroneous reasoning, but the spontaneous conception of a perverted imagination, having no basis whatever in reason or evidence. Riggs in the Medical Society, 35 Hun (N.Y.) 658; Buchanan v. Pierce, 205 Pa. 123, 54 Atl. 588, 97 Am. St. Rep. 725; Gass v. Gass, 3 Humph. (Tenn.) 283; Dews v. Clarke, 3 Add. 77; In re Bennett's Estate, 201 Pa. 485, 51 Atl. 336; In re Scott's Estate, 128 Cal. 57, 60 Pac. 527; Smith v. Smith, 48 N. J. Eq. 566, 25 Atl. 11; Guitteau's Case (D. C.) 10 Fed. 170; State v. Lewis, 20 Nev. 353, 22 Pac. 241; In re White, 121 N. Y. 406, 24 N. E. 935; Potter v. Jones, 20 Or. 239, 25 Pac. 709, 12 L. R. A. 161. As to the distinctions between "Delusion" and "Illusion" and "Hallucination," see those titles.

Forms and varieties of insanity. Without attempting a scientific classification of the numerous types and forms of insanity, (as to which it may be said that there is as yet no final accord among psychologists and aliens as to whether or not a nomenclature, definitions and explanations will here be appended of the compound and descriptive terms most commonly used. \---Riggs. \---Med. Soc., 35 Hun (N.Y.) 658.\---Dews v. Clarke, 3 Add. 77.\---In re Bennett's Estate, 201 Pa. 485, 51 Atl. 336.\---In re Scott's Estate, 128 Cal. 57, 60 Pac. 527.\---Smith v. Smith, 48 N. J. Eq. 566, 25 Atl. 11.\---Guitteau's Case (D. C.) 10 Fed. 170.\---State v. Lewis, 20 Nev. 353, 22 Pac. 241.\---In re White, 121 N. Y. 406, 24 N. E. 935.\---Potter v. Jones, 20 Or. 239, 25 Pac. 709, 12 L. R. A. 161.\---General descriptive and clinical terms.\---Affective insanity. A modern comprehensive term descriptive of all those forms of insanity which affect or relate to the feelings and emotions and hence to the ethical and social relations of the individual. \---Involuntary insanity. That which sometimes accompanies the "involution" of the physical structure and physiology of the individual, the reverse of their "evolution," hence practically equivalent to the imbecility of old age or senile dementia. \---Maniacal-insane insanity. A form of insanity characterized by alternating periods of high maniacal excitement and of depressed and stuporous states from cerebral anemia. \---Maniacal-insane melancholia, often occurring as a series or cycle of isolated attacks, with more or less complete restoration to health in the intervals. (Kraepelin.) \---"Insane" used to designate a subject, "insane" or "insanity" or "circular stupor." \---Cirrular insanity. Another name for maniacal-depressive insanity. \---This, as a legal term, may mean either monomania (see infra) or an intermediate stage in the development of mental derangement. In the former case, it means the absence of responsibility for his acts, except where intensified directly by his particular delusion or obsession. \---Consent, 167 U. States, 4 Par. 190, 190 Pa. 335, 49 Atl. 60; Trich v. Trich, 105 Pa. 386, 30 Atl. 1053. In the latter sense, larya called "St. Vitus' dance." \---Puerperal insanity is a disease of women at the time of child-birth or immediately after; it is also called "eclampsia parturientium." \---Folie brilique. A French term sometimes used as a synonym for insanity resulting from nephritis or "Bright's disease. See In re McKeen's Will, 31 Misc. Rep. 702, 66 N. Y. 420; \---Delirium tremens. A disease of the nervous system, induced by the excessive and protracted use of intoxicating liquors, and affecting the brain so as to produce incoherence and loss of continuity of thought; delusional processes; a suspension or perversion of the power of volition, and delusions, particularly of a terrifying nature, but not generally prompting to violence except in the effort to escape from imaginary dangers. It is recognized in law as a form of insanity, and may be of such a nature or intensity as to render the patient legally incapable of committing a crime. United States v. McClure, 1 Curt. 1, 26 Fed. Cas. 1065; Insurance Co. v. Denning, 125 Ind. 364, 24 N. E. 86; Macconnell v. State, 5 Ohio St. 77; Erwin v. State, 10 Tex. App. 700; Carter v. State, 12 Tex. 500, 62 Am. Dec. 335. In some states the insanity of an alcoholic on account of his intoxication is classed as "temporary," where induced by the voluntary recent use of ardent spirits and carried to such a degree the person becomes incapable of judging of the law, the public or the moral aspect of his acts, and "settled," where the condition is that of delirium tremens. Settled insanity comes in this sense under civil or criminal responsibility; temporary insanity does not. The ground of the distinction is that the former is a remote effect of imbibing alcoholic liquors and is not voluntarily assumed, while the latter is a direct result voluntarily sought for. Everson v. State, 31 Tex. Cr. R. 315, 20 S. W. 421. \---Riggs in the Medical Society, 35 Hun (N.Y.) 658.\---Dews v. Clarke, 3 Add. 77.\---In re Bennett's Estate, 201 Pa. 485, 51 Atl. 336.\---In re Scott's Estate, 128 Cal. 57, 60 Pac. 527.\---Smith v. Smith, 48 N. J. Eq. 566, 25 Atl. 11.\---Guitteau's Case (D. C.) 10 Fed. 170.\---State v. Lewis, 20 Nev. 353, 22 Pac. 241.\---In re White, 121 N. Y. 406, 24 N. E. 935.\---Potter v. Jones, 20 Or. 239, 25 Pac. 709, 12 L. R. A. 161.\---General descriptive and clinical terms.\---Affective insanity. A modern comprehensive term descriptive of all those forms of insanity which affect or relate to the feelings and emotions and hence to the ethical and social relations of the individual. \---Involuntary insanity. That which sometimes accompanies the "involution" of the physical structure and physiology of the individual, the reverse of their "evolution," hence practically equivalent to the imbecility of old age or senile dementia. \---Maniacal-insane insanity. A form of insanity characterized by alternating periods of high maniacal excitement and of depressed and stuporous states from cerebral anemia. \---Maniacal-insane melancholia, often occurring as a series or cycle of isolated attacks, with more or less complete restoration to health in the intervals. (Kraepelin.) \---"Insane" used to designate a subject, "insane" or "insanity" or "circular stupor." \---Cirrular insanity. Another name for maniacal-depressive insanity. \---This, as a legal term, may mean either monomania (see infra) or an intermediate stage in the development of mental derangement. In the former case, it means the absence of responsibility for his acts, except where intensified directly by his particular delusion or obsession. \---Consent, 167 U. States, 4 Par. 190, 190 Pa. 335, 49 Atl. 60; Trich v. Trich, 105 Pa. 386, 30 Atl. 1053. In the latter sense,
it denotes a clouding or weakening of the mind, not inconsistent with some measure of memory, reason, and judgment. But the term, in this sense, does not convey any very definite meaning; and it is applicable to the dubiously-minded almost to the last stages of imbecility. State v. Jones, 50 N. H. 383, 9 Am. Rep. 242; Appeal of Dunham, 27 Conn. 263.—Recurrent insanity means insanity which exists from time to time, hence equivalent to "lunacy" (see supra) in its common-law sense, as a mental disorder broken by remissions. The Supreme Court's presumption that fitful and exceptional attacks of insanity are continuous. Leach v. State, 22 Tex. App. 278, 3 S. W. 383, 36 Am. Rep. 683.—Mental disease. A moral or physical condition of the feelings, affections, or propensities, but without any illusions or derangement of the intellectual faculties; irresistible impulse or an incapacity to resist the prompting of the passions, though accompanied by the power of discerning the moral or immoral character of the act. Moral insanity is not admitted as a bar to civil or criminal responsibility for the patient's acts, unless there is also shown to be intellectual disability. Mental incapable and without the other recognized criteria of legal insanity. Leach v. State, 22 Tex. App. 278, 3 S. W. 383, 35 Am. Rep. 683; In re Forman's Will, 54 Ill. 220, 10 N. W. 202, 200 Ill. 171, 49 N. W. 3. The term "emotional insanity" or mania transitoria applies to the case of one in the possession of his ordinary reason, the delusions of which which allow him to convert him into a temporary maniac. Mutual L. Ins. Co. v. Terry, 15 Wall. 590, 583, 21 L. Ed. 236.—Psychoneurosis. Mental disease without recognizable anatomical lesion, and without evidence and history of preceding chronic mental degeneration. Under this head come sexual insanity, paranoia, and mania hallucinatoria. Cent. Dict. "Neurosis," in its broadest sense, may include any disease or disorder of the brain, and hence all of the forms of insanity proper. But the term "psychoneurosis" is now employed by Freud and other European specialists to describe that class of exaggerated individual peculiarities or idiosyncrasies of thought towards special objects or topics which are absent from the perfectly normal mind, and which yet have so little influence upon the patient's conduct or his general modes of thought that they cannot properly be described as "insanity" or as any form of "mania," except those cases which are accompanied by any kind of delusions. At most, they lie on the debatable border-land between sanity and insanity. These idiosyncrasies or obsessions may arise from a conviction, from a recollection in the patient's past history upon which he has brooded until it has assumed an unreal importance or significance, or from general neurotic conditions. Such, for example, are a terrific shrinking from certain kinds of animals, unreasonable dread of being shut up in some enclosed place or of being alone in a crowd, excessive fear of being poisoned, groundless conviction of irredeemable sinfulness, and countless other peculiarities or obsessions which take their origin from mere weak-minded superstition to actual monomania.—Katastasia. A form of insanity distinguished by periods of acute mania and melancholia and especially by catalytic states or conditions; the "insanity of rigidity." (Kahlbaum.) A type of insanity characterized by paroxysm of "preceptsym," or persisting inclination to purposeless repetition of the same expression of the will, and "neutivism," a senseless resistance against every outward influence. (Fechner.) But the French name for circular insanity or maniacal-depressive insanity.—General paralysis. De- mentia paraética or parasis.

Mania, insanity, and mania. The connection of insanity into these three types or forms, though once common, has of late given way to a more scientific nomenclature, based chiefly on the origin or cause of the disease in the particular patient and its clinical history. These terms, however, are still occasionally encountered. The names of some of their subdivisions are in constant use.

Amenia. A total lack of intelligence, reason, or mental capacity. Sometimes so used as to cover cases of morbid idiocy or dotage. This is applicable to all forms of insanity; but properly restricted to a lack of mental capacity due to original injury of the highest brain centers (idiocy) or arrested cerebral development, as distinguished from the degeneration of intellectual faculties which once were normal.

Dementia. A form of insanity resulting from degeneration or disorder of the brain (ideopathic or traumatic, but not congenital) and characterized by general mental weakness and decrepitude, forgetfulness, loss of coherence, and total inability to reason, but criminal or moral responsibility for the patient's acts, unless there is also shown to be intellectual disability. Mental incapable and without the other recognized criteria of legal insanity. Leach v. State, 22 Tex. App. 278, 3 S. W. 383, 35 Am. Rep. 683; In re Forman's Will, 54 Ill. 220, 10 N. W. 202, 200 Ill. 171, 49 N. W. 3. The term "emotional insanity" or mania transitoria applies to the case of one in the possession of his ordinary reason, the delusions of which which allow him to convert him into a temporary maniac. Mutual L. Ins. Co. v. Terry, 15 Wall. 590, 583, 21 L. Ed. 236.—Psychoneurosis. Mental disease without recognizable anatomical lesion, and without evidence and history of preceding chronic mental degeneration. Under this head come sexual insanity, paranoia, and mania hallucinatoria. Cent. Dict. "Neurosis," in its broadest sense, may include any disease or disorder of the brain, and hence all of the forms of insanity proper. But the term "psychoneurosis" is now employed by Freud and other European specialists to describe that class of exaggerated individual peculiarities or idiosyncrasies of thought towards special objects or topics which are absent from the perfectly normal mind, and which yet have so little influence upon the patient's conduct or his general modes of thought that they cannot properly be described as "insanity" or as any form of "mania," except those cases which are accompanied by any kind of delusions. At most, they lie on the debatable border-land between sanity and insanity. These idiosyncrasies or obsessions may arise from a conviction, from a recollection in the patient's past history upon which he has brooded until it has assumed an unreal importance or significance, or from general neurotic conditions. Such, for example, are a terrific shrinking from certain kinds of animals, unreasonable dread of being shut up in some enclosed place or of being alone in a crowd, excessive fear of being poisoned, groundless conviction of irredeemable sinfulness, and countless other peculiarities or obsessions which take their origin from mere weak-minded superstition to actual monomania.—Katastasia. A form of insanity distinguished by periods of acute mania and melancholia and especially by catalytic states or conditions; the "insanity of rigidity." (Kahlbaum.) A type of insanity characterized by paroxysm of "preceptsym," or persisting inclination to purposeless repetition of the same expression of the will, and "neutivism," a senseless resistance against every outward influence. (Fechner.) But the French name for circular insanity or maniacal-depressive insanity.—General paralysis. Dementia paraética or parasis.

Mania. That form of insanity in which the patient is subject to hallucinations and illusions, accompanied by a high state of mental excitement, sometimes amounting to fury. See Hall v. Tinger, 2 Abb. U. S. 510, 11 Fed. Cas. 261; People v. Everit, 2 Parker 218; Smith v. Smith, 47 Miss. 211; In re Gannon's Will, 2 Misc. Rep. 329, 21 N. Y. Supp. 469. In the case first above cited, the following description is given by Justice Field: "Mania is that form of insanity where the men-
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tal derangement is accompanied with more or
less of excitement. Sometimes the excitement
amounts to a frenzy. The idea of such cases
is subject to hallucinations and illusions. He
is impressed with the reality of events which
have never occurred, and of things which do not
exist. He believes in the omnipotence of God
and his belief in these particulars. The mania
may be general, and affect all or most of the
organics of his mind, in which case it is known
as delirium. In such a case he cannot be con-
fined to particular subjects. In the latter
insanity is termed 'monomania.' In a more
popular but less scientific sense, 'mania' is used
to denote delirious or exces-
sive craving, issuing in impulses of such fix-
ty and intensity that they cannot be resisted
by the patient in the enfeebled state of the will
and blurred moral consciousness, which form the
disease. It is used in this sense in such
compounds as "homicidal mania," "dipnomania,
and the like. —Hypn. A mild or slight-
devolved form or type of mania.—Mono-
mania. A perversion or derangement of the
reason or understanding with reference to a
single subject, or small class of subjects, with
considerable mental excitement and delusions,
whereas, as to all matters out of the range of
the pathology. The mental faculties, main
universality and functions, are all affected. —
Hopping v. People, 31 Ill. 390, 38 Am. Dec. 231; In re
Black's Estate, Myr. Prob. (Cal.) 27; Owing's
Case, 16 Cal. 551; W. v. People, 31 Ill. 390, 38 Am. Dec. 231;
Merritt v. State, 30 Tex. Cr. R. 70, 45 S. W; 21;
In re Gannon's Will, 2 Misc. Rep. 329,
21 N. Y. Supp. 608.—Paranoa. Mania in a
manic form, in which obsession or syn-
tom of delusions which dominate without de-
stroying the mental capacity, leaving the patient
still as to all matters outside their particular
range; through such hallucinations, false;
beliefs, and uncontrollable impulses within that
range; and particularly, the form of mania
which is seated in wrongs, injuries, or persep-
tion inflicted upon any one, and his consequently
justifiable resentment or revenge.
Winter v. State, 61 N. J. Law, 615, 41 Atl. 216; People v. Braun,
159 N. Y. 400, 55 N. E. 520; Flanigan v. State, 103 Ga. 619, 30 S. E.
560. Paranoa is called by Kraepelin "progressive
systematized insanity," because the delu-
sions are more or less fixed, and the patient's
behavioural self-esteem develop quite slowly,
without out independent disturbances of emotional life
or of the will, becoming prominent, and because
there occurs recently by clinging upon the
assumptions or opinion taken up towards the events of life.—Homicidal
mania. A form of mania in which the morbid
state of the mind manifests itself in an irresist-
able inclination to impulsive homicide, promp-
ted usually by an insane delusion either as
to the necessity of self-defense or the avenging of
injuries, or as to the patient being the appoint-
ed instrument of a superhuman justice. Com.
v. Sayre, 6 Wkly. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 423; Com.
v. Mosler, 4 Pa. 260.—Methomania. An irre-
resistible inclination or impulse to intoxica-
tion, manifested by the periodical re-
currence of drunken debacles. State v. Savage,
89 Ala. 1, 7 South. 182, 7 L. R. A. 428.—Dysmel-
mania. Practically the same thing as metho-
mania, except that the irresistible impulse to intoxica-
tion is extended by some writers to in-
clude the use of such drugs as opium or cocaine,
as well as alcohol. See State v. Reidel, 9 Houst.
(Del.) 470, 14 Atl. 550; Ballard v. S. & N. R. R., 97 Conn. 286.
—Mania ap-
potu. Delirium tremens, or a species of tem-
porary insanity resulting as a secondary effect
produced by the excessive and protracted indul-
gence in intoxicating liquors. See State v. Hurl-
ley, Houst. Cr. Cas. (Del.) 28, 35.—Toxico-
mania. An excessive addiction to the use of
toxic or poisonous drugs or other substances; a
form of mania or affective insanity characterized
by an irresistible impulse to indulgence in
drug, or of some other drug. See Fanaticism.
A form of insanity characterized by a
morbid state of religious feeling. Ekin v.
McC racken, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 540.—Sebastoma-
nia. Religious mania with a delusion of infallibility.
—Megalomania. This so-called "delirium of grue-
sa" or "folie de grandeur," is a form of mania
in which the besetting delusion of the patient is
that he is some person of great celebrity or ex-
alted rank, historical or contemporary. —Klept-
omania. A species (or symptom) of mania,
consisting of an irresistible impulse to
646; State v. Reidell, 9 Houst. (Del.) 470, 14
Att. 550.—Psychopathic Mania. A form of
affective insanity in which the mania takes
the form of an irresistible impulse to burn or set
fire to things. Oikel mania, a form of in-
sanity manifesting itself in a morbid state of
the domestic affections, as an unreasonable dislike
of wife or child without cause or provocation.
Ekin v. McCracken, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 540.—Nym-
phonmania. A form of mania characterized by
a morbid, excessive, and uncontrollable craving
for sexual intercourse. This term is applic-
only to women. The term for the maniacal
mania in men is "satyriasis." —Erotomania.
A form of mania similar to nymphomania,
except that the patient is of both sexes and
that (according to some au-
torities) it is applicable to cases of 
less sexual desire than 1. respect; —In-
ymphomania is restricted to cases where the
Disease is caused by a local disorder of the sex-
ual organs reacting on the brain. And it is to be obser-
ved that the term is now often used, especially by French writers,
to describe a morbid propensity for "falling in love with an exaggerated condition of
amatory love-sickness, which a
ffect the general physical health, but is not
neccessarily correlated with any sexual craving,
and which, though it may unattract color the
imagination and distort the subject's view of
life and affairs, does not at all amount to in-
sanity, and should not be so considered when it
leads to crimes of violence, as is the too com-
mon case of a rejected lover who kills his mis-
tress. —Necrophili am. A form of affective
insanity manifesting itself in an unnatural and
volting fondness for corpses, the patient desir-
ing to be in their presence, to caress them,
to exume them, or to sometimes mutilate them,
and even to commit (in a form of sexual perversjon) to
violates.

Melancholia. Melancholia is a form of in-
sanity the characteristics of which are extreme
mental depression, a kind of apathy, which pre-
clamy hallucinations, the latter relating especially
to the financial or social position of the patient or
to impending or threatened dangers to his per-
son, property, or reputation, or to disordered con-
torted conceptions of his relations to society or
his family or of his rights and duties in general.

(Del.) 470, 14 Atl. 551; People v. Krist, 188
N. Y. 19, 50 N. E. 1067. —Hypochondriacal
or Hypochondriasis. A term, form of fillings
with the idea that the patient has exaggerated or caused
fear concerning his health or suffers from imagi-
ary disease. Torsohphobia, Morbid dread of
being poisoned, a form of insanity manifesting
itself by an excessive and ungrounded apprehen-
sion of death by poison.

Specific definitions and applications in
law. There are numerous legal proceed-
ons where insanity may be shown, and the rule
for establishing mental capacity or the want
of it varies according to the object or purpose
of the proceeding. Among these may be emu-
nerated the following: A criminal prosecu-
tion where insanity is alleged as a defense; a proceeding to defeat a will on the ground of the insanity of the testator; a suit to avoid a contract (including that of marriage) for similar reasons; a proceeding to secure the commitment of a person alleged to be insane to an asylum; a proceeding to appoint a guardian or conservator for an alleged lunatic; a plea or proceeding to avoid the effect of the statute of limitations on account of insanity. What might be regarded as insanity in one of such cases would not necessarily be so regarded in another. No definite rule can be laid down which would apply to all cases alike. Snyder v. Snyder, 142 Ill. 60, 31 N. E. 303; Clarke v. Irwin, 63 Neb. 539, 88 N. W. 783. But the following rules or tests for specific cases have been generally accepted and approved:

In criminal law and as a defense to an accusation of crime, insanity means such a perverted and deranged condition of the mental and moral faculties as to render the person incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong, or to render him at the time unconscious of the nature of the act he is committing, or such that, though he may be conscious of it and also of its normal quality, so as to know that the act in question is wrong, yet his will or volition has been (otherwise than voluntarily) so completely destroyed that his actions are not subject to it but are beyond his control. Or, as otherwise stated, insanity is such a state of mental derangement that the subject is incompetent of having a criminal intent, or incapable of so controlling his will as to avoid doing the act in question. Davis v. U. S., 165 U. S. 373, 17 Sup. Ct. 360, 41 L. Ed. 730; Doherty v. State, 73 Vt. 380, 59 Atl. 1113; Butler v. State, 102 Wis. 364, 78 N. W. 590; Rather v. State, 25 Tex. App. 623, 9 S. W. 69; Lowe v. State, 118 Wis. 641, 96 N. W. 424; Genz v. State, 59 N. J. Law. 488, 37 Atl. 69, 59 Am. St. Rep. 619; In re Guiteau (D. C.) 10 Fed. 164; People v. Finley, 33 Mich. 482; People v. Holm, 62 Cal. 120, 45 Am. Rep. 651; Carr v. State, 96 Ga. 284, 22 S. E. 570; Wilcox v. State, 94 Tenn. 106, 28 S. W. 312; State v. Holloway, 100 Mo. 222, 35 S. W. 794; Hotema v. U. S., 186 U. S. 413, 22 Sup. Ct. 593, 46 L. Ed. 1225.

Testamentary capacity includes an intelligent understanding of the testator's property, its extent and items, and of the nature of the act he is about to perform, together with a clear understanding and purpose as to the manner of its distribution and the persons who are to receive it. Lacking these, he is not mentally competent. The presence of insane delusions is not inconsistent with testamentary capacity, if they are of such a nature as to render it entirely impossible for him to judge accurately as to the effects of his will. But insanity, even senile dementia, and all forms of systematized mania which affect the understanding and judgment generally disable the patient from making a valid will. See Harrison v. Rowan, 3 Wash. C. C. 585, Fed. Cas. No. 6,141; Smeke v. Smeke, 5 Prob. Div. 84; Banks v. Goodfellow, 39 Law J. R., Q. B., 248; Wilson v. Mitchell, 101 Pa. 493; Whitney v. Twombly, 136 Mass. 147; Lowder v. Lowder, 58 Ind. 540; In re Holf's Will, 15 Misc. Rep. 308, 37 N. Y. Supp. 737; Den v. Vanclave, 5 N. J. Law, 690.

As a ground for avoiding or annulling a contract or conveyance, insanity does not mean a total depravation of reason, but an inability, from defect of perception, memory, and judgment, to do the act in question or to understand its nature and consequences. Frazer v. Frazer, 2 Del. Ch. 260. The insanity must have entered into and induced the particular contract or conveyance; it must appear that it was not the act of the free and untrammeled mind, and that on account of the diseased condition of the mind the person entered into a contract or made a conveyance which he would not have made if he had been in the possession of his reason. Dewey v. Allaire, 37 N. J. 6, 53 N. W. 276, 40 Am. St. Rep. 488; Dennett v. Dennett, 44 N. H. 537, 84 Am. Dec. 97. Insanity sufficient to justify the annulment of a marriage means such a want of understanding at the time of the marriage as to render the party incapable of assenting to the contract of marriage. The morbid propensity to steal, called "kleptomaniac," does not answer this description. Lewis v. Lewis, 44 Minn. 124, 46 N. W. 325, 9 L. R. A. 505, 20 Am. St. Rep. 559.

As a ground for restraining the personal liberty of the patient, it may be said in general that the form of insanity from which he suffers should be such as to make his going at large a source of danger to himself or to others, though this matter is largely regulated by statute, and in many places the law permits the commitment to insane asylums and hospitals of persons whose insanity does not manifest itself in homicidal or other destructive forms of mania, but who are incapable of caring for themselves and their property or who are simply fit subjects for treatment in hospitals and other institutions specially designed for the care of such patients. See, for example, Gen. St. Kan. 1901, § 6570.

To constitute insanity such as will authorize the appointment of a guardian or conservator for the patient, there must be such a deprivation of reason and judgment as to render him incapable of understanding and acting with discretion in the ordinary affairs of life; a want of sufficient mental capacity to transact ordinary business and to take care of himself and his personal affairs. See Snyder v. Snyder, 142 Ill. 60, 31 N. E. 303; In re Wetmore's Guardianship, 6 Wash. 271, 33 Pac. 615.

Insanity as a plea or proceeding to avoid the effect of the statute of limitations means
practically the same thing as in relation to the appointment of a guardian. On the one hand, it does not require a total deprivation of reason or absence of understanding. On the other hand, it does not include mere weakness of mind short of imbecility. It means such a degree of derangement as renders the subject incapable of understanding the nature of the particular affair and his rights and remedies in regard to it and incapable of taking discreet and intelligent action. See Burnham v. Mitchell, 34 Wis. 134.

There are a few other legal rights or relations into which the question of insanity enters, such as the capacity of a witness or of a voter; but they are governed by the same general principles. The test is capacity to understand and appreciate the nature of the particular act and to exercise intelligence in its performance. A witness must understand the nature and purpose of an oath and have enough intelligence and memory to relate correctly the facts within his knowledge. So a voter must understand the nature of the act to be performed and be able to make an intelligent choice of candidates. In either case, eccentricity, "crankliness," feeble-mindedness not amounting to imbecility, or insane delusions which do not affect the matter in hand, do not disqualify. See District of Columbia v. Armes, 107 U. S. 521, 2 Sup. Ct. 840, 27 L. Ed. 618; Clark v. Robinson, 88 Ill. 502.

In insanus est qui, abjecta ratione, omnium cum impetu et fururo factit. He is insane who, reason being thrown away, does everything with violence and rage. 4 Coke, 128.

INSCRIBERE. Lat. In the civil law. To subscribe an accusation. To bind one's self, in case of failure to prove an accusation, to suffer the same punishment which the accused would have suffered had he been proved guilty. Calvin.

INSCRIPTION. Lat. In the civil law. A written accusation in which the accuser undertakes to suffer the punishment appropriate to the offense charged, if the accused is able to clear himself of the accusation. Calvin; Cod. 9, 1, 10; Id. 9, 2, 16, 17.

INSCRIPTION. In evidence. Anything written or engraved upon a metallic or other solid substance, intended for great durability; as upon a tombstone, pillar, tablet, medal, ring, etc.

In modern civil law. The entry of a mortgage, lien, or other document at large in a book of public records; corresponding to "recording" or "registration."

INSCRIPTIONES. The name given by the old English law to any written instrument by which anything was granted. Blount.

INSENSIBLE. In pleading. Unintelligible; without sense or meaning, from the omission of material words, etc. Steph. Pl. 377. See Union Sewer Pipe Co. v. Olson, 52 Minn. 187, 54 N. W. 756.

INSETENA. In old records. An inditch; an interior ditch; one made within another, for greater security. Spelman.

INSIDIATORES VIARUM. Lat. Highwaymen; persons who lie in wait in order to commit some felony or other misdemeanor.

INSIGNIA. Ensigns or arms; distinctive marks; indicia; characteristics.

INSILIARIUS. An evil counsellor. Cowell.

INSILIUM. Evil advice or counsel. Cowell.

INSIMUL. Lat. Together; jointly. Townsh. Pl. 44.

--Insimul computassent. They accounted together. The name of the count in assumpit upon an account stated; it being averred that the parties had settled their accounts together, and defendant engaged to pay plaintiff the balance. Fraley v. Bispham, 10 Pa. 325, 51 Am. Dec. 486; Lohenthal v. Morris, 103 Ala. 322, 15 South. 672.—Insimul tenente. One species of the writ of formedon brought against a stranger by a coparcener on the possession of the ancestor, etc. Jacob.

INSINUACION. In Spanish law. The presentation of a public document to a competent judge, in order to obtain his approbation and sanction of the same, and thereby give it judicial authenticity. Escriche.

INSINUARE. Lat. In the civil law. To put into; to deposit a writing in court, answering nearly to the modern expression "to file." Si non mandatum actus insinuation est, if the power or authority be not deposited among the records of the court. Inst. 4, 11, 3.

To declare or acknowledge before a judicial officer; to give an act an official form.


INSINUATION. In the civil law. The transcription of an act on the public registers like our recording of deeds. It was not necessary in any other alienation but that appropriated to the purpose of donation. Inst. 2, 7, 2.

--Insinuation of a will. In the civil law. The first production of a will, or the leaving it with the registrar, in order to its probate. Cowell; Blount.

INSOLATION. In medical jurisprudence. Sunstroke or heat-stroke; heat prostration.

As to the distinction between bankruptcy and insolvency, see BANKRUPTCY.

—Insolvency fund. In English law. A fund, consisting of moneys and securities, which, at the time of the passing of the bankruptcy act, 1801, stood, in the Bank of England, to the credit of the commissioners of the insolvent debtors' court, and was, by the twenty-sixth section of that act, directed to be carried by the bank to the account of the accountant in bankruptcy. Provision has now been made for its transfer to the commissioners for the reduction of the national debt. Rota Bancr. 20, 66.

Open insolvency. The condition of one who has no property, within the reach of the law, applicable to the payment of any debt. Hardy v. Kinovery, 8 Blackf. (Ind.) 305; Somerby v. Brown, 73 Ind. 336.

INSOLVENT. One who cannot or does not pay; one who is unable to pay his debts; one who is not solvent; one who has not means or property sufficient to pay his debts. See INSOLVENCY.


INSPECTOR. A prosecutor or adversary.

INSPECTION. The examination or testing of food, fluids, or other articles made subject by law to such examination, to ascertain its fitness for use or commerce. People v. Compagnie Generale Transatlantique (C. C.) 10 Fed. 361; Id. 107 U. S. 59, 2 Sup. Ct. 87, 27 L. Ed. 383; Turner v. Maryland, 107 U. S. 38, 2 Sup. Ct. 44, 27 L. Ed. 370.

Also the examination by a private person of public records and documents; or of the books and papers of his opponent in an action, for the purpose of better preparing his own case for trial.

—Inspection laws. Laws authorizing and directing the inspection and examination of various kinds of merchandise intended for sale, especially food, with a view to ascertaining its fitness for use and excluding unwholesome or unmarketable goods from sale, and directing the appointment of official inspectors for that purpose. See U.S. st. 1. § 10, cl. 2; Story, Const. § 1017, et seq. Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 202, 6 L. Ed. 23; Clinteman v. Northrop, 8 Cow. (N. Y.) 45; Patapesc Guano Co. v. Board of Agriculture, 171 U. S. 345, 18 Sup. Ct. 842, 41 L. Ed. 191; Turner v. State, 55 Md. 263.—Inspection of documents. This phrase refers to the right of a party, in a civil action, to inspect and make copies of documents which are essential or material to the maintenance of his cause, and which arc either in the custody of an officer of the law or in the possession of the adverse party. Inspection, trial by. A mode of trial formerly in use in England, by which the judges of a court decided a point in dispute, upon the testimony of their own senses, without the intervention of a jury. This took place in cases where the fact upon which the cause was taken must, from its nature, be evident to the court from ocular demonstration, or other irrefragable proof; and was adopted for the greater expedition of a cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 831.

INSPECTORS. Officers whose duty it is to examine the quality of certain articles of merchandise, food, weights and measures, etc.

INSPECTORSHIP, DEED OF. In English law. An instrument entered into between an insolvent debtor and his creditors, appointing one or more persons to inspect and oversee the winding up of such insolvent's affairs on behalf of the creditors.

INSPEXIMUS. Lat. In old English law. We have inspected. An exemplification of letters patent, so called from the emphatic word of the old form. 5 Coke, 534.

INSTALLATION. The ceremony of inducing or investing with any charge, office, or rank, as the placing a bishop into his see, a dean or prebendary into his stall or seat, or a knight into his order. Wharton.

INSTALLMENTS. Different portions of the same debt payable at different successive periods as agreed. Brown.

INSTANCe. In pleading and practice. Solicitation, properly of an earnest or urgent kind. An act is often said to be done at a party's "special instance and request."

In the civil and French law. A general term, designating all sorts of actions and judicial demands. Dig. 44, 7, 58.

In ecclesiastical law. Causes of instance are those proceeded in at the solicitation of some party, as opposed to causes of
office, which run in the name of the judge.
Hallifax, Civil Law, p. 156.

In Scotch law. That which may be insisted on at one diet or course of probation. Wharton.

—Instance court. In English law. That division or department of the court of admiralty which exercises all the ordinary admiralty jurisdiction, with the single exception of prize cases, the latter belonging to the branch called the "Prize Court." The term is sometimes used in American law for purposes of explanation, but has no proper application to admiralty courts in the United States, where the powers of both instance and prize courts are conferred without any distinction. 3 Kent, Comm. 355, 375; The Betsey, 3 Dall. 6, 1 L. Ed. 485; The Emulous, 1 Gall. 563, Fed. Cas. No. 4,470.

INSTANCIA. In Spanish law. The institution and prosecution of a suit from its commencement until definitive judgment. The first instance, "primera instancia," is the prosecution of the suit before the judge competent to take cognizance of it at its inception; the second instance, "segunda instancia," is the exercise of the same action before the court of appellate jurisdiction; and the third instance, "tercera instancia," is the prosecution of the same suit, either by an application of revision before the appellate tribunal that has already decided the cause, or before some higher tribunal, having jurisdiction of the same. Escrib. 1.

INSTANTANEOUS. An "instantaneous" crime is one which is fully consummated or completed in and by a single act (such as arson or murder) as distinguished from one which involves a series or repetition of acts. See U. S. v. Owen (D. C.) 32 Fed. 537.

INSTANTER. Immediately; instantly; forthwith; without delay. Trial instanter was had where a prisoner between attainer and execution pleaded that he was not the same who was attainted. When a party is ordered to plead instanter, he must plead the same day. The term is usually understood to mean within twenty-four hours. Rex v. Johnson, 6 East. 563; Smith v. Little, 53 Ill. App. 160; State v. Clewenger, 20 Mo. App. 627; Fentress v. State, 16 Tex. App. 83; Champiu v. Champin, 2 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 329.

INSTAR. Lat. Likeness; the likeness, size, or equivalent of a thing. Instar denium, like teeth. 2 Bl. Comm. 295. Instar omnium, equivalent or tautamount to all. Id. 146; 3 Bl. Comm. 231.

INSTAURUM. In old English deeds. A stock or store of cattle, and other things; the whole stock upon a farm, including cattle, wagons, plows, and all other implements of husbandry. 1 Mon. Anal. 546b; Plata. Lib. 2, c. 72, § 7. Terra instaurata, land ready stocked.

INSTIGATION. Incitation; urging; solicitation. The act by which one incites another to do something, as to commit some crime or to commence a suit. State v. Fraker, 146 Mo. 143, 49 S. W. 1017.

INSTIRPARE. To plant or establish.

INSTITOR. Lat. In the civil law. A clerk in a store; an agent.

INSTITORIA ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. The name of an action given to those who had contracted with an instititor (q. v.) to compel the principal to performance. Inst. 4, 7, 2; Dig. 14, 3, 1; Story, Ag. § 428.

INSTITORIAL POWER. The charge given to a clerk to manage a shop or store. 1 Bell, Comm. 506, 507.


To nominate, constitute, or appoint; as to institute an heir by testament. Dig. 28, 3, 65.

INSTITUTE, n. In the civil law. A person named in the will as heir, but with a direction that he shall pass over the estate to another designated person, called the "substitute."

In Scotch law. The person to whom an estate is first given by destination or limitation; the others, or the heirs of tailzie, are called "substitutes."

INSTITUTES. A name sometimes given to text-books containing the elementary principles of jurisprudence, arranged in an orderly and systematic manner. For example, the Institutes of Justinian, of Galus, of Lord Coke.

—Institutes of Galus. An elementary work of the Roman jurist Galus; important as having formed the foundation of the Institutes of Justinian, (q. v.) These Institutes were discovered by Niebuhr in 1816, in a codex scriptus of the library of the cathedral chapter at Verona, and were first published at Berlin in 1820. Two editions have since appeared. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 54—Institutes of Justinian. One of the four component parts or principal divisions of the Corpus Juris Civilis, being an elementary treatise on the Roman law, in four books. This work was compiled from earlier sources (resting principally on the Institutes of Galus,) by a commission composed of Tribonian and two others, by command and under direction of the emperor Justinian, and was first published November 21, A. D. 533—Institutes of Lord Coke. The name of four volumes by Lord Coke, published A. D. 1629. The first is an extensive comment upon a treatise on tenures, compiled by Littleton, a judge of the common pleas, temp. Edward IV. This comment is a rich mine of valuable common-law learning, collected and heaped to
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gather from the ancient reports and Year Books, but greatly defective in method. It is usually cited by the name of "Co. Litt.," or as "1 Inst." The second volume is a comment upon old acts of parliament, without systematic order; the third a more methodical treatise on the pleas of the crown; and the fourth an account of the several species of courts. These are cited as 2, 3, or 4 "Inst.," without any author's name. Wharton.

INSTITUTIO HÆREDIS. Lat. In Roman law. The appointment of the heres in the will. It corresponds very nearly to the nomination of an executor in English law. Without such an appointment the will was void at law, but the praeator (i.e., equity) would, under certain circumstances, carry out the intentions of the testator. Brown.

INSTITUTION. The commencement or inauguration of anything. The first establishment of a law, rule, rite, etc. Any custom, system, organization, etc., firmly established. An elementary rule or principle.

In practice. The commencement of an action or prosecution; as, A. B. has instituted a suit against C. D. to recover damages for trespass.

In political law. A law, rite, or ceremony enjoined by authority as a permanent rule of conduct or of government. Webster.

A system or body of usages, laws, or regulations, of extensive and recurring operation, containing within itself an organism by which it effects its own independent action, continuance, and generally its own further development. Its object is to generate, effect, regulate, or sanction a succession of acts, transactions, or productions of a peculiar kind or class. We are likewise in the habit of calling single laws or usages "institutions," if their operation is of vital importance and vast scope, and if their continuance is in a high degree independent of any interfering power. Lieb. Civil Lib. 300.

In corporation law. An organization or foundation, for the exercise of some public purpose or function; as an asylum or a university. By the term "institution" in this sense is to be understood an establishment or organization which is permanent in its nature, as distinguished from an enterprise or undertaking which is transient and temporary. Humphries v. Little Sisters of the Poor, 29 Ohio St. 206; Indianapolis v. Sturdevant, 24 Ind. 391.

In ecclesiastical law. A kind of institution of the spiritual part of the benefice. As induction is of the temporal; for by institution the care of the souls of the parish is committed to the charge of the clerk. Brown.

In the civil law. The designation by a testator of a person to be his heir.

In jurisprudence. The plural form of this word ("institutions") is sometimes used as the equivalent of "institutes," to denote an elementary text-book of the law.

INSTITUTIONES. Lat. Works containing the elements of any science; institutions or institutes. One of Justinian's principal law collections, and a similar work of the Roman jurist Galus, are so entitled. See INSTITUTES.

INSTRUCT. To convey information as a client to an attorney; or as an attorney to a counsel; to authorize one to appear as advocate; to give a case in charge to the jury.

INSTRUCTION. In French criminal law. The first process of a criminal prosecution. It includes the examination of the accused, the preliminary interrogation of witnesses, collateral investigations, the gathering of evidence, the reduction of the whole to order, and the preparation of a document containing a detailed statement of the case, to serve as a brief for the prosecuting officers, and to furnish material for the indictment.

-Juges d'instruction. In French law. Officers subject to the procurer imperial or général, who receive in cases of criminal offenses the complaints of the parties injured, and who summon and examine witnesses upon oath, and, after communication with the procurer imperial, draw up the forms of accusation. They have also the right, subject to the approval of the same superior officer, to admit the accused to bail. They are appointed for three years, but are re-eligible for a further period of office. They are usually chosen from among the regular judges. Brown.

In common law. Order given by a principal to his agent in relation to the business of his agency.

In practice. A detailed statement of the facts and circumstances constituting a cause of action made by a client to his attorney for the purpose of enabling the latter to draw a proper declaration or procure it to be done by a pleader.

In trial practice. A direction given by the judge to the jury concerning the law of the case; a statement made by the judge to the jury informing them of the law applicable to the case in general or some aspect of it; an exposition of the rules or principles of law applicable to the case or some branch or phase of it, which the jury are bound to accept and apply. Lehman v. Hawks, 121 Ind. 541, 23 N. E. 670; Boggs v. U. S., 10 Okl. 424, 53 Pac. 909; Lawler v. McPheeters, 73 Ind. 570.

-Peremptory instruction. An instruction given by a court to a jury which the latter must obey implicitly; as an instruction to return a verdict for the defendant, or for the plaintiff, as the case may be.

INSTRUMENT. A written document; a formal or legal document in writing, such as a contract, deed, will, bond, or lease. State v. Phillips, 157 Ind. 481, 62 N. E. 12; Cardenas v. Miller, 108 Cal. 230, 39 Pac. 788, 49 Am. St. Rep. 84; Benson v. McMahon, 127 U. S. 457, 8 Sup. Ct. 1240, 32 L. Ed. 234;
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In the law of evidence. Anything which may be presented as evidence to the senses of the judge or jury. The term "instrument of evidence" includes not merely documents, but witnesses and living things which may be presented for inspection. 1 Whart. Ev. § 615.

Instrument of appeal. The document by which an appeal is brought in an English matrimonial cause from the president of the probate, divorce, and admiralty division to the full court. It is analogous to a petition. Browne, Div. 322—Instrument of evidence. Instruments of evidence are the media through which the evidence of facts, either disputed or required to be proved, is conveyed to the mind of a judicial tribunal; and they comprise persons, as well as writings. Best, Ev. § 123.

Instrument of salissi. An instrument in Scotland by which the delivery of "salissi" (i.e., seisin, or the feudal possession of land) is attested. It is subscribed by a notary, in the presence of witnesses, and is executed in pursuance of a "precept of salissi," whereby the "grantor of the deed" desires "any notary public to whom these presents may be presented" to give salissi to the intended grantee or grantees. It must be entered and recorded in the register of salissi. Morley & Whitelaw.

INSTRUMENTA. Lat. That kind of evidence which consists of writings not under seal; as court-rolls, accounts, and the like. 3 Co. Litt. 487.

INSUCKEN MULTURES. A quantity of corn paid by those who are thrilled to a mill. See Thriial.

INSUFFICIENCY. In equity pleading. The legal inadequacy of an answer in equity which does not fully and specifically reply to some or more of the material allegations, charges, or interrogatories set forth in the bill. White v. Joy, 13 N. Y. 90; Houghton v. Townsend, 8 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 44; Hill v. Fair Haven & W. R. Co., 75 Conn. 177, 52 Atl. 725.

INSULA. Lat. An island; a house not connected with other houses, but separated by a surrounding space of ground. Calvin.

INSUPER. Lat. Moreover; over and above.

An old exchequer term, applied to a charge made upon a person in his account. Blount.

INSURABLE INTEREST. Such a real and substantial interest in specific property as will sustain a contract to indemnify the person interested against its loss. Mutual F. Ins. Co. v. West, 100 Me. 104; Insurance Co. v. Brooks, 131 Ala. 614, 30 South. 876; Berry v. Insurance Co., 132 N. Y. 49, 30 N. E. 254, 28 Am. St. Rep. 548; Strong v. Insurance Co., 10 Pick. (Mass.) 43, 20 Am. Dec. 507; Insurance Co. v. Whisnure, 124 Pa. 61, 16 Atl. 516. If the assured had no real interest, the contract would be a mere wager policy.

Every interest in property, or any relation thereto, or liability in respect thereof, of such a nature that a contemplated peril might directly or indirectly affect the insured, is an insurable interest. Civil Code, Cal. § 2546.

In the case of life insurance, a reasonable expectation of pecuniary benefit from the continued life of another; a reasonable ground, founded upon the relation of the parties to each other, either pecuniary or of blood or affinity, to expect some benefit or advantage from the continuance of the life of the assured. Insurance Co. v. Schaefcr, 94 U. S. 460, 24 L. Ed. 251; Warnock v. Davis, 104 U. S. 779, 26 L. Ed. 924; Roybach v. Insurance Co., 35 La. Ann. 234, 48 Am. Rep. 239.

INSURANCE. A contract whereby, for a stipulated consideration, one party undertakes to compensate the other for loss on a specified subject by specified perils. The party agreeing to make the compensation is usually called the "insurer" or "underwriter;" the other, the "insured" or "assured;" the agreed consideration, the "premium;" the written contract, a "policy;" the events insured against, "risks" or "perils;" and the subject, right, or interest to be protected, the "insurable interest." 1 Phil. Ins. §§ 1-5.


Classification—Accident insurance is that form of insurance which undertakes to indemnify the assured against expense, loss, or suffering resulting from accidents causing him physical injury, usually by payment at a fixed rate per week while the consequent disability lasts, and sometimes including the payment of a fixed sum to his heirs in case of his death by accident within the term of the policy. See Employers' Liability Assur. Corp. v. Merrill, 115 Mass. 494, 25 N. E. 523—Burglary insurance. Insurance against loss of property by the depredations of burglars and thieves—Casualty insurance. This term is generally used as equivalent to "fire" and "general" insurance. See State v. Federal Inv. Co. 48 Minn. 110, 60 N. W. 1028. But in some states it means insurance against accidental injuries to property, as distinguished from accidents resulting in bodily injury or death. See Employers' Liability Assur. Corp. v. Merrill, 155 Mass. 494, 25 N. E. 522—General insurance. Insurance is a term applied to indemnity agreements, in the form of insurance bonds or policies, whereby parties to commercial contracts are to a designated extent guaranteed against loss by reason of a breach of contractual obli-
gations on the part of the other contracting party; to this class belong policies of contract credit and title insurance. Cowles v. Guaranty Co. 138 Ala. 507, 38 So. 282. — Employer's liability insurance. In this form of insurance the risk insured against is the liability of the assured to make compensation or pay damages for an accident, injury, or death occurring to a servant or other employee in the course of his employment, either on the premises occupied by the assured or while he is traveling from one place to another. The company undertakes to indemnify such liability on employers. — Fidelity insurance. That form of insurance in which the interest of the assured is indemified from losses caused by dishonesty or want of fidelity on the part of a person. See People v. Rose, 174 Ill. 530, 51 N. E. 246, 44 L. R. A. 124.—Fire insurance. A contract of insurance by which the underwriter, in consideration of the premium, undertakes to indemnify the assured against all losses in his houses, buildings, furniture, ships in port, or merchandise, by means of accidental fire happening within a prescribed period. 3 Kent, Comm. 370; Mutual L. Ins. Co. v. Allen, 133 Mass. 21, 52 Am. Rep. 136. — Fidelity and Surety. Fire Ins. Co. (C. C.) 22 Fed. 470.—Fraterna! insurance. The form of life or accident insurance terminated by a terminal benetficial association, consisting in the undertaking to pay to a member, or his heirs in case of death, a stipulated sum of money, out of funds raised for that purpose, by the payment of contributions or assessments by all the members of the association. — Guaranty insurance is a contract whereby one, for a consideration, agrees to indemnify another against losses arising from the want of integrity or fidelity of employees and persons holding positions of trust, or embezzlements by them. The insurer of such debts, losses in trade, loss by non-payment of notes, or against breaches of contract. See People v. Mathis, 175 N. Y. 51, 90 N. E. 241, 44 L. R. A. 124; Cowles v. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., 32 Wash. 120, 72 Pac. 1082. — Life insurance. That kind of insurance in which the risk contemplated is the death of a particular person; upon which event (if it occurs within a prescribed term, or, according to the contract, when the assured becomes a certain age) the insurer engages to pay a stipulated sum to the legal representatives of such person, or to a third person having an insurable interest in the life of the assured. — Live-stocks. Insurance upon the lives, health, and good condition of domestic animals of the useful kinds, such as horses, cattle, sheep, and insurance thereon. A contract whereby, for a consideration stipulated to be paid by one interested in a ship, freight, or cargo, subject to the risks of marine navigation, another undertakes to indemnify him against some or all of those risks during a certain period or voyage. 1 Phil. Ins. 1. A contract whereby one party, for a stipulated premium, undertakes to indemnify the other against certain perils or sea-risks to which his ship, freight, and cargo, or some or all of them, may be exposed during a certain period or a fixed period of time. 3 Kent, Comm. 223. Marine insurance is insurance against risks connected with navigation, to which a ship, cargo, freightage, profits, or other insurable interest in movable property may be exposed during a certain period or a fixed period of time. Civ. Code Cal. § 2655. A contract of marine insurance is one by which a person or corporation, for a stipulated premium, insures another against loss by perils arising by the perils of the sea. Code Ga. 1852, § 2524. — Plate-glass insurance. Insurance against loss from the accidental breaking of windows, doors, show-cases, etc. — Steam boiler insurance. Insurance against the destruction of steam boilers by their explosion, sometimes including indemnity against injuries to other property resulting from such explosion. — Title insurance. Insurance against loss or damage resulting from defects or failure of title to or partial loss of ownership of real estate, or payment of money on mortgage, and is furnished by companies specially organized for the purpose, and which keep complete sets of abstracts or duplicate deeds to enable them to examine and settle the accounts of examiners, and prepare conveyances and transfers of all sorts. A "certificate of title" furnished by such companies is not a warranty of title, but only a formally expressed professional opinion of the company's examiner that the title is complete and perfect (or otherwise, as stated), and the company is liable only for a want of care, skill, or diligence on the part of its examiner; whereas an "insurance of title" warrants the validity of the title on the general title of the insurance company. Insurance against injuries to crops, timber, houses, farm buildings, and other property from the effects of tornadoes, hurricanes, and cyclones. — Other compound and descriptive terms. — Concurrent insurance. That which to any extent insures the same interest against the same casualty, at the same time, as the primary insurance, on such terms that the insurers would bear proportionately the loss happening within the provisions of both policies. Ruber v. Assur. Co., 64 N. Y. 454; 46 Atl. 777; Corkery v. Insurance Co., 99 Iowa, 382, 56 N. W. 702; Coffee v. Insurance Co., 10 Iowa, 423, 81 Am. St. Rep. 311. — Double insurance. See Double. — General and special insurance. In marine insurance a general insurance is effected when the peril insured against are such as the law would imply from the nature of the contract considered in itself and supposing none to be specially described in the policy; in the case of special insurance, further perils (in addition to implied perils) are expressed in the policy. Vandenheuvel v. United Ins. Co., 2 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 157. — Insurance commissioner. A public officer in several of the states, whose duty is to superintend the business of insurance as conducted in the state by foreign and domestic companies, for the protection and benefit of policy-holders, and especially to issue licenses, make periodic examinations into the condition of such companies, or receive, examine, and publish periodical statements of their business as furnished by them. — Insurance company. A corporation or association whose business is the insurance of risks. They are either mutual companies or stock companies. A "mutual" insurance company is one whose policyholders are entitled to a return of the surplus not of capital subscribed or furnished by outside parties, but of premiums mutually contributed by the parties insured, or in other words, one in which all persons insured
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become members of the association and contribute either cash or assessable premium notes, or both, to a common fund, out of which each is entitled to indemnity in case of loss. Mygatt v. Insurance Co., 21 N. Y. 63; Insurance Co. v. Hope, 21 How. 35, 16 L. Ed. 61; Given v. Retew, 162 Pa. 638, 29 Atl. 763. A "stock" company is one organized according to the usual form of business corporations, having a capital stock divided into shares, which, with current income and accumulated surplus, constitutes the fund for the payment of losses. Policyholders having fixed dollar premiums and not being members of the association unless they also happen to be stockholders.—Insurance policy. See Policy.—Oversurance. Insurance effected upon property, either in one or several companies, to an amount which, separately or in the aggregate, exceeds the actual value of the property.—Reinsurance. Insurance of an insurer; a contract by which an insurer procures a third person (usually another insurance company) to insure him against loss or liability by reason of the original insurance. Civ. Code Cal. § 2646; Insurance Co. v. Insurance Co., 38 Ohio St. 15, 43 Am. Rep. 413.

INSURE. To engage to indemnify a person against pecuniary loss from specified peril. To act as an insurer.

INSURED. The person who obtains insurance on his property, or upon whose life an insurance is effected.

INSURER. The underwriter or insurance company with whom a contract of insurance is made.

The person who undertakes to indemnify another by a contract of insurance is called the "insurer," and the person indemnified is called the "insured." Civil Code Cal. § 2533.

INSURGENT. One who participates in an insurrection; one who opposes the execution of law by force of arms, or who rises in revolt against the constituted authorities.

A distinction is often taken between "insurgent" and "rebell," in this: that the former term is not necessarily to be taken in a bad sense as an insurrection, though extralegal, may be just and lawful in itself as that which is undertaken for the overthrow of tyranny or the reform of gross abuses. According to Webster, an insurrection is an incipient or early stage of a rebellion.

INSURRECTION. A rebellion, or rising of citizens or subjects in resistance to their government. See Insurgent.

Insurrection shall consist in any combined resistance to the lawful authority of the state, with intent to the denial thereof, when the same is manifested, or intended to be manifested, by acts of violence. Code Ga. 1882, § 4315. And see Allegheny County v. Gibson, 50 Pa. 417, 35 Am. Rep. 670; Boon v. Etta Ins. Co., 40 Conn. 584; In re Charge to Grand Jury (D. C) 62 Fed. 530.

INTAKERS. In old English law. A kind of thieves inhabiting Redesdale, on the extreme northern border of England; so called because they took in or received such boots of cattle and other things as their accomplices, who were called "outpayers," brought in to them from the borders of Scotland. Spelman; Cowell.

INTAKES. Temporary inclosures made by customary tenants of a manor under a special custom authorizing them to inclose part of the waste until one or more crops have been raised on it. Elton, Common, 277.

INTANGIBLE PROPERTY. Used chiefly in the law of taxation, this term means such property as has no intrinsic and marketable value, but is merely the representative or evidence of value, such as certificates of stock, bonds, promissory notes, and franchises. See Western Union Tel. Co. v. Norman (C. C) 77 Fed. 26.

INTEGER. Lat. Whole; untouched. Res integra means a question which is new and undecided. 2 Kent, Comm. 177.

INTEGRITY. As occasionally used in statutes prescribing the qualifications of public officers, trustees, etc., this term means soundness of moral principle and character, as shown by one person dealing with others in the making and performance of contracts, and fidelity and honesty in the discharge of trusts; it is synonymous with "probity," "honesty," and "uprightness." In re Bauquer's Estate, 88 Cal. 202, 26 Pac. 178; In re Gordon's Estate, 142 Cal. 125, 75 Pac. 672.

INTELLIGIBILITY. In pleading. The statement of matters of fact directly (excluding the necessity of inference or argument to arrive at the meaning) and in such appropriate terms, so arranged, as to be comprehensible by a person of common or ordinary understanding. See Merrill v. Everett, 38 Conn. 48; Davis v. Trump, 43 W. Va. 191, 27 S. E. 397, 64 Am. St. Rep. 849; Jennings v. State, 7 Tex. App. 358; Ash v. Purnell (Comm. Pl.) 11 N. Y. Supp. 54.

INTEMPERANCE. Habitual intemperance is that degree of intemperance from the use of intoxicating drinks which disqualifies the person a great portion of the time from properly attending to business, or which would reasonably inflict a course of great mental anguish upon an innocent party. Civ. Code Cal. § 110. And see Mowry v. Home Ins. Co., 9 R. I. 335; Zeigler v. Com. (Pa.) 14 Atl. 238; Tatum v. State, 63 Ala. 149; Elkins v. Buschner (Pa.) 16 Atl. 104.

INTEND. To design, resolve, purpose. To apply a rule of law in the nature of presumption; to discern and follow the probabilities of like cases.

INTENDANT. One who has the charge, management, or direction of some office, department, or public business. Used in the constitutional and statutory law of some European governments to designate a principal officer of state correspond-
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ing to the cabinet ministers or secretaries of the various departments of the United States government, as, "intendant of marine," "intendant of finance."

The term was also used in Alabama to designate the chief executive officer of a city or town, having practically the same duties and functions as a mayor. See Const. Ala. 1901, § 176; Intendant and Council of Greensboro v. Mullins, 13 Ala. 341.

Intended to be recorded. This phrase is frequently used in conveyances, when reciting some other conveyance which has not yet been recorded, but which forms a link in the chain of title. In Pennsylvania, it has been construed to be a covenant, on the part of the grantor, to procure the deed to be recorded in a reasonable time. Penn v. Preston, 2 Rawle (Pa.) 14.

Intendente. In Spanish law. The immediate agent of the minister of finance, or the chief and principal director of the different branches of the revenue, appointed in the various departments in each of the provinces into which the Spanish monarchy is divided. Escriche.

Intendment of law. The true meaning, the correct understanding or intention of the law; a presumption or inference made by the courts. Co. Litt. 78.

—Common intendment. The natural and usual sense; the common meaning or understanding; the plain meaning of any writing as apparent on its face without straining or distorting the construction.

Intent. 1. In criminal law and the law of evidence. Purpose; formulated design; a resolve to do or forbear a particular act; aim; determination. In its literal sense, the stretching of the mind or will towards a particular object.

"Intent" expresses mental action at its most advanced point, or as it actually accompanies an outward, corporal act which has been determined on. Intent shows the presence of will in the act which consummates a crime. It is the exercise of intelligent will, the mind being fully aware of the nature and consequences of the act which is about to be done, and with such knowledge, and with full liberty of action, willing and electing to do it. Burrell, Circ. Ev. 284, and notes.

—General intent. An intention, purpose, or design, either without specific plan or particular object, or without reference to such plan or object.

2. Meaning; purpose; signification; intendment; applied to words or language. See Certainty.

—Common intent. The natural sense given to words.

Intentio sinea mala. A blind or obscure meaning is bad or ineffectual. 2 Bulst. 179. Said of a testator's intention.

Intentio invenire debet legibus, non leges intentionem. The intention (or a party) ought to be subservient to (or in accordance with) the laws, not the laws to the intention. Co. Litt. 314a, 314b.

Intentio mea imposita menon operis meæ. Hob. 123. My intent gives a name to my act.

Intention. Meaning; will; purpose; design. "The intention of the testator, to be collected from the whole will, is to govern, provided it be not unlawful or inconsistent with the rules of law." 4 Kent, Comm. 534.

"Intention," when used with reference to the construction of wills and other documents, means the sense and meaning of it, as gathered from the words used therein. Parol evidence is not necessarily admissible to explain this. When used with reference to civil and criminal responsibility, a person who contemplates any result, is more likely to follow from a deliberate act of his own, may be said to intend that result, whether he desire it or not. Thus, if a man should, for a wager, discharge a gun among a multitude of people, and any should be killed, he would be deemed guilty of intending the death of such person; for every man is presumed to intend the natural consequence of his own actions. Intention is often confused with motive, as when we speak of a man's "good intentions." Morley & Whitley.

Intentione. A writ that lay against him who entered into lands after the death of a tenant in dower, or for life, etc., and held out to him in reversion or remainder. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 203.

Inter. Lat. Among; between.

Inter Alia. Among other things. A term anciently used in pleading, especially in reciting statutes, where the whole statute was not set forth at length. Inter alia enactatum fuit, among other things it was enacted. See Plowd. 65.

Inter alia causas acquisitionis, magnæ, celebris, et famosæ est causa donationis. Among other methods of acquiring property, a great, much-used, and celebrated method is that of gift. Bract. fol. 11.

Inter Alios. Between other persons; between those who are strangers to a matter in question.

Inter Apices Juris. Among the subtleties of the law. See Apex Juris.

Inter Brachia. Between her arms. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 35, §§ 1, 2.

Inter Cæteros. Among others; in a general clause; not by name, (nominativum.)
A term applied in the civil law to clauses of disinheritance in a will. Inst. 2, 13, 1; Id. 2, 13, 3.

INTER CANEM ET LUPUM. (Lat. Between the dog and the wolf.) The twilight; because then the dog seeks his rest, and the wolf his prey. 3 Inst. 65.

INTER CONJUGES. Between husband and wife.

INTER CONJUNCTAS PERSONAS. Between conjunct persons. By the act 1021, c. 18, all conveyances or alienations between conjunct persons, unless granted for onerous causes, are declared, as in a question with creditors, to be null and of no avail. Conjunct persons are those standing in a certain degree of relationship to each other; such, for example, as brothers, sisters, sons, uncles, etc. These were formerly excluded as witnesses, on account of their relationship; but this, as a ground of exclusion, has been abolished. Tray. Lat. Max.

INTER FAUCES TERRÆ. (Between the jaws of the land.) A term used to describe a roadstead or arm of the sea enclosed between promontories or projecting headlands.

INTER PARES. Between peers; between those who stand on a level or equality, as respects diligence, opportunity, responsibility, etc.

INTER PARTES. Between parties. Instruments in which two persons unite, each making conveyance to, or engagement with, the other, are called "papers inter partes." Smith v. Emery, 12 N. J. Law, 60.

INTER QUATTUOR PARETIES. Between four walls. Fleta, lib. 6, c. 55, § 4.

INTER REGALIA. In English law. Among the things belonging to the sovereign. Among these are rights of salmon fishing, mines of gold and silver, forests, forsetitures, casualties of superioritly, etc., which are called "regalia minora." and may be conveyed to a subject. The regalia majora include the several branches of the royal prerogative, which are inseparable from the person of the sovereign. Tray. Lat. Max.

INTER RUSTICOS. Among the illiterate or unlearned.

INTER SE, INTER SESE. Among themselves. Story, Partn. § 405.

INTER VIRUM ET UXOREM. Between husband and wife.

INTER VIVOS. Between the living; from one living person to another. Where property passes by conveyance, the transaction is said to be inter vivos, to distinguish it from a case of succession or devise. So an ordinary gift from one person to another is called a "gift inter vivos," to distinguish it from a donation made in contemplation of death, (mortis causa.)

INTERCALARE. Let. In the civil law. To introduce or insert among or between others; to introduce a day or month into the calendar; to intercalate. Dig. 50, 16, 98, pr.

INTERCEDERE. Let. In the civil law. To become bound for another's debt.

INTERCHANGEABLY. By way of exchange or interchange. This term properly denotes the method of signing deeds, leases, contracts, etc., executed in duplicate, where each party signs the copy which he delivers to the other. Roosevelt v. Smith, 17 Misc. Rep. 323, 40 N. Y. Supp. 881.

INTERCOMMON. To enjoy a common mutually or promiscuously with the inhabitants or tenants of a contiguous township, vill, or manor. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 271, § 290.

INTERCOMMUNING. Letters of intercommuning were letters from the Scotch privy council passing (on their act) in the king's name, charging the lieges not to reset, supply, or intercommune with the persons thereby denounced; or to furnish them with meat, drink, house, harbor, or any other thing useful or comfortable; or to have any intercourse with them whatever,—under pain of being reputed art and part in their crimes, and dealt with accordingly; and desiring all sheriffs, bailies, etc., to apprehend and commit such rebels to prison. Bell.

INTERCOURSE. Communication; literally, a running or passing between persons or places; commerce. As applied to two persons, the word standing alone, and without a descriptive or qualifying word, does not import sexual connection. People v. Howard, 143 Cal. 316, 76 Pac. 1110.

INTERDICT. In Roman law. A decree of the prator by means of which, in certain cases determined by the edict, he himself directly commanded what should be done or omitted, particularly in causes involving the right of possession or a quasi possession. In the modern civil law, interdicts are regarded precisely the same as actions, though they give rise to a summary proceeding. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 258.

Interdicts are either prohibitory, restorative, or exhibitory; the first being a prohibition, the second a decree for restoring possession lost by force, the third a decree for
the exhibiting of accounts, etc. Hellen. § 1206.

An interdict was distinguished from an "actio," (action) in which the property, by the circumstances that the pretor himself decided in the first instance, (principaliter,) on the application of the plaintiff, without previously appointing a judge, by issuing a decree commanding what should be done, or left undone. Gaius, iv. 159. It might be adopted as a remedy in various cases where a regular action could not be maintained, and hence interdicts were at one time more extensively used by the pretor than the actions themselves. Afterwards, however, they fell into disuse, and in the time of Justinian were generally dispensed with. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 258; Inst. 4, 15, 8.

In ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical censure, by which divine services are prohibited to be administered either to particular persons or in particular places.

In Scotch law. An order of the court of session or of an inferior court, pronounced on cause shown,. for stopping any act or proceedings complained of as illegal or wrongful. It may be resorted to as a remedy against any encroachment either on property or possession, and as a protection against any unlawful proceeding. Bell.

INTERDICTION. In French law. Every person who, on account of insanity, has become incapable of controlling his own interests, can be put under the control of a guardian, who shall administer his affairs with the same effect as he might himself. Such a person is said to be "interdict," and his status is described as "interdiction." Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 562.

In the civil law. A judicial decree, by which a person is deprived of the exercise of his civil rights.

In international law. An "interdiction of commercial intercourse" between two countries is a governmental prohibition of commerce, intended to bring about an entire cessation of trade between the two countries. See The Edward, 1 Wheat. 272, 4 L. Ed. 86.

Interdiction of fire and water. Banishment by an order that no man should supply the person banished with fire or water, the two necessary of life.

INTERDICTUM SALVIANUM. Lat. In Roman law. The Salvian interdict, a process which lay for the owner of a farm to obtain possession of the goods of his tenant who had pledged them to him for the rent of the land. Inst. 4, 15, 13.

Interdictum eventit ex excepto quum prima facie justa videtur, tamen inique nocet. It sometimes happens that a plea which seems prima facie just, nevertheless is injurious and unequal. Inst. 4, 14, 1, 2.

INTEREST. Lat. Interest. The interest of money; also an interest in lands.

Interest termini. An interest in a term. That species of interest or property which a leasee for years acquires in the lands demised to him, being the interest he actually has possessed of those lands; as distinguished from that property or interest vested in him by the demise, and also reduced into possession by an actual conveyance of the lands and a recognition of ownership therein, and which is then termed an "estate for years." Brown.—Pro interest. Interest, in the sense of being held according to, or to the extent of, his individual interest. Used (in practice) to describe the interest of a party who comes into a suit for the purpose of protecting the title of his own which may be involved in the dispute between the principal parties or which may be affected by the title of their contention.

INTEREST. In property. The most general term that can be employed to denote a property in lands or chattels. In its application to lands or things real, it is frequently used in connection with the terms "estate," "right," and "title," and, according to Lord Coke, it properly includes all. Co. Litt. 3459. Come male v. Mays del. 5277; Hurst v. Hurst, 7 W. Va. 297; New York v. Stone, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 142; State v. McKelvy, 40 Mo. 185; Loventhal v. Home Ins. Co., 112 Ala. 116, 20 South. 419, 33 L. R. A. 258, 57 Am. St. Rep. 17.

More particularly it means a right to have the advantage accruing from anything; any right in the nature of property, but less than title; a partial or undivided right; a title to a share.

The terms "interest" and "title" are not synonymous. A mortgagee in possession, and a purchaser holding under a deed defectively executed, have, both of them, absolute as well as insurable interests in the property, though neither of them has the legal title. Atwood v. City F. Ins. Co., 20 Conn. 290, 76 Am. Dec. 581.

—Absolute or conditional. That is an absolute interest in property which is so completely vested in the individual that he can by no contingency be deprived of it without his own consent. So, too, he is the owner of such absolute interest. A mortgagee, who must sustain the loss if the property is destroyed. The terms "interest" and "title" are not synonymous. A mortgagee in possession, and a purchaser holding under a deed defectively executed, have, both of them, absolute, as well as insurable, interests in the property, though neither of them has the legal title. Atwood v. City F. Ins. Co., 20 Conn. 290, 76 Am. Dec. 581; Garver v. Hawkeye Ins. Co. 69 Iowa, 202, 28 N. W. 555; Washington F. Ins. Co. v. Kelly, 32 Md. 421, 431, 3 Am. Rep. 149; Elliott v. Ashland Mut. F. Ins. Co. 117 Pa. 548, 12 Atl. 678, 2 Am. St. Rep. 703; Williams v. Buffalo German Ins. Co. (C. C.) 17 Fed. 163, —Insurence or no insurance. One which actually, or prima facie, covers a substantial and insurable interest; as opposed to a wager policy.—Interest suit. In English law. An action to probate or to settle the estate of a deceased person. Wharton.

A relation to the matter in controversy, or to the issue of the suit, in the nature of a prospective gain or loss, which actually does, or presumably might, create a bias or prejudice in the mind, inclining the person to favor one side or the other.

For money. Interest is the compensation allowed by law or fixed by the parties for the use or forbearance or detention of money. Civ. Code Cal. § 1915; Williams v. Scott, 59 Ind. 406; Kelsey v. Murphy, 30 Pa. 341; Williams v. American Bank, 4 Metc. (Mass.) 317; Beach v. Peabody, 188 Ill. 75, 58 N. E. 680.

Classification.—Conventional interest is interest at the rate agreed upon and fixed by the parties themselves, as distinguished from interest in the law which prescribes in the absence of an explicit agreement. Fowler v. Smith, 2 Cal. 568; Rev. St. Tex. 1895, art. 3068.—Legal interest. That rate of interest prescribed by the laws of the particular state or country as the highest which may be lawfully contracted for or exacted, and which must be paid in all cases where the law allows it, without the assent of the debtor. Towse v. Durkee, 12 Wis. 485; American, etc. Ass'n v. Harm (Tex. Civ. App.) 62 S. W. 75; Beals v. Amador County, 36 Cal. 633.

—Simple interest is that which is paid for the principal or sum lent, at a certain rate or allowance, made by law or agreement of parties.—Compound interest is interest upon interest, where accrued interest is added to the principal sum, and the whole treated as a new principal. Kennedy v. calculation of the interest for the next period.

—Ex-interest. In the language of stock exchanges, a bond or other interest-bearing security is said to be sold "ex-interest" when the vendor reserves to himself the interest already accrued and payable (if any) or the interest accruing up to the next interest day.—Interest, maritime. See MARITIME INTEREST.—Interest upon interest. Compound interest.


Interest reipublicae ne sua quis male utatur. It concerns the state that persons do not misuse their property. 6 Coke, 364.

Interest reipublicae quod homines conservatur. It concerns the state that [the lives of] men be preserved. 12 Coke, 62.

Interest reipublicae res judicatas non rescindì. It concerns the state that solemn adjudications of the courts should not be disturbed. See Best, Ev. p. 41, § 44.

Interest reipublicae suprema hominis testamenta rata haberi. It concerns the state that men's last wills be held valid, or allowed to stand. Co. Litt. 236b.

Interest reipublicae ut careerces sint in tuto. It concerns the state that prisoners be safe places of confinement. 2 Inst. 599.

Interest (imprima) reipublicae ut pax in regno conservetur, et quaecunque pacem adversantur provide declamantur. It especially concerns the state that peace be preserved in the kingdom, and that whatever things are against peace be prudently avoided. 2 Inst. 158.

Interest reipublicae ut quilibet re sua bene utatur. It is the concern of the state that every one uses his property properly.

Interest reipublicae ut sit fœnis litium. It concerns the state that there be an end of lawsuits. Co. Litt. 303. It is for the general welfare that a period be put to litigation. Broom. Max. 331, 343.

INTERFERENCE. In patent law, this term designates a collision between rights claimed or granted; that is, where a person claims a patent for the whole or any integral part of the ground already covered by an existing patent or by a pending application. Milton v. Kitzinger, 7 App. D. C. 540; Dederick v. Fox (C. C.) 56 Fed. 717; Nathan Mfg. Co. v. Craig (C. C.) 49 Fed. 370.

Strictly speaking, an "interference" is declared to exist by the patent office whenever it is decided by the properly constituted authority in that bureau that two pending applications (or a patent and a pending application) claim or essence, cover the same discovery or invention, so as to render necessary an investigation into the question of priority of invention between the two applications or the application and the patent, as the case may be. Lowrey v. Cowles Electric Smelting, etc., Co. (C. C.) 68 Fed. 372.

INTERIM. Lat. In the mean time; meanwhile. An assignee ad interim is one appointed between the time of bankruptcy and appointment of the regular assignee. 2 Bell, Comm. 355.

—Interim committitur. "In the mean time, let him be committed." An order of court (or the docket-entry notice) by which a, who is committed to prison and directed to be kept there until some further action can be taken, or until the time arrives for the execution of his sentence. —Interim factor. In Scotch law. A judicial officer elected or appointed under the bankruptcy law to take charge of and preserve the estate until a fit person shall be elected trustee. 2 Bell, Comm. 357.—Interim officer. One appointed to fill the office during a temporary vacancy, or during an interval caused by the absence or incapacity of the regular incumbent. —Interim order. One
made in the mean time, and until something is
done—Interim receipt. A receipt for money
paid by way of premium for a contract of in-
surance for which application is made. If the
risk is rejected, the money is refunded, less the
pro rata premium.

INTERLAQUEARE. In old practice.
To link together, or interchangeably. Writs
were called "interlaqueata" where several
were issued against several parties residing
in different counties, each party being sum-
moned by a separate writ to warrant the ten-
ant, together with the other warrantors.
Fleta, lib. 5, c. 4, § 2.

INTERLINEATION. The act of writ-
ing between the lines of an instrument; also
what is written between lines. Morris v.
Vanderen, 1 Dall. 67; 1 L. Ed. 38; Russell
v. Eubanks, 84 Mo. 88.

INTERLOCUTOR. In Scotch practice.
An order or decree of court; an order made
in open court. 2 Swint. 362; Arckley, 32.

Interlocutor of relevancy. In Scotch
practice. A decree as to the relevancy of a libel
or indictment in a criminal case. 2 Aliis. Crim.
Fr. 373.

INTERLOCUTORY. Provisional; tem-
porary; not final. Something intervening
between the commencement and the end of a
suit which decides some point or matter, but
is not a final decision of the whole contro-
Prac. (N. Y.) 310.

As to interlocutory "Costs," "Decree,
"Judgment," "Order," and "Sentence," see
those titles.

INTERLOPERS. Persons who run into
business to which they have no right, or who
interfere wrongfully; persons who enter a
country or place to trade without license.
Webster.

INTERMARRIAGE. In the popular
sense, this term denotes the contracting of a
marriage relation between two persons
considered as members of different nations,
tribes, families, etc., as, between the sov-
ereigns of two different countries, between
an American and an alien, between Indians
of different tribes, between the scions of
different clans or families. But, in law, it
is sometimes used (and with propriety to
emphasize the mutuality of the marriage
contract and as importing a reciprocal en-
gagement by which each of the parties "mar-
ries" the other. Thus, in a pleading, instead
of averring that "the plaintiff was married
to the defendant," it would be proper to al-
lege that "the parties intermarried" at such
a time and place.

INTERMEDIATE. To interfere with
property or the conduct of business affairs
officiously or without right or title. Mc-
Queen v. Babcock, 41 Barb. (N. Y.) 333;
In re Shum's Estate, 106 Pa. 121, 30 Atl.
1026, 45 Am. St. Rep. 656. Not a technical
legal term, but sometimes used with refer-
ce to the acts of an executor de son tort
or a negotiorum gestor in the civil law.

INTERMEDIARY. In modern civil law.
A broker; one who is employed to negotiate
a matter between two parties, and who for
that reason is considered as the mandatory
(agent) of both. Civ. Code La. 1900, art.
3018.

INTERMEDIATE. Intervening; Inter-
posed during the progress of a suit, pro-
ceeding, business, etc., or between its be-
ginning and end.

Intermediate account. In probate law.
An account of an executor, administrator, or
guardian filed subsequent to his first or initial
account and before his final account. Specifi-
cally in New York, an account filed with the su-
rogate for the purpose of disclosing the acts of
the person accounting and the state or condi-
tion of the fund in his hands, and not made the
subject of a judicial settlement. Code Civ.
Proc. N. Y. 1890, § 2534, subd. 9.—Interme-
diate order. In code practice. An order made
between the commencement of an action and the
entry of a final judgment, or, in criminal law,
between the finding of the indictment and the
completion of the judgment roll. People v. Pri-
ori, 163 N. Y. 98, 57 N. E. 85; Boyce v. Wa-
bash Ry. Co., 62 Iowa, 70, 18 N. W. 673, 50
Am. Rep. 750; State v. O'Brien, 18 Mont. 1,
43 Pac. 1091; Hymes v. Van Cleef, 61 Hun.
Toll for travel on a toll road, paid or to be
collected from persons who pass thereon at
points between the toll gates, such persons not
passing by, through, or around the toll gates.
Hollingworth v. State, 29 Ohio St. 552.

INTERMITTENT EASEMENT. See
EASEMENT.

INTERMIXTURE OF GOODS. Con-
fusion of goods; the confusing or mingling
together of goods belonging to different own-
ers in such a way that the property of
neither owner can be separately identified
or extracted from the mass. See Smith v.
Sanborn, 6 Gray (Mass.) 134. And see Con-
fusion of Goods.

INTERN. To restrict or shut up a per-
son, as a political prisoner, within a limited
territory.

INTERNAL. Relating to the interior;
comprised within boundary lines; of interior
concern or interest; domestic, as opposed to
foreign.

Internal commerce. See Commerce. —In-
ternal improvements. With reference to go-
vernmental policy and constitutional provi-
sions restricting taxation or the contracting of
public debts, this term means works of general
public utility of advantage, designed to promote
facility of intercommunication, trade, and com-
merce, the transportation of persons and prop-
erty, or the development of the natural resources
of the state, such as railroads, public highways,
turnpikes, and canals, bridges, the improvement
of rivers and harbors, systems of artificial ir-
rigation, and the improvement of water powers;
but it does not include the building and main-
tenance of state institutions. See Guernsey v. 
Burlington, 11 Fed. Cas. 99; Rippe v. Becker,
56 Minn. 100, 57 N. W. 331, 22 L. R. A. 587;
State v. Stone, 36 Wis. 38, 15 Wis. Rep. 582.

INTERNATIONAL LAW. The law which regulates the intercourse of nations;
the law of nations. 1 Kent, Comm. 1, 4.
The customary law which determines the rights and regulates the intercourse of in-
dependent states in peace and war. 1 Wildm.
Int. Law, 1.
The system of rules and principles, founded on
treaty, custom, precedent, and the con-
science of nations as to justice and moral obligation,
which civilized nations recognize as binding upon them in their mutual deal-
ings and relations. Heine v. Bridault, 37
Miss. 230; U. S. v. White (C. C.) 27 Fed. 201.
Public international law is the body of laws
which control the conduct of independent
states in their relations with each other.
Private international law is that branch of
municipal law which determines before the
courts of what nation a particular action
or suit should be brought, and by the law of
what nation it should be determined; In other words, it regulates private rights as
dependent on a diversity of municipal laws
and jurisdictions applicable to the persons,
acts, or things in dispute, and the subject
of it is hence sometimes called the "conflict
of laws." Thus, questions whether a given
person owes allegiance to a particular state
where he is domiciled, whether his status,
property, rights, and duties are governed by
the lex loci, the lex loci, or the
lex domicilii, are questions with which pri-
ivate international law has to deal. Sweet;
Roche v. Washington, 19 Ind. 55, 81 Am.
Dec. 376.
INTERPRETARE ET CONCORDARE

To interpret, and [in such a way as] to harmonize laws with laws, is the best mode of interpretation. 8 Coke. 1696.

Interpretatio chartarum beneigne facta est, ut res magis valeat quam pereat. The interpretation of deeds is to be liberal, that the thing may rather have effect than fall. Broom. Max. 543.

Interpretatio fienda est ut res magis valeat quam pereat. Jenk. Cent. 198. Such an interpretation is to be adopted that the thing may rather stand than fall.

Interpretatio tali in ambiguis semper fienda est ut evitetur inconveniens et absurdum. In cases of ambiguity, such an interpretation should always be made that what is inconvenient and absurd may be avoided. 4 Inst. 328.

INTERPRETATION. The art or process of discovering and expounding the intended signification of the language used in a statute, will, contract, or any other written document, that is, the meaning which the author designed it to convey to others. People v. Com'rs of Taxes, 35 N. Y. 559; Rome v. Knox, 14 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 272; Ming v. Pratt, 22 Mont. 262, 56 Pac. 279; Tallman v. Tallman, 3 Misc. Rep. 465, 23 N. Y. Supp. 734.

The discovery and representation of the true meaning of any signs used to convey ideas. Lieb. Herm. 54.

“Construction” is a term of wider scope than “interpretation;” for, while the latter is concerned only with ascertaining the sense and meaning of the subject-matter, the former may also be directed to explaining the legal effects and consequences of the instrument in question. Hence interpretation precedes construction, but stops at the written text.

Close interpretation (interpretatio restricta) is adopted if just reasons, connected with the formation and character of the text, induce us to take the words in their narrowest meaning. This species of interpretation has generally been called “literal,” but the term is inadmissible. Lieb. Herm. 54.

Extensive interpretation (interpretatio extensiva, called, also, “liberal interpretation”) adopts a more comprehensive signification of the word. Id. 58.

Extravagant interpretation (interpretatio excessdens) is that which substitutes a meaning evidently beyond the true one. It is therefore not genuine interpretation. Id. 59.

Free or unrestricted interpretation (interpretatio solutia) proceeds simply on the general principles of interpretation in good faith, not bound by any specific or superior principle. Id. 59.

Limited or restricted interpretation (interpretatio limitata) is when we are influenced by other principles than the strictly hermeneutic ones. Id. 60.

Predecided interpretation (interpretatio predestinata) takes place if the interpreter, laboring under a strong bias of mind, makes the text subservient to his preconceived views or desires. This includes artful interpretation, (interpretatio saevior), by which the interpreter seeks to give a meaning to the text other than the one he knows to have been intended. Id. 60.

It is said to be either “legal,” which rests on the same authority as the law itself, or “doctrinal,” which rests upon its intrinsic reasonableness. Legal interpretation may be either “authentic,” when it is expressly provided by the legislator, or “usual,” when it is derived from unwritten practice. Doctrinal interpretation may turn on the meaning of words and sentences, when it is called “grammatical,” or on the intention of the legislator, when it is described as “logical.” When logical interpretation stretches the words of a statute to cover its obvious meaning, it is called “extensive;” when, on the other hand, it avoids giving full meaning to the words, in order not to go beyond the intention of the legislator, it is called “restrictive.” Holl. Jur. 344.

As to strict and liberal interpretation, see Construction.

In the civil law, authentic interpretation of laws is that given by the legislator himself, which is obligatory on the courts. Customary interpretation (also called “usual”) is that which arises from successive or concurrent decisions of the court on the same subject-matter, having regard to the spirit of the law, jurisprudence, usages, and equity; as distinguished from “authentic” interpretation, which is that given by the legislator himself. Houston v. Robertson, 2 Tex. 26.

—Interpretation clause. A section of a statute which defines the meaning of certain words occurring frequently in the other sections.

INTERPRETER. A person sworn at a trial to interpret the evidence of a foreigner or a deaf and dumb person to the court. Amory v. Fellows, 5 Mass. 226; People v. Lem Deo, 132 Cal. 196, 64 Pac. 296.

INTERREGNUM. An interval between reigns. The period which elapses between the death of a sovereign and the election of another. The vacancy which occurs when there is no government.

INTERROGATORIE. In French law. An act which contains the interrogatories made by the judge to the person accused, on the facts which are the object of the accusation, and the answers of the accused. Poth. Proc. Crim. c. 4, art. 2, § 1.

INTERROGATORIES. A set or series of written questions drawn up for the purpose of being propounded to a party in
INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORIES are either direct or cross; the former being those which are put on behalf of the party calling the witness; the latter are those which are interposed by the adverse party.

INTERUPTION. Let. Interruption. A term used both in the civil and common law of prescription. Calvín.

Interrupció multiplex non tollit prescriptiónem semel obtentam. 2 Inst. 654.
Frequent interruption does not take away a prescription once secured.

INTERUPTION. The occurrence of some act or fact, during the period of prescription, which is sufficient to arrest the running of the statute of limitations. It is said to be either "natural" or "civil," the former being caused by the act of the party; the latter by the legal effect or operation of some fact or circumstance. In reery v. Mims, 1 Ala. 674; Carr v. Foster, 3 Q. B. 588; Flight v. Thomas, 2 Adol. & El. 701.

Interuption of the possession is where the right is not enjoyed or exercised continuously; interruption of the right is where the person having or claiming the right ceases the exercise of it in such a manner as to show that he does not claim to be entitled to exercise it.

In Scotch law. The true proprietor's claiming his right during the course of prescription. Bell.

INTERSECTION. The point of intersection of two roads is the point where their middle lines intersect. In re Springfield Road, 75 Pa. 127.

INTERSTATE. Between two or more states; between places or persons in different states; concerning or affecting two or more states politically or territorially.

- Interstate commerce. Traffic, intercourse, commercial trading, or the transportation of persons or property between or among the several states of the Union, or from or between points in one state and points in another state; commerce between two states, or between places lying in different states. Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 194, 8 L. Ed. 23; Wash. v. R. Co. v. Ill., 118 U. S. 537, 7 Sup. Ct. 4, 30 L. Ed. 244; Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Railroad Comrs. (C. C.) 18 Fed. 701.—Interstate commerce acts. The act of congress of February 4, 1887 (U. S. Comp. St. 1001, p. 3154), designed to regulate commerce between the states, and particularly the transportation of persons and property, by carriers, between interstate points, prescribing that charges for such transportation shall be reasonable and just, prohibiting unjust discrimination, rebates, draw-backs, preferences, pooling of freights, etc., requiring schedules of rates to be published, establishing a commission to carry out the measures enacted, and prescribing the powers and duties of such commission and the procedure before it.—Interstate commerce commission. A commission created by the interstate commerce act (s. 3) to carry out the measures therein enacted, composed of five persons, appointed by the President, empowered to inquire into the business of the carriers affected, to enforce the law, to receive, investigate, and determine complaints made to them of any violation of the act, make annual reports, hold stated sessions, etc.—Interstate extradition. The reclamation and surrender, according to due legal proceedings, of a person who, having committed a crime in one of the states of the Union, has fled into another state to evade justice or escape prosecution.—Interstate law. That branch of private international law which affords rules and principles for the determination of controversies between citizens of different states in respect to mutual rights or obligations, in so far as the same are affected by the diversity of their citizenship or by diversity in the laws or institutions of the several states.

INTERVENER. An interener is a person who voluntarily interposes in an action or other proceeding with the leave of the court.

INTERVENING DAMAGES. See DAMAGES.

INTERVENTION. In international law. Intervention is such an interference between two or more states as may (according to the law) result in a res judicata for the parties; while mediation always is, and is intended to be and to continue, peaceful only. Intervention between a sovereign and his own subjects is not justified by anything in international law; but a remonstrance may be addressed to the sovereign in a proper case. Brown.

In English ecclesiastical law. The proceeding of a third person, who, not being originally a party to the suit or proceeding, but claiming an interest in the subject-matter in dispute, in order the better to protect such interest, interposes his claim. 2 Chit. Pr. 462; 3 Chit. Commer. Law. 630; 2 Hagg. Const. 187; 3 Phillim. Ecc. Law. 659.

In the civil law. The act by which a third party demands to be received as a party in a suit pending between other persons. The intervention is made either for the purpose of being joined to the plaintiff, and to claim the same thing he does, or some other thing connected with it; or to join the defendant, and with him to oppose the claim of the plaintiff, which it is his interest to defeat. Poth. Proc. Civile, pt. 1, c. 2, § 7, no. 8.

In practice. A proceeding in a suit or action by which a third person is permitted by the court to make himself a party, either joining the plaintiff in claiming what is sought by the complaint, or uniting with the defendant in resisting the claims of the plain-
tiff, or demanding something adversely to both of them. Logan v. Greenlaw (C. C.) 12 Fed. 16; Fischer v. Hanna, 8 Colo. App. 471, 47 Pac. 368; Gale v. Frasier, 4 Dak. 106, 80 N. W. 138; Remy v. Butler (Cal.) 7 Pac. 671.

**INTESTABILIS.** Lat. A witness incompetent to testify. Calvin.

**INTESTABLE.** One who has not testamentary capacity; e. g., an infant, lunatic, or person civilly dead.

**INTESTACY.** The state or condition of dying without having made a valid will. Brown v. Mugway, 15 N. J. Law, 331.

**INTESTATE.** Without making a will. A person is said to die intestate when he dies without making a will, or dies without leaving anything to testify what his wishes were with respect to the disposal of his property after his death. The word is also often used to signify the person himself. Thus, in speaking of the property of a person who died intestate, it is common to say "the intestate's property." 4, e., the property of the person dying in an intestate condition. Brown. See In re Cameron's Estate, 47 App. Div. 120, 62 N. Y. Supp. 187; Messmann v. Egenberger, 46 App. Div. 46, 61 N. Y. Supp. 556; Code Civ. Proc. N. Y. 1889, § 2534, subd. 1.

Besides the strict meaning of the word as above given, there is also a sense in which intestacy may be partial; that is, where a man leaves a will which does not dispose of his whole estate, he is said to "die intestate" as to the property so omitted.

—Intestate succession. A succession is called "intestate" when the deceased has left no will, or when his will has been revoked or annulled as irregular. Therefore the heirs to whom a succession has fallen by the effects of law only are called "heirs ab intestato." Civ. Code La. art. 1096.

**INTESTATO.** Lat. In the civil law. Intestate; without a will. Calvin.

**INTESTATUS.** Lat. In the civil and old English law. An intestate; one who dies without a will. Dig. 50, 17, 7.

Intestatus dedecit, qui aut omnino testamentum non fecit; aut non juris fecit; aut id quod fecerat ruptum irrito; tume factum est; aut nemo ex eo heres eststitt. A person dies intestate who either has made no testament at all or has made one not legally valid; or if the testament he has made has been revoked, or made useless; or if no one becomes heir under it. Inst. 3, 1, pr.

**INTIMATION.** In the civil law. A notification to a party that some step in a legal proceedings is asked or will be taken. Particularly, a notice given by the party taking an appeal, to the other party, that the court above will hear the appeal.

In Scotch law. A formal written notice, drawn by a notary, to be served on a party against whom a stranger has acquired a right or claim; e. g., the assignee of a debt must serve such a notice on the debtor, otherwise a payment to the original creditor will be good.

**INTIMIDATION.** In English law. Every person commits a misdemeanor, punishable with a fine or imprisonment, who wrongfully uses violence to or intimidates any other person, or his wife or children, with a view to compel him to abstain from doing, or to do, any act which he has a legal right to do, or abstain from doing. (St. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 66, § 7.) This enactment is chiefly directed against outrages by trades-unions. Sweet. There are similar statutes in many of the United States. See Payne v. Railroad Co., 13 Iowa (Teun.) 514, 49 Am. Rep. 866; Embry v. Com., 79 Ky. 441.

—Intimidation of voters. This, by statute in several of the states, is made a criminal offense. Under an early Pennsylvania act, it was held that, to constitute the offense of intimidation of voters, there must be a preconceived intention for the purpose of intimidating the officers or interrupting the election. Respublica v. Gibbs, 3 Yeates (Pa.) 429.

**INTITILE.** An old form of "entitle." 6 Mod. 304.

**INTOL AND UTTOL.** In old records. Toll or custom paid for things imported and exported, or bought in and sold out. Cowell.

**INTOXICATION.** The state of being poisoned; the condition produced by the administration or introduction into the human system of a poison. But in its popular use this term is restricted to alcoholico intoxication, that is, drunkenness or inebriety, or the mental and physical condition induced by drinking excessive quantities of alcoholic liquors, and this is its meaning as used in statutes, indictments, etc. See Sapp v. State, 116 Ga. 152, 42 S. E. 410; State v. Pierce, 65 Iowa, 85, 21 N. W. 195; Wadsworth v. Dunnam, 98 Ala. 610, 13 South. 599; Ring v. Ring, 112 Ga. 854, 38 S. E. 330; State v. Kelley, 47 Vt. 296; Com. v. Whitney, 11 Cush. (Mass.) 477.

**INTOXICATING LIQUOR.** Any liquor used as a beverage, and which, when so used in sufficient quantities, ordinarily or commonly produces entire or partial intoxication; any liquor intended for use as a beverage or capable of being so used, which contains alcohol, either obtained by fermentation or by the additional process of distillation, in such proportion that it will produce intoxication when imbbed in such quantities as may practically be drunk. Intox-
**INTRA**

*Lat.* Near; within. "*Intra*" or "*inter*" has taken the place of "*intra*" in many of the more modern Latin phrases.

**INTRA ANNI SPATIUM.** Within the space of a year. *Cod.* 5, 9, 2. *Intra annale tempus.* Id. 6, 30, 19.

**INTRA FIDEM.** Within belief; credible. *Calvin.*

**INTRA LUCTUS TEMPUS.** Within the time of mourning. *Cod.* 9, 1, auth.

**INTRA MENIA.** Within the walls (of a house) A term applied to domestic or menial servants. 1 *Bl. Comm.* 425.

**INTRA PARIETES.** Between walls; among friends; out of court; without litigation. *Calvin.*

**INTRA PRESIDIA.** Within the defenses. See *Intra Presidia.*

**INTRA QUATUOR MARIA.** Within the four seas. *Shep. Touch.* 378.

**INTRA VIORES.** An act is said to be *intra vires* ("within the power") of a person or corporation when it is within the scope of his or its powers or authority. It is the opposite of *ultra vires,* (q. v.) Pittsburgh, etc., *R. Co.* v. *Dodd,* 115 *Ky.* 176, 72 *S. W.* 827.

**INTRALIMINAL.** In mining law, the term "intraliminal rights" denotes the right to mine, take, and possess all such bodies or deposits of ore as lie within the four planes formed by the vertical extension downward of the boundary lines of the claim; as distinguished from "extraliminal," or more commonly "extralateral," rights. See *Jefferson Min. Co.* v. *Anchoria-Leland Mill. & Min. Co.,* 32 *Colo.* 176, 75 *Pac.* 1073, 64 *L. R. A.* 925.

**INTRARE MARISCUM.** L. Lat. To drain a marsh or low ground, and convert it into herbage or pasture.

**INTRASTATE COMMERCE.** See *Commerce.*

**INTRINSICUM.** Latin. Common and ordinary duties with the lord's court.

**INTRINSIC VALUE.** The intrinsic value of a thing is its true, inherent, and essential value, not depending upon accident, place, or person, but the same everywhere and to every one. *Bank of North Carolina* v. *Ford,* 27 *N. C.* 608.

**INTRODUCTION.** The part of a writing which sets forth preliminary matter, or facts tending to explain the subject.

**INTROMISSIO.** In Scotch law. The assumption of authority over another's property, either legally or illegally. The irregular intermeddling with the effects of a deceased person, which subjects the party to the whole effects of the deceased, is called "*vitioso intromissionem.*" *Kames,* Eq. b. 3, c. 8, § 2.

*—Necessary intromission.* That kind of intromission or interference where a husband or wife continues in possession of the other's goods after their decease, for preservation. *Wharton.*

**In English law.** Dealings in stock, goods, or cash of a principal coming into the hands of his agent, to be accounted for by the agent to his principal. *Stewart* v. *McKeen,* 29 *Eng. Law & Eq.* 391.

**INTRONISATION.** In French ecclesiastical law. Enthronement. The installation of a bishop in his episcopal see.

**INTRUDER.** One who enters upon land without either right of possession or color of title. *Miller* v. *McCullough,* 104 *Pa.* 630; *Russell v. Chambers,* 43 *Ga.* 479. In a more restricted sense, a stranger who, on the death of the ancestor, enters on the land, unlawfully, before the heir can enter.

**INTRUSION.** A species of injury by ouster or amotion of possession from the freehold, being an entry of a stranger, after a particular estate of freehold is determined, before him in remainder or reversion. *Hull* v. *Sovell,* 9 *Ill.* 170; *Boylan v. Delinzer,* 45 *N. J. Eq.* 483, 18 *Atl.* 121.

*The name of a writ brought by the owner of a fee-simple, etc., against an intruder. New Nat. *Brev.* 453. Abolished by 3 & 4 *Wm. IV.* c. 57.

**INTOLERABLE CRUELTY.** In the law of divorce, this term denotes extreme cruelty, cruel and inhuman treatment, barbarous, savage, and inhuman conduct, and is equivalent to any of those phrases. *Shaw* v. *Shaw,* 17 *Conn.* 133; *Morehouse v. Morehouse,* 70 *Conn.* 420, 39 *Atl.* 516; *Bland v. Blain,* 45 *Va.* 544.

**INTUITUS.** Lat. A view; regard; contemplation. *Diservo intuitu,* (q. v.) with a different view.

**INURE.** To take effect; to result. *Cedar Rapids Water Co.* v. *Cedar Rapids,* 118 *Iowa,* 234, 91 *N. W.* 1051; *Hinson v. Booth,* 39 *Fla.* 333, 22 *South.* 657; *Holmes v. Tullada,* 125
INUREMENT. Use; user; service to the use or benefit of a person. Dickerson v. Colgrove, 100 U. S. 583, 25 L. Ed. 618.

Inutilis labor et sine fructu non est effectus legis. Useless and fruitless labor is not the effect of law. Co. Litt. 127b. The law forbids such recoveries whose ends are vain, chargeable, and unprofitable. Id.; Wing. Max. p. 110, max. 38.

INVADIARE. To pledge or mortgage lands.

INVADIATIO. A pledge or mortgage.

INVADIATUS. One who is under pledge; one who has had sureties or pledges given for him. Spelman.

INVALID. Vain; inadequate to its purpose; not of binding force or legal efficacy; lacking in authority or obligation. Hood v. Perry, 75 Ga. 312; State v. Casteel, 110 Ind. 174, 11 N. E. 219; Mutual Ben. L. Ins. Co. v. Winne, 20 Mont. 26, 49 Pac. 446.

INVASION. An encroachment upon the rights of another; the incursion of an army for conquest or plunder. Webster. See Etna Ins. Co. v. Boon, 95 U. S. 129, 24 L. Ed. 395.

INVASIONES. The inquisition of serjeants and knights' fees. Cowell.

INVECTA ET ILLATA. Lat. In the civil law. Things carried in and brought in. Articles brought into a hired tenement by the bire or tenant, and which became or were pledged to the lessor as security for the rent. Dig. 2, 14, 4, pr. The phrase is adopted in Scotch law. See Bell.

Inveniens libellum famosum et non corruptum annis punitur. He who finds a libel and does not destroy it is punished. Moore, 813.

INVENT. To find out something new; to devise, contrive, and produce something not previously known or existing, by the exercise of independent investigation and experiment; particularly applied to machines, mechanical appliances, compositions, and patentable inventions of every sort.

INVENTIO. In the civil law. Finding; one of the modes of acquiring title to property by occupancy. Helnecc. lib. 2, tit. 1, § 350.

In old English law. A thing found; as goods or treasure-trove. Cowell. The plural, "inventions," is also used.

INVENTOR. One who finds out or contrives some new thing; one who devises some new art, manufacture, mechanical appliance, or process; one who invents a patentable contrivance. See Sparkman v. Higgins, 22 Fed. Cas. 879; Henderson v. Tompkins (C. C.) 60 Fed. 764.

INVENTORY. A detailed list of articles of property; a list or schedule of property, containing a designation or description of each specific article; an itemized list of the various articles constituting a collection, estate, stock in trade, etc., with their estimated or actual values. In law, the term is particularly applied to such a list made by an executor, administrator, or assignee in bankruptcy. See Silver Bow Min. Co. v. Lowry, 5 Mont. 618, 6 Pac. 62; Lloyd v. Wyckoff, 11 N. J. Law, 224; Roberts, etc., Co. v. Sun Mut. L. Ins. Co., 19 Tex. Civ. App. 338, 48 S. W. 559; Southern F. Ins. Co. v. Knight, 111 Ga. 622, 33 S. E. 821, 52 L. R. A. 70, 78 Am. St. Rep. 216.

INVENTUS. Lat. Found. The succursus inventus, treasure-trove. Non est inventus, (he) is not found.

INVERTARE. To make proof of a thing. Jacob.

INVEST. To loan money upon securities of a more or less permanent nature, or to place it in business ventures or real estate, or otherwise lay it out, so that it may produce a revenue or income. Drake v. Crane, 127 Mo. 38, 32 S. W. 999, 27 L. R. A. 883; Stramann v. Scheeren, 7 Colo. App. 1, 42 Pac. 181; Una v. Dodd, 39 N. J. Eq. 186.

To clothe one with the possession of a fief or benefice. See INVESTITURE.

INVESTITIVE FACT. The fact by means of which a right comes into existence;
INVESTITURE e. g., a grant of a monopoly, the death of one's ancestor. Holl. Jur. 132.

INVESTITURE. A ceremony which accompanied the grant of lands in the feudal ages, and consisted in the open and notorious delivery of possession in the presence of the other vassals, which perpetuated among them the use of their new acquisition at the time when the art of writing was very little known; and thus the evidence of the property was reposed in the memory of the neighborhood, who, in case of disputed title, were afterwards called upon to decide upon it. Brown.

In ecclesiastical law. Investiture is one of the formalities by which the election of a bishop is confirmed by the archbishop. See Phillim. Ecc. Law, 42, et seq.

INVOLIABILITY. The attribute of being secured against violation. The persons of ambassadors are inviolable.

INVITATION. In the law of negligence, and with reference to trespasses on realty, invitation is the act of one who solicits or incites others to enter upon, remain in, or make use of, his property or structures thereon, or who so arranges the property or the means of access to it or of transit over it as to induce the reasonable belief that he expects and intends that others shall come upon it or pass over it. See Sweeney v. Old Colony & N. R. Co., 10 Allen (Mass.) 373, 37 Am. Dec. 644; Wilson v. New York, N. H. & H. R. Co., 18 R. I. 491, 29 Atl. 258; Wright v. Boston & A. R. Co., 142 Mass. 300, 7 N. E. 866.

Thus the proprietor of a store, theatre, or amusement park "invites" the public to come upon his premises for such purposes as are consistent with its intended use. Again, the fact that safety gates at a railroad crossing, which should be closed in case of danger, are left standing open, is an "invitation" to the traveler on the highway to cross. Roberts v. Delaware & H. Canal Co., 177 Pa. 183, 35 Atl. 723. So, bringing a passenger train on a railroad to a full stop at a regular station is an "invitation to alight."

License distinguished. A license is a passive permission on the part of the owner of premises, with reference to other persons entering upon or using them, while an invitation implies a request, solicitation or desire that they should do so. An invitation may be inferred where there is a common interest or mutual advantage; while a license will be inferred where the object is the mere pleasure or benefit of the person using it. Bennett v. Louisville & N. R. Co., 102 U. S. 580, 25 L. Ed. 225; Weldon v. Philadelphia, W. & B. R. Co., 2 Pennw. (Del.) 1, 43 Atl. 160. An owner owes to a licensee no duty as to the condition of the premises (unless imposed by statute), save that he should not knowingly let him run upon a hidden peril or willfully cause him harm; while to one invited he is under the obligation to maintain the premises in a reasonably safe and secure condition. Bechler v. Daniels, 18 R. I. 663, 29 Atl. 6, 27 L. R. A. 512, 49 Am. St. Rep. 790.

EXPRESS AND IMPLIED. An invitation may be express, when the owner or occupier of the land by words invites another to come upon it or make use of it or of something thereon; or it may be implied when such owner or occupier by acts or conduct leads another to believe that the land or something thereon was intended to be used as he uses it, and that such use is not only acquiesced in by the owner or occupier, but is in accordance with the intention or design for which the way or place or thing was adapted and prepared and allowed to be used. Turess v. New York, S. & W. R. Co., 61 N. J. Law, 314, 40 Atl. 614; Felkey v. New York C. & H. R. Co., 67 N. J. Law, 270, 51 Atl. 506; Lepnick v. Gaddis, 72 Miss. 200, 16 South. 215, 26 L. R. A. 656, 48 Am. St. Rep. 547; Plummer v. Dill, 150 Mass. 422, 31 N. E. 128, 32 Am. St. Rep. 463; Seeler v. Rolfe Coal & Coke Co., 51 W. Va. 318, 41 S. E. 216.

INVITED ERROR. See Error.

INVITO. Lat. Being unwilling. Against or without the assent or consent.

—Invito. By or from an unwilling party. A transfer so made is a compulsory one. See Spiller v. Roe, 38 Illinois 185.

—Invito debitoris. Against the will of the debtor.—Invito domino. The owner being unwilling; against the will of the owner; without the owner's consent. In order to constitute larceny, the property must be taken invito domino.

Invito beneficium non datur. A benefit is not conferred on one who is unwilling to receive it; that it to say, no one can be compelled to accept a benefit. Dig. 59, 17, 69; Broom, Max. 690, note.

INVOICE. In commercial law. An account of goods or merchandise sent by merchants to their correspondents at home or abroad, in which the marks of each package, with other particulars, are set forth. Marsh. Ins. 408; Dane, Abr. Index. See Merchants' Exch. Co. v. Weisman, 132 Mich. 353, 93 N. W. 870; Southern Exp. Co. v. Hess, 33 Ala. 22; Craner v. Oppenheim, 16 Colo. 405, 27 Pac. 713.

A list or account of goods or merchandise sent or shipped by a merchant to his correspondent, factor, or consignee, containing the particular marks of each description of goods, the value, charges, and other particulars. Jac. Sea Laws, 302.

A writing made on behalf of an importer, specifying the merchandise imported, and its true cost or value. And. Rev. Law, § 294.


INVOLUNTARY. An involuntary act is that which is performed with constraint (q. v.) or with repugnance, or without the will to do it. An action is involuntary, then, which is performed under duress. Wolff Inst. Nat. § 5.

—Involuntary deposit. In the law of bailments, one made by the accidental leaving or placing of personal property in the possession
of another, without negligence on the part of the owner, or, in cases of fire, shipwreck, inundation, riot, insurrection, or the like extraordinary emergencies, by the owner of personal property committing it out of necessity to the care of any person. Rev. St. Okl. 1903, § 2620; Rev. Codes N. D. 1899, § 4002; Civ. Code S. D. 1903, § 1354.—Involuntary discontinuance. In practice. A discontinuance is involuntary where, in consequence of technical omission, mispleading, or the like, the suit is regarded as out of court, as where the parties undertook to refer a suit that is not referable, or omit to enter proper continuances. Hunt v. Griffin, 49 Miss. 748.—Involuntary manslaughter. The unintentional killing of a person by one engaged in an unlawful, but not felonious act. 4 Steph. Comm. 52.—Involuntary payment. One obtained by fraud, oppression, or extortion, or to avoid the use of force to coerce it, or to obtain the release of the person or property from detention. Parcer v. Marathon County, 52 Wis. 338, 9 N. W. 23, 33 Am. Rep. 745; Wolfe v. Marshal, 52 Mo. 108; Corkle v. Maxwell, 6 Fed. Cas. 555.—Involuntary servitude. The condition of one who is compelled by force, coercion, or imprisonment, and against his will, to labor for another, whether he is paid or not. See State v. West, 42 Minn. 147, 43 N. W. 845; Ex parte Bahn, 114 U. S. 677, 5 Sup. Ct. 934; 20 L. Ed. 89; Thompson v. Benton, 117 Mo. 83, 22 S. W. 863, 20 L. R. A. 462, 33 Am. St. Rep. 412; State v. Slaughterhouse Cases, 10 Wall. 60, 21 L. Ed. 394; Robertson v. Baldwin, 105 U. S. 275, 17 Sup. Ct. 326, 41 L. Ed. 715.

As to involuntary “Bankruptcy,” “Nonsuit,” and “Trust,” see those titles.

IOTA. The minutest quantity possible. Iota is the smallest Greek letter. The word “jot” is derived therefrom.

Ipse leges cuiusque est juris regatur. Co. Litt. 174. The laws themselves require that they should be governed by right.

IPSE. Lat. He himself; the same; the very person.

IPSE DIXIT. He himself said it; a bare assertion resting on the authority of an individual.

IPSISSIMIS VERBIS. In the identical words; opposed to “substantially.” Townsend v. Jemison, 7 How. 719, 12 L. Ed. 880; Summons v. State, 5 Ohio St. 346.

IPSO FACTO. By the fact itself; by the mere fact. By the mere effect of an act or a fact.

In English ecclesiastical law. A census of excommunication in the ecclesiastical court, immediately incurred for divers offenses, after lawful trial.

IPSO JURE. By the law itself; by the mere operation of law. Calvin.


IRA MOTUS. Lat. Moved or excited by anger or passion. A term sometimes formerly used in the plea of son assault demense. 1 Tidd, Pr. 645.

IRE AD LARGUM. Lat. To go at large; to escape; to be set at liberty.

IRENARCHA. In Roman law. An officer whose duties are described in Dig. 5, 4, 18, 7. See id. 48, 8, 6; Cod. 10, 75. Literally, a peace-officer or magistrate.

IRREGULAR. Not according to rule; improper or insufficient, by reason of departure from the prescribed course. As to irregular “Deputi,” “Indorsement,” “Process,” and “Succession,” see those titles.

IRREGULARITY. Violation or nonobservance of established rules and practices. The want of adherence to some prescribed rule or mode of proceeding; consisting either in omitting to do something that is necessary for the due and orderly conduct of a suit, or doing it in an unreasonable or improper manner. 1 Tidd, Pr. 512. And see McCain v. Des Moines, 174 U. S. 168, 19 Sup. Ct. 644, 43 L. Ed. 938; Emerick v. Alvarado, 64 Cal. 629, 2 Pac. 418; Hall v. Munger, 5 Lava. (N. Y.) 113; Corn Exch. Bank v. Blye, 119 N. Y. 414, 23 N. E. 805; Salters v. Hilgen, 40 Wis. 365; Turrill v. Walker, 4 Mich. 183. "Irregularity" is the technical term for every defect in perfect proceedings, or the mode of conducting an action or defense, as distinguishable from defects in pleadings. 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 509.

The doing or not doing that, in the conduct of a suit at law, which, conformably with the practice of the court, ought or ought not to be done. Doe ex dem. Cooper v. Harter, 2 Ind. 252.

In canon law. Any impediment which prevents a man from taking holy orders.

—Legal irregularity. An irregularity occurring in the course of some legal proceeding. A defect or informality which, in the technical view of the law, is to be accounted an irregularity.

IRRRELEVANCY. The absence of the quality of relevancy in evidence or pleadings. Irrelevancy, in an answer, consists in statements which are not material to the decision of the case; such as do not form or tender any material issue. People v. McCumber, 18 N. Y. 321, 72 Am. Dec. 515; Walker v. Hewitt, 11 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 338; Carpenter v. Bell, 1 Rob. (N. Y.) 715; Smith v. Smith, 50 N. C. 34, 27 S. E. 545.

IRRRELEVANT. In the law of evidence. Not relevant; not relating or applicable to the matter in issue; not supporting the issue.

IRRREMIVABILITY. The status of a pauper in England, who cannot be legally removed from the parish or union in which
IRREPARABLE INJURY. See Injury.

IRREPELIVABLE. That cannot be repelled or delivered on sureties. Spelled, also, "irrepelevable." Co. Litt. 145.

IRRESISTIBLE FORCE. A term applied to such an interposition of human agency as is, from its nature and power, absolutely uncontrollable; as the inroads of a hostile army. Story, Bailim, § 25.

IRRESISTIBLE IMPULSE. Used chiefly in criminal law, this term means an impulse to commit an unlawful or criminal act which cannot be resisted or overcome by the patient because insanity or mental disease has destroyed the freedom of his will and his power of self-control and of choice as to his actions. See McCarty v. Com., 114 Ky. 620, 71 S. W. 658; State v. Knight, 95 Me. 467, 50 Atl. 276, 55 L. R. A. 373; Leach v. State, 22 Tex. App. 279, 3 S. W. 539, 58 Am. Rep. 638; State v. Peel, 23 Mont. 358, 59 Pac. 109, 75 Am. St. Rep. 529. And see Insanity.

IRREVOCABLE. Which cannot be revoked or recalled.

IRRIGATION. The operation of watering lands for agricultural purposes by artificial means.

—Irrigation company. A private corporation, authorized and regulated by statute in several states, having for its object to acquire exclusive rights to the water of certain streams or other sources of supply, and to convey it by means of ditches or canals through a region where it can be beneficially used for agricultural purposes, and either dividing the water among stockholders, or making contracts with consumers, or furnishing a supply to all who apply at fixed rates—Irrigation district. A public and quasi-municipal corporation authorized by law in several states, comprising a defined region or area of land which is susceptible of one mode of irrigation from a common source and by the same system of works. These districts are created by proceedings in the nature of an election under the supervision of a court, and are authorized to purchase or condemn the lands and waters necessary for the system of irrigation proposed and to construct necessary canals and other works, and the water is apportioned ratably among the land-owners of the district.

IRRITANCY. In Scotch law. The happening of a condition or event by which a charter, contract, or other deed, to which a clause irritant is annexed, becomes void.

IRRITANT. In Scotch law. Avoiding or making void; as an irritant clause. See Irritancy.

IRRITANT CLAUSE. In Scotch law. A provision by which certain prohibited acts are specified in a deed are, if committed, declared to be null and void. A resolutive clause dissolves and puts an end to the right of a proprietor on his committing the acts so declared void.

IRROGARE. Lat. In the civil law. To impose or set upon, as a fine. Calvin. To inflict, as a punishment. To make or ordain, as a law.

IRROTULATIO. L. Lat. An enrolling; a record.

IS QUI COGNOSCIT. Lat. The cognizor in a fine. Is qui cognoscitur, the cognizor.

ISH. In Scotch law. The period of the termination of a tack or lease. 1 Bligh, 522.


ISSINT. A law French term, meaning "thus," "so," giving its name to part of a plea in debt.

ISSUABLE. In practice. Leading to or producing an issue; relating to an issue or issues. See Colquitt v. Mercer, 44 Ga. 433.

—Issuable plea. A plea to the merits; a traversable plea. A plea such that the adverse party can join issue upon it and go to trial. It is true a plea in abatement is a plea, and, if it be properly pleaded, issues may be found on it. In the ordinary meaning of the word "plea," and of the word "issuable," such pleas may be called "issuable pleas," but when these two words are used together, "issuable plea," or "issuable defense," they have a technical meaning, to-wit, pleas to the merits. Colquitt v. Mercer, 44 Ga. 434.—Issuable terms. In the former practice of the English courts, Hilary term and Trinity term were called "issuable terms," because the issues to be tried at the assizes were made up at those terms. 3 Bl. Comm. 535. But the distinction is superseded by the provisions of the judicature acts of 1873 and 1875.

ISSUE, v. To send forth; to emit; to promulgate; as, an officer issues orders, process issues from a court. To put into circulation; as, the treasury issues notes.

ISSUE, n. The act of issuing, sending forth, emitting or promulgating; the giving a thing its first inception; as the issue of an order or a writ.

In pleading. The disputed point or question to which the parties in an action have narrowed their several allegations, and upon which they are desirous of obtaining the decision of the proper tribunal. When the plaintiff and defendant have arrived at some specific point or matter affirmed on the one side, and denied on the other, they are said to be at issue. The question so set apart is
called the "issue," and is designated, according to its nature, as an "issue in fact" or an "issue in law." Brown.

Issues arise upon the pleadings, when a fact or conclusion of law is maintained by the one party and controverted by the other. They are of two kinds: (1) Of law; and (2) of fact. Code N. Y. § 248; Rev. Code Iowa 1890, § 2737; Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 558.

Issues are classified and distinguished as follows:

**General and special.** The former is a plea which traverses and denies, briefly and in general and summary terms, the whole declaration, indictment, or complaint, without tendering new or special matter. See Steph. Pl. 155. McAllister v. State, 94 Md. 290, 50 Atl. 1048; Standard Loan & Acc. Ins. Co. v. Thornton, 97 Tenn. 1, 40 S. W. 136. Examples of the general issue are "not guilty," "non assumpsit," "nil debet," "non est factum." The latter is formed when the defendant chooses one single material point, which he traverses, and restis his whole case upon its determination.

**Material and immaterial.** They are so described according as they do or do not bring up some material point or question which, when determined by the verdict, will dispose of the whole merits of the case, and leave no uncertainty as to the judgment.

**Formal and informal.** The former species of issue is one framed in strict accordance with the technical rules of pleading. The latter arises when the material allegations of the declaration are traversed, but in an inartificial or untechnical mode.

An **collateral issue** is an issue taken upon matter aside from the intrinsic merits of the action, upon an admission or denial; or aside from the direct and regular order of the pleadings, as on a demurrer. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 1, 6, bk. 2, pts. 1, 2; Strickland v. Maddox, 4 Ga. 394. The term "collateral" is also applied in England to an issue raised upon a plea of diversity of person, pleaded by a criminal who has been tried and convicted, in bar of execution, viz., that he is not the same person who was attainted, and the like. 4 Bl. Comm. 396.

**Real or feigned.** A real issue is one formed in a regular manner in a regular suit for the purpose of determining an actual controversy. A feigned issue is one made up by direction of the court, upon a supposed case, for the purpose of obtaining the verdict of a jury upon some question of fact collateral involved in the cause.

**Common issue** is the name given to the issue raised by the plea of non est factum to an action for breach of covenant.

**In real law.** Descendants. All persons who have descended from a common ancestor. 3 Ves. 257; 17 Ves. 451; 19 Ves. 547; 1 Rot. Leg. 90.

In this sense, the word includes not only a child or children, but all other descendants in whatever degree; and it is so construed generally in deeds. But, when used in wills, it is, of course, subject to the rule of construction that the intention of the testator, as ascertained from the will, is to have effect, rather than the technical meaning of the language used by him; and hence issues may, in such a case, be restricted to children, or to descendants living at the death of the testator, where such an intention clearly appears. Abbott.

**In business law.** A class or series of bonds, debentures, etc., comprising all that are entitled at one and the same time.

**Issue in fact.** In pleading. An issue taken upon or consisting of matters of fact, the fact only, and not the law, being disputed, and which is to be tried by a jury. 3 Bl. Comm. 314, 513; Co. Litt. 1206; 3 Steph. Comm. 572. See Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 590.—Issue in law. In pleading. An issue upon matter of law, or consisting of matter of law, being produced by a demurrer on the one side, and a joinder in demurrer on the other. 3 Bl. Comm. 314; 3 Steph. Comm. 572, 590. See Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 590.—Issue roll. In English practice. A roll upon which the issue in actions at law was formerly required to be entered, the roll being entitled the term in which the issue was joined. 2 Tidd. Pr. 783. It was not, however, the practice to enter the issue at full length, if triable by the country, until after the trial, but only to make an incipitur on the roll. Id. 784.

**ISSUES.** In English law. The goods and profits of the lands of a defendant against whom a writ of distinguishing or distress infinite has been issued, taken by virtue of such writ, are called "issues." 3 Bl. Comm. 289; 1 Chit. Crim. Law, 381.

**ITA EST.** Lat. So it is; so it stands. In modern civil law, this phrase is a form of attestation added to exemplifications from a notary's register when the same are made by the successor in office of the notary who made the original entries.

**ITA LEX SCRIPTA EST.** Lat. So the law is written. Dig. 40, 9, 12. The law must be obeyed notwithstanding the apparent rigor of its application. 3 Bl. Comm. 430. We must be content with the law as it stands, without inquiring into its reasons. 1 Bl. Comm. 32.

**ITA QUOD.** Lat. In old practice. So that. Formal words in writs. Its quod habet corpus, so that you have the body. 2 Mod. 180.

The name of the stipulation in a submission to arbitration which begins with the words "so as [ita quod] the award be made of and upon the premises."

**In old conveyancing.** So that. An expression which, when used in a deed, formerly made an estate upon condition. Litt. § 329. Sheppard enumerates it among the three words that are most proper to make an estate conditional. Shep. Touch. 121, 122.

**Ita semper fiat relation ut valeat dispositio.** 6 Coke, 78. Let the interpretation
be always such that the disposition may prevail.

**ITA TE DEUS ADJUVET.** Lat. So help you God. The old form of administering an oath in England, generally in connection with other words, thus: *Ita te Deus adjuvet et sacrosancta Dei Evangelia,* so help you God, and God’s holy Evangelists. *Ita te Deus adjuvet et omnes sancti,* so help you God and all the saints. Willes, 338.

*Ita utere tuo ut alienum non lades.* Use your own property and your own rights in such a way that you will not hurt your neighbor, or prevent him from enjoying his. Frequently written, “*Sic utere tuo,*” etc. (q. e.)

**ITEM.** Also; likewise; again. This word was formerly used to mark the beginning of a new paragraph or division after the first, whence is derived the common application of it to denote a separate or distinct particular of an account or bill. See Horwitz v. Norris, 60 Pa. 282; Baldwin v. Morgan, 73 Miss. 276, 18 South. 919.

The word is sometimes used as a verb. “The whole [costs] in this case was that was thus itemed to counsel.” Bumb. p. 164, case 233.

**ITER.** Lat. In the civil law. A way; a right of way belonging as a servitude to an estate in the country, *gradium rusticum.* The right of way was of three kinds: (1) *uter,* a right to walk, or ride on horseback, or in a litter; (2) *actus,* a right to drive a beast or vehicle; (3) *via,* a full right of way, comprising right to walk or ride, or drive beast or carriage. Helnec. § 408. Or, as some think, they were distinguished by the width of the objects which could be rightfully carried over the way; *e. g., via,* 8 feet; *actus,* 4 feet, etc. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 290; Bract. fol. 232; 4 Bell, H. L. Sc. 390.

In old English law. A journey, especially a circuit made by a justice in eyre, or itinerant justice, to try causes according to his own mission. Du Cange; Bract. lib. 3, cc. 11, 12, 13.

In maritime law. A way or route. The route or direction of a voyage; the route or way that is taken to make the voyage assured. Distinguished from the voyage itself.

*Iter est jus eundi, ambulandi hominibus; non etiam jamoetat agendi vel vehiculam.* A way is the right of going or walking, and does not include the right of driving a beast of burden or a carriage. Co. Litt. 60a; Inst. 2, 3, pr.; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 818.

**ITERATIO.** Lat. Repetition. In the Roman law, a bonitary owner might liberate a slave, and the quiritary owner’s repetition (*iteratio*) of the process effected a complete manumission. Brown.

**ITINERA.** Eyres, or circuits. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 52.

**ITINERANT.** Wandering; traveling; applied to justices who make circuits. Also applied in various statutory and municipal laws (in the sense of traveling from place to place) to certain classes of merchants, traders, and salesmen. See Shiff v. State, 84 Ala. 454, 4 South. 419; Twining v. Eighn, 38 Ill. App. 357; Rev. Laws Mass. 1802, p. 595, c. 65, § 1; West v. Mt. Sterling (Ky.) 65 S. W. 122.

**IULE.** In old English law. Christmas,

This letter is sometimes used for "J.," as the initial letter of "Institutiones," in references to the Institutes of Justinian.

JAC. An abbreviation for "Jacobi," the Latin form of the name James; used principally in citing statutes enacted in the reigns of the English kings of that name; e. g., "St. 1 Jac. II." Used also in citing the second part of Croke's reports; thus, "Cro. Jac." denotes Croke's reports of cases in the time of James I.

JACENS. Lat. Lying in abeyance, as in the phrase "increditas jacens," which is an inheritance or estate lying vacant or in abeyance prior to the ascertainment of the heir or his assumption of the succession.

JACET IN ORE. Lat. In old English law. It lies in the mouth. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 5, § 49.

JACK. A kind of defensive coat-armor worn by horsemen in war; not made of solid iron, but of many plates fastened together. Some tenants were bound by their tenure to find it upon invasion. Cowell.

JACOBUS. A gold coin worth 24s., so called from James I., who was king when it was struck. Enc. Lond.

JACTITATION. A false boasting; a false claim; assertions repeated to the prejudice of another's right. The species of defamation or disparagement of another's title to real estate known at common law as "slander of title" comes under the head of jactitation, and in some jurisdictions (as in Louisiana) a remedy for this injury is provided under the name of an "action of jactitation."

-Jactitation of a right to a church sitting appears to be the boasting by a man that he has a right or title to a pew or sitting in a church to which he has legally no title. -Jactitation of marriage. In English ecclesiastical law. The boasting or giving out by a party that he or she is married to some other, whereby a common reputation of their matrimony may ensue. To defeat that result, the person may be put to a proof of the actual marriage, failing which proof, he or she is put to silence about it. 3 Bl. Comm. 93. -Jactitation of tithes is the boasting by a man that he is entitled to certain tithes to which he has legally no title.


JACTIVUS. Lost by default; tossed away. Cowell.

JACTURA. In the civil law. A throwing of goods overboard in a storm; jetisson. Loss from such a cause. Calvin.

JACTUS. A throwing goods overboard to lighten or save the vessel, in which case the goods so sacrificed are a proper subject for general average. Dig. 14, 2, "de leg. Rhodia de Jactus." And see Barnard v. Adams, 10 How. 303, 13 L. Ed. 417.

-Jactus lagilli. The throwing down of a stone. One of the modes, under the civil law, of interrupting prescription. Where one person was building on another's ground, and in this way acquiring a right by prescription, the true owner challenged the intrusion and interrupted the prescriptive right by throwing down one of the stones of the building before witnesses called for the purpose. Tray. Lat. Max.

JAIL. A gaol; a prison; a building designated by law, or regularly used, for the confinement of persons held in lawful custody. State v. Bryan, 80 N. C. 534. See Gaol.

JAIL DELIVERY. See Gaol.

JAIL LIBERTIES. See Gaol.

JAILER. A keeper or warden of a prison or jail.

JAMBEAUX. In old English and feudal law. Leg-armor. Blount.

JAMMA, JUMMA. In Hindu law. Total amount; collection; assembly. The total of a territorial assignment.

JAMMABUNDY, JUMMABUNDY. In Hindu law. A written schedule of the whole of an assessment.

JAMPNUM. Furze, or grass, or ground where furze grows; as distinguished from "arable," "pasture," or the like. Co. Litt. 5a.

JAMUNLINGI, JAMUNDILINGI. Free men who delivered themselves and property to the protection of a more powerful person, in order to avoid military service and other burdens. Spelman. Also a species of serfs among the Germans. Du Cange. The same as commendati.

In modern law. A janitor is understood to be a person employed to take charge of rooms or buildings, to see that they are kept clean and in order, to lock and unlock them, and generally to care for them. Fagan v. New York, 84 N. Y. 532.

JAQUES. In old English law. Small money.

JAVELIN-MEN. Yeomen retained by the sheriff to escort the judge of assize.

JAVELOUR. In Scotch law. Jailer or gaoler. 1 Pite. Crim. Tr. pt. 1, p. 33.

JEDBURGH JUSTICE. Summary justice inflicted upon a marauder or felon without a regular trial, equivalent to “lynch law.” So called from a Scotch town, near the English border, where the raiders and cattle lifters were often summarily hung. Also written “Jeddart” or “Jedwood” justice.

JEMAN. In old records. Yeoman. Cowell; Blount.

JEFAILE. L. Fr. I have failed; I am in error. An error or oversight in pleading.

Certain statutes are called “statutes of amendments and jeofoales” because, where a pleader perceives any slip in the form of his proceedings, and acknowledges the error, (Jeofoale) he is at liberty, by those statutes, to amend it. The amendment, however, is seldom made; but the benefit is attained by the court’s overlooking the exception. 3 Bl. Comm. 407; 1 Saund. p. 228, no. 1.

Jeofaile is when the parties to any suit in pleading have proceeded so far that they have joined issue which shall be tried or is tried by a jury or inquest, and this pleading or issue is so badly pleaded or joined that it will be error if they proceed. Then some of the said parties may, by their counsel, show it to the court as well after verdict given and before judgment as before the jury is charged. And the counsel shall say: “This inquest ye ought not to take.” And if it be after verdict, then he may say: “To judgment you ought not to go.” And, because such niceties occasioned many delays in suits, divers statutes are made to redress them. Terms de la Ley.

JEOPARDY. Danger; hazard; peril.

Jeopardy is the danger of conviction and punishment which the defendant in a criminal action incurs when a valid indictment has been found, and a petit jury has been impaneled and sworn to try the case and give a verdict. State v. Nelson, 26 Ind. 368; State v. Emery, 59 Vt. 84, 7 Atl. 129; People v. Terrill, 132 Cal. 497, 64 Pac. 884; Mitchell v. State, 42 Ohio St. 383; Grogan v. State, 44 Ala. 9; Ex parte Glenn (C. C.) 111 Fed. 258; Alexander v. Com., 105 Pa. 9.

JERGUE. In English law. An officer of the custom-house who oversees the waiters. Techn. Dict.

JESSE. A large brass candlestick, usually hung in the middle of a church or choir. Cowell.


JETSAM. A term descriptive of goods which, by the act of the owner, have been voluntarily cast overboard from a vessel, in a storm or other emergency, to lighten the ship. 1 C. B. 113.

Jetsam is where goods are cast into the sea, and where sink and remain under water. 1 Bl. Comm. 292.

Jetsam differs from “flotsam,” in this: that in the latter the goods float, while in the former they sink, and remain under water. It differs also from “ligan.”

JETTISON. The act of throwing overboard from a vessel part of the cargo, in case of extreme danger, to lighten the ship. The same name is also given to the thing or things so cast out. Gray v. Walm, 2 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 254, 7 Am. Dec. 642; Butler v. Wildman, 3 Barn. & Ald. 328; Barnard v. Adams, 10 How. 303, 13 L. Ed. 417.

A carrier by water may, when in case of extreme peril it is necessary for the safety of the ship or cargo, throw overboard, or otherwise sacrifice, any or all of the cargo or appurtenances of the ship. Throwing property overboard for such purpose is called “jettison,” and the loss incurred thereby is called a “general average loss.” Civil Code Cal. § 2148; Civil Code Dak. § 1245.

JEUX DE BOURSE. Fr. In French law. Speculation in the public funds or in stocks; gambling speculations on the stock exchange; dealings in “options” and “futures.”

JEWEL. By “jewels” are meant ornaments of the person, such as ear-rings, pearls, diamonds, etc., which are prepared to be worn. See Com. v. Stephens, 14 Pick. (Mass.) 373; Robbins v. Robertson (C. C.) 33 Fed. 710; Cavendish v. Cavendish, 1 Brown Ch. 409; Ramaley v. Leland, 43 N. Y. 541, 3 Am. Rep. 728; Gille v. Libby, 36 Barb. (N. Y.) 77.

JOB. The whole of a thing which is to be done. “To build by plot, or to work by the job, is to undertake a building for a certain stipulated price.” Civ. Code La. art. 2727.

JOBBER. One who buys and sells goods for others; one who buys or sells on the stock exchange; a dealer in stocks, shares, or securities.

JOCALIA. In old English law. Jewels. This term was formerly more properly applied to those ornaments which women, al-
though married, call their own. When these *jocula* are not suitable to her degree, they are assets for the payment of debts. 1 Rolle, Abr. 911.

**JOCELIT.** A little manor or farm. Cowell.


**JOCS PARTITUS.** In old English practice. A divided game, risk, or hazard. An arrangement by which the parties to a hazard were ancienly sometime allowed to make by mutual agreement upon a certain hazard, as that one should lose if the case turned out in a certain way, and, if it did not, that the other should gain. Bract. fols. 211b, 379b, 432, 434, 2006.

**JOHN DOE.** The name which was usually given to the fictitious lessee of the plaintiff in the mixed action of ejectment. He was sometimes called "Goodtitle." So the Romans had their fictitious personages in law proceedings, as *Titius*, *Seius*.

**JOINER.** Joining or coupling together; uniting two or more constituents or elements in one; uniting with another person in some legal step or proceeding.

---*JOINER in demurrer.* When a defendant in an action for ejectment as a demurrer ("demurrer") the plaintiff, if he desire to maintain his action, must accept it, and this acceptance of the defendant's tender, signified by the plaintiff in a set form of words, is called a "JOINER in demurrer." Brown. **JOINER in issue.** In pleading. A formula by which one of the parties to a suit joins in or accepts an issue in fact tendered by the opposite party. Steph. Pl. 57, 236. More commonly termed a "simulator." (q. c.) ---*JOINER in pleading.* Accepting the issue, and mode of trial tendered, either by demurrer, error, or issue, in fact, by the opposite party. **JOINER of actions.** This expression signifies the uniting of two or more demands or rights of action in one action; a statement of more than one cause of action in a declaration. **JOINER of error.** In proceedings on a writ of error in criminal cases, the JOINER of error is a written denial of the errors alleged in the assignment of errors. It answers to a joinder of issue in an action.---*JOINER of offenses.* The uniting of several distinct charges of crime in the same indictment of prosecution.---*JOINER of parties.* The uniting of two or more persons as co-plaintiffs or as co-defendants in one suit.---*MISJOINER.* The improper joining together of parties to a suit, as plaintiffs or defendants, or of different causes of action. Runstall v. Befus, 53 Law J. Ch. 567; Phenix Iron Foundry v. Lockwood, 8 F. 1, 530, 45 Atl. 546.---*NONJOINER.* The omission to join some person as party to a suit, whether as plaintiff or defendant, who ought to have been so joined, according to the rules of pleading and practice.

**JOINT.** United; combined; undivided; done by or against two or more unitedly; shared by or between two or more.

A "Joint" bond, note, or other obligation is one in which the obligors or makers (being two or more) bind themselves jointly but not severally, and who must therefore be prosecuted in a joint action against them all. A "Joint and several" bond or note is one in which the obligors or makers bind themselves both jointly and individually to the obligee or payee, and which may be enforced either by a joint action against them all or by separate actions against any one or more at the election of the creditor.

---*Joint action.* An action in which there are two or more plaintiffs, or two or more defendants.---*Joint debtor acts.* Statutes enacted in many of the states, which provide that judgment may be given for or against one or more of several plaintiffs, and for or against one or more of several defendants, and that, in an action against several defendants, the court may, in its discretion, render judgment against one or more of them, leaving the action to proceed against the others, whenever a several judgment is proper." The name is also given to statutes providing that where an action is instituted against two or more defendants upon, an alleged joint liability, and some of them are served with process, but jurisdiction is not obtained over the others, the plaintiff may still proceed to trial against those who are before the court, and the defendants, who may be served with process, and who recover, may have judgment against all of the defendants whom he shows to be jointly liable. 1 Black, Judgm. §§ 208, 225. And see Hall v. Manning, 81 U. S. 186, 21 L. Ed. 362; 41 Fed. 483. A discharge of a joint debtor in a joint liability or indebtedness.---*Joint lives.* This expression is used to designate the duration of an estate in reversion or remainder granted to two or more persons to be enjoyed so long as they both (or all) shall live. As soon as one dies, the interest determines. See Highley v. Allen, 8 Mo. App. 264.


**JOINTLY.** Acting together or in concert or co-operation; holding in common or interdependently, not separately. Reclamation Dist. v. Parvin, 67 Cal. 501, 8 Pac. 45; Gold & Stock Tel. Co. v. Commercial Nat. Co. (C. C.) 22 Fed. 2d. 947; Case v. Wm. & M., 139 Ind. 225, 39 N. E. 395, 47 Am. St. Rep. 223. Persons are "jointly bound" in a bond or note when both or all must be sued in one action for its enforcement, not either one at the election of the creditor.

---*Jointly and severally.* Persons who bind themselves "jointly and severally" in a bond or note may all be sued together for its enforcement, or the creditor may select any one or more as the object of his suit. See Mitchell v. Darri- cott, 3 Brew. (S. C.) 145; Rice v. Gove, 23 Pick. (Mass.) 128, 23 Am. Dec. 724.

**JOINTRESS, JOINTRESS.** A woman who has an estate settled on her by her husband, to hold during her life, if she survive him. Co. Litt. 40.

**JOINTURE.** A freehold estate in lands or tenements secured to the wife, and to take effect on the decease of the husband, and to continue during her life at the least, unless she be herself the cause of its determination. Vance v. Vance, 21 Me. 889.
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A competent livelihood of freehold for the wife of lands and tenements to take effect presently in possession or profit, after the decease of the husband, for the life of the wife at least. Co. Litt. 365; 2 Bl. Comm. 137. See Fellers v. Fellers, 54 Neb. 694, 74 N. W. 1077; Saunders v. Saunders, 144 Mo. 482, 46 S. W. 428; Graham v. Graham, 67 Hun. 320, 22 N. Y. Supp. 209.

A jointure strictly signifies a joint estate limited to both husband and wife, and such was its original form; but, in its more usual form, it is a sole estate limited to the wife only, expectant upon a life-estate in the husband. 2 Bl. Comm. 137; 1 Steph. Comm. 255.

JONCARIA, or JUNCARIA. In old English law. Land where rushes grow. Co. Litt. 56a.

JONERLE. In old English law. As much land as could be plowed in one day. Spelman.

JOUR. A French word, signifying "day." It is used in our old law-books; as "tout jours," forever.

—"Jour en banc." A day in court. Distinguished from "jour en pays," (a day in the country,) otherwise called "jour en siiri peuu."—"Jour en court." In old practice. Day in court; day to appear in court; appearance day. "Every process gives the defendant a day in court." Hale, Ab. § 3.

JOURNAL. A daily book; a book in which entries are made or events recorded from day to day. In maritime law, the Journal (otherwise called "log" or "log-book") is a book kept on every vessel, which contains a brief record of the events and occurrences of each day of a voyage, with the nautical observations, course of the ship, account of the weather, etc. In the system of double-entry book-keeping, the journal is an account-book into which are transcribed, daily or at other intervals, the items entered upon the day-book, for more convenient posting into the ledger. In the usage of legislative bodies, the journal is a daily record of the proceedings of either house. It is kept by the clerk, and in it are entered the appointments and actions of committees, introduction of bills, motions, votes, resolutions, etc., in the order of their occurrence. See Oakland Pav. Co. v. Hilton, 69 Cal. 473, 11 Pac. 3; Montgomery Beer Bottling Works v. Gaston, 126 Ala. 425, 28 South. 497, 51 L. R. A. 306, 85 Am. St. Rep. 42; Martin v. Com., 107 Pa. 190.

JOURNEY. The original signification of this word was a day's travel. It is now applied to a travel by land from place to place, without restriction of time. But, when thus applied, it is employed to designate a travel which is without the ordinary habits, business, or duties of the person, to a distance


JOURNEY-HOPPERS. In English law. Regulators of yarn. 8 Hen. VI. c. 5.

JOURNEYMAN. A workman hired by the day, or other given time. Hart v. Aldridge, 1 Cowp. 58; Butler v. Clark, 46 Ga. 408.

JOURNEYS ACCOUNTS. In English practice. The name of a writ (now obsolete) which might be sued out where a former writ had abated without the plaintiff's fault. The length of time allowed for taking it out depended on the length of the journey the party must make to reach the court; whence the name.

JUBERE. Lat. In the civil law. To order, direct, or command. Calvin. The word jubeo, (I order,) in a will, was called a "word of direction," as distinguished from "precatory words." Cod. 6, 43, 2.

To assure or promise. To decree or pass a law.

JUBILACION. In Spanish law. The privilege of a public officer to be retired, on account of infirmity or disability, retaining the rank and pay of his office (or part of the same) after twenty years of public service, and on reaching the age of fifty.

JUDEUS, JUDEUS. Lat. A Jew.


JUDEX. Lat. In Roman law. A private person appointed by the preator, with the consent of the parties, to try and decide a cause or action commenced before him. He received from the preator a written formula instructing him as to the legal principles according to which the action was to be judged. Calvin. Hence the proceedings before him were said to be in judicio, as those before the preator were said to be in jure.

In later and modern civil law. A judge in the modern sense of the term.

In old English law. A juror. A judge, in modern sense, especially—as opposed to justicarius, i. e., a common-law judge—to denote an ecclesiastical judge. Bract. folis. 401. 402.

—Judex a quo. In modern civil law. The judge from whom, as judex ad quem is the
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judge to whom, an appeal is made or taken. Hull in Civil Law, b. 3, c. 11, no. 34.—Judex ad quem. A judge to whom an appeal is taken.—Judex datus. In Roman law. A judge given, that is, assigned or appointed, by the party to try a cause.—Judex delegatus. A delegated judge; a special judge.—Judex fiscalis. A fiscal judge; one having cognizance of matters relating to the public revenue. (q. v.)—Judex ordinarius. In the civil law. An ordinary judge; one who had the right of hearing and determining causes as a matter of his own proper jurisdiction. (ex propria jurisdicione.) and not by virtue of a delegated authority. Calvin.—Judex pedanesum. In Roman law. The judge who was commissioned by the praetor to hear a cause was so called, from the low seat which he anciently occupied at the foot of the praetor’s tribunal.


Judex ante oculos equitatem semper habere debet. A judge ought always to have equity before his eyes.

Judex bonus nihil ex arbitrio suo faciat, nec proposito domestico voluntatis, sed juxta leges et iura praeconici. A good judge should do nothing of his own arbitrary will, nor on the dictate of his personal inclination, but should decide according to law and justice. 7 Coke, 27a.

Judex damnatur cum necens absolvitur. The judge is condemned when a guilty person escapes punishment.

Judex debet judicare secundum allegata et probata. The judge ought to decide according to the allegations and the proofs.

Judex est lex loquens. A judge is the law speaking, [the mouth of the law.] 7 Coke, 4a.

Judex habere debet duos sales, salam sapientiam, ne sit insipidus; et salam conscientiam, ne sit diabolus. A judge should have two salts, the salt of wisdom, lest he be insipid; and the salt of conscience, lest he be devilish.

Judex non potest esse testis in propria causa. A judge cannot be a witness in his own cause. 4 Inst. 279.

Judex non potest injuriam sibi datam punire. A judge cannot punish a wrong done to himself. See 12 Coke, 114.

Judex non reddit plus quam quod potest ipsius rectum. A judge does not give more than what the complaining party himself demands. 2 Inst. 280.

JUDGE. A public officer, appointed to preside and to administer the law in a court of justice; the chief member of a court, and charged with the control of proceedings and the decision of questions of law or discretion. Todd v. U. S., 158 U. S. 275, 15 Sup. Ct. 586, 35 L. Ed. 662; Foot v. Stiles, 57 N. Y. 405; In re Lawyers’ Tax Cases, 135 U. S. 569, 34 S. C. 631, 9 T. N. 650. “Judge” and “Justice” (q. v.) are often used in substantially the same sense.

Judge advocate. An officer of a court-martial, whose duty is to swear in the other members of the court, to advise the court, and to act as the court’s prosecutor; but he is also, so far the counsel for the prisoner as to be bound to protect him from the necessity of answering criminating questions, and to object to leading questions when propounded to other witnesses.—Judge advocate general. The adviser of the government in reference to courts-martial and other matters of military law. In England, he is generally a member of the House of Commons and of the government for the time being.—Judge de facto. One who holds and exercises the office of a judge under color of lawful authority and by a title valid on its face, though he has not full right to the office, as where he was appointed under an unconstitutional statute, or by an usurper of the appointing power, or has not taken the oath of office. State v. Miller, 111 Mo. 542, 20 S. W. 243; Walcott v. Wells, 21 Nev. 47, 24 P. 367, 9 L. R. A. 808; In re Hammond’s C. & M. St. Rep. 92, 19; United States v. Basone, 60 Neb. 655, 83 N. W. 916; Caldwell v. Barrett, 71 Ark. 310, 74 S. W. 748.—Judge-made law. A phrase used to indicate judicial decisions which construe away the meaning of statutes, or find meanings in them the legislature never intended. It is sometimes used as a synonym of the law established by judicial precedent. Cooley, Const. Lim. 70, note.

Judge ordinary. By St. 20 & 21 Vict. c. 85, § 6, the judge of the court of probate was made judge of the court of divorce and matrimonial causes created by that act, under the name of the “judge ordinary.” In Scotland, the title “judge ordinary” is applied to all those judges, whether supreme or inferior, who, by the nature of their office, have a fixed and determinate jurisdiction in all actions of the same general nature, as contrasted with those of the old Scotch privy council, or from those judges to whom some special matter is committed; such as commissioners for taking proofs, and messengers of the army. Bell.—Judge’s certificate. In English practice. A certificate, signed by the judge who presided at the trial of a cause, that the party applying is entitled to the relief asked for. In some cases, this is necessary preliminary to the taxing of costs for such party. A statement of the opinion of the court, signed by the judges, upon a question of law submitted to them by the chancellor for their decision. See 3 Bl. Comm. 453.—Judge’s minutes, or notes. Memoranda usually taken by a judge, while a trial is proceeding, of the testimony of witnesses, of documents offered or admitted in evidence, of offers of evidence, and whether it has been received or rejected, and the like matters.—Judge’s order. An order made by a judge at chambers, or out of court.

JUDGER. A Cheshire Juryman. Jacob.

JUDGMENT. The official and authentic decision of a court of justice upon the respective rights and claims of the parties to an action, as set forth in the pleadings and submitted to its determination. People v. Hebel, 19 Colo. App. 523, 76 Pac. 550; Bullock v. Bullock, 52 N. J. Eq. 561, 30 Atl. 676, 27 L. R. A. 213, 46 Am. St. Rep. 528; Epplrig v. Kauffman, 90 Mo. 23, 1 S. W. 738; State
Judgment are either domestic or foreign. A judgment or decree is domestic in the courts of the same state or country where it was originally rendered; in other states or countries it is called foreign. A foreign judgment is one rendered by the courts of a state or country politically and judicially distinct from that where the judgment or its effect is brought in question. One pronounced by a tribunal of a foreign country, or of a sister state. Karna v. Kunkle, 2 Minn. 313 (Gib. 288); Gullick v. Loder, 13 N. J. Law, 65, 23 Am. Dec. 711. A judgment may be upon the merits, or it may not. A judgment on the merits is one which is rendered after the substance and matter of the case have been judicially investigated, and the court has decided which party is in the right; as distinguished from a judgment which turns upon some preliminary matter or technical point, or which, in consequence of the act or default of one of the parties, is given without a contest or trial.

Of judgments rendered without a regular trial, or without a complete trial, the several species are enumerated below. And first:

Judgment by default is a judgment obtained by one party when the other party neglects to take a certain necessary step in the action (as, to enter an appearance, or to plead) within the proper time. In Louisiana, the term "contradictory Judgment" is used to distinguish a judgment given after the parties have been heard, either in support of their claims or in their defense, from a judgment by default. Cox's Executors v. Thomas, 11 La. 306.

Judgment by confession is where a defendant gives the plaintiff a cognovit or written confession of the action (or "confession of judgment," as it is frequently called) by virtue of which the plaintiff enters judgment.

Judgment nisi dicit is a judgment rendered for the plaintiff when the defendant "says nothing;" that is, when he neglects to plead to the plaintiff's declaration within the proper time.

Judgment by non sum informatus is one which is rendered when, instead of entering a plea, the defendant's attorney says he is not informed of any answer to be given to the action. Steph. Pl. 130.

Judgment of nonsuit is of two kinds,—voluntary and involuntary. When plaintiff abandons his case, and consents that judgment go against him for costs, it is voluntary. But when he, being called, neglects to appear, or when he has given no evidence on which a judgment could be had, it is involuntary. Freem. Judgm. § 6.

Judgment of retrials. A judgment rendered where, after appearance and before merely interlocutory, although it may finally dispose of that particular matter. 1 Black, Judgm. § 21.
verdict, the plaintiff voluntarily goes into court and enters on the record that he "withdraws his suit." It differs from a non-suit. In the latter case the plaintiff may sue again, upon payment of costs; but a retrazi is an open, voluntary renunciation of his claim in court, and by it he forever loses his action.

Judgment of nolle prosequi. This judgment is entered when plaintiff declares that he will not further prosecute his suit, or entry of a si est processus, by which plaintiff agrees that all further proceedings shall be stayed.

Judgment of non pros. (non prosequitur) is one given against the plaintiff for a neglect to take any of those steps which it is incumbent on him to take in due time.

Judgment of casseatur breve or billa (that the writ or bill be quashed) is a judgment rendered in favor of a party pleading in abatement to a writ or action. Steph. Pl. 130, 131.

Judgment of nul clipli per brece or per biliam is a judgment in favor of the defendant upon an issue raised upon a declaration or peremptory plea.

Judgment quod partes reipraient. This is a judgment of repleader, and is given if an issue is formed on so immaterial a point that the court cannot know for whom to give judgment. The parties must then reconstruct their pleadings.

Judgment of respondeat uoster is a judgment given against the defendant, requiring him to "answer over," after he has failed to establish a dilatory plea upon which an issue in law has been raised.

Judgment quod recuperi is a judgment in favor of the plaintiff, (that he do recover,) rendered when he has prevailed upon an issue in fact or an issue in law other than one arising on a dilatory plea. Steph. Pl. 126.

Judgment non obstante veredicto is a judgment entered for the plaintiff "notwithstanding the verdict" which has been given for defendant; which may be done where, after verdict and before judgment, it appears by the record that the matters pleaded or replied to, although verified by the verdict, are insufficient to constitute a defense or bar to the action.

Special, technical names are given to the judgments rendered in certain actions. These are explained as follows:

Judgment quod computi is a judgment in an action of account-render that the defendant do account.

Judgment quod partitio flat is the interlocutory judgment in a writ of partition, that partition be made.

Judgment quando accidirtint. If on the plea of pleine administrativ in an action against an executor or administrator, or on the plea of rians pot deponent in an action against an heir, the plaintiff, instead of taking issue on the plea, take judgment of assets quando accidirtint, in this case, if assets afterwards come to the hands of the executor or heir, the plaintiff must first sue out a scire facias, before he can have execution. If, upon this scire facias, assets be found for part, the plaintiff may have judgment to recover so much immediately, and the residue of the assets in futuro. 1 Sld. 448.

Judgment de melioribus damnis. Where, in an action against several persons for a joint tort, the jury by mistake sever the damages by giving heavier damages against one defendant than against the others, the plaintiff may cure the defect by taking judgment for the greater damages (de melioribus damnis) against that defendant, and entering a nolle prosequi (q. v.) against the others. Sweet.

Judgment in error is a judgment rendered by a court of error on a record sent up from an inferior court.

Other compound and descriptive terms. A conditional judgment is one whose force depends upon the performance of certain acts to be done in the future by one of the parties; as, one which may become of no effect if the defendant appears and pleads according to its terms, or one which orders the sale of mortgaged property in a foreclosure proceeding unless the mortgagor shall pay the amount decreed within the time limited. Mahoney v. Loan Ass'n (C. C.) 70 Fed. 518; Simmons v. Jones, 118 N. C. 472, 24 S. E. 114. Consent judgment. One entered upon the consent of the parties, and in pursuance of their agreement as to what the terms of the Judgment shall be. Henry v. Hilliard, 120 N. C. 473, 27 S. E. 130. A dormant judgment is one which has not been satisfied nor extinguished by lapse of time, but which has remained so long unexecuted that execution cannot now be issued upon it without first reviving the judgment. Draper v. Nixen, 93 Ala. 436, 8 South. 489. Or one which has lost its lien on land from the failure to issue execution on it or take other steps to enforce it within the time limited by statute. 1 Black. Jdig. (2d ed.) § 462. Judgment nisi. At common law, this was a judgment entered on the return of the nisi prius record, which, according to the terms of the postes, was to become absolute unless otherwise ordered by the court within the first four days of the next succeeding term. See U. S. v. Winstead (D. C.) 12 Fed. 51; Young v. McPherson, 3 N. J. Law, 587. Judgment of his poers. A trial by a jury of twelve men according to the course of the common law. Fetter v. Witt, 46 Pa. 460; State v. Simons, 61 Kan. 730, 59 Pac. 1052; Newland v. Marsh, 19 Ill. 329.

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523, 28 L. R. A. 621.—Judgment creditor. One who is entitled to enforce a judgment by execution. 26

Judgment debtor. A person against whom judgment has been recovered, and which remains unsatisfied. 26

Judgment debts. Debts, whether on simple contract or by specialty, for the recovery of which judgment has been entered up, either upon a cognovit or upon a warrant of attorney or as the result of a successful action. 26

Judgment lien. A lien binding the real estate of a judgment debtor or the holder of the holder of the judgment, and giving the latter a right to levy on the land for the satisfaction of his judgment to the exclusion of other adverse interests subsequent to the judgment. 26

Judgment notes. A promissory note, embodying an authorization to any attorney, or to a designated attorney, or to the holder, or the clerk of the court, to enter an appearance for the maker and continue any judgment against him for a sum there in named, upon default of payment of the note. 26

Judgment paper. In English practice. A sheet of paper containing an inscription of the pleadings in an action at law, upon which final judgment is signed by the master. 26

Judgment record. In English practice. A parchment roll, on which are transcribed the whole proceedings in the cause, deposited and filed of record in the treasury of the court, after signing of judgment. 26

Judgment roll. In English practice. A roll of parchment containing all of the proceedings in an action at law to the entry of judgment inclusive, and which is filed in the treasury of the court. 26

Judgment. One which was rendered or entered after the rendition or entry of another judgment, on a different claim, against a new defendant. A money judgment. One which adjudges the payment of a sum of money, as distinguished from one directing an act to be done or property to be restored or restored. 26

JUDICANDUM EST LEGIBUS. JUDGMENT IN PERSONAM. A judgment against a particular person, as distinguished from a judgment against a thing or a right or status. The former class of judgments are conclusive only upon parties and privies; the latter upon all the world. See next title.

JUDGMENT IN REM. A judgment in rem is an adjudication, pronounced upon the status of things against all persons. It is by a tribunal having competent authority for that purpose. It differs from a judgment in personam, in this: that the latter judgment is in form, as well as substance, between the parties claiming the right; and that it is no inter partes appears by the record itself. It is binding only upon the parties appearing to be such by the record, and those claiming by them. A judgment in rem is founded on a proceeding instituted, not against the personal status of a person, such as, but against or upon the thing or subject-matter itself, whose state or condition is to be determined. It is a proceeding to determine the state or condition of the thing itself; and the judgment is a solemn declaration upon the status of the thing, and it ipso facto renders it what it declares it to be. Woodruff v. Taylor, 29 Vt. 73. And see Martin v. King, 72 Ala. 300; Lord v. Chalbourne, 42 Me. 429, 66 Am. Dec. 290; Hine v. Hussey, 45 Ala. 406; Cross v. Armstrong, 44 Ohio St. 613, 10 N. E. 160.

Various definitions have been given of a judgment in rem, but all are criticised as either incomplete or comprehending too much. It is generally said to be a judgment declaratory of the status of some subject-matter, whether this be a person or a thing. Thus, the probate of a will fixes the status of the document as a will. The personal rights and interests which follow are merely incidental results or character of the paper, and do not appear on the face of the judgment. So, a decree establishing or dissolving a marriage is a judgment in rem, because it is in rem, but it is not a judgment in personam. A judgment of forfeiture, by the proper tribunal, against specific articles or goods, for a violation of the revenue law, is a judgment in rem. But it is objected that the customary definition does not fit such a case, because there is no fixing of the status of anything, the whole effect being a seizure, whatever the thing may be. In the foregoing instances, and many others, the judgment is conclusive against all the world, without reference to actual presence or participation in the proceedings. If the expression “strictly in rem” may be applied to any class of cases, it should be confined to such as those. “A very able writer says: ‘The distinguishing characteristic of judgments in rem is that, wherever their obligation is recognized and enforced as against any person, it is equally recognized and enforced by law throughout the state. It seems to us that the true definition of a ‘judgment in rem’ is ‘an adjudication’ against some person or thing, or upon the status of some subject-matter; whichever and whenever binding upon any person, is equally binding upon all persons.” Barterro v. Real Estate Savings Bank, 10 Mo. App. 78.

Judicandum est legibus, non exemplis. Judgment is to be given according to
the laws, not according to examples or precedents. 4 Coke, 336; 4 Bl. Comm. 403.

JUDICARE. Lat. In the civil and old English law. To judge; to decide or determine judicially; to give judgment or sentence.

JUDICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Judging; the pronouncing of sentence, after hearing a cause. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 8, no. 7.

JUDICATORES TERRARUM. Lat. Persons in the county palatine of Chester, who, on a writ of error, were to consider of the judgment given there, and reform it; otherwise they forfeited £100 to the crown by custom. Jenk. Cent. 71.

JUDICATURE. 1. The state or profession of those officers who are employed in administering justice; the judiciary.

2. A judicatory, tribunal, or court of justice.

3. Jurisdiction; the right of judicial action; the scope or extent of jurisdiction.

—Judicature acts. The statutes of 36 & 37 Vict. c. 63, and 38 & 39 Vict. c. 77, which went into force November 1, 1875, with amendments in 1877, c. 9; 1879, c. 78; and 1881, c. 68—made most important changes in the organization of, and methods of procedure in, the superior courts of England, consolidating them together so as to constitute one supreme court of judicature, consisting of two divisions,—her majesty's high court of justice, having chiefly original jurisdiction; and her majesty's court of appeal, whose jurisdiction is chiefly appellate.

Judices non tenentur exprimere causam sententiae sum. Jenk. Cent. 75. Judges are not bound to explain the reason of their sentence.

JUDICES ORDINARI. Lat. In the civil law. Ordinary judices; the common judices appointed to try causes, and who, according to Blackstone, determined only questions of fact. 3 Bl. Comm. 315.

JUDICES PEDANEI. Lat. In the civil law. The ordinary judices appointed by the prætor to try causes.

JUDICES SELECTI. Lat. In the civil law. Select or selected judices or judges; those who were used in criminal causes, and between whom and modern jurors many points of resemblance have been noticed. 3 Bl. Comm. 366.


Judicium satis posse est, quod Deum habet ulterum. It is punishment enough for a judge that he has God as his avenger. 1 Leon. 295.


Judicium in curia regis non adhíllentur, sed stent in robore suo quoque per erorem aut attinetum adhíllentur. Judgments in the king's courts are not to be annihilated, but to remain in force until annulled by error or attainé. 2 Inst. 593.


Judicia posteriora sunt in lege fortiora. 8 Coke, 97. The later decisions are the stronger in law.

Judicia sunt tanquam juris dicta, et pro veritate acclamant. Judgments are, as it were, the sayings of the law, and are received as truth. 2 Inst. 537.

JUDICIAL. Belonging to the office of a judge; as judicial authority. Relating to or connected with the administration of justice; as a judicial officer. Having the character of judgment or formal legal procedure; as a judicial act. Proceeding from a court of justice; as a judicial writ, a judicial determination.

—Judicial action. Action of a court upon a cause, by hearing it, and determining what shall be adjudged or decreed between the parties, and with which is the right of the case. Rhode Island v. Massachusetts, 12 Pet. 718, 9 L. Ed. 1223; Kerosene Lamp Heater Co. v. Monitor Oil Stove Co., 41 Ohio St. 253.—Judicial acts. Acts requiring the exercise of some judicial discretion, as distinguished from ministerial acts, which require no proof. Ex parte Kelly, 6 VT. 510; Mills v. Brooklyn, 32 N.Y. 497; Reclamation Dist. v. Hamilton, 112 Cal. 603, 44 Pac. 1057; Coody v. Tynes, 22 Or. 355, 45 P. 140.—Judicial admissions. Admissions made voluntarily by a party which appear of record in the proceedings of the court.—Judicial authority. The power and authority of hearing and determining cases, belonging to the office of a judge; jurisdiction; the official right to hear and determine questions in controversy.—Judicial business. Such as involves the exercise of judicial power, or the application of the mind and authority of a court to some contested matter, or the conduct of judicial proceedings, as distinguished from such ministerial and other acts, incident to the progress of a cause, as may be performed by the parties, counsel, or officers of the court without application to the court or judge. See Helen v. Smith, 138 Cal. 210, 71 Pac. 180, 94 Am. St. Rpt. 39; Merchants' Nat. Bank v. Jeffrey, 36 Neb. 218, 54 N. W. 228, 19 L. R. A. 316; State v. California Min. Co., 13 Nev. 214.—Judicial committee of the privy council. In English law. A tribunal composed of members of the privy council, being judges or retired judges, which acts as the king's adviser in matters of law referred to it, and exercises a certain appellate and advisory power, chiefly in civil cases, though its power in this respect was curtailed by the judicature act of 1873.—Judicial confession. In the law of evidence. A confession of guilt, made by a party before a magistrate, or in court, in the due course of legal proceedings. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 216;

JUDICIARY, n. That branch of government invested with the judicial power; the system of courts in a country; the body of judges; the bench.

JUDICIARY ACT. The name commonly given to the act of congress of September 24, 1789, (1 St. at. Large, 73,) by which the system of federal courts was organized, and their powers and jurisdiction defined.

Judicis posterioribus fides est adhibenda. Faith or credit is to be given to the later judgments. 13 Coke, 14.

JUDICIO SISTI. Lat. A caution, or security, given in Scotch courts for the defendant to abide judgment within the jurisdiction. Stim. Law Gloss.

Judicis est in pronuntiando sequi regularum, exceptionum non probata. The judge in his decision ought to follow the rule, when the exception is not proved.

Judicis est judicare secundum algetas et probatas. Dyer, 12. It is the duty of a judge to decide according to facts alleged and proved.

Judices est jus diocere, non dare. It is the province of a judge to declare the law, not to give it. Lofti, Append. 42.

Judicis officium est opus dicere in die suo periculo. It is the duty of a judge to finish the work of each day within that day. Dy- er, 12.

Judicis officium est ut res, in tempora rerum, quære. It is the duty of a judge to inquire into the things of days, as well as into things themselves. Co. Litt. 171.

JUDICIUM. Lat. Judicial authority or jurisdiction; a court or tribunal; a judicial hearing or other proceeding; a verdict or judgment; a proceeding before a judge or judge. State v. Whiford, 54 Wis. 150, 11 N. W. 424.

Judicium capitale. In old English law. Judgment of death: capital judgment. Fieta, 1, c. 20, § 2. Called also, "judicium effe- missionis," judgment of loss of life. Id. lib. 2, c. 1, § 5—Judicium Dei. In old English and European law. The judgment of God; otherwise called "divinum judicium," the "divine judgment." A term particularly applied to the ordeal by fire or hot iron and water, and also to the trials by the cross, the eucharist, and the corneled, and the duellum or trial by battle, (q.)
It being supposed that the interposition of heaven was directly manifest, in these cases, in behalf of the innocent. Spelman; Burrell.

Judicium parium. In old English law. Judgment of the peers; judgment of one's peers; trial by jury. Magna Charta, c. 29.

Judicium a non suo judece datum nullius est momenti. 10 Coke, 70. A judgment given by one who is not the proper judge is of no force.

Judicium est quasi juris dictum. Judgment is, as it were, a declaration of law.

Judicium non debet esse illusorium; saum effectum habere debet. A judgment ought not to be illusory; it ought to have its proper effect. 2 Inst. 341.

Judicium redditur in invitum. Co. Litt. 248b. Judgment is given against one, whether he will or not.

Judicium (semper) pro veritate acedit. A judgment is always taken for truth, [that is, as long as it stands in force it cannot be contradicted.] 2 Inst. 380; Co. Litt. 36a, 168a.

JUG. In old English law. A watery place. Domesday; Cowell.

JUGE. In French law. A judge.

Juge de paix. An inferior judicial functionary, appointed to decide summarily controversies of minor importance, especially such as turn mainly on questions of fact. He has also the functions of a police magistrate. Fournier.

Juge d'instruction. See INSTRUCTION.

JUGERUM. An acre. Co. Litt. 56. As much as a yoke (jugum) of oxen could plow in one day.

JUGULATOR. In old records. A cutthroat or murderer. Cowell.

JUGUM. Lat. In the civil law. A yoke; a measure of land; as much land as a yoke of oxen could plow in a day. Nov. 17, c. 8.

Jugum terrae. In old English law. A yoke of land; half a plow-land. Domesday; Co. Litt. 54; Cowell.

JUICIO. In Spanish law. A trial or suit. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 4, c. 1.

Juicio de apeco. The decree of a competent tribunal directing the determining and marking the boundaries of lands or estates. Juicio de concursio de acreadores. The judgment granted for a debtor who has various creditors, or for such creditors, to the effect that their claims be satisfied according to their respective form and rank, when the debtor's estate is not sufficient to discharge them all in full. Escribano.


JUMENTA. In the civil law. Beasts of burden; animals used for carrying burdens. This word did not include "oxen." Dig. 32, 65, 5.

JUMP BAIL. To abscond, withdraw, or secrete one's self, in violation of the obligation of a bail-bond. The expression is colloquial, and is applied only to the act of the principal.

JUNCIARIA. In old English law. The soil where rushes grow. Co. Litt. 5a; Cowell.


JUNGERE DUCELLUM. In old English law. To join the duelum; to engage in the combat. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 21, § 10.

JUNIOR. Younger. This has been held to be not part of a man's name, but an addition by use, and a convenient distinction between a father and son of the same name. Cobb v. Lucas, 15 Pick. (Mass.) 9; People v. Collins, 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 552; Padgett v. Lawrence, 10 Paige (N. Y.) 177, 40 Am. Dec. 232; Prentiss v. Blake, 34 Vt. 469.

Junior right. A custom prevalent in some parts of England (also at some places on the continent,) by which an estate descended to the youngest son in preference to his older brothers; the same as "Borough-English."


JUNIPERUS SABINA. In medical jurisprudence. This plant is commonly called "savin."

JUNK-SHOP. A shop where old cordage and shipe' tackle, old iron, rags, bottles, paper, etc., are kept and sold. A place where odds and ends are purchased and sold. Charleston City Council v. Goldsmith, 12 Rich. Law (S. C.) 470.

JUNTA, or JUNTO. A select council for taking cognizance of affairs of great consequence requiring secrecy; a cabal or faction. This was a popular nickname applied to the Whig ministry in England, between 1693-1696. They clung to each other for mutual protection against the attacks of the so-called "Reactionist Stuart Party."

JURA. Lat. Plural of "ius." Rights; laws. 1 Bl. Comm. 123. See JUS.

Jura fiscale. In English law. Fiscal rights; rights of the exchequer. 3 Bl. Comm. 45. Jura in re. In the civil law. Rights in a thing; rights which, being separated from the dominium, or right of property, exist independently of it, and are enjoyed by some other person than him who has the dominium. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 237. Jura majesta. Rights of sovereignty or majesty; a term used in the
civil law to designate certain rights which belong to each and every sovereignty and which are deemed essential to its existence. Gilmer v. Lime Point, 18 Cal. 250. — Jura mitati dominii. In old English law. Rights of mixed dominion. The king's right or power of jurisdiction was so termed. Hale, Anal. § 6. — Jura personarum. Rights of persons; the rights of persons. Rights which concern and are annexed to the persons of men. 1 Bl. Comm. 122.

— Jura praeclorum. In the civil law. The rights of estates. Dig. 50, 19, 86. — Jura regalia. In English law. Royal rights or privileges. 1 Bl. Comm. 117, 119; 3 Bl. Comm. 44.


Jura ecclesiasticae limitata sunt infra limites separatos. Ecclesiastical laws are limited within separate bounds. 3 Bulte. 53.

Jura eodem modo destinaturus quo constitutur. Laws are abrogated by the same means [authority] by which they are made. Broom, Max. 878.

Jura naturae sunt imutabilia. The laws of nature are unchangeable. Branch, Prince.

Jura publica autorenda privata. Public rights are to be preferred to private. Co. Litt. 130a. Applied to protections.

Jura publica ex privato [privatis] promisone deedi non debeant. Public rights ought not to be decided promiscuously with private. Co. Litt. 130a, 181b.

Jura regis specialia non conceduntur per generalia verba. The special rights of the king are not granted by general words. Jenk. Cent. p. 103.

Jura sanguinis nullo jure civili dirimi possunt. The right of blood and kindred cannot be destroyed by any civil law. Dig. 50, 17, 9; Bac. Max. reg. 11; Broom, Max. 633; Jackson v. Phillips, 14 Allen (Mass.) 562.

JURAL. 1. Pertaining to natural or positive right, or to the doctrines of rights and obligations; as "jural relations."

2. Of or pertaining to jurisprudence; juridical; juridical.

3. Recognized or sanctioned by positive law; embraced within, or covered by, the rules and enactments of positive law. Thus, the "jural sphere" is to be distinguished from the "moral sphere;" the latter denoting the whole scope or range of ethics or the science of conduct, the former embracing only such portions of the same as have been made the subject of legal sanction or recognition.

4. Founded in law; organized upon the basis of a fundamental law, and existing for the recognition and protection of rights. Thus, the "jural society" or union is the synonym of "state" or "organized political community."

JURAMENTUM. Lat. In the civil law. An oath.

— Jura mentum, juramentum, juramentum calumniæ. In the civil and canon law. The oath of calumni. An oath imposed upon both parties to a suit, as a preliminary to its trial, to the effect that they are not influenced by malice or any sinister motives in prosecuting or defending the same, but by a belief in the justice of their cause. It was also required of the attorneys and proctors. — Jura mentum corporalis. A corporal oath. See Oath. — Jura mentum in litem. In the civil law. An suspension; an oath, taken by the plaintiff in an action, that the extent of the damages he has suffered, estimated in money, amounts to a certain sum, which oath, in certain cases, is accepted in lieu of other proof. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 376. — Jura mentum judiciale. In the civil law. An oath which the judge, the jury, or the sworn accuser, gives, in the name of the parties. It is of two kinds: First, that in which the judge defers for the decision of the cause, and which is understood by the general name "jura mentum judiciale," and is sometimes called "suppletory oath," "jura mentum suppletorium;" second, that in which the judge defers in order to fix and determine the amount of the condemnation which he ought to pronounce, and which is called "jura mentum in litem." Poth. Obl. p. 4. — Jur. C. art. 3. — Jura mentum necessarium. In Roman law. A compulsory oath. A disclosure under oath, which the proctor or compelled one of the parties to a suit to make, when the other, applying for such an appeal, agreed to abide by what his adversary should swear. 1 Whart. Ev. § 458; Dig. 12, 2, 5, 2. — Jura mentum voluntarium. In Roman law. A voluntary oath. An appeal to conscience, by which one of the parties to a suit, instead of proving his case, offered to abide by what his adversary should answer under oath. 1 Whart. Ev. § 458; Dig. 12, 2, 34, 6.

Jura mentum est indivisible; et non est admittendum in partes verborum et parte falsorum. An oath is indivisible; it is not to be held partly true and partly false. 4 Inst. 274.

JURARE. Lat. To swear; to take an oath.

Jurare est Deum in testem vocare, et actus divini cultus. 3 Inst. 165. To swear is to call God to witness, and is an act of religion.

JURAT. The clause written at the foot of an affidavit, stating when, where, and before whom such affidavit was sworn. See U. S. v. Michнем, 140 U. S. 151, 11 Sup. Ct. 746, 35 L. Ed. 391; U. S. v. Julian, 162 U. S. 244, 16 Sup. Ct. 801, 40 L. Ed. 984; Lutz v. Kinney, 23 Nev. 279, 46 Pac. 257.

JURATA. In old English law. A jury of twelve men sworn. Especially, a jury of
the common law, as distinguished from the assisa.

The jury clause in a nisi prius record, so called from the emphatic words of the old forms: "Jurata positur in respectuum," the jury is put in respite. Townsh. Pl. 487.

Also a jurat, (which see.)

**JURATION.** The act of swearing; the administration of an oath.

**Jurato creditur in judicio.** He who makes oath is to be believed in judgment. 3 Inst. 79.

**JURATOR.** A juror; a compurgator, (q. v.)


**Juratores sunt judices facti.** Jenk. Cent. 61. Jurors are the judges of fact.

**JURATORY CAUTION.** In Scotch law. A description of caution (security) sometimes offered in a suspensio or advocacy where the complainant is not in circumstances to offer any better. Bell.

**JURATS.** In English law. Officers in the nature of aldermen, sworn for the government of many corporations. The twelve assistants of the bailiff in Jersey are called "jurats."

**JURE.** Lat. By right; in right; by the law.


Jure nature squam est neminem cum alterius detrimento et injuria fieri locupletiorem. By the law of nature it is not just that any one should be enriched by the detriment or injury of another. Dig. 50, 17, 206.

Juri non est consousum quod aliquis accessorius in uria regis convineat antequam alius de facto fuerit attinet. It is not consonant to justice that any accessory should be convicted in the king's court before any one has been attainted of the fact. 2 Inst. 183.

**JURIDIC.** Lat. Relating to the courts or to the administration of justice; juridical; lawful. Dies juridicus, a lawful day for the transaction of business in court; a day on which the courts are open.

**JURIS.** Lat. Of right; of law.

---Juris et de jure. Of law and of right. A presumption juris et de jure, or an irrebuttable presumption, is one which the law will not suffer to be rebutted by any counter-evidence, but establishes as conclusive; while a presumption juris tantum is one which holds good in the absence of evidence to the contrary, but may be rebutted.---Juri et seissum conjunctio. The union of seisin or possession and the right of possession forming a complete title. 2 Bl. Comm. 439; 2 Steph. Comm. 296.---Juri privati. Of private right; subjects of private property. Hale, Anal. § 23.---Juri publici. Of common right; of common or public use; such things as, at least in their own use, are common to all the king's subjects; as common highways, common bridges, common rivers, and common ports. Hale, Anal. § 23.---Juri utram. In English law. An abolibed writ which lay for the pardon of a church whose predecessor had alienated the lands and tenements thereof. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 49.


**Juris ignorantia est cum jus nostrum ignoramus.** It is ignorance of the law when we do not know our own rights. Haven v. Foster, 9 Pick. (Mass.) 130, 19 Am. Dec. 333.

**Juris precpecta sunt hae: Honeste viver; alternum non ledere; sumo quidem tribuere.** These are the precpects of the law: To live honorably; to hurt nobody; to render to every one his due. Inst. 1, 1, 3; 1 Bl. Comm. 40.

**JURISCONSULT.** A jurist; a person skilled in the science of law, particularly of international or public law.

**JURISCONSULTUS.** Lat. In Roman law. An expert in juridical science; a person thoroughly versed in the law, who was habitually requested to, for information and advice, both by private persons as his clients, and also by the magistrates, advocates, and others employed in administering justice.

**Jurisdiction est potestas de publico introducta, non necessitate juris dicendi.**
Jurisdiction is a power introduced for the public good, on account of the necessity of dispensing justice. 10 Coke, 73a.

**JURISDICTION.** The power and authority constitutionally conferred upon (or constitutionally recognized as existing in) a court or judge to pronounce the sentence of the law, or to award the remedies provided by law, in a state of facts proved or admitted, referred to the tribunal for decision, and authorized by law to be the subject of investigation or action by that tribunal, and in favor of or against persons (or a ree) who present themselves, or who are brought, before the court in some manner sanctioned by law as proper and sufficient. 1 Black, Jdgm. p. 1215. And see Nemo v. Railroad Co., 103 Mo. App. 440, 80 S. W. 24; Ingram v. Fusion, 11 Ky. 622, 82 S. W. 906; Theod v. Cresman, 123 Ky. 122, 99 W. 686; Parrigan v. Gilchrist, 121 Wis. 127, 99 N. W. 909; Wightman v. Karsner, 20 Ala. 451; Reynolds v. Stockton, 140 U. S. 254, 11 Sup. Ct. 773, 35 L. Ed. 464; Templeton v. Ferguson, 89 Tex. 47, 33 S. W. 329; Succession of Weigel, 17 La. Ann. 70.

Jurisdiction is a power constitutionally conferred upon a judge or magistrate to take cognizance of and determine matters according to law, and to carry his sentence into execution. U. S. v. Arrozado, 4 Pet. 681, 8 L. Ed. 547; Yates v. Lanning, 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 413, 6 Am. Dec. 290; Johnson v. Jones, 2 Neb. 135.

The authority of a court as distinguished from the other departments; judicial power considered with reference to its scope and extent as respects the questions and persons subject to it; power given by law to hear and decide controversies. Abbott.

Jurisdiction is the power to hear and determine matters in cause, as distinguished from the power to try causes. The power to decide between parties to the suit; to adjudicate or exercise any judicial power over them. Rhode Island v. Massachusetts, 12 Pet. 567, 717, 9 L. Ed. 1233.

Jurisdiction is the power to hear and determine a cause; the authority by which judicial officers take cognizance of and decide criminal causes. Brownsville v. Basse, 43 Tex. 440.

**Appellate jurisdiction.** The power and authority to take cognizance of a cause and proceed to its determination, not in its initial stage, but only after it has been finally decided by an inferior court, i. c. the power of review and determination on appeal, writ of error, certiorari, or other similar process. The boundary of the jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of several different tribunals, both authorized to deal with the same subject matter at the choice of the author. State v. Sinnott, 8 Mo. 41, 35 Atl. 1007; Rogers v. Bonnett, 2 Okl. 553, 37 Pac. 1078; Hercules Iron Works v. Railroad Co., 141 Ill. 491, 30 N. E. 1090—Contentsious jurisdiction. In English ecclesiastical law. That branch of the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts which is exercised upon adversary or contentious (opposed) proceedings. Also, Co-ordinate jurisdiction. That which is possessed by courts of equal rank, degree, or authority, equally competent to deal with the matter in question, whether belonging to the same or different systems; concurrent jurisdiction. Criminal jurisdiction. That which exists for the trial and punishment of criminal offenses; the authority by which judicial officers take cognizance of and decide criminal cases. Eliot v. State, 125 Ind. 704, 34 N. E. 759; In re City of Buffalo, 130 N. Y. 492, 34 N. E. 1103. —Equity jurisdiction. In a general sense, the jurisdiction belonging to a court of equity, of particular courts in particular cases, controversies, and occasions which form proper subjects for the exercise of the powers of equity jurisdiction. See Anderson v. Carr, 65 Han. 170, 19 N. Y. Supp. 635; The People v. McKane, 78 Hun. 154, 28 N. Y. Supp. 981. —Foreign jurisdiction. Any jurisdiction foreign to that of the forum. Also, the power of a state or nation of jurisdiction beyond its own territory, the right being acquired by treaty or otherwise. —General jurisdiction. Such as extends to all controversies that may be brought before a court within the legal bounds of rights and remedies; as opposed to special or limited jurisdiction, which covers only a part of cases, or cases where the amount in controversy is below a prescribed sum, or which is subject to specific exceptions. The terms "general" and "limited" is applied to jurisdictions to indicate the difference between a legal authority extending to the whole of a particular subject and one limited to part; and, when applied to the terms of the court, the occasion on which these powers can be respectively exercised. Gracie v. Freeland, 1 N. Y. 232. —Limited jurisdiction. That jurisdiction is subject to the terms and limitations of the law and facts. The books sometimes use it without due precision. It is sometimes carelessly employed instead of "special." The true distinction between courts is between such as possesses a general and such as have only a special jurisdiction for a particular purpose, or are clothed with special powers for the performance. Obert v. Hammel. 18 N. J. Law. 73—Original jurisdiction. Jurisdiction in the first instance; jurisdiction to take cognizance of a cause at its inception, try it, and pronounce judgment upon the law and facts. Distinguished from appellate jurisdiction. —Probate jurisdiction. Such jurisdiction as ordinarily pertains to probate, or marriage, or surrogates’ courts, including the establishment of wills, the administration of estates, the superintendence of guardianship of infants, the allotment of dower, etc. See Richardson v. Green, 61 Fed. 423, 9 C. C. A. 565; Chadwick v. Chadwick, 6 Mont. 660, 13 Pac. 383—Special jurisdiction. A court authorized to take cognizance of one or the few kinds of causes or proceedings expressly designated by statute is called a "court of special jurisdiction." —Summary jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of the court to give a judgment or make an order itself without; e. g., to commit to prison for contempt; to punish malpractice in a solicitor; or, in the case of justices of the peace, a jurisdiction to convict an offender themselves instead of committing him for trial by a jury. Wharton.—Territorial jurisdiction. The jurisdiction considered as limited to cases arising or persons residing within a defined territory, as, a country, a county, a judicial district, etc. The authority of any court bounded by the boundary of a defined territory. See Phillips v. Thralls, 26 Kan. 781. —Voluntary jurisdiction. In English law. A jurisdiction exercised by or obtained at the instance of a party. In Scotch law. One exercised in matters admitted of record upon a question, and therefore cognizable by any judge, and in any place, and on any lawful day. Bell.—Jurisdiction clause. In equity practice. That part of the pleadings, which states the jurisdiction of the court by the allegations of the pleader. In the case of the complaint, and that he has no remedy, or not a complete remedy, without the assistance of a court of equity, is called the "jurisdiction clause." Mitt. Eq. Pl. 43.
JURISDICTIONAL. Pertaining or relating to jurisdiction; conferring jurisdiction; showing or disclosing jurisdiction; defining or limiting jurisdiction; essential to jurisdiction.

 Jurisdictional facts. See Fact.

JURISINCEPTOR. Lat. A student of the civil law.

JURISPERITUS. Lat. Skilled or learned in the law.

JURISPRUDENCE. The philosophy of law, or the science which treats of the principles of positive law and legal relations.

"The term is wrongly applied to actual systems of law, or to current views of law, or to suggestions for its amendment, but is the name of a science. This science is a formal, or analytical, rather than a material, one. It is the science of actual or positive law. It is wrongly divided into "general" and "private," or into "philosophical" and "historical." It may therefore be defined as the formal science of positive law." Holl. Jyr. 12.

In the proper sense of the word, "jurisprudence" is the science of law, namely, that science which has for its function to ascertain the principles on which legal rules are based, so as not only to classify those rules in their proper order, and show the relation in which they stand to one another, but also to settle the manner in which new or doubtful cases should be brought under the appropriate rules. Jurisprudence is more a formal than a material science. It has no direct concern with questions of moral or political policy, for they fall under the province of ethics and legislation; but, when a new or doubtful case arises to which two different rules seem, when taken literally, to be equally applicable, it may be, and often is, the function of jurisprudence to consider the ultimate effect which would be produced if each rule were applied to an indefinite number of similar cases, and to choose that rule which, when so applied, will produce the greatest advantage to the community. Sweet.

Comparative jurisprudence. The study of the principles of legal science by the comparison of various systems of law.—Equity jurisprudence. That portion of remedial justice which is exclusively administered by courts of equity as distinguished from courts of common law. Jackson v. Nimmo, 3 Lea (Tenn.) 500. More generally speaking, the science which treats of the rules, principles, and maxims which govern the decisions of a court of equity, the cases and controversies which are considered proper subjects for its cognizance, and the nature and form of the remedies which it grants.—Medical jurisprudence. The science which applies the principles and practice of the discovery and use of medicines to the elucidation of doubtful questions in a court of justice. Otherwise called "forensic medicine," (q. v.). A sort of mixed science, which may be considered as common ground to the practitioners both of law and physic. 1 Steph. Comm. 8.

JURISPRUDENTIA. Lat. In the civil and common law. Jurisprudence, or legal science.

Jurisprudentia est divinarum atque humanarum rerum notitia, justi atque injusti scientia. Jurisprudence is the knowledge of things divine and human, the science of what is right and what is wrong Dig. 1, 1, 10, 2; Inst. 1, 1, 1. This definition is adopted by Bracton, word for word Bract. fol. 3.

Jurisprudentia legist communis Anglis est scientia socialis et copiosa. The jurisprudence of the common law of England is a science social and comprehensive. 7 Coke, 28a.

JURIST. One who is versed or skilled in law; answering to the Latin "jurisperitus," (q. v.). One who is skilled in the civil law, or law of nations. The term is now usually applied to those who have distinguished themselves by their writings on legal subjects.

JURISTIC. Pertaining or belonging to, or characteristic of, jurisprudence, or a jurist, or the legal profession.

Juristic act. One designed to have a legal effect, and capable thereof.

JURNEDUM. In old English law. A journey; a day's traveling. Cowell.

JURO. In Spanish law. A certain perpetual pension, granted by the king on the public revenues, and more especially on the salt-works, by favor, either in consideration of meritorious services, or in return for money loaned the government, or obtained by it through forced loans. Escribche.

JUBER. One member of a jury. Sometimes, one who takes an oath; as in the term "non-juror," a person who refuses certain oaths.

JUROR'S BOOK. A list of persons qualified to serve on juries.

JURY. In practice. A certain number of men, selected according to law, and sworn (jurati) to inquire of certain matters of fact, and declare the truth upon evidence to be laid before them. This definition embraces the various subdivisions of juries; as grand jury, petit jury, common jury, special jury, coroner's jury, sheriff's jury, (q. v.). A jury is a body of men temporarily selected from the citizens of a particular district, and invested with power to present or indict a person for a public offense, or to try a question of fact. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 190.

The terms "jury" and "trial by jury," as used in the constitution, mean twelve competent men, disinterested and impartial, not of kin, nor personal dependents of either of the parties, having their homes within the jurisdictional limits of the court, drawn and selected by officers free from all bias in favor of or against either party, duly impaneled and sworn to render a true verdict according to the law and the evidence. State v. McLean, 11 Nev. 38.

Classification.—Common jury. In practice. The ordinary kind of jury by which is-
sues of fact are generally tried, as distinguished from a trial in the form of a trial in the court. A jury obtained from a county other than that in which issue was joined.—Grand jury. A jury of inquiry who are summoned and returned by the assessor to each section of the criminal courts, and whose duty is to receive complaints and accusations in criminal cases, hear the evidence produced on the part of the state, and find bills of indictment in cases where they are satisfied a trial ought to be had: They are first sworn, and instructed by the court. The phrase "grand jury" because it comprises a greater number of jurors than the ordinary trial jury or "petit jury." At common law, a grand jury consists of at least twelve nor more than twenty-three men, and this is still the rule in many of the states, though in some the number is otherwise fixed by statute; thus in Oregon and of the grand jury is composed of seven men; in South Dakota, not less than six nor more than eight; in Texas, twelve; in Idaho, sixteen; in Washington, twelve to seventeen; in North Dakota, sixteen to twenty-three; in California, nineteen; in New Mexico, twenty; in Ex parte Rev. Geo. W. U. 7, 879, 18 Ed. 849; In re Gardiner, 31 Misc. Rep. 364, 64 N. Y. Supp. 760; Finley v. State, 61 Ala. 203, 61 Am. R. (N. Y.) 363; English v. State, 31 Fla. 340, 12 South. 659.—Mixed jury. A bilingual jury; a jury of the half-tongue. See De Medina v. Lincolns. A jury composed of mainly of negroes and partly of white men.—Petit jury. The ordinary jury of twelve men for the trial of a civil or criminal action. So called to distinguish it from the grand jury. A petit jury is a body of twelve men impaneled and sworn to try specific cases; it is a true and unanimous verdict, any question or issue of fact, in any civil or criminal action or proceeding, according to law and the evidence as given in the court. See Gen. St. Minn. 1878, c. 71, § 1.—Prix jury. See Prec.—Special jury. A jury ordered by the court, on the motion of either party, in case of unusual importance or intricacy. Called, from the manner in which it is constituted, a "struck jury." 3 Bl. Comm. 357. A jury composed of persons above the rank of ordinary freeholders; usually summoned to try questions of greater importance than those usually submitted to county juries.—Brown v. Wallace v. Breese, 8 How. (Del.) 529, 18 Atl. 818; Cook v. State, 24 N. J. Law. 813.—Trial jury. A body of men returned from the eleemosynary jury, as a particular district, to serve as a court or officer of competent jurisdiction, and sworn to try and determine, by verdict, a question of fact. See Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 198. Other compound terms.—Jury box. The place in court (strictly an inclosed place) where the jury sit during the trial of a case. 1 Archib. Pr. K. B. 209; 2 Burill, Pr. 425.—Jury commissioner. An officer charged with the duty of selecting the names to be put into the jury wheel, or of drawing the panel of jurors for a particular term of court.—Jury list. A paper containing the names of jurors impaneled to try a cause, or it contains the names of all the jurors summoned to attend court.—Jury minutes. A record of the proceedings of a common-law practice. A jury of twelve matrons or discreet women, impaneled upon a writ de ventre inspiciendo, or a person being under sentence of death, pleaded her pregnancy as a ground for staying execution. In the latter case, such jury inquired into the truth of the plea.—Jury process. The process by which a jury is summoned in a cause, and by which their attendance is enforced.—Jury wheel. A machine containing the names of persons qualified to serve as grand and petit jurors, from which, in an order determined by the hazard of its revolutions, are drawn a sufficient number of such names to make up the panels for a given term of court.

JURYMAN. A juror; one who is impaneled on a jury.

JURYWOMAN. One member of a jury of matrons, (q. v.)

JUS. Lat. In Roman law. Right; justice; law; the whole body of law; also a right. The term is used in two meanings:

1. "Jus" means "law," considered in the abstract; that is, as distinguished from any specific enactment, the science or department of learning, or quasi personified factor in human history or conduct or social development, which we call, in a general sense, "the law." Or it means the law taken as a system, an aggregate, a whole; "the sum total of a number of individual laws taken together." Or it may designate some one particular system or body of particular laws; as in the phrases "Jus civile," "Jus gentium," "Jus praeceptorium.

2. In a second sense, "Jus" signifies "a right;" that is, a power, privilege, faculty, or demand inherent in one person and incident upon another; or a capacity residing in one person of controlling, with the assent and assistance of the state, the actions of another. This is its meaning in the expressions "Jus in reum," "Jus accrescendi," "Jus possessionis." It is thus seen to possess the same ambiguity as the words "droit," "recht," and "right," (which see.)

Within the meaning of the maxim that "ignorantia juri non excusat" (ignorance of the law is no excuse), the word "Jus" is used to denote the general law or ordinary law of the land, and the word "Jus privatum" is reserved for the private right. Churchill v. Bradley, 58 Vt. 463, 5 Atl. 189, 50 Am. Rep. 563; Cooper v. Flibbs, L. R. 2 H. L. 149; Frechnecht v. Meyer, 39 N. J. Eq. 561.

The continental jurists seek to avoid this ambiguity in the use of the word "Jus," by calling its former signification "objective," and the latter meaning "subjective." Thus Mackeldy (Rom. Law, § 2) says: "The laws of the first kind [compulsory or positive laws] form law [jus] in its objective sense, [jus est norma agendi, law is a rule of conduct.] The possibility resulting from law in this sense to do or require another to do is law in its subjective sense, [jus est facultas agendi, law is a license to act.] The voluntary action of man in conformity with the precepts of law is called 'justice,' [justitia."

Some further meanings of the word are:
An action. Bract. fol. 3. Or, rather, those proceedings in the Roman action which were conducted before the praetor. Power or authority. Sui jus, in one's own power; independent. Inst. 1. 8. pr.; Bract. fol. 3. Alibi jus, under another's power. Inst. 1. 8, pr.
The profession (ars) or practice of the law. 

*Jus pontitor pro ipsa arct.* Bract. fol. 2b.

A court or judicial tribunal, (locus in quo redditur jus.) Id. fol. 3.

For various compound and descriptive terms, see the following titles:

**Jus Abstinendi.** The right of renunciation; the right of an heir, under the Roman law, to renounce or decline the inheritance, as, for example, where his acceptance, in consequence of the necessity of paying the debts, would make it a burden to him. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 733.

**Jus Abutendi.** The right to abuse. By this phrase is understood the right to do exactly as one likes with property, or having full dominion over property. 3 Toullier, no. 86.

**Jus Accrescendi.** The right of survivorship. The right of the survivor or survivors of two or more joint tenants to the tenancy or estate, upon the death of one or more of the joint tenants.

*Jus accrescendi inter mercatores, pro beneficio commerci, locum non habet.* The right of survivorship has no place between merchants, for the benefit of commerce. Co. Litt. 182a; 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1207; Broom, Max. 455. There is no survivorship in cases of partnership, as there is in joint-tenancy. Story, Partn. § 80.

*Jus accrescendi prefatur oneribus.* The right of survivorship is preferred to incumbrances. Co. Litt. 185a. Hence no dower or curtesy can be claimed out of a joint estate. 1 Steph. Comm. 316.

*Jus accrescendi prefatur ultimae voluntati.* The right of survivorship is preferred to the last will. Co. Litt. 185a. A devise of one's share of a joint estate, by will, is no severance of the jointure; for no testamentary effect takes effect till after the death of the testator, and by such death the right of the survivor (which accrued at the original creation of the estate, and has therefore a priority to the other) is already vested. 2 Bl. Comm. 181; 3 Steph. Comm. 316.

**Jus ad rem.** A term of the civil law, meaning "a right to a thing;" that is, a right exercisable by one person over a particular article of property in virtue of a contract or obligation incurred by another person in respect to it, and which is enforceable only against or through such other person. It is thus distinguished from *jus in re*, which is a complete and absolute dominion over a thing available against all persons.

The disposition of modern writers is to use the term "jus ad rem" as descriptive of a right without possession, and "jus in re" as descriptive of a right accompanied by possession. Or, in a somewhat wider sense, the former denotes an inchoate or incomplete right to a thing; the latter, a complete and perfect right to a thing. See The Carolus F. Romes, 177 U. S. 355, 20 Sup. Ct. 803, 44 L. Ed. 929; The Young Mechanic, 30 Fed. Cas. 573.

In canon law. A right to a thing. An inchoate and imperfect right, such as is gained by nomination and institution; as distinguished from *jus in re*, or complete and full right, such as is acquired by corporal possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 312.

**Jus Elianum.** A body of laws drawn up by Sextus Elius, and consisting of three parts, wherein were explained, respectively: (1) The laws of the Twelve Tables; (2) the interpretation of and decisions upon such laws; and (3) the forms of procedure. In date, it was subsequent to the *jus Flaviianum,* (q. v.) BROWN.

**Jus Ascenditio.** The right of primogeniture, (q. v.)

**Jus Albmnus.** The right to d'aubaine, (q. v.) See Albmnus Jus.

**Jus Anglorum.** The laws and customs of the West Saxons, in the time of the Heptarchy, by which the people were for a long time governed, and which were preferred before all others. Wharton.

**Jus Aqueductus.** In the civil law. The name of a servitude which gives to the owner of land the right to bring down water through or from the land of another.

**Jus Banoi.** In old English law. The right of bench. The right or privilege of having an elevated and separate seat of judgment, anciently allowed only to the king's judges, who hence were said to administer high justice, (summan administrant justitiam,) Blount.

**Jus Belli.** The law of war. The law of nations as applied to a state of war, defining in particular the rights and duties of the belligerent powers themselves, and of neutral nations.

The right of war; that which may be done without injustice with regard to an enemy. Gro. de Jure B. lib. 1, c. 1, § 3.

—*Jus bellum dicendi.* The right of proclaiming war.

**Jus Canonicum.** The canon law.

**Jus Civile.** Civil law. The system of law peculiar to one state or people. Inst. 1, 2, 1. Particularly, in Roman law, the civil law of the Roman people, as distinguished from the *jus gentium.* The term is also applied to the body of law called, emphatically, the "civil law."

The *jus civil* and the *jus gentium* are distinguished in this way. All people ruled by statutes and customs use a law partly peculiar to themselves, partly common to all men. The
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law each people has settled for itself is peculiar to the state itself, and is called "jus civile," as being peculiar to that very state. The law, again, that natural reason has settled among all men,—the law that is guarded among all peoples quite alike,—is called the "jus gentium," and all nations use it as if law. The Roman people, therefore, use a law that is partly peculiar to itself, partly common to all men. Hunter, Rom. Law, 38.

But this is not the only, or even the general, use of the words. What the Roman jurists had chiefly in view, when they spoke of "jus civile," was not local as opposed to cosmopolitan law, but the old law of the city as contrasted with the newer law introduced by the praeitor, (jus praeitoris, jus honorarium.) Largely, no doubt, the jus gentium corresponds with the jus praeitoris; but the correspondence is not perfect. Id. 39.

Jus civile est quod sibi populus constituit. The civil law is what a people establishes for itself. Inst. i. 2. 1; Jackson v. Jackson, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 424, 425.

JUS CIVITATUS. The right of citizenship; the freedom of the city of Rome. It differs from jus quiritium, which comprehended all the privileges of a free native of Rome. The difference is much the same as between "denization" and "naturalization" with us. Wharton.

JUS CLOACE. In the civil law. The right of sewerage or drainage. An easement consisting in the right of having a sewer, or of conducting surface water, through the house or over the ground of one's neighbor. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 317.

JUS COMMUNE. In the civil law. Common right; the common and natural rule of right, as opposed to jus singularum, (q. v.) Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 196.

In English law. The common law, answering to the Saxon "folcright." 1 Bl. Comm. 67.

Jus constitui eortet in his quae ut plurimum accident non qua ex insinuato. Laws ought to be made with a view to those cases which happen most frequently, and not to those which are of rare or accidental occurrence. Dig. 1, 3, 3; Broom, Max. 43.

JUS CORONAE. In English law. The right of the crown, or to the crown; the right of succession to the throne. 1 Bl. Comm. 191; 2 Steph. Comm. 434.

JUS CUDENDE MONETE. In old English law. The right of coining money. 2 How. State Tr. 118.

JUS CURIALITATIS. In English law. The right of curtesy. Spelman.

JUS DARE. To give or to make the law; the function and prerogative of the legislative department.

JUS DELIBERANDI. In the civil law. The right of deliberating. A term granted by the proper officer at the request of him who is called to the inheritance, (the heir) within which he has the right to investigate its condition and to consider whether he will accept or reject it. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 742; Civ. Code La. art. 1028.


JUS DEVOLUTUM. The right of the church of presenting a minister to a vacant parish, in case the patron shall neglect to exercise his right within the time limited by law.

JUS DICERE. To declare the law; to say what the law is. The province of a court or judge. 2 Eden, 29; 3 P. Wms. 485.

JUS DISPONENDI. The right of disposing. An expression used either generally to signify the right of alienation, as when we speak of depriving a married woman of the jus disponendi over her separate estate, or specially in the law relating to sales of goods, where it is often a question whether the vendor of goods has the intention of reserving to himself the jus disponendi; i.e., of preventing the ownership from passing to the purchaser, notwithstanding that he (the vendor) has parted with the possession of the goods. Sweet.

JUS DIVIDENDI. The right of disposing of realty by will. Du Cange.

JUS DUPLICATUM. A double right; the right of possession united with the right of property; otherwise called "droit-droit." 2 Bl. Comm. 159.

Jus est abs boni et aequi. Law is the science of what is good and just. Dig. 1, 1, 1, 1; Bract. fol. 29.

Jus est norma recti et qui-liquid est contra normam recti est injuria. Law is a rule of right; and whatever is contrary to the rule of right is an injury. 3 Buist. 313.


Jus ex injuria non oritur. A right does (or can) not rise out of a wrong. Broom, Max. 738, note; 4 Bing. 839.

JUS FALCANDI. In old English law. The right of mowing or cutting. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 27. § 1.

JUS FECIALE. In Roman law. The law of arms, or of heralds. A rudimentary species of international law founded on the
rites and religious ceremonies of the different peoples.

**JUS FIDUCIARIUM.** In the civil law. A right in trust; as distinguished from *jus leptitium*, a legal right. 2 Bl. Comm. 328.

**JUS FLAVIANUM.** In old Roman law. A body of laws drawn up by Cneius Flavius, a clerk of Appius Claudius, from the materials to which he had access. It was a popularization of the laws. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 39.

**JUS PLUMINUM.** In the civil law. The right to the use of rivers. Locc. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 6.

**JUS PODIENDI.** In the civil and old English law. A right of digging on another's land. Inst. 2, 3, 2; Bract. fol. 222.

**JUS FUTURUM.** In the civil law. A future right; an inchoate, incipient, or expectant right, not yet fully vested. It may be either "*jus delatum,"* when the subsequent acquisition or vesting of it depends merely on the will of the person in whom it is to vest, or "*jus nondum delatum,"* when it depends on the future occurrence of other circumstances or conditions. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 191.

**JUS GENTIUM.** The law of nations. That law which natural reason has established among all men is equally observed among all nations, and is called the "law of nations," as being the law which all nations use. Inst. 1, 2, 1; Dig. 1, 1, 9; 1 Bl. Comm. 43; 1 Kent, Comm. 7; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 125.

Although this phrase had a meaning in the Roman law which may be rendered by our expression "law of nations," it must not be understood as equivalent to what we now call "international law," its scope being much wider. It was originally a system of law, or more properly equity, gathered by the early Roman lawyers and magistrates from the common ingredients in the customs of the old Italian tribes,—those being the nations, gentes, whom they had opportunities of observing,—to be used in cases where the *jus civile* did not apply; that is, in cases between foreigners or between a Roman citizen and a foreigner. The principle upon which they proceeded was that any rule of law which was common to all the nations they knew of must be intrinsically consonant to right reason, and therefore fundamentally valid and just. From this it was an easy transition to the converse principle, viz., that any rule which instinctively commended itself to their sense of justice and reason must be a part of the *jus gentium*. And so the latter term came eventually to be about synonymous with "equity" (as the Romans understood it), or the system of praeatorian law.

Modern jurists frequently employ the term "*jus gentium privatum*" to denote private international law, or that subject which is otherwise styled the "conflict of laws:" and "*jus gentium publicum*" for public international law, or the system of rules governing the intercourse of nations with each other as persons.

**JUS GLADIUS.** The right of the sword; the executory power of the law; the right, power, or prerogative of punishing for crime. 4 Bl. Comm. 177.

**JUS HABENDI.** The right to have a thing. The right to be put in actual possession of property. Lewin, Trusts, 585.

—*Jus habendi et retinendi.* A right to have and to retain the proits, tithe, and offerings, etc., of a rectory or parsonage.

**JUS HEREDITATIS.** The right of inheritance.

**JUS HAUERIENDI.** In the civil and old English law. The right of drawing water. Flein. lib. 4, c. 27, § 1.

**JUS HONORARIUM.** The body of Roman law, which was made up of edicts of the supreme magistrates, particularly the pretors.

**JUS IMAGINIS.** In Roman law. The right to use or display pictures or statutes of ancestors; somewhat analogous to the right, in English law, to wear a coat of arms.

**JUS IMMUNITATIS.** In the civil law. The law of immunity or exemption from the burden of public office. Dig. 50, 6.

**JUS IN PERSONAM.** A right against a person; a right which gives its possessor a power to oblige another person to give or procure, to do or not to do, something.

**JUS IN RE.** In the civil law. A right in a thing. A right existing in a person with respect to an article or subject of property, inherent in his relation to it, implying complete ownership with possession, and available against all the world. See *Jus ad Rem*.

—*Jus in re propria.* The right of enjoyment which is incident to full ownership or property, and is often used to denote the full ownership or property itself. It is distinguished from *jus in re aliena*, which is a mere easement or right in or over the property of another.

**Jus in re inherit(it) ossibus usufructuarii.** A right in the thing cleaves to the person of the usufructuary.

**JUS INCognitum.** An unknown law. This term is applied by the civilians to obsolete laws. Bowyer, Mod. Civil Law. 33.

**JUS INDIVIDUUM.** An individual or indivisible right; a right incapable of division. 36 Eng. Law & Eq. 25.

**JUS ITALICUM.** A term of the Roman law descriptive of the aggregate of rights, privileges, and franchises possessed by the cities and inhabitants of Italy, outside of
the city of Rome, and afterwards extended to some of the colonies and provinces of the empire, consisting principally in the right to have a free constitution, to be exempt from the land tax, and to have the title to the land regarded as Quiritarian property. See Gibbon, Rom. Emp. c. xvii; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 48.

Jus jurandi forma verbiis differt, re convertit; hunc enim semem habere debet; ut Deus invocetur. Grot. de Jur. B. 1, 2, c. 13, § 10. The form of taking an oath differs in language, agrees in meaning; for it ought to have this sense: that the Deity is invoked.

Jus Latii. In Roman law. The right of Latium or of the Latins. The principal privilege of the Latins seems to have been the use of their own laws, and their not being subject to the edicts of the pretor, and that they had occasional access to the freedom of Rome, and a participation in her sacred rites. Butl. Hor. Jur. 41.

Jus Latium. In Roman law. A rule of law applicable to magistrates in Latium. It was either majus Latium or minus Latium,—the majus Latium raising to the dignity of Roman citizen not only the magistrate himself, but also his wife and children; the minus Latium raising to that dignity only the magistrate himself. Brown.

Jus Legitimum. A legal right. In the civil law. A right which was enforceable in the ordinary course of law. 2 Bl. Comm. 328.

Jus Mariti. The right of a husband; especially the right which a husband acquires to his wife's movable estate by virtue of the marriage. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 1, p. 63.

Jus Merum. In old English law. Mere or bare right; the mere right of property in lands, without either possession or even the right of possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 197; Bract. fol. 23.

Jus Naturae. The law of nature. See Jus Naturale.

Jus Naturale. The natural law, or law of nature, law, or legal principles, supposed to be discoverable by the light of nature or abstract reasoning, or to be taught by nature to all nations and men alike; or law supposed to govern men and peoples in a state of nature, i.e., in advance of organized governments or enacted laws. This concept originated with the philosophical jurists of Rome, and was gradually extended until the phrase came to denote a supposed basis or substratum common to all systems of positive law, and hence to be found, in greater or less purity, in the laws of all nations. And, conversely, they held that if any rule or principle of law was observed in common by all peoples with whose systems they were acquainted, it must be a part of the jus naturale, or derived from it. Thus the phrases "jus naturale" and "jus gentium" came to be used interchangeably.

Jus Naturale est quod apud homines eandem habet potestatem. Natural right is that which has the same force among all mankind. 7 Coke, 12.

Jus Navigandi. The right of navigating or navigation; the right of commerce by ships or by sea. Locc. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 3.

Jus Necis. In Roman law. The right of death, or of putting to death. A right which a father anciently had over his children.

Jus non habenti tute non paretur. One who has no right cannot be safely obeyed. Hob. 146.

Jus non patitur ut idem his solvatur. Law does not suffer that the same thing be twice paid.

Jus Non Scriptum. The unwritten law. 1 Bl. Comm. 64.

Jus Offerendi. In Roman law, the right of subrogation, that is, the right of succeeding to the lien and priority of an elder creditor on tendering or paying into court the amount due to him. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 355.

Jus Papirianum. The civil law of Papirius. The title of the earliest collection of Roman leges curiatae, said to have been made in the time of Tarquin, the last of the kings, by a pontifex maximus of the name of Sextus or Publius Papirius. Very few fragments of this collection now remain, and the authenticity of these has been doubted. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 21.

Jus Pascendi. In the civil and old English law. The right of pasturing cattle. Inst. 2, 3, 2; Bract. fols. 53b, 222.

Jus Patronatus. In English ecclesiastical law. The right of patronage; the right of presenting a clerk to a benefice. Blount.

A commission from the bishop, where two presentations are offered upon the same avoidance, directed usually to his chancellor and others of competent learning, who are to summon a jury of six clergymen and six laymen to inquire into and examine who is the rightful patron. 3 Bl. Comm. 240; 3 Steph. Comm. 517.
JUS PERSONARUM. Rights of persons. Those rights which, in the civil law, belong to persons as such, or in their different characters and relations; as parents and children, masters and servants, etc.

JUS PENITENDI. In Roman law, the right of rescission or revocation of an executory contract on failure of the other party to fulfill his part of the agreement. See Mackel. Rom. Law, § 444.

JUS PORTUS. In maritime law. The right of port or harbor.

JUS POSSESSIONIS. The right of possession.

JUS POSTLIMINI. In the civil law. The right of postliminy; the right or claim of a person who had been restored to the possession of a thing, or to a former condition, to be considered as though he had never been deprived of it. Dig. 49, 15, 5; 3 Bl. Comm. 107, 210.

In international law. The right by which property taken by an enemy, and re-captured or rescued from him by the fellow-subjects or allies of the original owner, is restored to the latter upon certain terms. 1 Kent, Comm. 108.

JUS PRESENS. In the civil law. A present or vested right; a right already completely acquired. Mackel. Rom. Law, § 491.

JUS PRÆTORIUM. In the civil law. The discretion of the pretor, as distinct from the leges, or standing laws. 3 Bl. Comm. 49. That kind of law which the pretorians introduced for the purpose of adding, supplying, or correcting the civil law for the public benefit. Dig. 1, 1, 7. Called, also, "jus honorarium," (q. v.)

JUS PRECARIUM. In the civil law. A right to a thing held for another, for which there was no remedy by legal action, but only by entreaty or request. 2 Bl. Comm. 328.

JUS PRESENTATIONIS. The right of presentation.

JUS PRIVATUM. Private law; the law regulating the rights, conduct, and affairs of individuals, as distinguished from "public" law, which relates to the constitution and functions of government and the administration of criminal justice. See Mackel. Rom. Law, § 124. Also private ownership, or the right, title, or dominion of a private owner, as distinguished from "jus publicum," which denotes public ownership, or the ownership of property by the government, either as a matter of territorial sovereignty or in trust for the benefit and advantage of the general public. In this sense, a state may have a double right in given property, c. g., lands covered by navigable waters within its boundaries, including both "jus publicum," a sovereign or political title, and "jus privatum," a proprietary ownership. See Oakland v. Oakland Water Front Co., 118 Cal. 100, 50 Pac. 277.

JUS PROJICIENDI. In the civil law. The name of a servitude which consists in the right to build a projection, such as a balcony or gallery, from one's house in the open space belonging to one's neighbor, but without resting on his house. Dig. 50, 16, 242; Id. 8, 2, 2; Mackel. Rom. Law, § 317.

JUS PROPRIETATIS. The right of property, as distinguished from the jus possessionis, or right of possession. Bract. fol. 3. Called by Bracton "jus necrum," the mere right. Id.; 2 Bl. Comm. 107; 3 Bl. Comm. 19, 176.

JUS PROTEGENDI. In the civil law. The name of a servitude. It is a right by which a part of the roof or tiling of one house is made to extend over the adjoining house. Dig. 50, 10, 242, 1; Id. 8, 2, 25; Id. 8, 5, 8, 5.

JUS PUBLICUM. Public law, or the law relating to the constitution and functions of government and its officers and the administration of criminal justice. Also public ownership, or the paramount or sovereign territorial right or title of the state or government. See Jus Privatum.

Jus publicum et privatum quod ex naturalibus praecipientibus aut gentium aut civilibus est collectum: et quod in jure scripto jus appellantur, id in lege Anglice rectum esse dicitur. Co. Litt. 185.

Public and private law is that which is collected from natural principles, either of nations or in states; and that which in the civil law is called "jusa," in the law of England is said to be "right."

Jus publicum privatum pactis mutari non potest. A public law or right cannot be altered by the agreements of private persons.

JUS QUESITUM. A right to ask or recover; for example, in an obligation there is a binding of the obligor, and a jus quesitum in the oblige. 1 Bell. Comm. 323.

JUS QUIRITIUM. The old law of Rome, that was applicable originally to patricians only, and, under the Twelve Tables, to the entire Roman people, was so called, in contradistinction to the jus pretorium, (q. v.) or equity. Brown.

Jus quo universitates etiam quid habent privat. The law
which governs corporations is the same which governs individuals. Foster v. Essex Bank, 16 Mass. 265, 8 Am. Dec. 135.

**JUS RECUPERANDI.** The right of recovering [lands.]

**JUS RELICTAE.** In Scotch law. The right of a relict; the right or claim of a relict or widow to her share of her husband’s estate, particularly the movables. 2 Kames, Eq. 340; 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 1, p. 67.

**JUS REPRESENTATIONI**. The right of representing or standing in the place of another, or of being represented by another.

**JUS RERUM.** The law of things. The law regulating the rights and powers of persons over things; how property is acquired, enjoyed, and transferred.

**Jus respicit quaeque.** Law regards equity. Co. Litt. 248; Broom, Max. 151.

**JUS SCRIPTUM.** In Roman law. Written law. Inst. 1, 2, 3. All law that was actually committed to writing, whether it had originated by enactment or by custom, in contradistinction to such parts of the law of custom as were not committed to writing. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 126.

**In English law.** Written law, or statute law, otherwise called “lex scripta,” as distinguished from the common law, “lex non scripta.” 1 Bl. Comm. 62.

**JUS SINGULARE.** In the civil law. A peculiar or individual rule, differing from the *jus commune*, or common rule of right, and established for some special reason. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 196.

**JUS STAPULAE.** In old European law. The law of staple: the right of staple. A right or privilege of certain towns of stopping imported merchandise, and compelling it to be offered for sale in their own markets. Locc. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 10.

**JUS STRICTUM.** Strict law; law interpreted without any modification, and in its utmost rigor.

**Jus supervenientia suoei ac societatis suoei suae.** A right growing to a possessor accrues to the successor. Halk. Lat. Max. 76.

**JUS TERTI.** The right of a third party. A tenant, bailee, etc., who pleads that the title is in some person other than his landlord, bailor, etc., is said to set up a *jus tertii.*

**Jus testamentorum pertinentium ordinario.** T. R. 4 Hen. VII. 130. The right of testaments belongs to the ordinary.

**JUS TRIPERTITUM.** In Roman law. A name applied to the Roman law of wills, in the time of Justinian, on account of its threefold derivation, viz., from the prae- torian edict, from the civil law, and from the imperial constitutions. Maine, Anc. Law, 207.

**Jus triplex est.—proprietatis, possessionis, et posseibilitatis.** Right is threefold,—of property, of possession, and of possibility.

**JUS TRIUM LIBERORUM.** In Roman law. A right or privilege allowed to the parent of three or more children. 2 Kent, Comm. 85; 2 Bl. Comm. 247. These privileges were an exemption from the trouble of guardianship, priority in bearing offices, and a treble proportion of corn. Adams, Rom. Ant. (Am. Ed.) 227.

**JUS UTENDI.** The right to use property without destroying its substance. It is employed in contradistinction to the *jus abutendi.* 3 Toullier, no. 86.

**JUS VENANDI ET PISCANDI.** The right of hunting and fishing.

**Jus vendit quod usus approbat.** Elie. Am. Postn. 35. The law dispenses what use has approved.

**JUSJURANDUM.** Lat. An oath.

**Jusjurandum inter alios factum nec nocere nec professe debet.** An oath made between others ought neither to hurt nor profit. 4 Inst. 279.

**JUST.** Right; in accordance with law and justice.

“The words ‘just’ and ‘justly’ do not always mean ‘just’ and ‘justly’ in a moral sense, but they not unfrequently, in their connection with other words in a sentence, bear a very different signification. It is evident, however, that the word ‘just’ in the statute [requiring an affidavit for an attachment to state that plaintiff’s claim is just] means ‘just’ in a moral sense; and from its isolation, being made a separate subdivision of the section, it is intended to mean ‘morally just’ in the most emphatic terms. The claim must be morally just, as well as legally just, in order to entitle a party to an attachment.” Robinson v. Barton, 5 Kan. 300.

**—Just cause.** Legitimate cause; legal or lawful ground for action; such reasons as will suffice in law to justify the action taken. State v. Baker, 112 La. 801; 36 South. 703; Claiborne v. Railroad Co., 46 W. Va. 371, 33 S. E. 263.—Just compensation. As used in the constitutional provision that private property shall not be taken for public use without “just compensation,” this phrase means a full and fair equivalent for the loss sustained by the taking for public use. It may be more or it may be less than the mere money value of the property actually taken. The exercise of the power being necessary for the public good, and all property being held subject to its exercise when and as the public good requires it, it
would be unjust to the public that it should be required to pay the owner more than a fair indemnity for the loss sustained by the appropriation of his property for the general good. On the other hand, it would be equally unjust to the owner if he should receive less than a fair indemnity for the loss he is thereby subject to. The fairness of this indemnity, the interests of the public and of the owner, and all the circumstances of the particular appropriation, should be taken into consideration. Lewis, Em. Dom. § 462. And see Butler Hard Rubber Co. v. Newark, 61 N. J. Law, 92 Att. 224; Trinity College v. Hartford, 20 Conn. 452; Blauvelt v. Buren, 107 U. S. 548, 17 Sup. Ct. 956, 42 L. Ed. 270; Putnam v. Douglas County, 6 Or, 332, 23 Am. Rep. 237; Kehoe v. Ralston Lib. Co. (C. C.) 36 Fed. 417; Newman v. Metropolitan Et. Co., 118 N. Y. 623, 23 N. E. 901, 7 L. R. A. 250; Monongahela Nav. Co. v. U. S., 148 U. S. 512, 33 Sup. Ct. 77 L. Ed. 463; Railway Co. v. Stickey, 150 Ill. 362, 37 N. E. 1098, 26 L. R. A. 773; Chase v. Portland, 86 Me. 307, 29 Att. 1194, Spring Vale Waterworks v. Drinkhouse, 92 Cal. 536, 28 Pac. 683—just debts. As used in a will or a statute, this term means legal, valid, and incontestable obligations, not including such as are barred by the statute of limitations or voidable at the election of the party. See Burke v. Teggs, 29 N. C. 270; Moncrief v. Gage, 9 N. Y. 401; Peck v. Botsford, 7 Conn. 176, 18 Am. Dec. 92; Collamore v. Wilder, 19 Kan. 22; Smith v. Mayo, 30 Ga. 63, 6 Am. Dec. 29; People v. Tax Com rs, 99 N. Y. 154, 1 N. E. 401—just title. By the term "just title," in cases of prescription, we do not understand a title which the possessor may have derived from the true owner, for then no true prescription would be necessary, but a title which the possessor may have received from any person whom he honestly believed to be the real owner, provided the title were such as to transfer the ownership of the property. Civ. Code La, art. 5464; Davis v. Gaines, 104 U. S. 400, 26 L. Ed. 757; Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 254; Kennedy v. Townsley, 16 Ala. 245—just value. In taxation, the fair, honest, and reasonable value of property, without exaggeration or depreciation; its actual market value. State v. Smith, 138 Ind. 543, 63 N. E. 211, 8 L. R. A. 116; Winnipegoee Lake, etc., Co. v. Gilford, 67 N. H. 514, 35 Att. 945.

JUSTA. In old English law. A certain measure of liquor, being as much as was sufficient to drink at once. Mon. Angl. t. 1, c. 149.

JUSTA CAUSA. In the civil law. A just cause; a lawful ground; a legal transaction of some kind. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 293.

JUSTICE. v. In old English practice. To do justice; to see justice done; to summon one to do justice.

JUSTICE, n. In jurisprudence. The constant and perpetual disposition to render every man his due. Inst. 1, 1, pr. 2; 2 Inst. 11; 2 Bl. Com. 118; 44 Am. Dec. 217; Duncan v. Magette, 25 Tex. 253; The John E. Mulford (D. C.) 18 Fed. 455. The conformity of our actions and our will to the law. Toul. Droit Civil Fr. tlt. préal. no. 5.

In the most extensive sense of the word it differs little from "virtue:" for it includes within itself the whole circle of virtues. Yet the common distinction between them is that that which, considered positively and in itself, is called "virtue," when considered relatively and with respect to others has the form of "justice." But "justice," being in itself a part of "virtue," is confined to things simply good or evil, and consists in a man taking such a portion of them as he ought. Bouvier.

Commutative justice is that which should govern contracts. It consists in rendering to every man the exact measure of his dues, without regard to his personal worth or merits, i. e., placing all men on an equality. Distributive justice is that which should govern the distribution of rewards and punishments. It assigns to each the rewards which his personal merit or services deserve, or the proper punishment for his crimes. It does not consider all men as equally deserving or equally blameworthy, but discriminates between them, observing a just proportion and comparison. This distinction originated with Aristotle. (Eth. Nic. v.) See Fonbl. Eq. 3; Toul. Droit Civil Fr. tlt. préal. no. 7.

In Norman French. Amenable to justice. Kelham.

In feudal law. Jurisdiction; judicial cognizance of causes or offenses. High justice was the jurisdiction or right of trying crimes of every kind, even the highest. This was a privilege claimed and exercised by the great and powerful families of the middle ages. 1 Robertson's Car. v. appendi x, n. 23. Love justice was jurisdiction of petty offenses.

In common law. The title given in England to the judges of the king's bench and the common pleas, and in America to the judges of the supreme court of the United States and of the appellate courts of many of the states. It is said that this word in its Latin form (justitia) was properly applicable only to the judges of common-law courts, while the term "judex" designated the judges of ecclesiastical and other courts. See Legisl. Eng. I. §§ 24, 63; Co. Litt. 71b. The same title is also applied to some of the judicial officers of the lowest rank and jurisdiction, such as police justices and justices of the peace.

—Justice ayeus, (or aires.) In Scotch law. Circuits made by the judges of the judiciary courts through the country, for the distribution of justice. Bell.—Justice in eyre. From the old French word "erie," i. e., a journey. Those justices who in ancient times were sent by commission into various counties, to whose especially such causes as were termed "ples of the crown," were called "justices in eyre." They differed from justices in oyer and term iner, inasmuch as the latter were sent to one place, and for the purpose of trying only a limited number of special causes; whereas the justices in eyre were sent through the various counties, with a more indefinite and general commission. In some respects they resembled our present justices of assize, although their authority and manner of proceeding differed much from them. Brown.—Justice sent. In English law. The principal court of the forest, held before the chief inferior judge in the county, or the chief itinerant judge, or his deputy; to hear and determine all trespasses within the forest, and all claims of franchises, liberties, and privileges,
and all pleas and causes whatsoever therein arising. 3 Bl. Comm. 72; 4 Inst. 291; 3 Steph. Comm. 440. — Justices of appeal. The title given to the ordinary judges of the English court of appeal. The first three ordinary judges are the two former lords justices of appeal in chancery, and one other judge appointed by the crown by letters patent, under the Act 1537. § 4. Justices of assize. Those justices, or, as they are sometimes called, "justices of nisi prius," are judges of the superior English courts on circuit into the various counties of England and Wales for the purpose of disposing of such causes as are ready for trial by assize. See Assize. — Justices of gaol delivery. Those justices who are sent with a commission to hear and determine all causes appertaining to persons, for any offense, have been cast into gaol. Part of their authority was to punish those who let to malpractice those prisoners who were not bailable by law and who seem formerly to have been sent into the country upon this exclusive occasion, but afterwards had the same authority given them as the justices of assize. Brown, 33a. Justices of laborers. In old English law, Justices appointed to redress the wrongs of laboring men, who would either be idle or have unreasonable wages. Blount. — Justices of nisi prius. In English law. This title is now usually coupled with that of justices of assize; the judges of the superior court of common pleas in both these capacities. 3 Bl. Comm. 58, 59. — Justices of oyer and terminer. Certain persons appointed by the king's commission, among whom were usually two judges of the courts at Westminster, and who went twice in every year to every county of the kingdom, (except London and Middlesex,) and, at what was usually called the "assizes," heard and determined all treasons, felonies, and misdemeanors. Brown. — Then he came to the bench. The justices of the court of common bench or common pleas. — Justices of the forest. In old English law. Officers who had jurisdiction over all offenses committed within the forest against vert or venison. The court wherein these justices sat and determined such causes was called the "justices in eyre of the forest." They were also sometimes called the "justices in eyre of the forest." Brown. — Justices of the hundred. Hundredors; lords of the hundred, who had the jurisdiction of hundreds and held the hundred courts. — Justices of the Jews. Justices appointed by Richard I, to carry into effect the law against the Jews to which he had given effect by regulating the money contracts of the Jews. Brown. — Justices of the pavilion. In old English law. Judges of a preponderance jurisdiction, anciently authorized by the bishop of Winchester, at a fair held on St. Giles' hills near that city. Cowell; Blount. — Justices of the quorum. See Quorum. — Justices of trial-baston. In old English law. A kind of justices appointed by King Edward I, upon occasion of great disorders in the realm, during his absence in the Scotch and French wars. They were a kind of justices in eyre, with great powers adapted to the emergency, and which they exercised in a summary manner. Cowell; Blount.

**JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.** In American law. A judicial officer of inferior rank holding a court not of record, and having (usually) civil jurisdiction over all offenses committed on the trial of minor cases, to an extent prescribed by statute, and for the conservation of the peace and the preliminary hearing of criminal complaints and the commitment of offenders. See Wenzler v. People, 58 N. Y. 530; Com. v. Frank, 21 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 120; Welkel v. Cate, 58 Md. 110; Smith v. Abbott, 17 N. J. Law, 386; People v. Mann, 97 N. Y. 530, 49 Am. Rep. 556.

**In English law.** Judges of record appointed by the crown to be justices within a certain district, (e. g., a county or borough,) for the conservation of the peace, and for the execution of divers things, comprehended within their commission and within divers statutes, committed to their charge. Stone, J. Pr. 2.

**JUSTICES' COURTS.** Inferior tribunals, not of record, with limited jurisdiction, both civil and criminal, held by justices of the peace. There are courts so-called in many of the states. See Searl v. Shanks, 9 N. D. 204, 82 N. W. 734; Brownfield v. Thompson, 86 Mo. App. 340, 70 S. W. 378.

**JUSTICEMENTS.** An old general term for all things appertaining to justice.

**JUSTICER.** The old form of justice. Blount.

**JUSTICESHIP.** Rank or office of a justice.

**JUSTICIALE.** Proper to be examined in courts of justice.

**JUSTICIAR.** In old English law. A judge or justice. One of several persons learned in the law, who sat in the sula regis, and formed a kind of court of appeal in cases of difficulty.


**JUSTICIARII ITINERANTES.** In English law. Justices in eyre, who formerly went from county to county to administer justice. They were so called to distinguish them from justices residing at Westminster, who were called "justiciar residentes." Co. Litt. 293.

**JUSTICIARI RESIDENTES.** In English law. Justices or judges who usually resided in Westminster. They were so called to distinguish them from justices in eyre. Co. Litt. 293.

**JUSTICIARY.** An old name for a judge or justice. The word is formed on the analogy of the Latin "justiciaruis" and French "justicier."

**JUSTICIARY COURT.** The chief criminal court of Scotland, consisting of five lords of session, added to the justice general and justice clerk; of whom the justice general, and, in his absence, the justice clerk, is president. This court has a jurisdiction over all crimes, and over the whole of Scotland. Bell.
JUSTICIATUS.Judicature; prerogative.

JUSTICIES. In English law. A writ directed to the sheriff, empowering him, for the sake of dispatch, to try an action in his county court for a larger amount than he has the ordinary power to do. It is so called because it is a commission to the sheriff to do the party justice, the word itself meaning, "You may do justice to." 3 Bl. Comm. 36; 4 Inst. 296.

JUSTIFIABLE. Rightful; warranted or sanctioned by law; that which can be shown to be sustained by law; as justifiable homicide. See Homicide.

JUSTIFICATION. A maintaining or showing a sufficient reason in court why the defendant did what he is called upon to answer, particularly in an action of libel. A defense of justification is a defense showing the libel to be true, or in an action of assault showing the violence to have been necessary. See Steph. Pl. 184.

In practice. The proceeding by which bail establish their ability to perform the undertaking of the bond or recognizance.

JUSTIFICATORS. A kind of commumparators, (q. v.) or those who by oath justified the innocence or oaths of others; as in the case of wager of law.

JUSTIFYING BAIL consists in proving the sufficiency of bail or sureties in point of property, etc.

The production of bail in court, who there justify themselves against the exception of the plaintiff.

JUSTINIANIST. A civilian; one who studies the civil law.

JUSTITIA. Lat. Justice. A jurisdiction, or the office of a judge.


Justitia debet esse libera, quia nihil imiquius venali justitia; plena, quia justitia non debet claudiscare; et oeleris, quia dilatia est quaedam negatio. Justice ought to be free, because nothing is more iniquitous than venal justice; full, because justice ought not to halt; and speedy, because delay is a kind of dental. 2 Inst. 56.

Justitia est constans et perpetua voluntas jus suum solumque tribuendi. Justice is a steady and unceasing disposition to render to every man his due. Inst. 1, 1, pr.; Dig. 1, 1, 10.

JUSTITIA est duplex, vis, severe puniens et vere praeveniens. 3 Inst. Epil. Justice is double; punishing severely, and truly preventing.

Justitia est virtus excellens et Altissimo complacens. 4 Inst. 58. Justice is excellent virtue and pleasing to the Most High.

Justitia armatur solium. 3 Inst. 140. By justice the throne is established.

Justitia necini neganda est. Jenk. Cent. 178. Justice is to be denied to none.

Justitia non est neganda non different. Jenk. Cent. 93. Justice is neither to be denied nor delayed.

Justitia non novit patrem nec materem; solam veritatem spectat justitia. Justice knows not father nor mother; justice looks at truth alone. 1 Bulst. 100.

JUSTITIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A suspension or intermission of the administration of justice in courts; vacation time. Caivin.

JUSTIZA. In Spanish law. The name anciently given to a high judicial magistrate, or supreme judge, who was the ultimate interpreter of the laws, and possessed other high powers.

JUITS, or JOUSTS. Exercises between martial men and persons of honor, with spears, on horseback; different from turnaments, which were military exercises between many men in troops. 24 Hen. VIII. c. 33.

Justum non est aliquem antenatum mortuum facere bastardum, qui pro tota vita sua pro legitimo habetur. It is not just to make a bastard after his death one elder born who all his life has been accounted legitimate. 8 Coke, 101.

JUXTA. Lat. Near; following; according to.

—Juxta conventionem. According to the covenant. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 16, § 8.—Juxta formatum statut. According to the form of the statute.—Juxta ratam. At or after the rate. Dyor. 82.—Juxta tenorem sequentem. According to the tenor following. 2 Salk. 417. A phrase used in the old books when the very words themselves referred to were set forth. Id.; 1 Ld. Raym. 415.

JUZGADO. In Spanish law. The judiciary; the body of judges; the judges who concur in a decree.
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KAST. In Swedish law. Jettison; a literal translation of the Latin "jactus."

--Kast-geld. Contribution for a jettison; average.

KATATONIA. See INSANITY.

KAY. A quay, or key.

KAZY. A Mohammedan judge or magistrate in the East Indies, appointed originally by the court at Delhi, to administer justice according to their written law. Under the British authorities their judicial functions ceased, and their duties were confined to the preparation and attestation of deeds, and the superintendence and legalization of marriage and other ceremonies among the Mohammedans. Wharton.

KEELAGE. The right to demand money for the privilege of anchoring a vessel in a harbor; also the money so paid.

KEELHALE, KEELHAUL. To drag a person under the keel of a ship by means of ropes from the yard-arms, a punishment formerly practiced in the British navy. Enc. Lond.

KEELS. This word is applied, in England, to vessels employed in the carriage of coals. Jacob.

KEEP, n. A strong tower or hold in the middle of any castle or fortification, wherein the besieged make their last efforts of defense, was formerly, in England, called a "keep;" and the inner pile within the castle of Dover, erected by King Henry II. about the year 1153, was termed the "King's Keep;" so at Winchester, etc. It seems to be something of the same nature with what is called abroad a "citadel." Jacob.

KEEP, v. 1. To retain in one's power or possession; not to lose or part with; to preserve or retain. Benson v. New York, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 235; Deans v. Gay, 132 N. C. 227, 43 S. E. 643.

2. To maintain, carry on, conduct, or manage; as, to "keep" a liquor saloon, bawdy house, gaming table, nuisance, inn, or hotel. State v. Irvin, 117 Iowa, 469, 91 N. W. 790; People v. Rice, 103 Mich. 390, 61 N. W. 540; State v. Miller, 68 Conn. 373, 36 Atl. 705; State v. Cox, 52 Vt. 474.

3. To maintain, tend, harbor, feed, and shelter; as, to "keep" a dangerous animal, to "keep" a horse at livery. Allen v. Ham, 63 Me. 536; Skinner v. Coughey, 64 Mass. 375, 67 N. W. 208.

4. To maintain continuously and methodically for the purposes of a record; as, to
"keep" books. See Buckus v. Richardson, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 483.

3. To maintain continuously and without stoppage or variation; as, when a vessel is said to "keep her course," that is, continue in motion in the same general direction in which she was previously sailing. See The Britannia, 153 U. S. 130, 14 Sup. Ct. 795, 38 L. Ed. 660.

—Keep down interest. The expression "keeping down interest" is familiar in legal instruments; it means the payment of interest periodically as it becomes due; but it does not include the payment of all arrears of interest which may have become due on any security from the time when it was executed. 4 El. & Bl. 211. —Keep house. The English bankruptcy laws use the phrase "keeping house" to denote an act of bankruptcy. It is committed when a trader absents himself from his place of business and retires to his private residence to evade the importance of creditors. The usual evidence of "keeping house" is refusal to see a creditor who has called on the debtor at his house for money. Robs. Bankr. 130. —Keep in repair. When a lessee is bound to keep the premises in repair, he must have them in repair at all times during the term; and, if they are at any time out of repair, be liable for a breach of the covenant. 1 Barn. & Ald. 385. —Kept open. To allow general access to one's shop, for purposes of trade, is a violation of a statute forbidding him to "keep open" his shop on the Lord's day, although the outer entrances are closed. Com. v. Harrison, 11 Gray (Mass.) 503.

To "keep open" in the sense of such a law, implies a readiness to carry on the usual business in the store, shop, saloon, etc. Lynch v. Elders, 118 Mass. 472. —Keeping the peace. In English law. A duty performed by students of law, consisting in eating a sufficient number of dinners in hall to make the term count for the purpose of being called to the bar. Mosley & Whitley. —Keeping the peace. Avoiding a breach of the peace; dissuading or preventing others from breaking the peace.

KEEPER. A custodian, manager, or superintendent; one who has the care, custody, or management of any thing or place. Schultz v. State, 32 Ohio St. 231; State v. Roxum, 8 N. D. 548; 80 N. W. 481; Fishell v. Morris, 57 Conn. 547, 18 Atl. 717, 6 L. R. A. 82; McCoy v. Zane, 65 Mo. 15; Stevens v. People, 97 Ill. 590.

—Keeper of the Forest. In old English law, an officer (called also chief warden of the forest) who had the principal government of all things relating to the forest, and the control of all officers belonging to the same. Cowell: Blount. —Keeper of the great seal. In English law. A high officer of state, through whose hands pass all charters, grants, and commissions of the king under the great seal. He is styled "lord keeper of the great seal," and this office and that of lord chancellor are united under one person; for the authority of the lord keeper and that of the lord chancellor were, by St. 5 Eliz. c. 18, declared to be exactly the same; and, like the lord chancellor, the lord keeper at the present day is created by the mere delivery of the king's great seal into his custody. Brown. —Keeper of the king's conscience. A name sometimes applied to the chancellor of England, as being formerly an ecclesiastical and presiding over the royal chapel. 3 Bl. Comm. —Keeper of the privy seal. In English law. An officer through whose hands pass all charters signed by the king before they come to the great seal. He is a privy councillor, and was anciently called "clerk of the privy seal," but is now generally called the "lord privy seal." Brown. —Keeper of the touch. The master of the assay in the English mint. 12 Hen. VI. c. 14.

KENILWORTH EDICT. An edict or award between Henry III. and those who had been in arms against him; so called because made at Kenilworth Castle, in Warwickshire, anno 61 Hen. III., A. D. 1296. It contained a composition of those who had forfeited their estates in that rebellion, which composition was five years' rent of the estates forfeited. Wharton.

KENNING TO A TERCE. In Scotch law. The act of the sheriff in ascertaining the just proportion of the husband's lands which belong to the widow in right of her terce or dower. Bell.

KENTLAGE. In maritime law. A permanent ballast, consisting usually of pigs of iron, cast in a particular form, or other weighty material, which, on account of its superior cleanliness, and the small space occupied by it, is frequently preferred to ordinary ballast. Abb. Shipp. 5.

KENTREE. The division of a county; a hundred in Wales. See CANTRED.

KENTUCKY RESOLUTIONS. A series of resolutions drawn up by Jefferson, and adopted by the legislature of Kentucky in 1799, protesting against the "alien and sedition laws," declaring their illegality, announcing the strict constructionist theory of the federal government, and declaring "unconstitution" to be "the rightful remedy."


KERHERE. A customary cart-way; also a commutation for a customary carriage-duty. Cowell.

KERNELLATUS. Fortified or embattled. Co. Litt. 5a.

KERNES. In English law. Idlers; vagabonds.

KEY. A wharf for the lading and unlading of merchandise from vessels. More commonly spelled "quay."

An instrument for fastening and opening a lock.

This appears as an English word as early as the time of Bruton, in the phrase "cone et keipe," being applied to women at a certain age, to denote the capacity of having charge of household affairs. Bract. fol. 86b. See ONE AND KEY.

KEYAGE. A toll paid for loading and unlading merchandise at a key or wharf. Rowan v. Portland, 8 B. Mon. (Ky.) 253.
KEYS, in the Isle of Man, are the twenty-four chief commoners, who form the local legislature. 1 Stepn. Comm. 99.

In old English law. A guardian, warden, or keeper.

KEYS OF COURT. In old Scotch law. Certain officers of courts. See CLAVES CURNIX.


KHALSA. In Hindo jaw. An office of government in which the business of the revenue department was transacted under the Mohammedan government, and during the early period of British rule. Khalsa lands are lands, the revenue of which is paid into the exchequer. Wharton.

KIDDER. In English law. An engrosser of corn to enhance its price. Also a buckster.

KIDDLE. In old English law. A dam or open weir in a river, with a loop or narrow cut in it, accommodated for the laying of engines to catch fish. 2 Inst. 38; Blount.

KIDNAPPING. The forcible abduction or stealing away of a man, woman, or child from their own country, and sending them into another. It is an offense punishable at the common law by fine and imprisonment. 4 Bl. Comm. 219.

In American law, this word is seldom, if at all, applied to the abduction of other persons than children, and the intent to send them out of the country does not seem to constitute a necessary part of the offense. The term is said to include false imprisonment. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, § 671. See State v. Rollins, 8 N. H. 567; State v. Sutton, 116 Ind. 527, 19 N. E. 602; Dehn v. Mandeville, 68 Hun. 235, 22 N. Y. Supp. 984; People v. De Leon, 100 N. Y. 226, 16 N. E. 46, 4 Am. St. Rep. 444; People v. Pick, 58 Cal. 144, 28 Pac. 759.

KILDERKIN. A measure of eighteen gallons.

KILKETH. An ancient servile payment made by tenants in hovandry. Cowell.

KILL, v. To deprive of life; to destroy the life of an animal. The word "homicide" expresses the killing of a human being. See The Ocean Spray, 18 Fed. Cas. 559; Carroll v. White, 33 Barb. (N. Y.) 620; Porter v. Hughey, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 232; Com. v. Clarke, 162 Mass. 435, 39 N. E. 250.

KILL, n. A Dutch word, signifying a channel or bed of the river, and hence the river or stream itself. It is found used in this sense in descriptions of land in old conveyances. French v. Carhart, 1 N. Y. 96.

KILLING-STALLION. A custom by which lords of manors were bound to provide a stallion for the use of their tenants' mares. Spelman.

KIN. Relation or relationship by blood or consanguinity. "The nearness of kin is computed according to the civil law." 2 Kent, Comm. 413. See Kenleston v. Mayhew, 109 Mass. 616; Hibbard v. Odell, 16 Wis. 635; Lusby v. Cobb, 80 Miss. 715, 32 South. 6. As to "next of kin," see "Next Kinsman."


KIND. Genus; generic class; description. See in Kind.


KING. The sovereign, ruler, or chief executive magistrate of a state or nation whose constitution is of the kind called "monarchical" is thus named if a man; if it be a woman, she is called "queen." The word expresses the idea of one who rules singly over a whole people or has the highest executive power; but the office may be either hereditary or elective, and the sovereignty of the king may or may not be absolute, according to the constitution of the country.


Kings's widow. In feudal law. A widow of the king's tenant in chief, who was obliged to take oath in chancery that she would not marry without the king's leave.

KING'S ADVOCATE. An English advocate who holds, in the courts in which the rules of the canon and civil law prevail, a similar position to that which the attorney general holds in the ordinary courts, i. e., he acts as counsel for the crown in ecclesiastical, admiralty, and probate cases, and advises the crown on questions of international law. In order of precedence it seems that he ranks after the attorney general. 3 Stepn. Comm. 275a.

KING'S BENCH. The supreme court of common law in England. being so called because the king used formerly to sit there in person, the style of the court being "coronae ipso regno." It was called the "queen's bench" in the reign of a queen, and during the protectorate of Cromwell it was styled the "up-
per bench.” It consisted of a chief justice and three puisne justices, who were by their office the sovereign conservators of the peace and supreme cornurers of the land. It was a remnant of the aula regis, and was not originally fixed to any certain place, but might follow the king’s person, though for some centuries past it usually sat at Westminster. It had a very extended jurisdiction in both criminal and civil causes; the former in what was called the “crown side” or “crown office,” the latter in the “plea side,” of the court. Its civil jurisdiction was gradually enlarged until it embraced all species of personal actions. Since the judicial acts, this court constitutes the “king’s bench division” of the “high court of justice.” See 3 Bl. Comm. 41-43.

**KING’S CHAMBERS.** Those portions of the seas, adjacent to the coasts of Great Britain, which are inclosed within headlands so as to be cut off from the open sea by imaginary straight lines drawn from one promontory to another.

**KING’S CORONER AND ATTORNEY.** An officer of the court of king’s bench, usually called “the master of the crown office,” whose duty it is to file informations at the suit of a private subject by direction of the court. 4 Bl. Comm. 308, 309; 4 Steph. Comm. 374, 378.

**KING’S COUNSEL.** Barristers or sergeants who have been called within the bar and selected to be the king’s counsel. They answer in some measure to the advocati fisci, or advocates of the revenue, among the Romans. They must not be employed against the crown without special leave, which is, however, always granted, at a cost of about nine pounds. 3 Bl. Comm. 27.

**KING’S EVIDENCE.** When several persons are charged with a crime, and one of them gives evidence against his accomplices, on the promise of being granted a pardon, he is said to be admitted king’s or (in America) state’s evidence. 4 Steph. Comm. 305; Sweet.

**KING’S PROCTOR.** A proctor or solicitor representing the crown in the former practice of the courts of probate and divorce. In petitions for dissolution of marriage, or for declarations of nullity of marriage, the king’s proctor may, under the direction of the attorney general, and by leave of the court, intervene in the suit for the purpose of proving collusion between the parties. Mozley & Whittle.

**KING’S REMEMBRANCER.** An officer of the central office of the English supreme court. Formerly he was an officer of the exchequer, and had important duties to perform in protecting the rights of the crown; e.g., by instituting proceedings for the recovery of land by writs of intrusion, (q. v.) and for the recovery of legacy and succession duties; but of late years administrative changes have lessened the duties of the office. Sweet.

**KINGDOM.** A country where an officer called a “king” exercises the powers of government, whether the same be absolute or limited. Wolff, Inst. Nat. § 384. In some kingdoms, the executive officer may be a woman, who is called a “queen.”

**KINGS-AT-ARMS.** The principal herald of England was of old designated “king of the heralds,” a title which seems to have been exchanged for “king-at-arms” about the reign of Henry IV. The kings-at-arms at present existing in England are three,—Garter, Clarenceux, and Norroy, besides Lath, who is not a member of the college. Scotland is placed under an officer called “Lyon King-at-Arms,” and Ireland is the province of one named “Ulster.” Whitton.

**KINTAL, or KINTLE.** A hundred pounds in weight. See QUINTAL.

**KINTLIDGE.** A ship’s ballast. See KENTLAGE.

**KIPPER-TIME.** In old English law. The space of time between the 3d of May and the Epiphany, in which fishing for salmon in the Thames, between Gravesend and Henley-on-Thames, was forbidden. Rot. Parl. 50 Edw. III:

**KIRBY’S QUEST.** In English law. An ancient record remaining with the remembrancer of the exchequer, being an inquisition or survey of all the lands in England, taken in the reign of Edward I. by John de Kirby, his treasurer. Blount; Cowell.

**KIRK.** In Scotch law. A church; the church; the established church of Scotland.—Kirk-mote. A meeting of parishes on church affairs.—Kirk-officer. The beadle of a church in Scotland.—Kirk-session. A parochial church court in Scotland, consisting of the ministers and elders of each parish.

**KISSING THE BOOK.** The ceremony of touching the lips to a copy of the Bible used in administering oaths. It is the external symbol of the witness’ acknowledgment of the obligation of the oath.

**KIST.** In Hindu law. A stated payment; installment of rent.

**KLEPTOMANIA.** In medical jurisprudence. A form (or symptom) of mania, consisting in an irresistible propensity to steal. See INSANITY.
KNAVE. A rascal; a false, tricky, or deceitful person. The word originally meant a boy, attendant, or servant, but long-continued usage has given it its present significance.

KNAVESHIP. A portion of grain given to a mill-servant from tenants who were bound to grind their grain at such mill.

KNIGHT. In English law. The next personal dignity after the nobility. Of knights there are several orders and degrees. The first in rank are knights of the Garter, instituted by Richard I. and improved by Edward III. in 1344; next follows a knight banneret; then come knights of the Bath, instituted by Henry IV., and revived by George I.; and they were so called from a ceremony of bathing the night before their creation. The last order are knights bachelors, who, though the lowest, are yet the most ancient, order of knighthood; for we find that King Alfred conferred this order upon his son Athelstan. 1 Bl. Comm. 403.

KNIGHTHOOD. The rank, order, character, or dignity of a knight—Knights' fees. See FEE—Knights bachelors. In English law. The most ancient, though lowest, order of knighthood. 1 Bl. Comm. 404.—Knights banneret. In English law. Those created by the sovereign in person on the field of battle. They rank, generally, after knights of the Garter. 1 Bl. Comm. 408.—Knights of St. Michael and St. George. An English order of knighthood, instituted in 1818.—Knights of St. Patrick. Instituted in Ireland by George III., A. D. 1763. They have no rank in England.

KNIGHTS OF THE BATH. An order instituted by Henry IV., and revived by George I. They are so called from the ceremony formerly observed of bathing the night before their creation.—Knights of the chamber. Those created in the sovereign's chamber in time of peace, not in the field. 2 Inst. 689.—Knights of the Garter. Otherwise called "Knights of the Order of St. George." This order was founded by Richard I., and improved by Edward III., A. D. 1344. They form the highest order of knights.—Knights of the post. A term for hirling witnesses.—Knights of the shire. In English law. Members of parliament representing counties or shires, in contradistinction to citizens or burgesses, who represent boroughs or corporations. A knight of the shire is so called, because, as the terms of the writ for election still require, it was formerly necessary that he should be a knight. This restriction was coeval with the tenure of knighthood-service, when every man who received a knight's fee immediately of the crown was constrained to be a knight; but at present any person may be chosen to fill the office who is not an alien. The money qualification is abolished by 21 Vict. c. 26. Wharton.—Knights of the Thistle. A Scottish order of knighthood. This order is said to have been instituted by Achaicus, king of Scotland, A. D. 819. The better opinion, however, is that it was instituted by James VII. of Scotland in 1667, and re-established by Queen Anne in 1703. They have no rank in England. Wharton.

KNIGHT-MARSHAL. In English law. An officer in the royal household who has jurisdiction and cognizance of offenses committed within the household and verge, and

KNOWLEDGE of all contracts made therein, a member of the household being one of the parties. Wharton.

KNIGHT-SERVICE. A species of feudal tenure, which differed very slightly from a pure and perfect feud, being entirely of a military nature; and it was the first, most universal, and most honorable of the feudal tenures. To make a tenure by knight-service, a determinate quantity of land was necessary, which was called a "knight's fee," (feodum militare) the measure of which was estimated at 600 acres. Co. Litt. 63a; Brown.

KNIGHTENCOURT. A court which used to be held twice a year by the bishop of Hereford, in England.

KNIGHTENGUILD. An ancient guild or society formed by King Edgar.

KNOCK DOWN. To assign to a bidder at an auction by a knock or blow of the hammer. Property is said to be "knocked down" when the auctioneer, by the fall of his hammer, or by any other audible or visible announcement, signifies to the bidder that he is entitled to the property on paying the amount of his bid, according to the terms of the sale. "Knocked down" and "struck off" are synonymous terms. Sherwood v. Reade, 7 Hill (N. Y.) 439.

KNOT. In seamen's language, a "knot" is a division of the log-line serving to measure the rate of the vessel's motion. The number of knots which run off from the reel in half a minute shows the number of miles the vessel sails in an hour. Hence when a ship goes eight miles an hour she is said to go "eight knots." Webster.

KNOW ALL MEN. In conveyancing. A form of public address, of great antiquity, and with which many written instruments, such as bonds, letters of attorney, etc., still commence.

KNOWINGLY. With knowledge; consciously; intelligently. The use of this word in an indictment is equivalent to an averment that the defendant knew what he was about to do, and, with such knowledge, proceeded to do the act charged. U. S. v. Claypool (D. C.) 14 Fed. 128.

KNOWLEDGE. The difference between "knowledge" and "belief" is nothing more than in the degree of certainty. With regard to things which make not a very deep impression on the memory, it may be called "belief." "Knowledge" is nothing more than a man's firm belief. The difference is ordinarily merely in the degree, to be judged of by the court, when addressed to the court; by the jury, when addressed to the
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Knowledge may be classified in a legal sense, as positive and imputed.—imputed, when the means of knowledge exists, known and accessible to the party, and capable of communicating positive information. When there is knowledge, notice, as legally and technically understood, becomes immaterial. It is only material when, in the absence of knowledge, it produces the same results. However closely actual notice may, in many instances, approximate knowledge, and constructive notice may be its equivalent in effect, there may be actual notice without knowledge; and, when constructive notice is made the test to determine priorities of right, it may fall far short of knowledge, and be insufficient. Cleveland Woollen Millis v. Sibert, 81 Ala. 140, 1 South. 773.

—Carnal knowledge. Coitus; copulation; sexual intercourse.—Personal knowledge. Knowledge of the truth in regard to a particular fact or allegation, which is original, and does not depend on information or hearsay. Personal knowledge of an allegation in an answer is personal knowledge of its truth or falsity; and if the allegation is a negative one, this necessarily includes a knowledge of the truth or falsity of the allegation denied. West v. Home Ins. Co. (C. L.) 18 Fed. 622.

KNOWN-MEN. A title formerly given to the Lollards. Cowell.

KORAN. The Mohammedan book of faith. It contains both ecclesiastical and secular laws.

KUT-KUBALA. In Hindu law. A mortgage-deed or deed of conditional sale, being one of the customary deeds or instruments of security in India as declared by regulation of 1806, which regulates the legal proceedings to be taken to enforce such a security. It is also called "Byebil-Wuffa." Wharton.

KYMORTHA. A Welsh term for a wast-er, rhymer, minstrel, or other vagabond who makes assemblies and collections. Barr-ing. Ob. St. 360.

KYTH. Sax. Kin or kindred.
L. This letter, as a Roman numeral, stands for the number "fifty." It is also used as an abbreviation for "law," "weber," (a book), "lord," and some other words of which it is the initial.

L. 5. An abbreviation of "Long Quinto," one of the parts of the Year Books.

L. C. An abbreviation which may stand either for "Lord Chancellor," "Lower Canada," or "Leading Cases."

L. J. An abbreviation for "Law Judge," also for "Law Journal."

L. L. (also L. Lat.) and L. F. (also L. Fr.) are used as abbreviations of the terms "Law Latin" and "Law French."

L. R. An abbreviation for "Law Reports."


LL. The reduplicated form of the abbreviation "L" for "law," used as a plural. It is generally used in citing old collections of statute law; as "LL. Hen. I."

LL.B., LL.M., and LL.D. Abbreviations used to denote, respectively, the three academic degrees in law,—bachelor, master, and doctor of laws.

LA. Fr. The. The definite article in the feminine gender. Occurs in some legal terms and phrases; as "Termes de la Ley," terms of the law.

LA. Fr. There. An adverb of time and place; whereas.

LA CHAMBRE DES ESTEILLES. The star-chamber.

La conscience est la plus changeante des règles. Conscience is the most changeable of rules. Bouv. Dict.


La ley vuet plus tost suffer un mischief que un inconvenience. The law will sooner suffer a mischief than an inconvenience. Litt. § 231. It is held for an inconvenience that any of the maxims of the law should be broken, though a private man suffer loss. Co. Litt 152b.

LABS. In old records. A net, gin, or snare.

LABEL. Anything appended to a larger writing, as a codicil; a narrow slip of paper or parchment affixed to a deed or writ, in order to hold the appending seal.

In the vernacular, the word denotes a printed or written slip of paper affixed to a manufactured article, giving information as to its nature or quality, or the contents of a package, name of the maker, etc. See Perkins v. Heert, 5 App. Div. 335, 39 N. Y. Supp. 223; Higgitt v. Keuffel, 140 U. S. 428, 11 Sup. Ct. 791, 35 L. Ed. 470; Burke v. Cusain, 45 Cal. 481, 13 Am. Rep. 204.

A copy of a writ in the exchequer. 1 Tidd. Pr. 156.

LABINA. In old records. Watery land.

LABOR. 1. Work; toll; service. Continued exertion, of the more onerous and inferior kind, usually and chiefly consisting in the protracted expenditure of muscular force, adapted to the accomplishment of specific useful ends. It is used in this sense in several legal phrases, such as "a count for work and labor," "wages of labor," etc.

"Labor," "business," and "work" are not synonyms. Labor may be business, but it is not necessarily so; and business is not always labor. Labor implies toll; exertion producing weariness; manual exertion of a toilsome nature. Making an agreement for the sale of a chattel is not within a prohibition of common labor upon Sunday, though it is (if by a merchant in his calling) within a prohibition upon business. Bloom v. Richards, 2 Ohio St. 357.

—Common labor, within the meaning of Sunday laws, is not to be restricted to manual or physical labor, but includes the transaction of ordinary business, trading, and the execution of notes and other instruments. Bryan v. Watson, 127 Ind. 42, 26 N. E. 606, 11 L. R. A. 63; Link v. Clemmens, 7 Blackf. (Ind.) 450; Cincinnati v. Rice, 15 Ohio, 223; Eitel v. State, 38 Ind. 201. But compare Bloom v. Richards, 2 Ohio St. 357; Hornacek v. Keshler, 5 Neb. 305. It does not include the transaction of judicial business or the acts of public officers. State v. Thomas, 61 Ohio St. 444, 66 N. E. 578, 48 L. R. A. 459; Hastings v. Columbus, 42 Ohio St. 585.

2. A Spanish land measure, in use in Mexico and formerly in Texas, equivalent to 177 1/7 acres.

LABOR A JURY. In old practice. To tamper with a jury: to endeavor to influence them in their verdict, or their verdict generally.
LABORARIIS. An ancient writ against persons who refused to serve and do labor, and who had no means of living; or against such as, having served in the winter, refused to serve in the summer. Reg. Orig. 189.


A laborer, as the word is used in the Pennsylvania act of 1872, giving a certain preference of lien, is one who performs, with his own hands, the contract which he makes with his employer. Appeal of Westroth, 82 Pa. 469.

-Laborers, statutes of. In English law, these are the statutes 2 Edw. III., 12 Rich. II., 5 Eliz. c. 4, and 20 & 27 Vict. c. 125, making various regulations as to laborers, servants, apprentices, etc.

LAC, LAK. In Indian computation, 100,000. The value of a lac of rupees is about £10,000 sterling. Wharton.

LACE. A measure of land equal to one pole. This term is widely used in Cornwall.

LACERTA. In old English law. A fathom. Co. Litt. 49.

LACHES. Negligence, consisting in the omission of something which a party might do, and might reasonably be expected to do, towards the vindication or enforcement of his rights. The word is generally the synonym of "remissness," "dilatoriness," "unreasonable or unexcused delay," the opposite of "vigilance," and means a want of activity and diligence in making a claim or moving for the enforcement of a right (particularly in equity) which will afford ground for presuming against it, or for refusing relief, where that is discretionary with the court. See Ring v. Lawless, 190 Ill. 520, 60 N. E. 881; Wisler v. Craig, 80 Va. 30; Morse v. Sebold, 147 Ill. 318, 35 N. E. 369; Rabb v. Sullivan, 43 S. C. 436, 21 S. E. 277; Graff v. Portland, etc., Co., 12 Colo. App. 106, 54 Pac. 854; Coosaw Min. Co. v. Carolina Min. Co. (C. C.) 75 Fed. 868; Parker v. Bethel Hotel Co., 96 Tenn. 252, 34 S. W. 206, 31 L. R. A. 706; Chase v. Chase, 29 R. I. 292, 37 Atl. 804; Hillmans v. Prior, 64 S. C. 296, 42 S. E. 106; First Nat. Bank v. Nelson, 106 Ala. 533, 18 South. 154; Cole v. Ballard, 78 Va. 147; Sellag v. Abihbol, 4 Maule & S. 462.

LACTA. L. Lat. In old English law. Defect in the weight of money; lack of weight. This word and the verb "lactare" are used in an assise or statute of the sixth year of King John. Spelman.

LAGUNA. In old records. A ditch or dyke; a furrow for a drain; a gap or blank in writing.

LACUS. In the civil law. A lake; a receptacle of water which is never dry. Dig. 43, 14, 1, 3.

In old English law. Alloy or alloy of silver with base metal. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 22, § 6.

LADA. In Saxon law. A purgation, or mode of trial by which one purged himself of an accusation; as by oath or ordeal. Spelman.

A water-courte; a trench or canal for draining marshy grounds. In old English, a lade or load. Spelman.

In old English law. A court of justice; a lade or lath. Cowell.

LADE, or LODE. The mouth of a river.

LADEN IN BULK. A term of maritime law, applied to a vessel which is freighted with a cargo which is neither in casks, boxes, bales, nor cases, but lies loose in the hold, being defended from wet or moisture by the number of masts and a quantity of dunnage. Cargoes of corn, salt, etc., are usually so shipped.

LADING, BILL OF. See BILL.

LADY. In English law. The title belonging to the wife of a peer, and (by courtesy) the wife of a baronet or knight, and also to any woman, married or sole, whose father was a nobleman of a rank not lower than that of earl.

-Lady-court. In English law. The court of a lady of the manor.—Lady's court. The 25th of March, the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In parts of Ireland, however, they so designate the 15th of August, the festival of the Assumption of the Virgin.—Lady's friend. The style of an officer of the English house of commons, whose duty was to secure a suitable provision for the wife, when her husband sought a divorce by special act of parliament. The act of 1867 abolished parliamentary divorces, and this office with them.

LESMA MAJESTAS. Lat. Leve-majesty, or injured majesty; high treason. It is a phrase taken from the civil law, and anciently meant any offense against the king's person or dignity.

LESIO ULTRA DIMIDIO VELENORMIS. In Roman law. The injury sustained by one of the parties to an onerous contract when he had been overreached by the other to the extent of more than one-half of the value of the subject-matter; i.e.
g. when a vendor had not received half the value of property sold, or the purchaser had paid more than double value. Colq. Rom. Civil Law, § 2004.

LÉSIONE FIDEL, SUITS PRO. Suits in the ecclesiastical courts for spiritual offenses against conscience, for non-payment of debts, or breaches of civil contracts. This attempt to turn the ecclesiastical courts into courts of equity was checked by the constitutions of Clarendon, A. D. 1164. 3 Bl. Comm. 52.

LÉSIWERP. A thing surrendered into the hands or power of another; a thing given or delivered. Spelman.

LETT. In old English law. One of a class between servile and free. Palgrave, l. 354.

LETAIRE JERUSALEM. Easter offerings, so called from these words in the hymn of the day. They are also denominated “quadrigesimalia.” Wharton.

LÉTH, or LATH. A division or district peculiar to the county of Kent. Spelman.

LAFORDSWIC. In Saxon law. A betraying of one's lord or master.

LAGA. L. Lat., from the Saxon “lag.” Law; a law.

LAGAN. See LIGAN.

LAGE DAY. In old English law. A law day; a time of open court; the day of the county court; a juridical day.


LAGU. In old English law. Law; also used to express the territory or district in which a particular law was in force, as Dela lagu, Merca lagu, etc.

LAHLISLIT. A breach of law. Cowell. A mulct for an offense, viz., twelve “ores.”

LAMAN, or LAGEMANNUS. An old word for a lawyer. Domesday, l. 189.


LAIGUS. Lat. A layman. One who is not in holy orders, or not engaged in the ministry of religion.

LAIRWITE, or LAIRESITE. A fine for adultery or fornication, anciently paid to the lords of some manors. 4 Inst. 204.

LAI GENTS. L. Fr. Lay people; a jury.

LAIETY. In English law. Those persons who do not make a part of the clergy. They are divided into three states: (1) Civil, including all the nation, except the clergy, the army, and navy, and subdivided into the nobility and the commonalty; (2) military; (3) maritime, consisting of the navy. Wharton.

LAKE. A large body of water, contained in a depression of the earth's surface, and supplied from the drainage of a more or less extended area. Webster. See Jones v. Lee, 77 Mich. 35, 43 N. W. 855; Ne-pee-nauk Club v. Wilson, 96 Wis. 290, 71 N. W. 661.

The fact that there is a current from a higher to a lower level does not make that a river which would otherwise be a lake; and the fact that a river swells out into broad, pond-like sheets, with a current, does not make that a lake which would otherwise be a river. State v. Gilman, 14 N. H. 477.


LAMB. A sheep, ram, or ewe under the age of one year. 4 Car. & P. 216.

LAMBARD'S ARCHAIARIONOMIA. A work printed in 1568, containing the Anglo-Saxon laws, those of William the Conqueror, and of Henry I.

LAMBARD'S EIRENARCHA. A work upon the office of a justice of the peace, which, having gone through two editions, one in 1579, the other in 1581, was reprinted in English in 1599.

LAMBETH DEGREE. In English law. A degree conferred by the Archbishop of Canterbury, in prejudice of the universities. 3 St. John's, Comm. 68; 1 Bl. Comm. 381.

LAME DUCK. A cant term on the stock exchange for a person unable to meet his engagements.

LAMMUS DAY. The 1st of August. It is one of the Scotch quarter days, and is what is called a “conventional term.”

LAMMUS LANDS. Lands over which there is a right of pasturage by persons other than the owner from about Lammas, or reap- ing time, until sowing time. Wharton.

LAN. Lat. In the civil law. Wool. See Dig. 32, 60, 70, 88.

LANCASTER. A county of England. Erected into a county palatine in the reign of Edward III., but now vested in the crown.
LANCETI. In feudal law. Vassals who were obliged to work for their lord one day in the week, from Michaelmas to autumn, either with fork, spade, or fall, at the lord's option. Spelman.

LAND. In the most general sense, comprehends any ground, soil, or earth whatsoever; as meadows, pastures, woods, moors, waters, marshes, meadows, and heaths, etc. Litt. 44.

The word "land" includes not only the soil, but everything attached to it, whether attached by the course of nature, as trees, herbage, and water, or by the hand of man, as buildings and fences. Mott v. Palmer, 1 N. Y. 572; Nessler v. Neher, 18 Neb. 649, 26 N. W. 471; Higgins Fuel Co. v. Snow, 118 Fed. 433, 61 C. C. A. 267; Lightfoot v. Grove, 5 Heisk. (Tenn.) 477; Johnson v. Richardson, 53 Miss. 494; Mitchell v. Warner, 5 Conn. 517; Myer v. League, 62 Fed. 658, 10 C. C. A. 66; Corbin 16, 97 Conn. 167.

Land is the solid material of the earth, whatever may be the ingredients of which it is composed, whether soil, rock, or other substance. Civ. Code Cal. § 650.

Philosophically, it seems more correct to say that the word "land" means, in law, as in the vernacular, the soil, or portion of the earth's crust; and to explain or justify such expressions as that "whoever owns the land owns the buildings above and the minerals below," upon the view, not that these are within the extension of the term "land," but that they are so connected with it that by rules of law they pass by conveyance of the land. This view makes "land" as a term, narrower in signification than "realty," though it would allow an instrument speaking of land to operate co-extensively with one granting reality or real property by either of those terms. But many of the authorities use the expression "land" as including these incidents to the soil. Abbott.

Accommodation lands. In English law, the land lying by a building as a circulating, or erects houses thereon, and then leases portions of them upon an improved ground-rent. Bounties. A donation made by the public domain given or donated to private persons as bounty for services rendered, chiefly for military service. Certificates of land. In Pennsylvania, in the period preceding the revolution, lands set apart in the western portion of the state, which might be bought with the certificates which the soldiers of that state in the revolutionary army had received in lien of pay. Kent, Dict.

Crown lands. In England and Canada, lands belonging to the sovereign personally or to the government or nation, as distinguished from such as have passed into private ownership. Demesne lands. See Demesne. Donation lands. Lands granted from the public domain to any individual, by the sovereign, gift or donation; particularly, in early Pennsylvania history, lands thus granted to soldiers of the revolutionary war. Fabric lands. In English law, lands given towards the maintenance, rebuilding, or repairing of cathedral and other churches. General land office. An office of the United States government, being a division of the department of the interior, having charge of all executive action respecting public lands, including their survey, sale or other disposition, and patenting; constituted by act of Congress in 1812 (Rev. St. § 469 U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2507), and delegated over by the president by an act of Congress as "commissioner of the general land office." Land certificate. Upon the registration of freehold land under the English land transfer act, 1875, a certificate is given to the registered proprietor, and similarly upon every transfer of registered land. This registration superseded the jurisdiction of any further registration in the register counties. Sweet. Land court. In American law. A court formerly existing in St. Louis, for having a limited jurisdiction over actions concerning real property, and suits for dower, partition, etc. Land drainage. See Drainage. Land department. That office of the government which has jurisdiction and charge of the public lands, including the secretory of the interior, the commissioner of the general land office and his subordinate officers, and being in effect the department of the interior considered with reference to its powers and duties concerning the public lands. See U. S. v. Winona & St. F. R. Co., 67 Fed. 958; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Bar- den (C. C.) 46 Fed. 617; Land district. A division of a state or territory, created by federal authority, in which is located a United States land office, with a "register of the land office," and "receiver of public lands," for the disposition of the public lands within the district. See U. S. v. Smith (C. C.) 11 Fed. 491. Land grant. A tax or rent issuing out of land. Spelman says it was a loosening of a penny for every house. This land-gable, or land-gaige, in the register of Domesday, was a quit-rent, for a lot of a hundred pounds and whereon it stood; the same with what we now call "ground-rent." What are? Land grant. A donation of public lands to a subordinate government, a corporation, or an individual; as, from the United States to a state, or to a railroad company to aid in the construction of its road. General land office. A department of government subordinate to the general land office, established in various parts of the United States, for the transaction of local business relating to the surveying, location, settlement, and sale of the public lands. See "General land office," supra. Land-poor. By this term is generally understood that a man has a great deal of unproductive land, and perhaps is obliged to borrow money to pay taxes; but a man "land-poor" may be largely responsible. Mat- 1076-96 Ch. 473, 9 N. W. 445. Land-receive. A person whose business it is to overlook certain parts of a farm or estate; to attend not only to the woods and hedges, but to the fences, gates, buildings, private roads, drift-ways, and water-courses; and likewise to the stocking of commons, improvement of the soil, as well as to prevent or detect waste and spoil in general, whether by the tenants or others; and to report the same to the manager or land steward. Enc. Land. Land steward. A person who looks over or has the management of a farm or estate. Land tax. A tax laid upon the legal or beneficial owner of real property, and apportioned upon the assessed value of his land. Land tenant. The person actually in possession of land; otherwise styled the "tenant." Land titles and public money. By an English statute (38 & 39 Vict. c. 87) providing for the establishment of a registry for titles to real property, and making sundry provisions for the application of the land titles and the evidences thereof. It presents some analogies to the recording laws of the American states. Land waterer. In England, an officer of the custom-house, whose duty is upon landing any merchandise, to examine, taste, weigh, or measure it, and to take an account thereof. Enc. Land. Also, as "wealthy" and "showy" the English private goods to be exported to foreign parts; and, in cases where drawbacks on bounties are to be paid to the merchant on the exportation of any
LANDS, they, as well as the patent searchers, are to certify the shipping thereof on the depositions. Enc. Lond.—Land—warrant. The evidence which the state, on good consideration, gives that the person therein named is entitled to the quantity of land therein specified, the bounds being described by a person of the owner of the warrant may fix by entry and survey, in the section of country set apart for its location, satisfaction. Neal v. residential, etc., of East Tennessee College, 6 Yerg. (Tenn.) 205.

—Mineral lands. In the land laws of the United States, Lands containing deposits of valuable or precious minerals in such quantities as to justify expenditures in the effort to extract them, and which are more valuable for the minerals they contain than for agricultural or other uses. Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Soderberg, 188 U. S. 528, 23 Sup. Ct. 365, 47 L. Ed. 575; Debeck v. Hawkins, 115 U. S. 262, 6 Sup. Ct. 95, 29 Ed. 423; Davis v. Wibbold, 159 U. S. 507, 11 Sup. Ct. 928, 35 L. Ed. 228; Smith v. Hill, 89 Cal. 123, 26 Pac. 664; Merritt v. Dixon, 15 Nev. 406.—Place lands. Lands granted in aid of a railroad company which are within certain limits on each side of the road, and which become tributaries by the widening of the line of the road. There is a well-defined difference between place lands and "indemnity lands." See Indiana v. Jackson, 110 U. S. 344. N. D. 238, 44 U. S. 449.—Public lands. The general public domain; unappropriated lands; lands belonging to the United States and which have been subject to sale, or other disposal under general laws, and not reserved or held back for any special governmental or public purpose. Newhall v. Sanger, 92 U. S. 1053; 18 U. S. v. Garretson (C. C.) 42 Fed. 24; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Hinchman (C. C.) 52 Fed. 526; State v. Telegraph Co., 52 L. Ed. 227, 111, 27 So. 411.—School lands. Public lands of a state set apart by the state (or by congress in a territory) to create, by the proceeds of their sale, a fund for the establishment and maintenance of public schools.—Seated land. Land that is occupied, cultivated, improved, reclaimed, farmed, or used as a place of residence. Residence without cultivation, or cultivation without residence, or both together, impart to land the character of being seated. The term is used, as opposed to "unseated land," "desirability" tax laws. See Earley v. Euwer, 102 Pa. 340; Stoetzel v. Jackson, 105 Pa. 597; Kennedy v. Mead, 81 Pa. 272; 68 Pa. 55. Penn. 36; Stoezel v. Fales, 55 Pa. 95.—Swamp and overflowed lands. Lands unfit for cultivation by reason of their swampy character and requiring drainage or reclamation in order to render them agriculturally beneficial use. Such lands, when constituting a portion of the public domain, have generally been granted by congress to the several states within whose limits they lie. See Miller v. Tobin (C. C.) 18 Fed. 614; Keenan v. Allen, 33 Cal. 546; Hogaboom v. Ehrhardt, 58 Cal. 223; Thompson v. 50 Cal. 344.—Tide lands. Lands between high and low water mark on the sea or any tidal water; that portion of the shore or beach covered and uncovered by the ebb and flow of the tide. Rondell v. Fay, 32 Cal. 354; Oakland v. Oakland Water Front Co., 118 Cal. 169, 50 Pac. 277; Andrews v. N. Knott, 12 Or. 76; Walker v. State Harbor Commissioners, 17 Wall. 650. 21 L. Ed. 744.—Unseated land. A phrase used in the Pennsylvania tax laws to describe land which, though owned by a private person, has not been reclaimed, cultivated, improved, occupied, or made a place of residence. See State v. Jackson, 105 Pa. 567; McLeod v. Lloyd, 43 Or. 260. 71 Pac. 799.

LANDA. An open field without wood; a lawn or lawn. Cowell; Blount.

LANDAGENDA, LANDHLAFAORD, or LANDRIGA. In Saxon law. A proprietor of land; lord of the soil. Anc. Inst. Eng.

LANDBOC. In Saxon law. A charter or deed by which lands or tenements were given or held. Spielman; Cowell; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 10.

LANDCHEAP. In old English law. An ancient customary flue, peld either in money or cattle, at every alienation of land lying within some manor, or within the liberty of some borough. Cowell; Blount.

LANDEA. In old English law. A ditch or trench for conveying water from marshy grounds. Spielman.

LANDED. Consisting in real estate or land; having an estate in land.


LANDEFRICUS. A landlord; a lord of the soil.

LANDEGANDMAN. Sax. In old English law. A kind of customary tenant or inferior tenant of a manor. Spielman.

LANDGRAVE. A name formerly given to those who executed justice on behalf of the German emperors, with regard to the internal policy of the country. It was applied, by way of eminence, to those sovereign princes of the empire who possessed inheritance certain estates called "land-graves," of which they received investiture from the emperor. Enc. Lond.


LANDING. A place on a river or other navigable water for lading and unlading goods, or for the reception and delivery of passengers; the terminus of a road on a river or other navigable water, for the use of travelers, and the loading and unloading of goods. State v. Randall, 1 Strob. (S. C.) 111, 47 Am. Dec. 548.

A place for loading or unlading boats, but not a harbor for them. Hay v. Briggs, 74 Pa. 373.

LANDIRECTA. In Saxon law. Services and duties laid upon all that held land. Including the three obligatory called "Irino-
LANDlocked. An expression sometimes applied to a piece of land belonging to one person and surrounded by land belonging to other persons, so that it cannot be approached except over their land. L. R. 13 Ch. Div. 708; Sweet.

LANDLORD. He of whom lands or tenements are held. He who, being the owner of an estate in land, has leased the same for a term of years, on a rent reserved, to another person, called the "tenant." Jackson v. Harsen, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 329; 17 Am. Dec. 517; Becker v. Becker, 13 App. Div. 342, 43 N. Y. Supp. 17.

When the absolute property in or fee-simple of the land belongs to a landlord, he is then sometimes denominated the "ground landlord," in contradistinction to such a one as is possessed only of a limited or particular interest in land, and who himself holds under a superior landlord. Brown.

-Landlord and tenant. A phrase used to denote the familiar legal relation existing between lessor and lessee of real estate. The relation is contractual, and is constituted by a lease (or agreement therefor) of lands for a term of years, from year to year, for life, or at will.—Landlord's warrant. A distress warrant; a warrant from a landlord to levy upon the tenant's goods and chattels, and sell the same at public sale, to comply payment of the rent or the observance of some other stipulation in the lease.

LANDMARK. A monument or erection set up on the boundary line of two adjoining estates, to fix such boundary. The removing of a landmark is a wrong for which an action lies.

LANDS. This term, the plural of "land," is said, at common law, to be a word of less extensive signification than either "tenements" or "hereditaments." But in some of the states it has been provided by statute that it shall include both those terms.

-Lands clauses consolidation acts. The name given to certain English statutes, (8 Vict. c. 8, amended by 21 & 24 Vict. c. 106, and 32 & 33 Vict. c. 18,) the object of which was to provide legislative clauses in a convenient form for incorporation by reference in future special acts of parliament for taking lands, with or without the consent of their owners, for the promotion of railways, and other public undertakings. Mozley & Whitley.—Lands, tenements, and hereditaments. The technical and most comprehensive description of real property, as "goods and chattels" is of personality. Williams, Real Prop. 5.

LANDSLAGH. In Swedish law. A body of common law, compiled about the thirteenth century, out of the particular customs of every province; being analogous to the common law of England. 1 Bl. Comm. 66.

LANDWARD. In Scotch law. Rural. Bell, App. Cas. 2.

LANGEMAN. A lord of a manor. 1 Inst. 5.

LANGEOLUM. An undergarment made of wool, formerly worn by the monks, which reached to their knees. Mon. Angl. 419.

LANGUAGE. Any means of conveying or communicating ideas; specifically, human speech, or the expression of ideas by written characters. The letter, or grammatical import, of a document or instrument, as distinguished from its spirit; as "the language of the statute." See Beilng v. State, 110 Ga. 754, 36 S. E. 83; Stevenson v. State, 90 Ga. 456, 16 S. E. 96; Cavan v. Brooklyn (City Ct. Brooklyn) 5 N. Y. Supp. 759.

LANGUDUS. (Lat. Sick.) In practice. The name of a return made by the sheriff when a defendant, whom he has taken by virtue of process, is so dangerously sick that to remove him would endanger his life or health. 3 Chit. Pr. 249, 395.

LANNIS DE CRESCENTIA WALLIE TRADUCENDIS ABSQUE CUSTUMA, etc. An ancient writ that lay to the customer of a port to permit one to pass wool without paying custom, he having paid it before in Wales. Reg. Orig. 279.


LANZAS. In Spanish law. A commutation in money, paid by the nobles and high officers, in lieu of the quota of soldiers they might be required to furnish in war. Trevino v. Fernandez, 13 Tex. 600.

LAPIFICATION. The act of stoning a person to death.

LAPIDICINA. Lat. In the civil law. A stone-quarry. Dig. 7, 1, 9, 2.

LAPILLI. Lat. In the civil law. Precious stones. Dig. 34, 2, 19, 17. Distinguished from "gemma." (Gemma.) Id.

LAPIS MARMORIUS. A marble stone about twelve feet long and three feet broad, placed at the upper end of Westminster Hall, where was likewise a marble chair erected on the middle thereof, in which the English sovereigns anciently sat at their coronation dinner, and at other times the lord chancellor. Wharton.

LAPSE, v. To glide; to pass slowly, silently, or by degrees. To slip; to deviate from the proper path. Webster. To fall or fail.

-Lapse patent. A patent for land issued in substitution for an earlier patent to the same land, which was issued to another party, but has lapsed in consequence of his neglect to avail himself of it. Wilcox v. Calloway, 1 Wash. (Va.) 39.—Lapsed device. See DEVISE.—Lapsed legacy. See LEGACY.
LAPSE, a. In ecclesiastical law. The transfer, by forfeiture, of a right to present or collate to a vacant benefice from a person vested with such right to another, in consequence of some act of negligence by the former. Ayl. Par. 331.

In the law of wills. The failure of a testamentary gift in consequence of the death of the devisee or legatee during the life of the testator.

In criminal proceedings, "lapse" is used, in England, in the same sense as "abate" in ordinary procedure; i.e., to signify that the proceedings came to an end by the death of one of the parties or some other event.

LARCAENOUS. Having the character of larceny; as a "larcaenous taking." Contemplating or intending larceny; as a "larcaenous purpose."

Larcaenous intent. A larcaenous intent exists where a man knowingly takes and carries away the goods of another without any claim or pretense of right, with intent wholly to deprive the true owner of them or convert them to his own use. Wilson v. State, 18 Tex. App. 274, 51 Am. Rep. 309.


The felonious taking and carrying away of the personal goods of another. 4 Bl. Comm. 229. The unlawful taking and carrying away of things personal, with intent to deprive the right owner of the same. 4 Steph. Comm. 155. The felonious taking the property of another, without his consent and against his will, with intent to convert it to the use of the taker. Hammon's Case, 2 Leach, 1069.

The taking and removing, by trespass, of personal property which the trespasser knows to belong either generally or specially to another, with the intent to deprive such owner of his ownership therein; and, perhaps it should be added, for the sake of some advantage to the trespasser,—a proposition on which the decisions are not harmonious. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, §§ 757, 758.

Larceny is the taking of personal property, accomplished by fraud or stealth, and with intent to deprive another thereof. Pen. Code Dak. § 480.

Larceny is the felonious stealing, taking, carrying, leading, or driving away the personal property of another. Pen. Code Cal. § 484.

Constructive larceny. One where the felonious intent to appropriate the goods to his own use, at the time of the asportation, is made out by construction from the defendant's conduct; although, originally, the taking was not apparently fraudulent. 2 East, C. 692; 1 Leach, 212.—Compound larceny. Larceny or theft accomplished by taking the thing stolen either from the person or from the goods of the person otherwise called "mixed" larceny, and distinguished from "simple" or "plain" larceny, in which the theft is not aggravated by such an intrusion either upon the person or the goods.

Anderson v. Winfree, 85 Ky. 597, 5 S. W. 351; State v. Chambers, 22 W. Va. 786, 46 Am. Rep. 350.—Grand larceny. In England, simple larceny, was originally divided into two sorts,—grand larceny, where the value of the goods stolen was above twelve pence, and petit larceny, where their value was equal to or below that sum. 4 Bl. Comm. 223. The distinction was abolished in England by St. 7 & Geo. IV. c. 29, and is not generally recognized in the United States, although in a few states there is a statutory offense of grand larceny, one essential element of which is the value of the goods stolen, which value varies from $7 in Vermont to $50 in California. See State v. Bean, 74 Vt. 111, 22 Atl. 268; Fulton v. People, 2 Keys (N. Y.) 147; People v. Murray, 8 Cal. 520; State v. Kennedy, 85 Mo. 343.—Larceny by bailee. In Pennsylvania larceny by bailee is a crime of larceny where any person, being a bailee of any property, shall fraudulently take or convert the same to his own use, or to the use of any other person except the true owner thereof, although he shall not break bulk or otherwise determine the bailement. Brightly's Purd. Dig. p. 436, § 177. And see Walsh v. People, 17 Md. 283; v. Skinner, 29 Or. 599, 46 Pac. 368.—Larceny from the person. Larceny committed where the property stolen is on the person or in the immediate charge or custody of the person from whom the theft is made, but without such circumstances of force or violence as would constitute robbery, including petit larceny and such crimes. Williams v. U. S., 3 App. D. C. 345; State v. Eno, 8 Minn. 220 (Gil. 310)—Mixed larceny. Otherwise called "compound" or "complicated larceny:" that which is attended with circumstances of aggravation or violence to the person, or taking or receiving from a house,—Petit larceny. The larceny of things whose value was below a certain arbitrary standard, at common law twelve pence. See Ex parte Flick, 10 Cal. 612; Harnett v. State, 134 Ind. 177, 46 N. E. 212; People v. Richetti, 66 Cal. 184. 4 Pac. 1185.—Simple larceny. Larceny which is not complicated or aggravated by any acts of violence or violence from the person, or with force and violence, is called "compound" larceny. See State v. Chambers, 22 W. Va. 786, 46 Am. Rep. 350; Anderson v. Winfree, 85 Ky. 597, 5 S. W. 351; Pitcher v. People, 16 Mich. 142.

LARDARIUS REGIS. The king's larderer, or clerk of the kitchen. Cowell.

LARDING MONEY. In the manor of Bradford, in Wiltshire, the tenants pay to their lord a small yearly rent by this name, which is said to be for liberty to feed their hogs with the masts of the lord's wood, the fat of a hog being called "lard;" or it may be a commutation for some customary service of carrying salt or meat to the lord's larder. Mon. Angl. t. i, p. 321.

LARGE, L. Fr. Broad; the opposite of "estrege," strait or strict. Pure et larges. Brit. c. 34.

LARONS. In old English law. Thieves.
LAS PARTIDAS. In Spanish law. The name of a code of laws, more fully described as "Las Siete Partidas," ("the seven parts," from the number of its divisions,) which was compiled under the direction of Alphonso X., about the year 1260. Its sources were the customary law of all the provinces, the canon law as there administered, and (chiefly) the Roman law. This work has always been regarded as of the highest authority in Spain and in those countries and states which have derived their jurisprudence from Spain.

LASCAR. A native Indian sailor; the term is also applied to tent pitchers, inferior artillery-men, and others.


—Lascivious carriage. In Connecticut. A term including those wanton acts between persons of different sexes that flow from the exercise of lustful passions, and which are not otherwise punished as crimes against chastity and public decency. 2 Swift, Dig. 343. It includes, also, indecent acts by one against the will of another. Fowler v. State, 5 Day (Conn.) 81.—Lascivious cohabitation. The offense committed by two persons (not married to each other) who live together in one habitation as man and wife and practice sexual intercourse.

LASHITE, or LASHLITE. A kind of forfeture during the government of the Danes in England. Enc. Lond.

LAST, n. In old English law, signifies a burden; also a measure of weight used for certain commodities of the bulkier sort.

LAST, adj. Latest; ultimate; final; most recent.

—Last clear chance. In the law of negligence, this term denotes the doctrine or rule that, notwithstanding the negligence of a plaintiff, if, at the time the injury was done, it might have been avoided by the exercise of reasonable care on the part of the defendant, the defendant will be liable for the failure to exercise such care. Styles v. Railroad Co., 118 N. C. 1084, 24 S. E. 740; McLamb v. Railroad Co., 122 N. C. 862, 29 S. E. 894.—Last court. A court held by the twenty-four jurats in the marshes of Kent, and summoned by the bailiffs, whereby orders were made to lay and levy taxes, impose penalties, etc., for the preservation of the said marshes. Enc. Lond.—Last heir. In English law. He to whom lands come by escheat for want of lawful heir. If that is, in some cases, the lord of whom the lands were held; in others, the sovereign. Cowell.—Last illness. The immediate illness resulting in the person's death. In re Ducket's Estate. 1 Kulp (Pa.) 227.—Last resort. A court from which there is no appeal is called the "court of last resort."—Last sickness. That illness of which a person dies is so called. Huse v. Brown, 8 Me. 169; Harrington v. Stees, 22 Ill. 54, 25 Am. Rep. 290; McVoy v. Pervical, Dug. Law (S. C.) 337; Prince v. Hazelton, 20 Johns. (N. Y.) 518, 11 Am. Dec. 307.—Last will. This term, according to Lord Coke, is most commonly used where lands and tenements are devised, and "testament" where it concerns chattels. Co. Litt. 11a.—Both terms, however, are now generally employed in drawing a will either of lands or chattels. See Reagan v. Stanley, 11 Lea (Tenn.) 322; Hill v. Hill, 7 Wash. 409, 35 Pac. 800.

LASTAGE. A custom exacted in some fairs and markets to carry things bought whither one will. But it is more accurately taken for the ballast or lading of a ship. Also custom paid for wares sold by the last, as herrings, pitch, etc. Wharton.

LATA CULPA. Lat. In the law of bailment. Gross fault or neglect; extreme negligence or carelessness, (nimia negligentia.) Dig. 50, 16, 215, 2.

Lata culpa dolos equiparatur. Gross negligence is equivalent to fraud.

LATCHING. An under-ground survey.

LATE. Defunct; existing recently, but now dead. Pleasant v. State, 17 Ala. 190. Formerly; recently; lately.

LATELY. This word has been held to have "a very large retrospective, as we say 'lately deceased' of one dead ten or twenty years." Per. Cur. 2 Show. 294.

LATENS. Lat. Latent; hidden; not apparent. See AMBIGUITAS.

LATENT. Hidden; concealed; that does not appear upon the face of a thing; as, a latent ambiguity. See AMBIGUITAS.

—Latent deed. A deed kept for twenty years or more. See also: man's scrota or strong-box. Wright v. Wright, 7 N. J. Law, 177, 11 Am. Dec. 548.—Latent defect. A defect in an article sold, which is known to the seller, but not to the purchaser, and is not discoverable by mere observation. See Hoe v. Sanborn, 21 N. Y. 552, 78 Am. Dec. 163. So, a latent defect in the title of a vendor of land is one not discoverable by inspection made with ordinary care. Newell v. Turner, 9 Port. (Ala.) 422.—Latent equity. See EQUITY.

LATERA. In old records. Sidesmen; companions; assistants. Cowell.

LATERAL ROAD. A lateral road is one which proceeds from some point on the main trunk between its terminals; it is but another name for a branch road, both being a part of the main road. Newhall v. Railroad Co., 14 Ill. 273.

LATERAL SUPPORT. The right of lateral and subjacent support is that right which the owner of land has to have his land supported by the adjoining land or the soil

LATERARE. To lie sideways, in opposition to lying endways; used in descriptions of lands.

LATHE, LATHE. The name of an ancient civil division in England, intermediate between the county or shire and the hundred. Said to be the same as what, in other parts of the kingdom, was termed a "rapet." 1 Bl. Comm. 116; Cowell; Spelman.


LATICFUNDIUM. Lat. In the civil law. Great or large possessions; a great or large field; a common. A great estate made up of smaller ones, (fundis,) which began to be common in the latter times of the empire.

LATICFUNDUS. A possessor of a large estate made up of smaller ones. Du Cange.

LATIMER. A word used by Lord Coke in the sense of an interpreter. 2 Inst. 516. Supposed to be a corruption of the French "latiner," or "latainer." Cowell; Blount.

LATIN. The language of the ancient Romans. There are three sorts of law Latin: (1) Good Latin, allowed by the grammarians and lawyers; (2) false or incongruous Latin, which in times past would abate original rights, though it would not make void any judicial writ, declaration, or plea, etc.; (3) words of art, known only to the sages of the law, and not to grammarians, called "Lawyers' Latin." Wharton.

LATINARIUS. An interpreter of Latin.

LATINI JUNIANI. Lat. In Roman law. A class of freedmen (libertini) intermediate between the two other classes of freedmen called, respectively, "Cives Romani" and "Dediticii." Slaves under thirty years of age at the date of their manumission, or manumitted otherwise than by vindicta, census, or testamentum, or not the quitatory property of their manumissors at the time of manumission, were called "Latini." By reason of one or other of these three defects, they remained slaves by strict law even after their manumission, but were protected in their liberties first by equity, and eventually by the Lex Junia Norbana, A. D. 18, from which law they took the name of "Juniani" in addition to that of "Latini." Brown.

LATTICAT. In old English practice. A writ which issued in personal actions, on the return of non est inventus to a bill of Midd.

diesex; so called from the emphatic word in its recital, in which it was "testified that the defendant lurks (lattitat) and wanders about" in the county. 3 Bl. Comm. 286. Abolished by St. 2 Wm. IV. c. 59.

LATITATIO. Lat. In the civil law and old English practice. A lying hid; lurking, or concealment of the person. Dig. 42, 4, 7, 5; Bract. fol. 126.

LATOR. Lat. In the civil law. A bearer; a messenger. Also a maker or giver of laws.

LATRO. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A robber. Dig. 50, 10, 118; Fleta, lib. 1, c. 58, § 1. A thief.

LATROCINATION. The act of robbing; a depredation.

LATROCINIUM. The prerogative of adjudging and executing thieves; also larceny; theft; a thing stolen.

LATROCINY. Larceny.

LATTER-MATH. A second mowing; the aftermath.

LAUDARE. Lat. In the civil law. To name; to cite or quote; to show one's title or authority. Calvin.

In feudal law. To determine or pass upon judicially. Laudamentum, the finding or award of a jury. 2 Bl. Comm. 285.

LAUDATIO. Lat. In Roman law. Testimony delivered in court concerning an accused person's good behavior and integrity of life. It resembled the practice which prevails in our trials of calling persons to speak on a prisoner's character. The least number of the laudatores among the Romans was ten. Wharton.

LAUDATOR. Lat. An arbitrator; a witness to character.

LAUDEMO. In Spanish law. The tax paid by the possessor of land held by quitrent or emphyteusis to the owner of the estate, when the tenant alienates his right in the property. Escribano.

LAUDEMIO. Lat. In the civil law. A sum paid by a new Emphyteuta (q. v.) who acquires the emphyteusis, not as heir, but as a singular successor, whether by gift, devise, exchange, or sale. It was a sum equal to the fiftieth part of the purchase money, paid to the dominus or proprietor for his acceptance of the new emphyteuta. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 328. Called, in old English law, "acknowledgment money." Cowell.
LAUDUM. Lat. An arbitration or award.

In old Scotch law. Sentence or judgment; doom or doom. 1 Pict. Crim. Tr. pt. 2, p. 8.

LAUGH. Frank-pledge. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 17.

LAUNCY. A kind of offensive weapon, now disused, and prohibited by 7 Rich. II. c. 13.

LAUNCH. 1. The act of launching a vessel; the movement of a vessel from the land into the water, especially the sliding on ways from the stocks on which it is built. Homer v. The Lady of the Ocean, 70 Me. 322.

2. A boat of the largest size belonging to a ship of war; an open boat of large size used in any service; a lighter.

LAUREATE. In English law. An officer of the household of the sovereign, whose business formerly consisted only in composing an ode annually, on the sovereign's birthday, and on the new year; sometimes also, though rarely, on occasion of any remarkable victory.

LAURELS. Pieces of gold, coined in 1619, with the king's head laureated; hence the name.

LAUS DEO. Lat. Praise be to God. An old heading to bills of exchange.

LAVATORIUM. A laundry or place to wash in; a place in the porch or entrance of cathedral churches, where the priest and other officiating ministers were obliged to wash their hands before they proceeded to divine service.


LAW. 1. That which is laid down, ordained, or established. A rule or method according to which phenomena or actions coexist or follow each other.

2. A system of principles and rules of human conduct, being the aggregate of those commandments and principles which are either prescribed or recognized by the governing power in an organized jural society as its will in relation to the conduct of the members of such society, and which it undertakes to maintain and sanction and to use as the criteria of the actions of such members.

“Law” is a solemn expression of legislative will. It orders and permits and forbids. It announces rewards and punishments. Its provisions generally relate not to solitary or singular cases, but to what passes in the ordinary course of affairs. Civ. Code La., arts. 1, 2.

“Law,” without an article, properly implies a science or system of principles or rules of human conduct, answering to the Latin “ius,” as when it is spoken of as a subject of study or practice. In this sense, it includes the decisions of courts of justice, as well as acts of the legislature. The judgment of a competent court, until reversed or otherwise superseded, is law, as much as any statute. Indeed, it may happen that a statute may be passed in violation of law, that is, of the fundamental law or constitution of a state; that it is the prerogative of courts in such cases to declare it void, or, in other words, to declare it not to be law. Burrill.

3. A rule of civil conduct prescribed by the supreme power in a state. 1 Steph. Comm. 25; Civ. Code Dak. § 2; Pol. Code Cal. § 4496.

A “law,” in the proper sense of the term, is a general rule of human action, taking cognizance only of external acts, enforced by a determinate authority, which authority is human, and among human authorities is that which is paramount in a political society. Holl. Jus. 36.

A “law,” properly so called, is a command which obliges a person or persons; and, as distinguished from a particular or occasional command, obliges generally to acts or forbearances of a class. Aust. Jur.

A rule or enactment promulgated by the legislative authority of a state; a long-established local custom which has the force of such an enactment. Dubols v. Hepburn, 10 Pet. 18, 9 L. Ed. 325.

4. In another sense the word signifies an enactment; a distinct and complete act of positive law; a statute, as opposed to rules of civil conduct deduced from the customs of the people or judicial precedents.

When the term “law” is used to denote enactments of the legislative power, it is frequently confined, especially by English writers, to permanent rules of civil conduct, as distinguished from other acts, such as a divorce act, an appropriation bill, an estates act. Rep. Eng. St. L. Com. Mar. 1856.


Historically considered. With reference to its origin, “law” is derived either from judicial precedents, from legislation, or from custom. That part of the law which is derived from judicial precedents is called “common law,” “equity,” or “admiralty,” “probate,” or “ecclesiastical law,” according to the nature of the courts by which it was originally enforced. (See the respective titles.) That part of the law which is derived from legislation is called the “statute law.”
Many statutes are classed under one of the divisions above mentioned because they have merely modified or extended portions of it, while others have created altogether new rules. That part of the law which is derived from custom is sometimes called the "customary law," as to which, see Custom. Sweet.

The earliest notion of law was not an enumeration of a principle, but a judgment in a particular case. When pronounced in the early ages, by magistrates, it was assumed to be the result of direct divine inspiration. Afterwards came the notion of a custom which a judgment affirms, or punishes its breach. In the outset, however, the only authoritative statement of right and wrong is a judicial sentence rendered after the fact has occurred. It does not presuppose a law to have been violated, but is enacted for the first time by a higher form into the judge’s mind at the moment of adjudication. Maine, Anc. Law; (Dwight’s Ed.) pp. xv. 5.

**Synonyms and distinctions.** According to the usage in the United States, the name "common law" is commonly applied to the organic or fundamental law of a state, and the term "law" is used in contradistinction to the former, to denote a statute or enactment of the legislative body.

"Law," as distinguished from "equity," denotes the doctrine and procedure of the common law of England and America, from which equity is a departure.

The term is also used in opposition to "fact." Thus questions of law are to be decided by the court, while it is the province of the jury to solve questions of fact.

**Classification.** With reference to its subject-matter, law is either public or private. Public law is that part of the law which deals with the state, either by itself or in its relations with individuals, and is divided into (1) constitutional law; (2) administrative law; (3) criminal law; (4) criminal procedure; (5) the law of the state considered in its quasi private personality; (6) the procedure relating to the state as so considered. Holl. Jur. 300.

Law is also divided into substantive and adjective. Substantive law is that part of the law which creates rights and obligations, while adjective law provides a method of enforcing and protecting them. In other words, adjective law is the law of procedure. Holl. Jur. 31, 238.

The ordinary, but not very useful, division of law into written and unwritten rests on the same principle. The written law is the statute law; the unwritten law is the common law, (q. v.) 1 Step. Comm. 40, following Blackstone.

**Kinds of statutes.** Statutes are called "general" or "public" when they affect the community at large; and local or special when their operation is confined to a limited region, or particular class or interest.

Statutes are also either prospective or retrospective; the former, when they are intended to operate upon future cases only; the latter, when they may also embrace transactions going on before the passage.

Statutes are called "enabling" when they confer new powers; "remedial" when their effect is to provide relief or reform abuses; "penal" when they impose punishment, pecuniary or corporal, for a violation of their provisions.

5. In old English jurisprudence, "law" is used to signify an oath, or the privilege of being sworn; as in the phrases "to wage one’s law," "to lose one’s law."

**Absolute law.** The true and proper law of nature, immutable in the abstract or in principle, in theory, but not in application; for very often the object, the reason, situation, and other circumstances, may vary its exercise and obligation. 1 Step. Comm. 21 and seq. - Foreign laws. The laws of a foreign country, or of a sister state. People v. Martin, 38 Misc. Rep. 67, 78 N. Y. Supp. 953; Bank of Chillicothe & Hocking Ry. v. Harb., (N. J.) 19 Barb. 84. Foreign laws are often the suggested occasions of changes in, or additions to, our own laws, and in that respect are called "jus receptionem." Brown - Greg. Law of Evidence. A general law is one extraneous to that one that is special or local, is a law that embraces a class of subjects or places, and which cannot omit any subject or place naturally belonging to such class. Van Riper v. Parsons, 40 N. J. Law. 1; Mathis v. Jones, 84 Ga. 804, 11 S. E. 1018; Brooks v. Hyde, 37 Cal. 376; 1 Am. Rep. 192 116 N. Y. Supp. 865, 58 L. R. A. 277, 85 Am. St. Rep. 357; State v. Davis, 65 Ohio St. 16, 44 N. E. 511. A law, framed in general terms, restricted to no locality, and operating equally upon all of a group of objects, which, having regard to the purposes of the legislation, are distinguished by characteristics sufficiently marked and important to make them a class by themselves, is not a special or local law, but a general law. Van Riper v. Parsons, 40 N. J. Law. 125, 29 Am. Rep. 210. A special law is relating to particular persons or things; one made for individual cases or for particular places or districts; one operating upon a selected class, rather than upon the public generally. Ewing v. Hohltzelle, 85 Mo. 78; State v. Irwin, 5 Nev. 129; Aargent v. Union School Dist., 63 N. H. 528, 2 Am. 341; Earle v. Comm., 5 Minn. C. 450; Duquette, 35 Cal. 459; Dundee Mortgage, et al. Co. v. School Dist. (C. C.) 21 Fed. 135. - Law agents. Offices of practitioners in the Scotch courts. - Law arbitrary. Opposed to immutable, a law not founded in the nature of things, but imposed by the mere will of the legislator. - Law burrows. In Scotch law. Security for the peaceable behavior of a party; security to keep the peace. Properly, a process for obtaining such security. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 198. - Law charges. This phrase is used under the Louisiana Civil Code, to signify costs incurred in court in the prosecution of a suit, to be paid by the party cast. Houseau v. His Creditors, 17 La. 201; Berkley v. His Creditors, 11 Rob. (La.) 28. - Law court of appeals. In ancient law. An appellate tribunal, formerly existing in the state of South Carolina, for hearing appeals from the courts of law. - Law day. See Day. - Law French. The Norman-French language, introduced into England by William the Conqueror, and which, for several centuries, was, in an emphatic sense, the language of the English law, being that in which the proceedings of the courts and of parliament were carried on, and in which many of the ancient statutes, reports, abridgments, and treatises were written and printed. It is called by Blackstone a "barbarous dialect," and the later specimens of it.
fully warrant the appellation, but at the time of its introduction it was, as has been observed, the best form of the language spoken in Normandy. Burrill.—Law Latin. The corrupt forms of Latin which are employed in the old English law-books and legal proceedings. It contained many barbarous words and combinations. Law Hat. An annual English publication of official character, comprising various statistics of interest in connection with the legal profession. It includes (among other things) the following matters: A list of judges, queen's counsel, and serjeants at law; the judges of the county courts; benches of the inns of court; bar- risters; public notaries; the names of counsel practicing in the several circuits of England and Wales; London attorneys; country attorneys; officers of the courts of chan- cery and common law; the magistrates and law officers of the city of London; the metropolitan magistrates and police; recorders; county court officers and courts; lord lieutenants and sheriffs; colonial judges and officers; public notaries. Mozley & Whitley.—Law lords. English peers of the British parliament who have held high judicial office, or have been distinguished in the legal profession. Mozley & Whitley.—Law martial. See MARRITAL LAW.—MARRITAL CRIMES AND MARRITAL RELATIONS. See INTERNATIONAL LAW.—Law of nations. See Natural Law.—Law of appeal. Rules which give admission to and rules concerning war; how to make and ob- serve leagues and truce, to punish offenders in the camp, and such like. Cowell; Blount. Now more commonly called the "law of war."—Law of citations. In Roman law. An act of Valentinian, passed A. D. 429, providing that the writings of only five jurists, viz., Pa- plainus, and the so-called Mutilators and Modestus, should be quoted as authorities. The major- ity was binding on the judge. If they were equally divided the opinion of Papinian was to prevail; and in such a case, if Papinian was silent upon the matter, then the judge was free to follow his own view of the matter. Brown.—Law of evidence. The aggregate of rules and principles regulating the admissibility, relevancy, and weight and sufficiency of evidence in legal proceedings. See Ballinger's Ann. Codes & St. Or. 1901, § 678.—Law of marquee. A sort of law of reprisal, which entitles him who has received any wrong from another to get ordinary justice to take the shipping or goods of the wrong-doer, where he can find them within his own bounds or property, satisfactory to him. Cowell; Blount; Brown.—Laws of Oleron. See OLEBON, LAWS OF. LAW OF THE CASE. A ruling or decision once made in a particular case by an appellate court, while it may be overruled in other cases, is binding and conclusive both upon the inferior court in any further steps or proceedings in the same litigation and upon the appellate court itself in any subsequent appeal or other proceeding for review. A ruling or decision so made is said to be "the law of the case." See Hastings v. Empson, 45 Neb. 676, 63 N. W. 455, 34 L. R. A. 321; Standard Sewing Mach. Co. v. Leslie, 118 Fed. 559, 25 C. C. A. 429; McKinney v. State, 177 Ind. 263, 94 N. E. 413; and Moore v. Stonebridge Ink Co., 81 Ind. 531.—Law of the flag. In maritime law. The law of that nation or country whose flag a ship is flying is a particular portion of the law. A shipowner who sends his vessel into a foreign port gives notice by his flag to all who enter into contracts with the master that he intends the laws of the flag to regulate such contracts, and that they must either submit to its operation or not contract with him. Ruhemat v. People, 1884, 82 Wis. 485, 24 N. E. 41; People v. Kip, 1861, 46 N. Y. 181, 48 Am. St. Rep. 30.—Law of the land. Due process of law, (q. v.) By the law of the land is most clearly intended the general law which hears before it condemns, which proceeds upon inquiry, and renders judgment only after trial. The meaning is that every citizen shall hold his life, liberty, property, and immunities under the protection of the general law, not of the particular society. Everything which may pass under the form of an enactment is not the law of the land. Sec. 1406, 40 Stat. 495. When official acts of officers of an official character, comprising various statistics of interest in connection with the legal profession. It includes (among other things) the following matters: A list of judges, queen's counsel, and serjeants at law; the judges of the county courts; benches of the inns of court; barristers; public notaries; the names of counsel practicing in the several circuits of England and Wales; London attorneys; country attorneys; officers of the courts of chancery and common law; the magistrates and law officers of the city of London; the metropolitan magistrates and police; recorders; county court officers and courts; lord lieutenants and sheriffs; colonial judges and officers; public notaries. Mozley & Whitley.—Law lords. English peers of the British parliament who have held high judicial office, or have been distinguished in the legal profession. Mozley & Whitley.—Law martial. See MARRITAL LAW.—MARRITAL CRIMES AND MARRITAL RELATIONS. 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As to the different kinds of law, or law regarded in its different aspects, see ADJECTIVE LAW; ADMINISTRATIVE LAW; BANDIT LAW; BANKRUPTCY LAW; CANNON LAW; CIVIL LAW; COMMERCIAL LAW; COMMON LAW; CONSTITUTIONAL LAW; CRIMINAL LAW; FOREST LAW; INTERNATIONAL LAW; MARITIME LAW; MARRITAL LAW; MERCANTILE LAW; MILITARY LAW; MORAL LAW; MUNICIPAL LAW; NATURAL LAW; ORGANIC LAW; PARLIAMENTARY LAW; PENAL LAW; POSITIVE LAW; PRIVAT LAW; PUBLIC LAW; RETROSPECTIVE LAW; REVENUE LAW; ROMAN LAW; SUBSTANTIVE LAW; WRITTEN LAW.

Law construeth every act to be lawful, when it standeth indifferent whether it should be lawful or not. Wing. Max. p. 722, max. 194; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 76.

Law construeth things according to common possibility or intentment. Wing. Max. p. 705, max. 189.


Law favoroth common right. Wing. Max. p. 547, max. 144.

Law favoroth diligence, and therefore hateth folly and negligence. Wing. Max. p. 665, max. 172; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 70.

Law favoroth honor and order. Wing. Max. p. 739, max. 199.


Law favoroth life, liberty, and dower. 4 Bacon's Works, 345.

Law favoroth mutual recompense. Wing. Max. p. 411, max. 108; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 42.

Law [the law] favoroth possession, where the right is equal. Wing. Max. p. 375, max. 98; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 98.


Law favoroth public quiet. Wing. Max. p. 742, max. 200; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 64.

Law favoroth speeding of man's causes. Wing. Max. p. 673, max. 175.

Law [the law] favoroth things for the commonwealth, [common weal.] Wing. Max. p. 729, max. 197; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 53.


Law hateth delays. Wing. Max. p. 674, max. 176; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 71.

Law hateth new inventions and innovations. Wing. Max. p. 756, max. 204.

Law hateth wrong. Wing. Max. p. 563, max. 146; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 62.


Law respecteth matter of substance more than matter of circumstance. Wing. Max. p. 382, max. 101; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 30.

Law respecteth possibility of things. Wing. Max. p. 403, max. 104; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 40.

Law [the law] respecteth the bonds of nature. Wing. Max. p. 268, max. 78; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 29.

Lawful. Legal; warranted or authorized by the law; having the qualifications prescribed by law; not contrary to nor forbidden by the law.

The principal distinction between the terms "lawful" and "legal" is that the former contemplates the substance of law, the latter the form of law. To say of an act that it is "lawful" implies that it is authorized, sanctioned, or at any rate not forbidden, by law. To say that it is "legal" implies that it is done or performed in accordance with the forms and usages of law, or in a technical manner. In this sense "illegal" approaches the meaning of "invalid." For example, a contract or will, executed without the required formalities, might be said to be invalid or illegal, but could not be described as unlawful. Further, the word "lawful" more clearly implies an ethical content than does "legal." The latter goes no further than to denote compliance, with positive, technical, or formal rules; while the former usually imports a moral substance or ethical permissibility. A further distinction is that the word "legal" is used as the synonym of "constructive," which "lawful" is not. Thus "legal fraud" is fraud implied or inferred by law, or made by court by construction. "Lawful fraud" would be a contradiction of terms. Again, "legal" is used as the antithesis of "equitable." Thus, we speak of "legal assets," "legal estate," etc., but not of "lawful assets," or "lawful estate." But there are some connections in which the two words are used as exact equivalents. Thus, a "lawful" writ, warrant, or process is the same as a "legal" writ, warrant, or process.

—Lawful age. Full age; majority; generally the age of twenty-one years, though sometimes eighteen as to a female. See McKean v. Handy, 4 Md. Ch. 237.—Lawful authorities. The expression "lawful authorities," used in our treaty with Spain, refers to persons who exercised the power of making grants by authority of the crown. Mitchel v. U. S., 9 Pet. 711, 9 L. Ed. 233.—Lawful discharge. Such a discharge in insolvency as exempts the debtor from his debts. Mason v. Haile, 12 Wheat. 370, 8 L. Ed. 660.—Lawful entry. An entry on real estate, by one out of possession, under claim or color of right and without force or fraud. See Stouthoff v. Harlan, 68 Kan. 155, 74 Pac. 613, 64 L. R. A. 320, 104 Am. St. Rep. 192.—Lawful goods. Whatever is not prohibited to be exported by the positive
law of the country, even though it be contrary to war; for a neutral has a right to carry such goods at his own risk. Seton v. Low, 1 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 1; Sildmore v. Desdottit, 22 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 27; Juel v. Rhinelander, 2 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 120.—Lawful heirs. See Heirs.—Lawful man. A freeman, unattached, and capable of bearing arms; a legall homo.—Lawful money. Money which is a legal tender in payment of debts; e. g., gold and silver coined at the mint.

**LAWNG OF DOGS.** The cutting several claws of the forefeet of dogs in the forest, to prevent their running at deer.

**LAWLESS.** Not subject to law; not controlled by law; not authorized by law; not observing the rules and forms of law. See Arkansas v. Kansas & T. Coal Co. (C. C.) 96 Fed. 302.

—Lawless court. An ancient local English court, said to have been held in Essex once a year, at cock-crowing, without a light or pen and ink, and conducted in a whisper. Jacob.—Lawless man. An outlaw.

**LAWDE, LOWNDE.** In old English law. A plain between woods. Co. Litt. 55.

**LAWSUIT.** A vernacular term for a suit, action, or cause instituted or depending between two private persons in the courts of law.

**LAWYER.** A person learned in the law; as an attorney, counsel, or solicitor.

Any person who, for fee or reward, prosecutes or defends causes in courts of record or other judicial tribunals of the United States, or of any of the states, or whose business it is to give legal advice in relation to any cause or matter whatever. Act of July 13, 1866, § 9, (14 St. at Large, 121.)

**LAY, n.** A share of the profits of a fishing or whaling voyage, allotted to the officers and seamen, in the nature of wages. Coffin v. Jenkins, 5 Fed. Cas. 1190; Thomas v. Osborn, 19 How. 33, 15 L. Ed. 534.

**LAY, v.** To state or allege in pleading.

—Lay damages. To state at the conclusion of the declaration the amount of damages which the plaintiff claims.—Lay out. This term has come to be used technically in highway laws as embracing all the series of acts necessary to the complete establishment of a highway. Cone v. Hartford, 26 Conn. 370.—Laying the venue. Stating in the margin of a declaration the county in which the plaintiff proposes that the trial of the action shall take place.

**LAY, adj.** Relating to persons or things not clerical or ecclesiastical; a person not in ecclesiastical orders. Also non-professional.

—Lay corporation. See Corporation.—Lay days. In the law of shipping. Days allowed in charter-parties for loading and unloading the cargo. 3 Kent, Comm. 292, 293.—Lay fee. A fee held by ordinary feudal tenure, as distinguished from the ecclesiastical tenure of frankalmoina, by which an ecclesiastical corporation held of the donor. The tenure of frankalmoina is reserved by St. 12 Car. II., which abolished military tenures. 2 Bl. Comm. 101.—Lay impropritor. In English ecclesiastical law. A lay person holding a spiritual appropriation. 3 Steph. Comm. 73.—Lay investiture. In ecclesiastical law. The ceremony of putting a bishop in possession of the temporalities of his diocese.—Lay judge. A judge who is not learned in the law, t. e., not a lawyer; formerly employed in some of the states as assessors or assistants to the presiding judge in the nisi prius courts or courts of first instance.—Lay people. Jurymen.—Layman. One of the people, and not one of the clergy; one who is not of the legal profession; one who is not of a particular profession.

**LAYE.** L. Fr. Law.

**LAYSTALL.** A place for dung or soil.

**LAZARET, or LAZARETTO.** A pest-house, or public hospital for persons affected with the more dangerous forms of contagious diseases; a quarantine station for vessels coming from countries where such diseases are prevalent.

**LAZZI.** A Saxon term for persons of a servile condition.

**LE CONGRÈS.** A species of proof on charges of impotency in France, collis co-rum testibus. Abolished A. D. 1577.

**Le contrat fait la loi.** The contract makes the law.

**LE GUIDON DE LA MER.** The title of a French work on marine insurance, by an unknown author, datting back, probably, to the sixteenth century, and said to have been prepared for the merchants of Rouen. It is noteworthy as being the earliest treatise on that subject now extant.

**Le lay de Dieu et ley de terre sont tout us; et l'un et l'autre preferre et favor le commun et publique bien del terre.** The law of God and the law of the land are all one; and both preserve and favor the common and public good of the land. Kellw. 191.

**Le lay est le plus haut inheritant que le roy ad. car per le lay il mesme et tout ses sujets sont rules; et, si la ley ne fuit, nul roy ne nul inheritanterra.** 1 J. H. 6, 63. The law is the highest inheritance that the king possesses, for by the law both he and all his subjects are ruled: and, if there were no law, there would be neither king nor inheritance.

**LE ROI, or ROY.** The old law-French words for “the king.”

—Le roi vent en deliberer. The king will deliberate on it. This is the formula which the king of the French used when he intended to veto an act of the legislative assembly. 1 Toullier, no. 42.—Le roy (or le reine) le vent. The king (or the queen) wills it. The form of the royal assent to public bills in par-
liement.—Le roy (or le reine) remercie ses loyal sujets, accepte leur bonté, et ainsi le veut. The king (or the queen) thanks his (or her) loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and therefore willing to be so.

The form of the royal assent to a bill of supply.—Le roy (or la reine) s'aviserà. The king (or queen) will advise upon it. The form of words used to express the refusal of the royal assent to public bills in parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 184. This is supposed to correspond to the judicial phrase “cura ad visari est,” (q. v.) 1 Chit. Bl. Comm. 184. note.

Le salut du peuple est la supreme loi. Montesq. Esprit des Lois, i. xxvii, c. 23. The safety of the people is the highest law.

LEA, or LEY. A pasture. Co. Litt. 4b.

LEAD. The counsel on either side of a litigated action who is charged with the principal management and direction of the party’s case, as distinguished from his juniors or subordinates, is said to “lead in the cause,” and is termed the “leading counsel” on that side.

LEADING A USE. Where a deed was executed before the levy of a tax of land, for the purpose of specifying to whose use the fine should inure, it was said to “lead” the use. If executed after the fine, it was said to “declare” the use. 2 Bl. Comm. 363.

LEADING CASE. Among the various cases that are argued and determined in the courts, some, from their important character, have demanded more than usual attention from the judges, and from this circumstance are frequently looked upon as having settled or determined the law upon all points involved in such cases, and as guides for subsequent decisions, and from the importance they thus acquire are familiarly termed “leading cases.” Brown.

LEADING COUNSEL. That one of two or more counsel employed on the same side in a cause who has the principal management of the cause.

LEADING QUESTION. A question put or framed in such a form as to suggest the answer sought to be obtained by the person interrogating. Coogler v. Rhodes, 38 Fla. 240, 21 South. 111, 56 Am. St. Rep. 170; Gunter v. Watson, 49 N. C. 456; Railway Co. v. Hammon, 92 Tex. 509, 50 S. W. 123; Franks v. Gress Lumber Co., 111 Ga. 87, 38 S. E. 314.

Questions are leading which suggest to the witness the answer desired, or which embody a material fact, and may be answered by a mere negative or affirmative, or which involve an answer bearing immediately upon the merits of the cause, and indicating to the witness a representation which will best accord with the interests of the party propounding them. Turner v. State, 8 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 104, 47 Am. Dec. 74.

A question is leading which puts into a witness’ mouth the words that are to be echoed in back, or plainly suggests the answer which the party wishes to get from him. People v. Mother, 4 Wend. (N. Y.) 225, 247, 21 Am. Dec. 122.

LEAGUE. 1. A treaty of alliance between different states or parties. It may be offensive or defensive, or both. It is offense when the contracting parties agree to unite in attacking a common enemy; defensive when the parties agree to act in concert in defending each other against an enemy. Wharton.

2. A measure of distance, varying in different countries. The marine league, marking the limit of national jurisdiction on the high seas, is equal to three geographical (or marine) miles of 6,075 feet each.

In Spanish and Mexican law, the league, as a legal measure of length, consisted of 5,000 varas, and a vara was equivalent to 33½ English inches, making the league equal to a little more than 2.93 miles, and the square league equal to 4,428 acres. This is its meaning as used in Texas land grants. United States v. Perot, 98 U. S. 428, 25 L. Ed. 251; Hunter v. Morse, 49 Tex. 216. “League and labor,” an area of land equivalent to 4,905 acres. Ammons v. Dwyer, 78 Tex. 639, 15 S. W. 1049. See LABOR.

LEAKAGE. The waste or diminution of a liquid caused by its leaking from the cask, barrel, or other vessel in which it was placed.

Also an allowance made to an importer of liquids, at the custom-house, in the collection of duties, for his loss sustained by the leaking of the liquid from its cask or vessel.

LEAL. L. Fr. Loyal; that which belongs to the law.

LEALTE. L. Fr. Legality; the condition of a legalis homo, or lawful man.

LEAN. To incline in opinion or preference. A court is sometimes said to “lean against” a doctrine, construction, or view contended for, whereby it is meant that the court regards it with disfavor or repugnance, because of its inexpediency, injustice, or inconsistency.

LEAP-YEAR. See BISEXTILE.

LEARNED. Possessing learning; erudite; versed in the law. In statutes prescribing the qualifications of judges, “learned in the law” designates one who has received a regular legal education, the almost invariable evidence of which is the fact of his admission to the bar. See Jamieson v. Wiggins, 12 S. D. 16, 80 N. W. 137, 46 L. R. A. 317, 76 Am. St. Rep. 595; O’Neill v. McKinnon, 116 Ala. 620, 22 South. 905.

LEARNING. Legal doctrine. 1 Leon. 77.
LEASE. A conveyance of lands or tenements to a person for life, for a term of years, or at will. It will also include the right of a return of rent or some other recompense. The person who so conveys such lands or tenements is termed the "lessor," and the person to whom they are conveyed, the "lessee." And when the lessor so conveys lands or tenements to a lessee, he is said to lease, demise, or let them. 4 Cruise, Dig. 58.

A conveyance of any lands or tenements, (usually in consideration of rent or other annual recompense,) made for life, for years, or at will, but always for a less time than the lessor has in the premises; for, if it be for the whole interest, it is more properly an assignment than a lease. 2 Bl. Comm. 317; Shep. Touch. 266; Watk. Conv. 220. And see Sawyer v. Hansen, 24 Me. 545; Thomas v. West Jersey R. C., 101 U. S. 78, 25 L. Ed. 950; Jackson v. Harsen, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 528, 17 Am. Dec. 517; Lacey v. Newcomb, 95 Iowa, 287, 63 N. W. 704; Mayberry v. Johnson, 15 N. J. Law, 121; Milliken v. Faulk, 111 Ala. 658, 20 South. 594; Craig v. Summers, 47 Minn. 189, 49 N. W. 742, 15 L. R. A. 236; Harley v. O'Donnell, 9 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 56.

A contract in writing, under seal, whereby a person having a legal estate in hereditaments, corporeal or incorporeal, conveys a part of his interest to another, in consideration of a certain annual rent or render, or other recompense. Archib. Landl. & Ten. 2.

"Lease" or "hire" is a synallagmatic contract, to which consent alone is sufficient, and by which one party gives to the other the enjoyment of a thing, or his labor, at a fixed price. Civil Code La. art. 2669.

When the contract is bipartite, the one part is called the "lease," the other the "counterpart." In the United States, it is usual that both papers should be executed by both parties; but in England the lease is executed by the lessor alone, and given to the lessee, while the counterpart is executed by the lessee alone, and given to the lessor.

—Concurrent lease. One granted for a term which is to commence before the expiration or other determination of a previous lease of the same premises made to another person; or, in other words, an assignment of a part of the reversion, entitling the lessee to all the rents accruing on the previous lease after the date of his lease and to appropriate remedies against the holding tenant. Cargill v. Thompson, 57 Minn. 334, 59 N. W. 635.—Lease and re-lease. A species of conveyance much used in England, said to have been invented by Sir Jeane Moore, soon after the enactment of the statute of uses. It is thus contrived: A lease, or mortgage, is executed and assigned to some pecuniary consideration for one year, is made by the tenant of the freehold to the lessee or bargainee. This, without any enrolment, makes the bargainor and assigns to the use of the bargainee, and vests in the bargainee the use of the term for one year, and then the statute immediately annexes the possession. Being thus in possession, he is capable of receiving a release of the freehold and reversion, which must be made to the tenant in possession, and afterwards, if the next day a release is granted to him. The lease and release, when used as a conveyance of the fee, have the joint operation of a single conveyance. 2 Bl. Comm. 339; 4 Kent, Comm. 482; Co. Litt. 207; Cruise, Dig. tit. 32, c. 11.—Mining lease. See Mining—Mining lease. A lease of real estate not evidenced by writing, but resting in an oral agreement.—Perpetual lease. A lease of lands which may last without limitation as to time; a grant of lands in fee with the reservation of a rent in fee; a fee-farm. Edwards v. Noel, 88 Mo. App. 434.—Sublease, or underlease. One executed by the lessee of an estate to a third person, conveying the same estate for a shorter term than that for which the lessee holds it.


LEASING, or LESING. Gleaning.

LEASING-MAKING. In old Scotch criminal law. An offense consisting in slanderous and untrue speeches, to the disdain, reproach, and contempt of the king, his council and proceedings, etc. Bell.


LEAVE. To give or dispose of by will. "The word 'leave,' as applied to the subject-matter, prima facie means a disposition by will." Thorley v. Thorley, 10 East, 433; Carr v. Ehungre, 78 Va. 203.

LEAVE AND LICENSE. A defense to an action in trespass setting up the consent of the plaintiff to the trespass complained of.

LEAVE OF COURT. Permission obtained from a court to take some action which, without such permission, would not be allowable; as, to sue a receiver, to file an amended pleading, to plead several pleas. See CopPERTWALT v. Dummer, 18 N. J. Law, 258.

LECCATOR. A debauched person. Cowell.

LECHERWITE, LAIRWITE, or LEGERWITE. A fine for adultery or fornication, anciently paid to the lords of certain manors. 4 Inst. 206.

LECTOR DE LETRA ANTICA. In Spanish law. A person appointed by competent authority to read and decipher ancient writings, to the end that they may be presented on the trial of causes as documents entitled to legal credit. Escruche.

LECTURER. An instructor; a reader of lectures; also a clergyman who assists rectors, etc., in preaching, etc.

LEDGE. In mining law. This term, as used in the mining laws of the United States (Rev. St. § 2322 [U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1423]) and in both legal and popular usage in the western American states, is synonymous with "lode," which see.

LEDGER. A book of accounts in which a trader enters the names of all persons with whom he has dealings; there being two parallel columns in each account, one for the entries to the debit of the person charged, the other for his credit. Into this book are posted the items from the day-book or journal.

-Ledger-book. In ecclesiastical law. The name of a book kept in the prerogative courts in England. It is considered as a roll of the court, but, it seems, it cannot be read in evidence. Bac. Abr.

LEDGREVIUS. In old English law. A lathe-reeve, or chief officer of a lathe. Spenman.

LEDO. The rising water or increase of the sea.

LEET. In English law. The name of a court of criminal jurisdiction, formerly of much importance, but latterly fallen into disuse. See Court-Leet.

LEETS. Meetings which were appointed for the nomination or election of ecclesiastical officers in Scotland. Cowell.

LEGA, or LACTA. The alloy of money. Spenman.

LEGABILIS. In old English law. That which may be bequeathed. Cowell.


-Synonyms. "Legacy" and "bequest" are equivalent terms. But in strict common-law terminology "legacy" and "devise" do not mean the same thing and are not interchangeable, the former being restricted to testamentary gifts of personal property, while the latter is properly used only in relation to real estate. But by construction the word "legacy" may be so extended as to include realty or interests therein, when this is necessary to make a statute cover its intended subject-matter or to effectuate the purpose of a testator as expressed in his will. See In re Roe's Estate, 140 Cal. 282, 78 Pac. 976; In re Karr, 2 How. Prac. N. S. (N. Y.) 400; Bacon v. Bacon, 55 Vt. 247; Roth's Annuity, 94 Pa. 191; Williams v. McComb, 38 N. C. 455; Lasher v. Lasher, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 110; In re Stuart's Will, 115 Wis. 294, 91 N. W. 688; Homes v. Mitchell, 6 N. C. 280, 5 Am. Dec. 527.

Classification.-Absolute legacy. One given with present intention and intended to vest immediately.—Additional legacy. One given to the same legatee in addition to (and not in lieu of) another legacy given before by the same will. In re Codicil thereto.—Alternate legacy. One by which the testator gives one of two or more things without designating which.—Cumulative legacy. One which is liable to take effect or to be defeated according to the occurrence or non-occurrence of some uncertain event. Harker v. Smith, 41 Ohio St. 293, 52 Am. Dec. 427; Markham v. Michel, 22 Mich. 505, 82 N. W. 222, 48 L. R. A. 580, 81 Am. St. Rep. 222.—Contingent legacy. A legacy given to a person at a future uncertain time, that may or may not arrive, as "at his age of twenty-one," or "if" or "when he attains twenty-one." 2 Bl. Comm. 513; 2 Steph. Comm. 259. A legacy made dependent upon some uncertain event. 1 Rob. Leg. 506. A legacy which has not vested. In re Eng's Estate, 177 N. Y. 420, 61 Atl. 764; Russell, 127 Ala. 198, 28 South. 705; Rubencane v. McKee, 6 Del. Ch. 40, 6 Atl. 639.—Cumulative legacies. These are legacies so called to distinguish them from legacies which are merely repeated. In the construction of testamentary instruments, the question often arises whether, where a second legatee has twice bequeathed a legacy to the same person, the legatee is entitled to both, or only to one of them; in other words, whether the second legacy must be considered as a mere repetition of the first, or as cumulative, i. e., additional. In determining this question, the intention of the testator, so far as appears upon the face of the instrument, prevails. Wharton.—Demonstrative legacy. A bequest of a certain sum of money, with a direction that it shall be paid out of a particular fund. It differs from a specific legacy in this respect: that, if the fund out of which it is payable fails for any cause, it is nevertheless entitled to come on the estate as a general legacy. And it differs from a general legacy in this: that it does not abide in that class, but in the class of specific legacies. Appeal of Greenberg, 63 Pa. 316; Kersey v. Sinnott, 179 U. S. 306, 21 Sup. Ct. 223, 45 L. Ed. 339; Gilmer v. Gilmer, 45 Ala. 9; Glass v. Dun, 44 Ohio St. 424; Crawford v. McCarthy, 159 N. Y. 514, 54 N. E. 277; Roquet v. Eldridge, 118 Ind. 147, 20 N. E. 705. A legacy of any amount is ordinarily a general legacy, but there are legacies given for a specific use and in the nature of specific legacies, as of so much money, with reference to a particular fund for payment. This kind of legacy is called by the civilians a "demonstrative legacy," and it is so far general and differs so much in effect from one properly specific that, if the fund be called in or fail, the legatee will not be deprived of his legacy, but be permitted to receive it out of the general assets yet the legacy is so far specific that it will not be liable to abate with general legacies upon a deficiency of assets. 2 Williams, Ex's, 1078.—General legacy. A pecuniary legacy payable out of the personal assets of a testator. 2 Bl. Comm. 512; Ward, Leg. 1, 16. One so given as not to amount to a bequest of a particular thing or particular money of the testator, but to be distributed among others of the same kind; one of quantity merely, not specific. Tift v. Porter, 8 N. Y. 518; In re Barkly, 200 N. Y. 243, 53 N. W. 277, 17 L. R. A. 308, 41 Am. St. Rep. 503; Kelly v. Richardson, 100 Ala. 584, 13 South. 783.—Indefinite legacy. One which passes a pecuniary legacy by a collective term, without enumeration of number or quantity; as, a bequest of "all," the testator's "goods," the "profits," etc. 2 Bl. Comm. 528; Ward, Leg. 84.—Lapsed legacy. Where the legatee dies before the testator, or before the
legacy is payable, the bequest is said to be legate, as it then falls into the residuary fund of the estate.—MODAL legacy. A bequest accomplished in any one of the ways in which it shall be applied for the legatee's benefit, e.g., a legacy to A. to buy Jim a house or horse. See Lown, Leg. 151.—pecuniary legacy. A bequest of a sum of money, or of an annuity. It may or may not specify the fund from which it is to be drawn different places as to the manner in which it shall be applied for the legatee's benefit, e.g., a legacy to A. to buy him a house or horse. See Lown, Leg. 151.—pecuniary legacy. A bequest of a sum of money, or of an annuity. It may or may not specify the fund from which it is to be drawn different places as to the manner in which it shall be applied for the legatee's benefit, e.g., a legacy to A. to buy him a house or horse. See Lown, Leg. 151.

LEGALIS HOMO. Lat. A lawful man; a person who stands rectus in curia; a person not outlawed, excommunicated, or infamous. It occurs in the phrase, "probi et legates homines," (good and lawful men, competent jurors,) and "legality" designates the condition of such a man. Jacob.

LEGALIS MONETA ANGLICAE. Lawful money of England. 1 Inst. 207.

LEGALITY, or LEGALNESS. Lawfulness.

LEGALIZATION. The act of legalizing or making legal or lawful. See LEGALIZE.

LEGALIZE. To make legal or lawful; to confirm or validate what was before void or unlawful; to add the sanction and authority of law to that which before was without or against law.

Legalized nuisance. A nuisance or thing which would constitute a nuisance at common law, but which cannot be objected to by private persons because constructed or maintained under direct and sufficient legislative authority. Such, for example, are hospitals and pesthouses maintained by cities. See Baltimore v. Fairfield Imp. Co., 87 Md. 352, 39 Atl. 1061, 40 L. R. A. 404, 67 Am. St. Rep. 344.

LEGALLY. Lawfully; according to law.

LEGATINE CONSTITUTIONS. The name of a code of ecclesiastical laws, enacted in national synods, besides the legates from Pope Gregory IX. and Clement IV., in the reign of Henry III., about the years 1220 and 1288. 1 Bl. Comm. 83.

LEGARE. Lat. In the civil and old English law. To bequeath; to leave or give by will; to give in anticipation of death. In Scotch phrase, to legate.

LEGATARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. One to whom a thing is bequeathed; a legatee or legatary. Inst. 2, 20, 2, 4, 5, 10; Bract. fol. 40.

In old European law. A legate, messenger, or envoy. Spelman.

LEGATEE. The person to whom a legacy is given. See LEGACY.

Residuary legatee. The person to whom a testator bequeathes the residue of his personal estate, after the payment of such other legacies as are specially mentioned in the will. Frohabe Court v. Matthews, 9 Vt. 274; Lein v. Harbord, 119 Mass. 525; Lafferty v. People's Sav. Bank, 76 Mich. 35, 43 N. W. 34.

LEGATES. Nuncios, deputies, or extraordinary ambassadors sent by the pope to be
his representatives and to exercise his jurisdiction in countries where the Roman Catholic Church is established by law.

**LEGATION.** An embassy; a diplomatic minister and his suite; the person commissioned by one government to exercise diplomatic functions at the court of another, including the minister, secretaries, attachés, interpreters, etc., are collectively styled the "legation" of their government. The word also denotes the official residence of a foreign minister.

**LEGATOR.** One who makes a will, and leaves legacies.

**LEGATORY.** The third part of a free man's personal estate, which by the custom of London, in case he had a wife and children, the free man might always have disposed of by will. Bac. Abr. “Customs of London,” D. 4.

**Legatos violare contra jus gentium est.** 4 Coke, pref. It is contrary to the law of nations to injure ambassadors.

**LEGATUM.** Lat. In the civil law. A legacy; a gift left by a deceased person, to be executed by the heir. Inst. 2, 20, 1.

In old English law. A legacy given to the church, or an accustomed mortuary. Cowell.

**Legatum morte testatoris tantum confirmatur, sicut donatio inter vivos traditione sola.** Dyer, 143. A legacy is confirmed by the death of a testator. In the same manner as a gift from a living person is by delivery alone.

**LEGATUM OPTIONIS.** In Roman law. A legacy to A. B. of any article or articles that A. B. liked to choose or select out of the testator's estate. If A. B. died after the testator, but before making the choice or selection, his representative (heirs) could not, prior to Justinian, make the selection for him, but the legacy failed altogether. Justinian, however, made the legacy good, and enabled the representative to choose. Brown.

**Legatus regis vice fungitur a quo destinatur et honorandus est sicut ille enjus vicem gerit.** 12 Coke, 17. An ambassador fills the place of the king by whom he is sent, and is to be honored as he is whose place he fills.

**LEGEM.** Lat. Accusative of lex, law. Occurring in various legal phrases, as follows:

- *Legem amittere.* To lose one's law; that is, to lose one's privilege of being admitted to take an oath. *Legem facere.* In old English law. To make law or oath. *Legem ferre.* In Roman law. To propose a law to the people

for their adoption. Heinecc. Ant. Rom. lib. 1, tit. 2. *Legem habere.* To be capable of giving evidence upon oath. Witnesses who had been convicted of crime were incapable of giving evidence. Duj. & 7 Vic. c. 85. *Legem jubere.* In Roman law. To give consent and authority to a proposed law; to make or pass it. Tael. Civil Law, 8. *Legem poene.* To propose or pass down the law. By an extremely obscure derivation or analogy, this term was formerly used as a slang equivalent for payment in cash or in ready money. *Legem sciscere.* To make consent and authority to a proposed law; applied to the consent of the people. *Legem vadiare.* In old English law. To wage law; to offer or give pledge to make defense, by oath, with compurgators.

**Legem ternae amittentes, perpetuum infamie notam inde merito incurrunt.** Those who lose the law of the land, then justly incur the ineffaceable brand of infamy. 3 Inst. 221.

**LEGES.** Lat. Laws. At Rome, the leges (the decrees of the people in a strict sense) were laws which were proposed by a magistrate presiding in the senate, and adopted by the Roman people in the comitia centuriata. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 31.

- *Leges Anglias.* The laws of England, as distinguished from the civil law and other foreign systems. *Leges non scriptae.* In English law. Unwritten or customary laws, including those ancient acts of parliament which were made before time of memory. Hale, Com. Law, 5. Sect. 1 Bl. Comm. 63, 64.—*Leges scriptae.* In English law. Written laws; statute laws, or acts of parliament which are originally reduced into writing before they are enacted, or receive any binding power. Hale, Com. Law, 1, 2.—*Leges sub gravierdi leges.* Laws under a weightier law. Hale, Com. Law, 40, 44.—*Leges tabellarii.* Roman laws regulating the mode of voting by ballot, (tabell.) 1 Kent, Comm. 232, note.

*Leges Anglias sunt tripartitates.*—*Jus commune, conspicutinis, ac decreta comitornium.* The laws of England are threefold,—common law, customs, and decrees of parliament.

*Leges agendi et resagendi consuetudine est periculosisissima.* The practice of fixing and retrying [making and remaking] the laws is a most dangerous one. 4 Coke, pref.

*Leges humanae nascentur, vivunt, et mortuunt.* Human laws are born, live, and die. 7 Coke, 23; 2 Atk. 674; 11 C. B. 767; 1 Bl. Comm. 39.

*Leges naturae perfectissimae sunt et immutabiles; humani vero juris condi tio semper in infinitum decurrit, et nihil est in eo quod perpetuo stare possit.* *Leges humanae nascentur, vivunt, et mortuunt.* The laws of nature are most perfect and immutable; but the condition of human law is an unending succession, and there is nothing in it which can continue perpetually. Human laws are born, live, and die. 7 Coke, 25.
LEGES NON VERBIS

Leges non verbis, sed rebus, sunt imposit. Laws are imposed, not on words, but things. 10 Coke, 101; Branch, Princ.

Leges posteriores priores contrarias abrogant. Later laws abrogate prior laws that are contrary to them. Broom, Max. 27, 29.

Leges sumum ligent iatorem. Laws should bind their own maker. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 17, § 11.


LEGIBUS SOLUTUS. Lat. Released from the laws; not bound by the laws. An expression applied in the Roman civil law to the emperor. Calvin.

Legibus sumptis desinentibus, lege nature utendum est. When laws imposed by the state fail, we must act by the law of nature. 2 Rolle, 288.

LEGIOSTUS. In old records. Litigious, and so subjected to a course of law. Cowell.


Leges interpretatio legis vicim obtinet. Ellesm. Postn. 55. The interpretation of law obtains the force of law.

Leges minister non tenetur in executione officii sui, fugere aut retrocedere. The minister of the law is bound, in the execution of his office, not to fly nor to retreat. Branch, Princ.

LEGISLATION. The act of giving or enacting laws. State v. Hyde, 121 Ind. 20, 22 N. E. 644.

LEGISLATIVE. Making or giving laws; pertaining to the function of law-making or to the process of enactment of laws. See Evansville v. State, 118 Ind. 426, 21 N. E. 267, 4 L. R. A. 93.

—Legislative department. That department of government whose appropriate function is the making or enactment of laws, as distinguished from the judicial department, which interprets and applies the laws, and the executive department, which carries them into execution and effect. See In re Davies, 199 N. Y. 89, 61 N. E. 118, 56 L. R. A. 855.—Legislative officer. A member of the legislative body or department of a state or municipal corporation. See Prosecuting Attorney v. Judge of Recorder's Court, 59 Mich. 529, 23 N. W. 694.—Legislative power. The lawmaking power; the department of government whose function is the framing and enactment of laws. Evansville v. State, 118 Ind. 426, 21 N. E. 267, 4 L. R. A.


LEGISLATOR. One who makes laws; a member of a legislative body.

Legislatorum est viva vox, rebus et non verbis legem imponere. The voice of legislators is a living voice, to impose laws on things, and not on words. 10 Coke, 101.

LEGISLATURE. The department, assembly, or body of men that makes laws for a state or nation; a legislative body.

LEGISPETERUS. Lat. A person skilled or learned in the law; a lawyer or advocate. Feud. lib. 2, tit. 1.

LEGIT VEL NON? In old English practice, this was the formal question propounded to the ordinary when a prisoner claimed the benefit of clergy,—does he read or not? If the ordinary found that the prisoner was entitled to clergy, his formal answer was, "Legit ut clericus," he reads like a clerk.

LEGITIM. In Scotch law. The children's share in the father's moveables.

LEGITIMACY. Lawful birth; the condition of being born in wedlock; the opposite of illegitimacy or bastardy. Davenport v. Caldwell, 10 S. C. 337; Pratt v. Pratt, 5 Mo. App. 541.

LEGITIMATE, v. To make lawful; to confer legitimacy; to place a child born before marriage on the footing of those born in lawful wedlock. McKamie v. Baskerville, 88 Tenn. 459, 7 S. W. 194; Blythe v. Ayres, 96 Cal. 332, 31 Pac. 915, 19 L. R. A. 40.

LEGITIMATE, adj. That which is lawful, legal, recognized by law, or according to law; as legitimate children, legitimate authority, or lawful power. Wilson v. Babb, 18 S. C. 68; Gates v. Selbert, 157 Mo. 254, 57 S. W. 1065, 80 Am. St. Rep. 625.

LEGITIMATION. The making legitimate or lawful that which was not originally so; especially the act of legalizing the status of a bastard.

—Legitimation per subsequens matrimonium. The legitimation of a bastard by the subsequent marriage of his parents. Bell.


Legitimum imperanti parare necessario est. Jenk. Cent. 120. One lawfully commanding must be obeyed.
LEGITIMI HÆREDES. Lat. In Roman law. Legitimate heirs; the agnate relations of the estate-leaver; so called because the inheritance was given to them by law of the Twelve Tables.

LEGITIMUS. Lawful; legitimate. Legitimus hæres et filius est quem nuptias demonstrantis, a lawful son and heir is he whom the marriage points out to be lawful. Bract. fol. 68.


LEGRUITA. In old records. A fine for criminal conversation with a woman.

LEGULEIUS. A person skilled in law, (in legibus versatus;) one versed in the forms of law. Calvin.

LEIGOLAVE. An officer under the Saxo-Saxon government, who had jurisdiction over a lath. Enc. Lond. See LATH.

LEIPA. In old English law. A fugitive or runaway.

LEND. To part with a thing of value to another for a time fixed or indefinite, yet to have some time in ending, to be used or enjoyed by that other, the thing itself or the equivalent of it to be given back at the time fixed, or when lawfully asked for, with or without compensation for the use as may be agreed upon. Kent v. Quicksilver Min. Co., 78 N. Y. 177.

LENDER. He from whom a thing is borrowed. The bailor of an article loaned.

LENT. In ecclesiastical law. The quadragesimal fast; a time of abstinence; the time from Ash-Wednesday to Easter.

LEOD. People; a people; a nation. Spelman.

LEODES. In old European law. A vassal, or liege man; service; a VECER or SCROGILD. Spelman.


LEONINA SOCIETAS. Lat. An attempted partnership, in which one party was to bear all the losses, and have no share in the profits. This was a void partnership in Roman law; and, apparently, it would also be void as a partnership in English law, as being inherently inconsistent with the notion of partnership. (Dig. 17, 2, 29, 2) Brown.

LEP AND LACE. A custom in the manner of Writtle, in Essex, that every cart which goes over Greenbury within that manor (except it be the cart of a nobleman) shall pay 4d. to the lord. Blount.

LEPORARIUS. A greyhound. Cowell.

LEPORIUM. A place where hares are kept. Mon. Angl. t. 2, p. 1035.

LEPROSUS. L. Lat. A leper.
—Leopro amovendo. An ancient writ that lay to remove a leper or leasar, who thrust himself into the company of his neighbors in any parish, either in the church or at other public meetings, to their annoyance. Reg. Orig. 237.

LESCHEWES. Trees fallen by chance or wind-falls. Brooke, Abr. 341.

LESE MAJESTY. The old English and Scotch translation of "lesa majestas," or high treason. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 6.


In the civil law. The injury suffered by one who does not receive a full equivalent for what he gives in a commutative contract. Civil Code La. art. 1800. Inequality in contracts. Poth. Obl. no. 83.

In medical jurisprudence. Any change in the structure of an organ due to injury or disease, whether apparent or diagnosed as the cause of a functional irregularity or disturbance.

LESPENGEND. An inferior officer in forests to take care of the vert and venison therein, etc. Wharton.

LESSEE. He to whom a lease is made. He who holds an estate by virtue of a lease. Viterbo v. Friedlander, 120 U. S. 707, 7 Sup. Ct. 962, 30 L. Ed. 776.

—Lessor of the plaintiff. In the action of ejectment, this was the party who really and in effect prosecuted the action and was interested in its result. The reason of his having been so called arose from the circumstance of the action having been carried on in the name of a nominal plaintiff, (John Doe,) to whom the real plaintiff had granted a fictitious lease, and thus had become his lessor.


LESTAGE, LASTAGE. A custom for carrying things in fairs and markets. Fleta. l. 1, c. 47; Termes de la Ley.

LESTAGEFRY. Lestage free, or exempt from the duty of paying ballast money. Cowell.
LESTAGIUM. Lastage or lestage; a duty laid on the cargo of a ship. Cowell.

LESWES. Pastures. Domesday; Co. Litt. 4b. A term often inserted in old deeds and conveyances. Cowell.

LET, v. In conveying. To demise or lease. "To let and set" is an old expression.

In practice. To deliver. "To let to ball" is to deliver to ball on arrest.

In contracts. To award to one of several persons, who have submitted proposals therefor, the contract for erecting public works or doing some part of the work connected therewith, or rendering some other service to government for a stipulated compensation.

Letting the contract is the choosing one from among the number of bidders, and the formal making of the contract with him. The letting, or putting out, is a different thing from the invitation to make proposals; the letting is subsequent to the invitation. It is the act of awarding the contract to the proposer, after the proposals have been received and considered. See Eppes v. Railroad Co., 35 Ala. 33, 55.

In the language of judicial orders and decrees, the word "let" (in the imperative) imports a positive direction or command. Thus the phrase "let the writ issue as prayed" is equivalent to "it is hereby ordered that the writ issue," etc. See Ingram v. Laroussini, 50 La. Ann. 60, 23 South. 498.

LET, a. In old conveying. Hindrance; obstruction; interruption. Still occasionally used in the phrase "without any let, suit, trouble, etc.

LET IN. In practice. To admit a party as a matter of favor; as to open a judgment and let the defendant in to a defense.


LETTRADO. In Spanish law. An advocate. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 1, c. 1, § 3, note.

LETTER. 1. One of the arbitrary marks or characters constituting the alphabet, and used in written language as the representatives of sounds or articulations of the human organs of speech. Several of the letters of the English alphabet have a special significance in jurisprudence, as abbreviations and otherwise, or are employed as numerals.

2. A dispatch or epistle; a written or printed message; a communication in writing from one person to another at a distance. U. S. v. Huggett (C. C.) 40 Fed. 640; U. S. v. Denicke (C. C.) 35 Fed. 400.

3. In the imperial law of Rome, "letter" or "epistle" was the name of the answer returned by the emperor to a question of law submitted to him by the magistrates.

4. A commission, patent, or written instrument containing or attesting the grant of some power, authority, or right. The word appears in this generic sense in many compound phrases known to commercial law and jurisprudence; e. g., letter of attorney, letter missive, letter of credit, letters patent. The plural is frequently used.

5. Metaphorically, the verbal expression; the strict literal meaning. The letter of a statute, as distinguished from its spirit, means the strict and exact force of the language employed, as distinguished from the general purpose and policy of the law.

6. He who, being the owner of a thing, lets it out to another for hire or compensation.

—Letter-book. A book in which a merchant or trader keeps copies of letters sent by him to his correspondents. —Letter-carrier. An employee of the post-office, whose duty it is to carry letters to and from the post-office to the persons to whom they are addressed. —Letter missive. In English law. A letter from the king or queen to a dean and chapter, containing the name of the person whom he would have them elect as bishop. 1 Steph. Comm. 603. A request addressed to a peer, peeress, or lord of parliament against whom a bill has been filed desiring the defendant to appear and answer to the bill.

In civil-law practice. The phrase "letters missive," or "letters dimissory," is sometimes used to denote the papers sent up or down by the judge or court below to the superior tribunal, otherwise called the "apostles," (q. v.) —Letter of abatement. In Scotch law. The process or warrant by which, on appeal to the supreme court or court of session, that tribunal assumes to itself jurisdiction of the cause, and discharges the lower court from all further proceedings in the action. Ersk. Inst. 732.

—Letter of credence. In international law. The document which accredits an ambassador to the court or government to which he is sent; i. e., certifies to his appointment and qualification, and bespeaks credit for his official business and representation. —Letter of exchange. A bill of exchange, (q. v.) —Letter of license. A letter or written instrument given by creditors to their debtor, who has failed in trade, etc., allowing him a longer time for the payment of his debts, and protecting him from arrest in the mean time. Tomlins; Holtouse.—Letter of marque. A commission given to a private ship by a government to make reprisals on the ships of another state; hence, also, the ship thus commissioned. U. S. v. The Ambrose Light (D. C.) 27 Fed. 408; Gibbons v. Fitingham, 6 N. J. Law, 255.—Letter of recall. A document addressed by the executive of one nation to that of another, informing the latter that a minister sent by the former has been recalled.—Letter of redefaults. A document embodying the formal action of a government upon a letter of recall of a minister by the former has been recalled.—Letter of redefaults. A document embodying the formal action of a government upon a letter of recall of a minister by the diplomatic agent of another state, in which he is recalled.—Letters close. In English law. Close letters are grants of the king, and, being of private concern, are therefore, like other private letters, letters of absolution. Absolutive letters, used in former times, when an abbot released any of his brethren or a monastic subject from obedience, etc., and made them capable of entering
into some other order of religion. Jacob.—Letters of correspondence. In Scotch law, letters are admissible in evidence against the panel in a manumission or criminal trials. A letter written by the panel is evidence against him; not so one from a third person, unless in his possession. Letters of fire and sword. See FIRE AND SWORD.

—Letters of request. A formal instrument by which an inferior judge of ecclesiastical jurisdiction requests the judge of a superior court to take and determine any matter which has come before him, thereby waiving or admitting his jurisdiction in the matter. This is a Bills of beginning a suit originally in the court of arches, instead of the consistory court.—Letters of safe conduct. No subject of a nation at war with England can, by the law of nations, come into the realm, nor can travel himself upon the high seas, or send his goods and merchandise from one place to another, without danger of being seized, unless he has letters of safe conduct, which, by divers old statutes, must be granted under the great seal, and enrolled in chancery, or else are of no effect; the sovereign being the best judge of such emergencies as may deserve exemption from the general law of arms. A letter of safe conduct from the ambassador abroad are now more usually obtained, and are allowed to be of equal validity. Wharton.—Letters of slains, or slanes. Letters written by the relatives of a person who had been slain, declaring that they had received an asylum, and concuring in an application to the crown for a pardon to the offender. These or other evidences of their concurrence were necessary to found the application. Bell.—Letters rogatory. A formal communication in writing, sent by a court in which an action is pending to a court or judge of a foreign country, requesting that the testimony of a witness resident within the jurisdiction of the latter court may be there formally taken under its direction and transmitted to the first court for use in the pending action. This process was also in use, at an early period, between the several states of the Union. The request rests entirely upon the comity of courts towards each other. See Union Square Bank v. Reichmann, 9 App. Div. 596, 41 N. Y. Supp. 602.—Letters testamentary. The formal instrument of authority and appointment given to a execut or by the person, empowering him to enter upon the discharge of his office as execut or. It corresponds to letters of administration granted to an administratrix. As to letters of "Administration," "Advice," "Attorney," "Credit," "Homing," "Recommendation," see those titles. As to "Letters Patent," see PATENT.

LETTING OUT. The act of awarding a contract; e.g., a construction contract, or contract for carrying the mails.

LETTER. Fr. In French law. A letter. It is used, like our English "letter," for a formal instrument giving authority.

—Lettres de cachet. Letters issued and signed by the kings of France, and countersigned by a secretary of state, authorizing the imprisonment of a person. It is said that they were devised by Père Joseph, under the administration of Richelieu. They were at first made use of as a means of currying the course of justice; but during the reign of Louis XIV, they were obtained by any person of sufficient influence with the king or his ministers. Under these persons were imprisoned for life, or for a long period on the most frivolous pretexts, for the gratification of private pique or revenge, and without any reason being assigned for such punishment. They were also granted by the king for the purpose of shielding his favorites or their friends from the consequences of their crimes; and thus were as pernicious in their operation as the protection afforded by the church to criminals in a former age. Abolished during the Revolution of 1789. Wharton.

LEUCA. In old French law. A league, consisting of fifteen hundred paces. Spelman.

In old English law. A league or mile of a thousand paces. Domesday; Spelman. A privileged space around a monastery of a league or mile in circuit. Spelman.

LEVANDE NAVIS CAUSA. Lat. For the sake of lightening the ship; denotes a purpose of throwing overboard goods, which renders them subjects of general average.

LEVANT ET COUCHANT. L. Fr. Rising up and lying down. A term applied to trespassing cattle which have remained long enough upon land to have lain down to rest and risen up to feed; generally the space of a night and a day, or, at least, one night.

LEVANTES ET CUBANTES. Rising up and lying down. A term applied to cattle. 3 Bl. Comm. 9. The Latin equivalent of "levant et couchant."

LEVARI FACIAS. Lat. A writ of execution directing the sheriff to cause to be made of the lands and chattels of the judgment debtor the sum recovered by the judgment. Pentland v. Kelly, 6 Watts & S. (Pa.) 484.

Also a writ to the bishop of the diocese, commanding him to enter into the benefit of a judgment debtor, and take and sequester the same into his possession, and hold the same until he shall have levied the amount of the judgment out of the rents, tithes, and profits thereof.

—Levare facias damnum de dissisitoribus. A writ formerly directed to the sheriff for the levy of damages, which a dissembler had been condemned to pay to the disseisor. Cowell.—Levare facias residuum debiti. An old writ directed to the sheriff for levying the remnant of a partly satisfied debt upon the lands and tenements or chattels of the debtor. Cowell.

LEVATO VELO. Lat. An expression used in the Roman law, and applied to the trial of wreck and salvage. Commentators disagree about the origin of the expression; but all agree that its general meaning is that these causes shall be heard summarily. The most probable solution is that it refers to the place where causes were heard. A sull was spread before the door and officers employed to keep strangers from the tribu-
LEVREE. An embankment or artificial mound of earth constructed along the margin of a river, to confine the stream to its natural channel or prevent inundation or overflow. State v. New Orleans & N. E. R. Co., 42 La. Ann. 158, 7 South. 226; Royse v. Evansville & T. I. R. Co., 190 Ind. 592, 67 N. E. 446. Also (probably by an extension of the foregoing meaning) a landing place on a river or lake; a place on a river or other navigable water for landing and unloading goods and for the reception and discharge of passengers to and from vessels lying in the contiguous waters, which may be either a wharf or pier or the natural bank. See Coffin v. Portland (C. C.) 27 Fed. 415; St. Paul v. Railroad Co., 63 Minn. 330, 68 N. W. 458, 34 L. R. A. 184; Napa v. Howland, 57 Cal. 94, 25 Pac. 247.

LEVIX. A municipal subdivision of a county (which may or may not be a public corporation) organized for the purpose, and charged with the duty, of constructing and maintaining such levees within its territorial limits as are to be built and kept up at public expense and for the general public benefit. See People v. Levee Dist. No. 6, 131 Cal. 30, 93 Pac. 876.

LEVYABLE. That which may be levied. That which is a proper or permissible subject for a levy; as, a "leviable interest" in land. See Bray v. Ragsdale, 53 Mo. 172.

LEVIR. In Roman law. A husband's brother; a wife's brother-in-law. Calvin.

LEVIS. Lat. Light; slight; trifling. Levis culpa, slight fault or neglect. Levista culpa, the slightest neglect. Levi nova, a slight mark or brand. See Brand v. Schenectady & T. R. Co., 8 Barb. (N. Y.) 378.

LEVITICAL DEGREES. Degrees of kindred within which persons are prohibited to marry. They are set forth in the eighteenth chapter of Leviticus.

LEVY, v. To raise; execute; exact; collect; gather; take up; seize. Thus, to levy (raise or collect) a tax; to levy (raise or set up) a nuisance; to levy (acknowledge) a fine; to levy (inaugurate) war; to levy an execution, i. e., to levy or collect a sum of money on an execution.

In reference to taxation, the word "levy" is used in two different senses. In the first place, and more properly, it means to lay or impose a tax. This is a legislative function, and includes a determination that a tax shall be imposed, and also the ascertaining of the amount necessary or desirable to be raised, the amount or rate to be imposed, and the subjects or persons to contribute to the tax. The obligation resulting from a "levy" in this sense falls upon the collective body of taxpayers or the community, not (as yet) upon individuals.

But in another sense, it means the imposition of the tax directly upon the person or property involved (probably by analogy to the "levy" of an execution or other writ), and includes the assessment of persons or property, the entering of their several names on the tax books and the entire process of collecting the taxes. See State v. Lakeside Land Co., 71 Minn. 283, 73 N. W. 970; Morton v. Comptroller General, 4 Rich. (S. C.) 430; Emerick v. Alvarado, 94 Cal. 653, 2 Pac. 415; Moore v. Foote, 32 Miss. 479; Valle v. Fargo, 1 Mo. App. 347; Perry County v. Railroad Co., 58 Ala. 556; Rhoads v. Given, 6 Houst. (Del.) 188; U. S. v. Port of Mobile (C. C.) 12 Fed. 770.

LEVY, n. In practice. A seizure; the raising of the money for which an execution has been issued.

Equity v. Levy. The lien in equity created by the filing of a creditors' bill to subject real property of the debtor, and of a lis pendens, is sometimes so called. Miller v. Sherry, 2 Wall. 240, 17 L. Ed. 276; Mandeville v. Campbell, 45 App. Div. 512, 61 N. Y. Supp. 443; George v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 44 Fed. 120.

LEVY COURT. A court formerly existing in the District of Columbia. It was a body charged with the administration of the ministerial and financial duties of Washington county. It was charged with the duty of laying out and repairing roads, building bridges, providing poor-houses, laying and collecting the taxes necessary to enable it to discharge these and other duties, and to pay the other expenses of the county. It had capacity to make contracts in reference to any of these matters, and to raise money to meet such contracts. It had perpetual succession, and its functions were those which, in the several States, are performed by "county commissioners," "overseers of the poor," "county supervisors," and similar bodies with other designations. Levy Court v. Coroner, 2 Wall. 507, 17 L. Ed. 851.

In Delaware, the "levy court" is an administrative board elected and organized in each county, composed of from five to thirteen "commissioners," who, in respect to taxation, perform the functions of a board of equalization and review and also of a board to supervise the assessors and collectors and audit and adjust their accounts, and who also have certain powers and special duties in respect to the administration of the poor laws, the system of public roads and the officers in charge of them, the care of insane paupers and convicts, the government and administration of jails, school districts, and various other matters of local concern. See Rev. St. Del. 1836, c. 8; Mealey v. Buckingham, 6 Del. Ch. 356, 22 Atl. 357.

LEVYING WAR. In criminal law. The assembling of a body of men for the purpose of effecting by force a treasonable object:
and all who perform any part, however minute, or however remote from the scene of action, and who are leagued in the general conspiracy, are considered as engaged in liverying war, within the meaning of the constitution. Const. art. 3, § 3; Ex parte Bollman, 4 Cranch, 76, 2 L. Ed. 564.

LEWDNESS. Licentiousness; an offense against the public economy, when of an open and notorious character; as by frequenting houses of ill fame, which is an indictable offense, or by some grossly scandalous and public indecency, for which the punishment at common law is fine and imprisonment. Wharton. See Brooks v. State, 2 Yerg. (Tenn.) 483; U. S. v. Males (D. C.) 51 Fed. 42; Comm. v. Wardell, 128 Mass. 54, 35 Am. Rep. 357; State v. Baugeus, 109 Iowa, 107, 78 N. W. 598.

LICENSEDNESS. Lewd or lascivious behavior practiced without disguise, secrecy, or concealment. The adjective relates to the quality of the act, not to the place nor to the number of the respondents. The Alien Sentian law, respecting wiles, passed by the consuls of Rome. 427 BC. The casuists or counsellors of the senate, or of the eunuchs, on the motion of a magistrate of senatorial rank, as a consult, a praetor, or a dictator. Such a statute frequently took the name of the proposer; as the law of the Gallic, lex Cornelia, etc.

LEX. Lat. In the Roman law. Law; a law; the law. This term was often used as the synonym of jus, in the sense of a rule of civil conduct authoritatively prescribed for the government of the actions of the members of an organized jural society.

In a more limited and particular sense, it was a resolution adopted by the whole Roman people "populus" (patricians and plebeians) in the comitia, on the motion of a magistrate of senatorial rank, as a consult, a praetor, or a dictator. Such a statute frequently took the name of the proposer; as the lex Gallica, lex Cornelia, etc.

LEX. Eu hutia. A statute which introduced and authorized new and more simple methods of instituting actions. Lession. The Alien Sentian law, respecting wiles, passed by the consuls of Rome. 427 BC. The casuists or counsellors of the senate, or of the eunuchs, on the motion of a magistrate of senatorial rank, as a consult, a praetor, or a dictator.

LEX. Annulla. A statute which reduced the official term of the censors at Rome from five years to a year and a half, and provided for the discharge of their peculiar functions by the consuls in the interim until the time for a new census. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 29. LEX. agraria. The agrarian law. A law proposed by Tiberius Gracchus, A. U. C. 620, that no one should possess more than five hundred acres of land; and that three commissioners should be appointed to divide among the poorer people what any one had above that extent. LEX. Anastasiana. A law which provided that a third person who purchased a claim or debt for less than its true or nominal value should not be permitted to recover from the debtor more than the price paid with lawful interest. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 494. LEX. Aquaela. A law giving to one of several joint sureties or guarantors, who had paid more than his proportion of the debt, a right of reimbursement against his co-sureties as if a partnership existed between them. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 494, note 2. LEX. Aquatia. The Aquilian law; a celebrated law passed on the proposition of the tribune C. Aquilius Gallus, A. U. C. 672, regulating the compensation to be made for the damages caused by the individuals, either in the cases of killing or wounding the slave or beast of another. Inst. 2, 3; Calv. LEX. Atilius. A law relating to the form and prosecution of actions for the specific chattels other than money. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 263. LEX. Clodia. A law prohibiting gifts or donations of property beyond a certain measure, except in the case of near kindred. LEX. Claudia. A law which abolished the ancient guardianship of adult women by their male agnate relations. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 615. LEX. Cornelia. The Cornelian law; a law passed by the dictator L. Cornelius Sylla, providing remedies for certain injuries, as for burning, forcible entry of another's house, etc. Calv. LEX. Cornelia de falsis et venenatis. The Cornelian law respecting assasins and poisoners. Passed by the dictator Sylla. 82 B. C. LEX. Faelicid. The Faelicid law; a law passed on the motion of the tribune P. Faelicidius, A. U. C. 713, forbidding a testator to give more than one-third of his estate, or, in other words, requiring him to leave at least one-fourth to the heir. Inst. 2, 22; Heinecc. Elem. lib. 2, tit. 22. LEX. Caninia. A law of the Caninia law; a law passed in the consulsip of P. Furius Camillus and C. Caninius Gallus, A. U. C. 752, prohibiting masters from manumitting their slaves more than a certain proportion of their slaves. This law was abrogated by Justinian. Inst. 1, 7; Heinecc. Elem. lib. 1, tit. 7. LEX. Genus. A law which entirely forbade the charging or taking of interest for the use of money among Roman citizens, but which was usually and easily evaded, as it did not declare an agreement for interest to be a nullity. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 824. LEX. Henrici. An important constitutional statute, taking its name from the consul who secured it, to the extent that five and a hundred decrees passed in the meetings of the plebeians should be laws for the whole people; formerly they were binding only on the plebeians. Rom. Law, § 32. LEX. Hostilia de furta. A Roman law, which provided that a prosecution for theft might be carried on without the owner's intervention. 4 Steph. Comm. (4th Ed.) 118. LEX. Julia. Several statutes bore this name, being distinguished by the addition of words descriptive of their subject matter. The "lex Julia de adulterinis" related to marriage, dower, and kindred subjects. The "lex Julia de cessione honorum" related to bankruptcies. LEX. Julia de majestate. The majesty of majesty; a law promulgated by Julius Caesar, and again published with additions by Augustus, comprehending all the laws before enacted to protect the honor and dignity of Roman citizens. Calv. LEX. Popea. Popeus. The Papian Poppean law; a law proposed by the consuls Papius and Popeus at the desire of Augustus, A. U. C. 762. LEX. Popea. A law relating to the Lex Julia de cessione honorum. Inst. 3, 8, 2. LEX. Plectoria. A law designed for the protection of minors against frauds and allowing the deposent to apply for the appointment of a guardian.

In a somewhat wider and more generic sense, a law (whatever its origin) or the aggregate of laws, relating to a particular subject-matter, thus corresponding to the mean-
The law of the word "law" in some modern phrases, such as the "law of evidence," "law of wills," etc.

-Lex commissoria. A law by which a debtor and creditor might agree (where a thing had been pledged to the latter to secure the debt) that if the debt was not paid at the day, the pledge should become the absolute property of the creditor. 2 Kent. Comm. 383. This was abolished by a law of Constantine. A law according to the subject of the pledge, that if the price of the thing sold were not paid within a certain time, the sale should be void. Dig. 18, 2, 13; 3, 5; 5, 5; MacKeld. Rom. Law, § 40; Heinecc. Rom. Ant. 1, 1, cit. 2, § 62-67; 1 Kent, Comm. 544, note. -Lex Pretoria. The presidential law. A law by which every freedman who by a deed given himself to a public office, was to leave a moiety to his patron. Inst. 3, 8, 1. The term has been applied to the rules that govern in a court of equity. Gilb. Ch. pt. 2.

Other specific meanings of the word in Roman jurisprudence were as follows: Positive law, as opposed to natural. That system of law which descended from the Twelve Tables, and formed the basis of all the Roman law. The terms of a private covenant; the condition of an obligation. A form of words prescribed to be used upon particular occasions.

In medieval jurisprudence. A body or collection of various laws given to a particular nation or people; not a code in the modern sense, but an aggregation or collection of laws not codified or systematized. See Mackel. Old. Rom. Law, § 98. Also a similar collection of laws relating to a general subject, and not peculiar to any one people.

-Lex Alamannorum. The law of the Aleman; first reduced to writing from the customs of the country, by Theodorich, king of the Franks, A.D. 512. Amended and re-enacted by Clovis (Bajuvariorum, or Bajuvarorum). The law of the Bavarians, a barbarous nation of Europe, first collected (together with the law of the Franks and Alemanni) by Theodoric I., and finally completed and promulgated by Dagobert. Spelman.

-Lex barbara. The barbarian law. The laws of those nations that were not subject to the Roman empire were so called. Spelman.

-Lex Bretonia. The Breton or Irish law, overthrown by King John. See Breton Law. -Lex Bretoniae. The law of the ancient Britons, or Marches of Wales. Cowell.

-Lex Burgundonum. The law of the Burgundians, a barbarous nation of Europe, first compiled and published by Gundeclau, one of the last of their kings, about A.D. 500. Spelman.

-Lex Danorum. The law of the Danes: Dane-law or Icelandic law. Ford. -Lex et consuetudinum. The law of the Franks; promulgated by Theodoric I., son of Clovis I., at the same time with the law of the Alemanni and Bavarians. Spelman. The law of the Saxon name of an ancient code of laws among people, framed, probably, between the fifth and eighth centuries. It continued in force after the incorporation of Lombardy into the empire of Charlemagne, and traces of its institution are said to be still discoverable in some parts of Italy. -Lex mercatoria. The law-mercati, or code of trade. It was adopted by all commercial nations, and constitutes a part of the law of the land. -Lex Rhodia. The Rhodian law, particularly the fragment of the law of the sons of the inhabitants of Rhodos. [Rhodi-.t-] preserved in the Pandects. Dig. 14, 2, 1; 5 Kent. Comm. 232, 233. -Lex Salica. The Salic law, or code of the Salian Franks. It was the feminine race which settled in Gaul in the fifth century. This ancient code. said to have been compiled about the year 420, embraced the laws and customs of that people, and is of great historical value, in connection with the origins of feudalism and similar subjects. Its most celebrated provision was one which declared men from the inheritance of landed estates, by an extension of which law females were always excluded from succession to the crown of France. Hence this provision, by itself, of law, which is referred to as the "Salic Law." -Lex talionis. The law of retaliation; which requires the infliction upon a wrongdoer of the same injury which he has caused to another. Expressed in Roman law by the formula, "an eye for an eye;" a tooth for a tooth," etc. In modern international law, the term is used to denote the rule by which a state may inflict upon the citizens of another state death, imprisonment, or other hardship, in retaliation for similar injuries imposed upon its own citizens. -Lex Wallonorum. The Welsh law; the law of Wales. Blount. -Lex Wigis- thorum. The law of the Visigoths, or Western Goths who settled in Spain; first reduced to writing A.D. 465. A revision of these laws was made by Egges. Spelman.

In old English law. A body or collection of various laws, and particularly the Roman or civil law. Also a form or mode of trial or process of law, as the ordeal or battle, or the oath of a party with compurgators, as in the phrases legem facere, legem vadiare, etc. Also used in the sense of legal rights or civil rights or the protection of the law, as in the phrase legem amittere.

-Lex Anglice. The law of England. The common law. Or, the curtesy of England. -Lex Alamica. The law of the Alamanni, or outlawed person. Bract. lib. 4, c. 19. -Lex apostata. A thing contrary to law. Jacob. -Lex apparentis. In old English and Norman law. Apparent or manifest law. A term used to denote the trial by battle or duel, and the trial by ordeal. "Iac" having the sense of process of law. Called "apparent" because the plaintiff was obliged to make his right clear by the testimony of witnesses, before he could obtain an order from the court to summon the defendant. This procedure was laid down by the custom of the county, or that administered in the county court before the earl or his deputy. Spelman.

-Lex communia. The common law. See Jus COMMUNIAE. -Lex deesamia. The proof of a thing which one desires to be done by him, where another affirms it; defeating the assertion of his adversary, and establishing it by evidence or probability. This was used among the old Romans, as well as the Normans. Cowell.

-Lex et consuetudini parlamentari. The law and custom in the parliament. The houses of parliament constitute a court not only of legislation, but also of justice, and have their own rules, by which the conduct of the members therein is regulated. May, Parl. Par. 186 (8th Ed.) 38-61. -Lex et consuetudini regali. The law and custom of the realm. One of the names of
the common law. Hale, Com. Law, 32. — Lex
imperatoria. The Imperial or Roman law.
Quoted under this name, by Plutus, lib. 1, c. 38.
§ 15; 1d., lib. 3, c. 10. § 3. — Lex judicialis.
An ordeal. — Lex manifesta. Manifest or open
law: the trial by duel or ordeal. The same
with lex antiqua. The law derived from a
chant (chapter 38) and the articles of that chant
(chapter 28) the word "manifestum" is omitted.
— Lex non scripta. The unwritten or com-
mon law. It includes general rules or
particular customs, and particular local laws. — Lex san-
ramentalis. Purgation by oath. — Lex scripta.
Written law. — The law derived, not from
usage, but from express legislative enact-
ment: statute law. 1 Bl. Comm. 62. 85. — Lex
termi. The law of the land. The common
law, as the due course of the common
law; the general law of the land. Bract. fol. 176. Equiva-
lent to "due process of law." In the strictest
sense, trial by oath; the privilege of making
oath. Bracton uses the phrase to denote a
freeman's privilege of being sworn in court as a
juror or witness, which jurors convicted of per-
jury (tempus amiantum). Bract. fol. 2292.

In modern American and English jur-
sprudence. A system or body of laws,
written or unwritten, or so much thereof as
may be applicable to a particular case or
question, considered as being local or per-
curis, to a given state, country, or juris-
diction, or as being different from the laws or
rules relating to the same subject-matter
which prevail in some other place.

— Lex domicilii. The law of the domicile. 2
Kent, Comm. 112. 453. — Lex fori. The law
of the forum, or court: that is, the positive law
of the state, country, or jurisdiction of whose
judges a court is. A suit is brought or remedies sought, or an appeal is
instituted, and the lex loci has no application. 2 Kent,
Comm. 462. "The remedies are to be governed
by the laws of the country where the suit is
brought; or, as it is commonly expressed, by the lex
fori." Bank of United States v. Don-
nally, 8 Pet. 301, 312, 5 L. Ed. 974. "So far as the
laws of the state, country, or jurisdiction of the
place where the suit is brought are concerned, it is governed by the
law of the place where the suit is brought; or, as
it is commonly expressed, by the lex fori." Warren
v. Copelin, 4 Metc. (Mass.) 394, 397. See Lex
loci contractus. — Lex loci. The law of the
place. This may be of the following several
descriptions: Lex loci contractus, the law of the
place where the contract was entered into or to be
performed; lex loci actus, the law of the
place where the act was done; lex loci rei sitae, the law of the
place where the subject-matter is situated; lex loci domicilii, the law of the
place of domicile; lex loci delicti, the law of the
place where the crime occurred; lex loci
reiciendi sitae. The law of the place of
the contract. The local law which governs as to the nature, construction,
and validity of a contract. See Pritchard v.
Norton, 100 U. S. 24, 18 St. 722, 27 L. Ed. 104; Gibson v. Connecticut F. Ins. Co. (C.
C.) 77 Fed. 563. — Lex loci delicti. The law of
the place where the crime was committed. — Lex
loci reiciendi sitae. The law of the place where a
thing is situated. "It is equally settled in the law of all civilized countries that real
property, as of tenancy, estate, or lease, tenure, transfer, and descent, is to be regulated by the lex
loci reiciendi sitae." 2 Kent, Comm. 420. — Lex loci
solutionis. The law of the place of solution; the law of the place where payment or perform-
ance of a contract is to be made. — Lex ordi-
nandi. The same as lex fori, (q. v.). — Lex rei
sitae. The law of the place of situation of the
thing. — Lex situs. Modern law Latin for "the
law of the place where property is situated." The general rule is that lands and other
immovables are governed by the lex situs; i. e., by the law of the country in which they are

Lex equitatis gaudet. Law delights in

Lex aliquando sequitur equitatem. Law
sometimes follows equity. 3 Wils. 119.

Lex Angliae est lex misericordiæ. 2
Inst. 315. The law of England is a law of
mercy.

Lex Angliae non patitur absurdum. 9
Coke, 22a. The law of England does not
suffer an absurdity.

Lex Angliae nunquam matris sed sementis
patris conditionem imitatur partum judicat. Co. Litt. 123. The law of England
rules that the offspring shall always follow
the condition of the father, never that of the
mother.

Lex Angliae nunquam sine parlemento
mutari potest. 2 Inst. 218. The law of
England cannot be changed but by parli-
ament.

Lex beneficialis rei consimili remedium
praestat. 2 Inst. 699. A beneficial law af-
For a remedy for a similar case.

Lex citius tolerare vult privatum dam-
num quam publicum malum. The law will
more readily tolerate a private loss than a

Lex contra id quod presumit, proba-
tionem non recipit. The law admits no
proof against that which it presumes. Lofft,
573.

Lex de futuro, judex de præterito. The
law provides for the future, the judge for
the past.

Lex defæcre non potest in justitia ex-
hibenda. Co. Litt. 197. The law cannot be
defective in dispensing justice.

Lex dilationes semper exhorret. 2
Inst. 240. The law always abhors delays.

Lex est ab aeterno. Law is from ever-
lasting. A strong expression to denote the
34, case 66.

Lex est dictamen rationis. Law is the
dictate of reason. Jenk. Cent. p. 117, case
33. The common law will judge according
to the law of nature and the public good.
LEX EST NORMA RECTI

Lex est norma recti. Law is a rule of right. Branch, Princ.

Lex est ratio summa, que jubet que sunt utilia et necessaria, et contraria prohibet. Law is the perfection of reason, which commands what is useful and necessary, and forbids the contrary. Co. Litt. 3190; 1d. 975.

Lex est sanctio sancta, jubens honesta, et prohibens contraria. Law is a sacred sanction, commanding what is right, and prohibiting the contrary. 2 Inst. 587.

Lex est tutissima cassis; sub clypeo legis nemo decipitur. Law is the safest helmet; under the shield of the law no one is deceived. 2 Inst. 58.


Lex fugit ubi subsistit equitas. 11 Coke, 90. The law makes use of a fiction where equity subsists.

Lex intendit vicinum vicini facta scire. The law intends (or presumes) that one neighbor knows what another neighbor does. Co. Litt. 789.

Lex judicat de rebus necessario facienda quasi re ipsa facta. The law judges of things which must necessarily be done as if actually done. Branch, Princ.

Lex necessitatis est lex temporis; i.e., instantiae. The law of necessity is the law of the time; that is, of the instant, or present moment. Hob. 159.

Lex neminem cogit ad vana seu inutilia peragendi. The law compels no one to do vain or useless things. Co. Litt. 1070; Broom, Max. 222; 5 Coke, 21a.

Lex neminem cogit ostendere quod nescire presumitur. Loft, 559. The law compels no one to show that which he is presumed not to know.

Lex nemini facit injuriam. The law does injury to no one. Branch, Princ.

Lex nemini operatur iniquum. The law works injustice to no one. Jenk. Cent. p. 18, case 33.


Lex nil frustra jubet. The law commands nothing vainly. 3 Bulst. 280.

Lex non a rege est violanda. Jenk. Cent. 7. The law is not to be violated by the king.

LEX RESPICIT AQVITATEM

Lex non cogit ad impossibilita. The law does not compel the doing of impossibilities. Broom, Max. 242; Hob. 96.

Lex non curat de minimis. Hob. 88. The law cares not about trifles.


Lex non favet delicatorum votis. The law favors not the wishes of the dainty. Broom, Max. 379; 9 Coke, 58.

Lex non intendit aliquid impossibile. The law does not intend anything impossible. 12 Coke, 89a. For otherwise the law should not be of any effect.

Lex non patitur fractiones et divisiones statuum. The law does not suffer fractions and divisions of estates. Branch, Princ.; 1 Coke, 87a.

Lex non precipit inutilia, quia inutilia labor statutus. Co. Litt. 197. The law commands not useless things, because useless labor is foolish.

Lex non requirit verificari quod apparent curis. The law does not require that to be verified [or proved] which is apparent to the court. 9 Coke, 54b.

Lex plus laudatur quando ratione probatur. The law is the more praised when it is approved by reason. Broom, Max. 159.

Lex posterior derogat priori. A later statute takes away the effect of a prior one. But the later statute must either expressly repeal, or be manifestly repugnant to, the earlier one. Broom, Max. 29; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 7.

Lex prospicit, non respicit. Jenk. Cent. 284. The law looks forward, not backward.


Lex respicit aquitatem. Co. Litt. 24b. The law pays regard to equity.
LEX SCRIPTA SI COSET

LEX SCRIPTA SI COSET, IE CUSTODIRI EPORTET QUOD MORIBUS ET CONSERVANDI INDUCTIONEM EST; ET, SI QUA IN RE HOC DEFECERIT, TUNE ID QUD PROXIMUM ET CONSEQVENS EI EST; ET, SI ID NON APPAREAT, TUNE JUS QUO URBE ROMANA UTILITUR SERVARI EPORTET. 7 COKE, 19. IF THE WRITTEN LAW BE SILENT, THAT WHICH IS DRAWN FROM MANNERS AND CUSTOM OUGHT TO BE OBSERVED; AND, IF THAT IS IN ANY MANNER DEFECTIVE, THEN THAT WHICH IS NEXT AND ANALOGOUS TO IT; AND, IF THAT DOES NOT APPEAR, THEN THE LAW WHICH ROME USES SHOULD BE FOLLOWED. THIS MAXIM OF LORD COKE IS SO FAR FOLLOWED AT THE PRESENT DAY THAT, IN CASES WHERE THERE IS NO PRECEDENT OF THE ENGLISH COURTS, THE CIVIL LAW IS ALWAYS HEARD WITH RESPECT, AND OFTEN, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY, FOLLOWED. WHARTON.

LEX SEMPER DABIT REMEDIV. THE LAW WILL ALWAYS GIVE A REMEDY. BRANCH, PRINC.; BROOM, MAX. 192.

LEX SEMPER INTENDIT QUOD CONVENIV RATION. CO. LITT. 786. THE LAW ALWAYS INTENDS WHAT IS AGREEABLE TO REASON.


LEX SUCCURRIT IGNORANTI. JENK. CENT. 16. THE LAW ASSISTS THE IGNORANT.

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LEY CIVIL. IN OLD ENGLISH LAW. THE CIVIL OR ROMAN LAW. YEARB. H. 8 EDW. III. 42. OTHERWISE TERMED "LEY SCRIPITUR," THE WRITTEN LAW. YEARB. 10 EDW. III. 24-LEY GERER. LAW WAGER; WAGER OF LAW; THE GIVING OF GAGE OR SECURITY BY A DEFENDANT THAT HE WOULD MAKE OR PERFECT HIS LAW AT A CERTAIN DAY. LITT. § 514; CO. LITT. 2046, 2053.

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LEZE-MAJESTY. AN OFFENSE AGAINST SOVEREIGN POWER; TREASON; REBELLION.

LIABILITY. THE STATE OF BEING BOUND OR OBLIGED IN LAW OR JUSTICE TO DO, PAY, OR MAKE GOOD SOMETHING; LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY. WOOL V. CURRER, 57 CAL. 209; McBIRFRESH V. KIRKENDALL, 36 IOWA, 225; BENGIS V. BOWLING, 106 KY. 575, 51 S. W. 151; JOHNSTON V. NEW JERSEY CAR-SPRING CO. 36 N. J. LAW, 145.

LIBEL. 1. BOUND OR OBLIGED IN LAW OR EQUITY; RESPONSIBLE; CHARGEABLE; ANSWERABLE; CONCAMPABLE TO MAKE SATISFACTION, COMPENSATION, OR RESTITUTION.

2. EXPOSED OR SUBJECT TO A GIVEN CONTINGENCY, RISK, OR CASUALTY, WHICH IS MORE OR LESS PROBABLE.

-LIMITED LIABILITY. THE LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF A JOINT-STOCK COMPANY MAY BE EITHER UNLIMITED OR LIMITED; AND, IF THE LATTER, THEN THE LIMITATION OF LIABILITY IS EITHER THE AMOUNT, IF ANY, UNPAID ON THE SHARES, IN WHICH CASE THE LIMIT IS SAID TO BE "BY SHARES," OR SUCH AN AMOUNT AS THE MEMBERS GUARANTEE IN THE EVENT OF THE COMPANY BEING WOUND UP, IN WHICH CASE THE LIMIT IS SAID TO BE "BY GUARANTEE." BROWN.-PERSONAL LIABILITY. THE LIABILITY OF THE STOCKHOLDERS IN CORPORATIONS, UNDER CERTAIN STATUTES, BY WHICH THEY MAY BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEBTS OF THE CORPORATION, EITHER TO THE EXTENT OF THE PAR VALUE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE HOLDINGS OF STOCK, OR TO TWICE THAT AMOUNT, OR WITHOUT LIMIT, OR OTHERWISE, AS THE PARTICULAR STATUTE DIRECTS.

LIARD. AN OLD FRENCH COIN, OF SILVER OR COPPER, FORMERLY CURRENT TO A LIMITED EXTENT IN ENGLAND, AND THERE COMPUTED AS EQUIVALENT TO A Farthing.

LIBEL. V. IN ADMIRALTY PRACTICE. TO PROCEED AGAINST, BY FILING A LIBEL; TO SEIZE UNDER ADMIRALTY PROCESS, AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF A SUIT. ALSO TO DEFAME OR INJURE A PERSON'S REPUTATION BY A PUBLISHED WRITING.

LIBELL. N. IN PRACTICE. THE INITIATORY PLEADING ON THE PART OF THE PLAINTIFF OR COMPLAINANT IN AN ADMIRALTY OR ECCLESIASTICAL CAUSE, CORRESPONDING TO THE DECLARATION, BILL, OR COMPLAINT.

IN THE SCOTCH LAW IT IS THE FORM OF THE COMPLAINT OR GROUND OF THE CHARGE ON WHICH EITHER A CIVIL ACTION OR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION TAKES PLACE. BELL.

IN TERTS. THAT WHICH IS WRITTEN OR PRINTED, AND PUBLISHED, CALCULATED TO INJURE THE CHARACTER OF ANOTHER BY BRINGING HIM INTO RIDICULE, HATRED, OR CONTEMPT. PALMER V. CONCORD, 48 N. H. 211, 97 AM. DEC. 605; NELGLEY V. FARRLOW, 60 MD. 175, 45 AM. REP. 715; WESTON V. WESTON, 83 APP. DIV. 530, 82 N. Y. SUPP. 531; COLLINS V. DISPATCH PUB. CO., 132 PA. 187, 25 ATI. 546, 34 AM. ST. REP. 636; HARTFORD V. STATE, 96 IND. 465, 49 AM. REP. 153.

LIBEL IS A FALSE AND UNPRIVILEGED PUBLICATION BY WRITING, PRINTING, PICTURE, EFFIGY, OR OTHER FIXED REPRESENTATION TO THE EYE WHICH EXPOSES ANY PERSON TO HATRED, CONTEMPT, RIDICULE, OR OBLOQUIE, OR WHICH CAUSES HIM TO BE SHUNNED OR AVOIDED, OR WHICH HAS A TENDENCY TO INJURE HIM IN HIS OCCUPATION. CIV. CODE CAL. § 45.

A LIBEL IS A FALSE AND MALICIOUS DEFAMATION OF ANOTHER, EXPRESSED IN PRINT OR WRITING OR PICTURES OR SIGNS, TENDING TO INJURE THE REPULSIVE
tation of an individual, and exposing him to public hatred, contempt, or ridicule. The publication of the libel must be essential to recovery. Code Ga. 1882, § 274.

A libel is a malicious defamation, expressed either by writing, printing, or by signs or pictures, or the like, tending to blacken the memory of one who is dead, or to impeach the honesty, integrity, virtue, or reputation, or publish the natural or alleged defects, of one who is alive, and thereby to expose him to public hatred, contempt, or ridicule. Pen. Code Cal. § 248; Rev. Code Iowa 1850, § 4097; Bac. Abr. tit. "Libel," 1 Hawk. P. C. 1, 73; § 1; Com. v. Clap, 4 Mass. 108, 3 Am. Dec. 212; Clark v. Binney, 2 Pick. (Mass.) 115; Ryckman v. Delavan, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 198; Root v. King, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 620.

A libel is a censorious or ridicule writing, picture, or sign made with a malicious intent. State v. Farley, 4 McCord (S. C.) 317; People v. C. W. Well, 3 Johns. Cas. 236; Steele v. Southwick, 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 215; McCorkle v. Binns, 5 Bin. (Pa.) 348; 6 Am. Dec. 422, 430, 433.

Any publication the tendency of which is to degrade or injure another person, or to bring him into contempt, ridicule, or hatred, or which accusing him of a crime punishable by law, or of an act odious and disgraceful in society, is a libel. Baxter v. Spear, 4 Mason, 115, Fed. Cas. N. Y. 523; White v. Nichols, 3 How. 291. 11 L. Ed. 591.

A libel is a publication, without justification or lawful excuse, of words calculated to injure the reputation of another, and expose him to hatred or contempt. Whitney v. Janeville Gazette, 5 Blst. 330, Fed. Cas. No. 17,500.

Everything, written or printed, which reflects on the character of another, and is published without lawful justification or excuse, is a libel, whatever the intention may have been. O'Brien v. Clement, 15 Mee. & W. 435.

Criminal libel. A libel which is punishable criminally; one which tends to excite a breach of the peace. Moon v. Mayo. 14 Ala. 50. 10 South. 670; State v. Shaffner, 2 Pennewill (Del.) 171. 44 Atl. 629; People v. Nettles, 90 N. Y. 293; 24 N. Y. Supp. 727.—Libel of accusation. In Scotch law. The instrument which contains the charge against a person accused of a crime. Libels are of two kinds, namely, indictment and criminal letter.—Seditious libel. In English law. A written or printed document containing seditious matter or published with a seditious intention, the latter term being defined as "an intention to bring into hatred or contempt, or to excite disaffection against, the king or the government and constitution as by law established, or either house of parliament, or the administration of justice, or to excite British subjects to attempt or obstruct by lawful means the alteration of any matter in church or state by law established, or to promote feelings of ill will or hostility between different classes." 1 Dicey, Const. (4th Ed.) 251. 222. See Black. Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 654.

LIBELANT. The complainant or party who files a libel in an ecclesiastical or admiralty case, corresponding to the plaintiff in actions at law.

LIBELLE. A party against whom a libel has been filed in an ecclesiastical court or in admiralty.

LIBELLUS. Lat. In the civil law. A little book. Libellus supply, a petition, especially to the emperor, all petitions to whom must be in writing. Libellus recensere, to mark on such petition the answer to it. Libellus apere, to assist or counsel the emperor in regard to such petitions. Libellus accusatorius, an information and accusation of a crime. Libellus divortii, a writing of divorce. Libellus rerum, an inventory. Calvin. Libellus or oratio consultatrix, a message by which emperors laid matters before the senate. Id.

In feudal law. An instrument of alienation or conveyance, as of a fief, or a part of it.

Libellus conventionis. In the civil law. The statement of a plaintiff's claim in a petition presented to the magistrate, who directed an answer thereto to the defendant Libellus famosus. In the civil law. A defamatory publication; a publication injuriously affecting a character; a libel. Inst. 4, 4, 1; Dig. 47, 19; Cod. 9, 36.

LIBELLOUS. Defamatory; of the nature of a libel; constituting or involving libel.

Libellos per se. A defamatory publication is libellous per se when the words are of such a character that an action may be brought upon them without the necessity of showing any special damage, the imputation being such that the law will presume that any one so slandered must have suffered damage. See Mayrant v. Richardson, 1 Nott. & Mel. (N. C.) 346; 4 Am. Dec. 707; Woolworth v. Star Co., 97 App. Div. 525, 90 N. Y. Supp. 147; Morse v. Times-Republican Printing Co. 124 Iowa. 307, 100 N. W. 1067.

LIBER, n. Lat. A book, or whatever material composed; a main division of a literary work.

Liber assisarum. The Book of Assizes. A collection of cases that arose on assises and other trials before the great council of the crown, and was the first book of the reports of the reign of Edward III. 3 Reeve, Enc. Law, 148.—Liber fendentum. The book of feuds. This was a compilation of feudal law, prepared by order of the emperor Frederick I., and published at Milan in 1170. It comprised five books, of which only the first two are now extant with fragmentary portions of the others. —Liber judicidialis of Alfred. Alfred's dome-book. See DOMESDAY.—Liber judicidialium. The book of judgment, or doom-book. The Saxon Domboc. Conjectured to be a book of statutes of ancient Saxon kings.—Liber niger. Black book. A name given to several ancient records. Liber niger domus regis. (The black book of the king's household.) The title of a book in which there is an account of the household establishment of King Edward IV., and of the several musicians retained in his service, as well for his private amusement as for the service in his chapel. Enc. Lord. Liber niger seecearum. The black book of the exchequer, attributed to Gervase of Tilbury. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 229, note.—Liber ruber seecearum. The red book of the exchequer. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 229, note.
LIBER, adj. Lat. Free; open and accessible, as applied to courts, places, etc.; of the state or condition of a freeman, as applied to persons.

—Liber bancus. In old English law. Free bench. Bract. fol. 978. —Liber et legislic homo. In old English law. A free and law- ful man. A term applied to a juror, from the earliest period. —Liber homo. A free man; a freeman; a person sufficiently competent to act as juror. Ld. Raym. 417; Kebl. 563. An alodial proprietor, as distinguished from a vassal or feudatory. This was the sense of the term in the laws of the barbarous nations of Europe.

LIBERA. A livery or delivery of so much corn or grass to a customary tenant, who cut down or prepared the said grass or corn, and received some part or small portion of it as a reward or gratuity. Cowell.

LIBERA. Lat. (Feminine of liber, adj.) Free; at liberty; exempt; not subject to toll or charge.

—Liberam balata. In old records. A free boat; the right of having a boat to fish in a certain water; a species of free fishery. —Libera chasa haenda. A judicial writ granted to a fisher for a free chase belonging to his manor after proof made by inquiry of a jury that the same of right belongs to him. Wharton.—Libera ekenomyza. In old English law. Free sails; frank tonnage. Bract. fol. 278. —Libera falda. In old English law. Frank fold; free fold; free foldage. 1 Leon. 11. —Libera lex. In old English law. Free law; frank law; the law of the land. The law enjoyed by free and lawful men, as distinguished from such men as have lost the benefit and protection of the law in consequence of crime. Hence this term denoted the status of a man who stood guiltless before the law, and was free, in the sense of being entitled to its full protection and benefit. Amittere liberam legem (to lose one's free law) was to fall from that status by crime or infamy. See Co. Litt. 942. —Libera piscaria. In old English law. A free fishery. Co. Litt. 122a.—Libera war- ren. In old English law. Free warren. (q.v.)

LIBERAM LEGEM AMITTERE. To lose one's free law, (called the villainous judgment,) to become discreditied or disabled as juror and witness, to forfeit goods and chattels and lands for life, to have those lands wasted, houses razed, trees rooted up, and one's body committed to prison. It was anciently pronounced against conspirators, but is now disused, the punishment substituted being fine and imprisonment. Hawk. P. C. 61, c. lxix., s. 9; 3 Inst. 221.

LIBERARE. Lat. In the civil law. To free or set free; to liberate; to give one his liberty. Calvin.

In old English law. To deliver, transfer, or hand over. Applied to writs, panels of jurors, etc. Bract. fols. 116, 1768.

Liberaa pecunia non liberat omissitatem. Co. Litt. 207. Money being restored does not set free the party offering.

LIBERATE. In old English practice. An original writ issuing out of chancery to BL.LAW DICT. (2d Ed.)—48 the treasurer, chamberlains, and barons of the exchequer, for the payment of any annual pension, or other sum. Reg. Orig. 198; Cowell.

A writ issued to a sheriff, for the delivery of any lands or goods taken upon forfeits of recognizance. 4 Coke, 64b.

A writ issued to a gaoler, for the delivery of a prisoner that had put in bail for his appearance. Cowell.

LIBERATIO. In old English law. Livery; money paid for the delivery or use of a thing.

In old Scotch law. Livery; a fee given to a servant or officer. Skene.

Money, meat, drink, clothes, etc., yearly given and delivered by the lord to his domestic servants. Blount.

LIBERATION. In the civil law. The extinguishment of a contract, by which he who was bound becomes free or liberated. Wolf, Inst. Nat. § 740. Synonymous with "payment." Dig. 50, 10, 47.

LIBERI. In Saxon law. Freemen; the possessors of alodial lands. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 5.

In the civil law. Children. The term included "grandchildren."

LIBERTAS. Lat. Liberty; freedom; a privilege; a franchise.

—Libertas ecclesiastic. Church liberty, or ecclesiastical immunity.

Libertas est naturalis facultas ejus quod unique facere libet, nisi quod de jure ant vi prohibet. Co. Litt. 116. Liberty is that natural faculty which permits every one to do anything he pleases except that which is restrained by law or force.

Libertas inestimabilis res est. Liberty is an inestimable thing; a thing above price. Dig. 50, 17, 106.


Libertas omnibus rebus favorabilior est. Liberty is more favored than all things, [anything.] Dig. 50, 17, 122.

Libertates regales ad coronam spectantes ex concessione regum à coronâ exteriorunt. 2 Inst. 496. Royal franchises relating to the crown have emanated from the crown by grant of kings.

LIBERTATIBUS ALLOCANDIS. A writ lying for a citizen or burgess, impeled contrary to his liberty, to have his privilege allowed. Reg. Orig. 202.
LIBERTATIBUS EXIGENDIS

LIBERTATIBUS EXIGENDIS IN ITINERE. An ancient writ whereby the king commanded the justices in eyre to admit of an attorney for the defense of another's liberty. Reg. Orig. 19.

LIBERTI, LIBERTINI. Lat. In Roman law. Freedman. There seems to have been some difference in the use of these two words; the former denoting the manumitted slaves considered in their relations with their former master, who was now called their "patron;" the latter term describing the status of the same persons in the general social economy of Rome.

LIBERTICIDE. A destroyer of liberty.

LIBERTIES. Privileged districts exempt from the sheriff's jurisdiction; as, "gaol liberties" or "jail liberties." See GAOL.

Libertium ingratum leges civiles in pristinam servitutem redigunt; sed leges Anglie semel manumissionem semper liberorum ducunt. Co. Litt. 137. The civil laws reduce an ungrateful freedman to his original slavery; but the laws of England regard a man once manumitted as ever after free.


"Liberty," as used in the provision of the fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution, forbidding the states to deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, includes, it seems, not merely the right of a person to be free from physical restraint, but to be free in the enjoyment of all his faculties in all lawful ways; to live and work where he will; to earn his livelihood by any lawful calling; to pursue any livelihood or avocation; and for that purpose to enter into all contracts which may be proper, necessary, and essential to carrying out the purposes above mentioned. Allgeyer v. State of Louisiana, 17 Sup. Ct. 421, 105 U. S. 578, 41 L. Ed. 632.

2. The word also means a franchise or personal privilege, being some part of the sovereign power, vested in an individual, either by grant or prescription.

3. In a derivative sense, the term denotes the place, district, or boundaries within which a special franchise is enjoyed, an immunity claimed, or a jurisdiction exercised.

In this sense, the term is commonly used in the plural; as the "liberties of the city," the "northern liberties of Philadelphia."

Civil Liberty. The liberty of a member of society, being a man's natural liberty, so far restrained by the laws and (and) his duty to the community as is necessary and expedient for the general advantage of the public. 1 Bl. Comm. 125; 2 Steph. 457. The law gives to the power of doing all acts which are not against the laws permit. 1 Bl. Comm. 6; Inst. 1, 3, 1. See People v. Berberrich, 20 Barb. (N. Y.) 321; In re Ferrier, 102 U. S. 372, 4 Am. Rep. 207; Dennis v. Moses, 18 Wall. 337, 52 Pac. 383, 61 P. 302; State v. Kreutzberg, 114 Wis. 530, 90 N. W. 1093, 58 L. R. A. 748, 91 Am. St. Rep. 534; Houghton v. Mitchell, 69 Ala. 670; Gagnon, 14 Misc. Rep. 334, 36 N. Y. Supp. 122. The greatest amount of absolute liberty which can, in the nature of things, be equally possessed by every citizen in a state, Bouvier, Guaranteed by the constitution and laws of a state to express opinions and facts by word and by press,不受限制 by any censorship or restrictions of government. Liberty of the press. Liberty of the globe. In the civil liberty, a license or permission incorporated in a vessel operating in and from ports other than the principal port of destination. See Allegre v. Maryland Ins. Co., 8 Gill & J. (Md.) 200, 23 Am. Dec. 530. Liberty of consociation. Religious liberty, as defined below. Liberty of speech. Freedom accorded by the constitution or laws of a state to express opinions and facts by word and by press, not controlled by any censorship or restrictions of government. Liberty of the press. Liberty of the globe. In the marine insurance, a license or permission incorporated in a vessel operating in and from ports other than the principal port of destination. See Allegre v. Maryland Ins. Co., 8 Gill & J. (Md.) 200, 23 Am. Dec. 530. Liberty of the press.
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—Religious liberty. Freedom from dictation, constraint, or control in matters affecting the conscience, religious beliefs, and the practice of religion; freedom to entertain and express any or no system of religious opinions, and to engage in or refrain from any form of religious observance or public or private religious worship, not inconsistent with the peace and good order of society and the general welfare. See Frazier's Case, 63 Mich. 396, 30 N. W. 72, 6 Am. St. Rep. 310; State v. White, 64 N. H. 48, 5 Atl. 828.

Liberrum corpus nullam recipit estimatiorem. Dig. 9, 3, 7. The body of a free man does not admit of valuation.


LIBERUM SERVITIUM. Free service. Service of a warlike sort by a feodatory tenant; sometimes called "servitium liberum armorum." Jacob.

Service not unbecoming the character of a freeman and a soldier to perform; as to serve under the lord in his wars, to pay a sum of money, and the like. 2 Bl. Comm. 60.


LIBERUM TENEMENTUM. In real law. Freehold. Frank-tenement.

In pleading. A plea of freehold. A plea by the defendant in an action of trespass to real property that the locus in quo is his freehold, or that of a third person, under whom he acted. 1 Tidd, Pr. 645.

LIBLAC. In Saxon law. Witchcraft, particularly that kind which consisted in the compounding and administering of drugs and philters. Sometimes occurring in the Latinized form liblacum.

LIBRA. In old English law. A pound; also a sum of money equal to a pound sterling.

—Libra area. A pound burned; that is, melted, or assayed by melting, to test its purity. Libra area, peso fundido, and weighed. A frequent expression in Domesday, to denote the purer coin in which rents were paid. Spelman; Cowell.—Libra numerata. A pound of money counted instead of being weighed. Spelman.—Libra pensa. A pound of money by weight. It was usual in former days not only to sell the money, but to weigh it; because many cities, lords, and bishops, having their mints, coined money, and often very bad money, too; for which reason, though the pound consisted of 20 shillings, they weighed it. Enc. Lond.

LIBRARIUS. In Roman law. A writer or amanuensis; a抄写员. Dig. 50, 17, 82.

LIBRATA TERRAE. A portion of ground containing four oxgangs, and every oxgang fourteen acres. Cowell. This is the same with what in Scotland was called "poundland" of old extent. Wharton.

LIBRIPENS. In Roman law. A weigher or balance-holder. The person who held a brazen balance in the ceremony of emancipation per as et libram. Inst. 2, 10, 1.

Librorum appellationes continentur omnis volumina, sive in charta, sive in membrana sint, sive in quavis alia materia. Under the name of books are contained all volumes, whether upon paper, or parchment, or any other material. Dig. 32, 62, pr.

LICENCIADO. In Spanish law. An attorney or advocate; particularly, a person admitted to the degree of "Licentiate in Jurisprudence" by any of the literary universities of Spain, and who is thereby authorized to practice in all the courts. Escricha.

LICENSE. In the law of contracts. A permission, accorded by a competent authority, conferring the right to do some act which without such authorization would be illegal, or would be a trespass or a tort. State v. Hipp, 38 Ohio St. 226; Youngblood v. Sexton, 32 Mich. 466, 20 Am. Rep. 694; Huhman v. State, 61 Ark. 492, 33 S. W. 843, Chicago v. Collins, 175 Ill. 445, 51 N. E. 907, 49 L. R. A. 408, 67 L. R. A. 224. Also the written evidence of such permission.


It is distinguished from an "esasement," which implies an interest in the land to be affected, and a "lease," or right to take the profits of land. It may be, however, and often is, coupled with a grant of some interest in the land itself, or right to take the profits. 1 Washb. Real Prop. *398.

In pleading. A plea of justification to an action of trespass that the defendant was authorized by the owner of the freehold to commit the trespass complained of.

In the law of patents. A written authority granted by the owner of a patent to
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another person empowering the latter to make or use the patented article for a limited period or in a limited territory.

In international law. Permission granted by a belligerent state to its own subjects, or to the subjects of the enemy, to carry on a trade interdicted by war. Whent. Int. Law, 447.

-High license. A system for the regulation and restriction of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, of which the distinguishing feature is the grant of licenses only to carefully selected persons and charged with an issue fee so great in amount as automatically to limit the number of retailors.—Letter of license. In English law, a written instrument in the nature of an agreement, signed by all the creditors of a failing or embarrassed debtor in trade, granting him an extension of time for the payment of the debts, allowing him in the mean time to carry on the business in the hope of recuperation, and protecting him from arrest, suit, or other interference pending the agreement. This form is not usual in America; but something similar to it is found in the "composition" or "extension agreement," by which all the creditors agree to fund their claims in the form of promissory notes, concurrent as to date and maturity, sometimes payable serially and sometimes extending over a term of years.

Provided it is often made for the supervision or partial control of the business, in the mean time, by a trustee or a committee of the creditors, in which case the agreement is sometimes called a "deed of insolvency," though this term is more commonly used in England than in the United States.—License cases. The name given to a group of cases, including Peirce v. New Hampshire, 5 How. 504, 12 L. Ed. 258, decided by the United States supreme court in 1857, to the effect that state laws requiring a license or the payment of a tax for the privilege of selling intoxicating liquors were not in conflict with the constitutional provision giving to congress the power to regulate interstate commerce, even as applied to liquors imported from another state and remaining in the original and unopened packages. This decision was overruled in Leisy v. Hardway, 137 U. S. 100, 10 Sup. Ct. 681, 34 L. Ed. 128, which in turn was counteracted by the act of congress of August 5, 1890, commonly called the "Wilson law."—License fee or tax. The price paid to governmental or municipal authority for a license to practice in and pursue a particular calling. See Human Ins. Co. v. Augusta, 50 Ga. 537; Levi v. Louisville, 97 Ky. 394, 30 S. W. 973, 28 L. R. A. 480.—License in amortisation. A license authorizing a conveyance of property which, without it, would be invalid under the statutes of mortmain.—Marriage license. A written license or permission granted by public authority to persons who intend to intermarry, usually addressed to the minister or magistrate who is to perform the ceremony, or, in general terms, to any one authorized to solemnize marriage.—Registrar's license. In English law, a license issued by an officer of that name authorizing the solemnization of marriage without the use of the religious ceremony ordained by the Church of England.—Red license. In Canadian law, a license, granted on payment of a tax or fee, permitting the licensee to Ang fish (particularly salmon) which are otherwise protected or preserved.—Special license. In English law. One granted by the archbishop of Canterbury to authorize a marriage at one time or place whatever. 2 Steph. Comm. 247, 255.

LICENSED VICTUALLER. A term applied in England, to all persons selling any kind of intoxicating liquor under a license from the justices of the peace. Wharton.

LICENSEE. A person to whom a license has been granted.

In patent law. One who has transferred to him, either in writing or orally, a less or different interest than either the interest in the whole patent, or an undivided part of such whole interest, or an exclusive sectional interest. Potter v. Holland, 4 Blatchf. 211, Fed. Cas. No. 11,529.

Licensing acts. This expression is applied by Hallam (Const. Hist. c. 13) to acts of parliament for the restraint of printing, except by license. It may also be applied to any act of parliament passed for the purpose of requiring a license for doing any act whatever. But, generally, when we speak of the licensing acts, we mean the acts regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors. Money & Whitley.

LICENSOR. The person who gives or grants a license.

LICENTIA. Lat. License; leave; permission.

-Licentia concordandi. In old practice and conveyancing. License or leave to agree; one of the proceedings on levying a fine of land. 2 Bl. Comm. 356.—Licentia inquendi. In old practice. Leave to speak (i.e., with the plaintiff) an impair; or rather leave to impair. 3 Bl. Comm. 289.—Licentia surgendi. In old English practice. License to arise; permission given by the court to a tenant in a real action, who had cast an essoin de male dicti, to arise out of his bed, which he could not do without such permission, and after being viewed by four knights appointed for the purpose. Bract. fol. 355.—Licentia transfrantia. A writ or warrant directed to the keeper of the port of Dover, or other seaport, commanding him to let such persons pass over sea as have obtained the royal license thereunto. Reg. Orig. 163.

LICENTIATE. One who has license to practice any art or faculty.

LICENTIOUSNESS. The indulgence of the arbitrary will of the individual, without regard to ethics or law, or respect for the rights of others. In this, it differs from "liberty" for the latter term may properly be used only of the exercise of the will in its moral freedom, with justice to all men and obedience to the laws. Welch v. Durand, 36 Conn. 184, 4 Am. Rep. 35; State v. Brignan, 94 N. C. 889.

In a narrower and more technical sense, the word is equivalent to lewdness or lasciviousness. Holton v. State, 28 Fl. 303, 9 South. 716.

LICER. Lat. To be lawful; to be allowed or permitted by law. Calvin.

LICERI, LICERI. Lat. In Roman law. To offer a price for a thing; to bid for it.
LICTET. Lat. From the verb "licere," (q. v.) Although; notwithstanding. Importing, in this sense, a direct affirmation. Also, it is allowed, it is permissible.

-Licet sepius requisitae. (Although often requested.) In pleading. A phrase used in the old Latin forms of declarations, and literally translated in the modern precedents. Yeal. 66; 2 Chit. Pl. 90; 1 Chit. Pl. 331. The clause in a declaration which contains the general averment of a request by the plaintiff of the defendant to pay the sums claimed is still called the "licet sepius requisitae."

Licit dispositivo de interesse futuro sit inutilis, tamen potest fieri declaratio precedens que sortiatur effectum, interveniente novo actu. Although the grant of a future interest be inoperative, yet a declaration precedent may be made, which may take effect provided a new act intervene. Bac. Max. pp. 60, 61, reg. 14; Broom, Max. 408.

Licta bene miscenatur, formula nisi juris obstet. Lawful acts [done by several authorities] are well mingled, [i.e., become united or consolidated into one good act,] unless some form of law forbid. Bac. Max. p. 94, reg. 24.

LICITACION. In Spanish law. The offering for sale at public auction of an estate or property held by co-heirs or joint proprietors, which cannot be divided up without detriment to the whole.

LICITARE. Lat. In Roman law. To offer a price at a sale; to bid; to bid often; to make several bids, one above another. Calvin.

LICITATION. In the civil law. An offering for sale to the highest bidder, or to him who will give most for a thing. An act by which co-heirs or other co-proprietors of a thing in common and undivided between them put it to bid between them, to be adjudged and to belong to the highest and last bidder, upon condition that he pay to each of his co-proprietors a part in the price equal to the undivided part which each of the said co-proprietors had in the estate licited, before the adjudication. Poth. Cont. Sale, nn. 516, 638.

LICITATOR. In Roman law. A bidder at a sale.

LICKING OF THUMBS. An ancient formality by which bargains were completed.

LIDFORD LAW. A sort of lynching law, whereby a person was first punished and then tried. Wharton.

LIE. To sublet; to exist; to be sustainable; to be proper or available. Thus the phrase "an action will not lie" means that an action cannot be sustained, or that there is no ground upon which to found the action.

-Lie in franchise. Property is said to "lie in franchise" when it is of such a nature that the persons entitled thereto may seize it without the aid of a court; e.g., wrecks, waifs, estrays.

-Lie in grant. Incorporeal hereditaments are said to "lie in grant," i.e., they pass by force of the grant (deed or charter) without livery. Lie in livery. A term applied to corporeal hereditaments, freeholds, etc., signifying that they pass by livery, not by the mere force of the grant. Lie in wait. See LYING IN WAIT.

LIE TO. To adjoin. A cottage must have had four acres of land lioed to it. See 2 Show. 279.

LIEFENTAN. An old form of "lieutenant," and still retained as the vulgar pronunciation of the word.

LIEGE. In feudal law. Bound by a feudal tenure; bound in allegiance to the lord paramount, who owned no superior.

In old records. Full; absolute; perfect; pure. Lige widowhood was pure widowhood. Cowell.

-Liege homage. Homage which, when performed by one sovereign prince to another, included fealty and services, as opposed to simple homage, which was a mere acknowledgment of tenure. (1 Bl. Comm. 367; 2 Steph. Comm. 409) Mosley & Whiteley.—Liege Lord. A Sovereign; a superior lord. Liege Poultice. In Scotch law. That state of health which gives a person full power to dispose of, mortis causae or otherwise, his inheritable property. Hell. A deed executed at the time of such a state of health, as opposed to a death-bed conveyance. The term seems to be derived from the Latin "legitima potestas."

LIEGEMAN. He that oweth allegiance. Cowell.

LIEGER, or LEGER. A resident ambassador.

LIEGES, or LIEGEPEOPLE. Subjects.

LIEN. A qualified right of property which a creditor has in or over specific property of his debtor, as security for the debt or charge or for performance of some act.

In every case in which property, either real or personal, is charged with the payment of a debt or duty, every such charge may be denominated a lien on the property. Whittak. Liens, p. 1.

A lien is a charge imposed upon specific property, by which it is made security for the performance of an act. Code Civil Proc. Cal. § 1180.

In a narrow and technical sense, the term "lien" signifies the right by which a person in possession of personal property holds and detains it against the owner in satisfaction of a demand; but it has a more extensive meaning, and in common acceptation is understood and used to denote a legal claim or charge on property, either real or personal, for the payment of
any debt or duty; every such claim or charge remains as a lien on the property, although not in the possession of the person to whom the debt or duty is due. Downer v. Brackett, 21 Vt. 602, Fed. Cas. No. 4,043. And see Trust v. Fireman's Fund, 1 Hilt. (II.) 256; in re Hyams (D. C.) 97 Fed. 764; Storm v. Waddell, 2 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 587; Stansbury v. Patent Corporation, 2 How. 350; The Menomini (D. C.) 36 Fed. 199; Mobile B. & L. Ass'n v. Robertson, 65 Ala. 382; The J. E. Rumble, 148 U. S. 1, 13 Sup. Ct. 498, 27 L. Ed. 345.

In the Scotch law, the doctrine of lien is known by the name of "retention," and that of set-off by the name of "compensation." The Scotch for civil law embraces under the head of "mortgage and privilege" the peculiar securities which, in the common and maritime law and equity, are termed "liens."

Classification. Liens are either particular or general. The former is a right to retain a thing for some charge or claim growing out of, or connected with, the thing itself; the latter is a right to detain a chattel, etc., until payment be made, not only of any debt due in respect of the particular chattel, but of any other debts due on a general account in the same line of business. A general lien, being against the ordinary rule of law, depends entirely on the circumstances, expressed, from the special usage of dealing between the parties. Wharton. Croommelin v. Railroad Co. 10 Bow. (N. Y.) 80; McKenney v. Nevis, 22 Me. 100, 35 Am. Dec. 251; Brooks v. Bryce, 21 Wn. 79; (N. Y.) 16. A special lien is in the nature of a particular lien, being a lien upon particular property; a lien which the holder can enforce only as security for the performance of a particular act or obligation or of obligations incidental thereto. Green v. Coast Line R. Co., 97 B. R. 258. 58 L. Ed. 1,653. 34 Am. St. Rep. 379; Civ. Code Cal. 1903, § 2875.

Liens are either conventional or by operation of law. The former is the case where the lien is raised by the express agreement and stipulation of the parties, in circumstances where the law alone would not create a lien from the mere relation of the parties or the details of their transaction. The latter is the case where the law itself, without the stipulation of the parties, either by implication or legal consequence from the relation of the parties or the circumstances of their dealings. Liens of this species may arise either under the rules of common law, or of equity, or under a statute. In the first case they are called "common-law liens;" in the second, "equitable liens;" in the third, "statutory liens.

Liens are either possessory or charging; the former, where the creditor has the right to hold possession of the specific property until satisfaction of the debt; the latter, where the debt is a charge upon the specific property although it remains in the debtor's possession.

Other compound and descriptive terms. - Attorney's lien. The right of an attorney at law to hold or retain in his possession the money or property of a client until his proper charges have been adjusted and paid. It requires a precedent proceeding in the establishment. Sweeney v. Sieman, 123 Iowa, 183, 98 N. W. 571. Also a lien on funds in court payable to the client, or on a judgment or decree rendered in his favor, received through the exertions of the attorney, and for the enforcement of which he must invoke the equitable side of the court on the debtor property. Fowler v. Lewis, 36 W. Va. 112, 14 S. E. 447; Jennings v. Bacon, 84 Iowa, 403, 51 N. W. 15; Ackerman v. Ackerman, 14 Alb. (N. Y.) 225; Moyle v. Gorman, 74 Alb. 242. Wright v. Wright, 70 N. Y. 98. - Concurrent liens. Maritime liens are concur-

rent when they are of the same rank, and for supplies or materials or services in preparation for the same voyage, or if they arise on different bottomry bonds to different holders for advances at the same time for the same repairs.

The J. V. Waddell, 132 Fed. 430. - In contin-
table liens are such as exist in equity, and of which courts of equity alone take cognizance. A lien is neither a fact nor a jus ad seum. It is not property in the thing, nor does it constitute a right of action for the thing. It more properly constitutes a charge upon the thing. Equitable liens most commonly grow out of constructive trusts. Story, Eq. Jur. § 1215. An equitable lien is a right, not recognized at law, to have a fund or specific property, or the proceeds of its sale, applied in full or in part to the payment of a particular debt or class of debts. Burdon Cent. Sugar Refining Co. v. Ferris Sugar Mfrs. Co. (C. C.) 78 Fed. 421; The Menomini (D. C.) 36 Fed. 199; Fallon v. Worthington, 13 Colo. 559, 22 Pac. 969, 6 L. R. A. 708, 13 Am. St. Rep. 231; In re Lesser (D. C.) 100 Fed. 408. - First lien. One which takes priority or precedence over all other charges or incumbrances upon the same piece of property, and is therefore entitled to satisfaction out of the proceeds of its sale. - Second lien. One which takes rank immediately after a first lien on the same property, and is therefore entitled to satisfaction out of the proceeds. - Lien creditor. One whose debt or claim is secured by a lien on particular property, does not claim from a "general" creditor, who has no such security. - Lien of a covenant. The commencement of a covenant stating the names of the covenantors and covenantees, and the character of the covenant, whether joint or several. Wharton. - Retaining lien. The lien which an attorney has upon all his client's debts, funds, vouchers, etc., which remain in his possession, entitling him to retain them until satisfaction of his claims for professional services. In re Wilson (D. C.) 12 Fed. 223; In re Lexington Ave. 30 App. Div. 602, 52 N. Y. Supp. 203. - Secret lien. A lien reserved by the vendor of chattels, who has delivered them to the vendor, to secure the payment of the price, which is concealed from all third persons.

As to the particular kinds of liens described as "Baillee's," "Judgment," "Maritime," "Machinery," "Municipal," and "Vendors'" liens, see those titles.

Lienor. The person having or owning a lien; one who has a right of lien upon property of another.

Lieu. Fr. Place; room. It is only used with "in;" in lieu, instead of. Enc. Lond.

Lieu Conus. L. Fr. In old pleading. A known place; a place well known and generally taken notice of by those who dwell about it, as a castle, a manor, etc. Whishaw; 1 Ld. Raym. 230.

LIEUTENANT, COMMISSION OF.

See Commission of Array.

Lieutenant. 1. A deputy; substitute; an officer who supplies the place of another; one acting by vicarious authority. Etymologically, one who holds the post or office of another, in the place and stead of the latter.

2. The word is used in composition as part of the title of several civil and military
officers, who are subordinate to others, and especially where the duties and powers of the higher officer may, in certain contingencies, devolve upon the lower; as lieutenant governor, lieutenant colonel, etc. See infra.

3. In the army, a lieutenant is a commissioned officer, ranking next below a captain. In the United States navy, he is an officer whose rank is intermediate between that of an ensign and that of a lieutenant commander. In the British navy, his rank is next below that of a commander.

—Lieutenant colonel. An officer of the army whose rank is above that of a major and below that of a colonel.—Lieutenant commander. A commissioned officer of the United States navy, whose rank is above that of lieutenant and below that of commander.—Lieutenant general. An officer in the army, whose rank is above that of major general and below that of "general of the army." In the United States, this rank is usually created for special persons or in times of war.—Lieutenant governor. In English law. A deputy governor, acting as the chief civil officer of one of several colonies under a governor general. Webster. In American law. An officer of a state, sometimes charged with special duties, but usually important as the deputy or substitute of the governor, acting in the place of the governor upon the latter's death, resignation, or disability.

LIFE. That state of animals and plants, or of an organized being, in which its natural functions and motions are performed, or in which its organs are capable of performing their functions. Webster. The sum of the forces by which death is resisted. Bichat.

—Life-annuity. An engagement to pay an income yearly during the life of some person; also the sum thus promised.—Life-estate. An estate whose duration is limited to the life of the party holding it, or of some other person; a freehold estate, not of inheritance, as distinguished from a freehold estate in fee simple. Williams v. Ratcliffe. 42 Miss. 154; Civ. Code Ga. 1855, § 3087.—Life-in-being. A phrase used in the common law and statutory law to denote an interest in perpetuity, meaning the remaining duration of the life of a person who is in existence at the time when the deed or will takes effect. See McArthur v. Scott, 115 U. S. 540, 5 Sup. Ct. 652, 28 L. Ed. 1015.—Life-insurance. See INSURANCE.—Life-interest. A claim or interest, not amounting to ownership, and limited by a term of life, either that of the person in whom the right is vested or that of another.—Life-land, or Life-hold. Land held on a lease for lives.—Life of a writ. A period during which a writ (execution, etc.) remains effective and can lawfully be served or levied, terminating with the day on which, by law or by its own terms, it is to be returned into court.—Life passage. Letters patent, conferring the dignity of baron for life only, do not enable the grantee to sit and vote in the house of lords, not even with the usual writ of summons to the house. Wharton.—Life policy. A policy of life insurance; a policy of insurance upon the life of an individual.—Life-rent. In Scotch law. An estate for life; a right to the use and enjoyment of an estate or thing for one's life, but without destruction of its substance. They are either legal, such as terce and curtesy, (q. v.) or conventional, i. e., created by act of the parties. A conventional life-rent may be either simple, where the owner of an estate grants a life-interest to another, or by reservation, where the owner, in conveying away the fee, reserves a life-estate to himself.—Life-renter. In Scotch law. A tenant for life without waste. Bell.—Life tenant. One who holds an estate in lands for the period of his own life or that of another certain person.—Natural life. The period of a person's existence considered as containing until terminated by physical dissolution or death occurring in the course of nature; used in contradistinction to that juristic and artificial conception of life as an aggregate of legal rights or the possession of a legal personality, which could be terminated by "civil death," that is, that extinction of personality which resulted from entering a monastery or being attainted of treason or felony. See People v. Wright, 59 Mich. 70, 50 N. W. 792.

LIFT. To raise; to take up. To "lift" a promissory note is to discharge its obligation by paying its amount or substituting another evidence of debt. To "lift the bar" of the statute of limitations, or of an estoppel, is to remove the obstruction which it interposes, by some sufficient act or acknowledgment.

LIGA. In old European law. A league or confederation. Spelman.

LIGAN, LAGAN. Goods cast into the sea tied to a buoy, so that they may be found again by the owners, are so denominated. When goods are cast into the sea in stormy weather, shipwrecks, and remain there, without coming to land, they are distinguishable by the barbarous names of "jetsam," "dismal," and "ligan." 5 Coke, 108; Harg. State Tr. 48; 1 Bl. Comm. 292.

LIGARE. To tie or bind. Bract. fol. 809b.
To enter into a league or treaty. Spelman.

LIGEA. In old English law. A ligeewoman; a female subject. Reg. Orig. 3129.

LIGEANCE. Allegiance; the faithful obedience of a subject to his sovereign, of a citizen to his government. Also, derivatively, the territory of a state or sovereignty.

LIGEANTIA. Lat. Ligeance; allegiance.

Ligeantia est quasi legis essentia; est vinulum sseculi. Co. Litt. 129. Allegiance is, as it were, the essence of law; it is the chain of faith.

Ligeantia naturalis nullis clausstris coerctur, nullis metis reformatur, nullis anibus premitur. 7 Coke, 10. Natural allegiance is restrained by no barriers, restrained by no bounds, compressed by no limits.

LIGEAS. In old records. A lige.

LIGHT. A window, or opening in the wall for the admission of light. Also a privilege or easement to have light admitted into one's building by the openings made for
that purpose, without obstruction or obes-
uration by the walls of adjacent or neigh-
boring structures.

LIGHT-HOUSE. A structure, usually in
the form of a tower, containing signal-lights
for the guidance of vessels at night, at dan-
gerous points of a coast, shoals, etc. They
are usually erected by government, and sub-
ject to governmental regulation.

—Light-house board. A commission au-
thorized by congress, consisting of two officers of
the navy, two officers of the corps of engineers of
the army, and two civilians, together with an
officer of the navy and an officer of engineers of
the army as secretaries, attached to the of-
fice of the secretary of the treasury, at Wash-
ington, and charged with superintending the
construction and management of light-houses,
lighthouses, and other maritime signals for pro-
tection of commerce. Abbott.

LIGHT-SHIP, LIGHT-VESSEL. A
vessel serving the purpose of a light-house,
usually at a place where the latter could not
well be built.

LIGHTER. A small vessel used in load-
ing and unloading ships and steamers. The
Mannie (D. C.) 5 Fed. 818; Reed v. Ingham,
26 Eng. Law & Eq. 187.

LIGHTERAJE. The business of trans-
ferring merchandise to and from vessels by
means of lighters; also the compensation or
price demanded for such service. West-
ern Transp. Co. v. Hawley, 1 Daly (N. Y.)
327.

LIGHTERMAN. The master or owner
of a lighter. His liable as a common car-
rrier.

LIGHTS. 1. Windows; openings in the
wall of a house for the admission of light.
2. Signal-lamps on board a vessel or at
particular points on the coast, required by
the navigation laws to be displayed at night.

LIGIUS. A person bound to another by
a solemn tie or engagement. Now used to
express the relation of a subject to his sov-
ereign.

Ligna et lapides sub “armorum” ap-
pellatione non continentur. Sticks and
stones are not contained under the name of
“arms.” Bract. fol. 144b.

LIGNAGIUM. A right of cutting fuel
in woods; also a tribute or payment due for
the same. Jacob.

LIGNAMINA. Timber fit for building.
Du Fresne.

LIGULA. In old English law. A copy,
exemplification, or transcript of a court roll
or deed. Cowell.

LIMB. A member of the human body.
In the phrase “life and limb,” the latter
term appears to denote bodily integrity in
general; but in the definition of “mayhem”
it refers only to those members or parts of
the body which may be useful to a man in
fighting. 1 Bl. Comm. 130.

LIMENARCHA. In Roman law. An
officer who had charge of a harbor or port.
Dig. 50, 4, 18, 10; Cod. 7, 16, 38.

LIMIT, v. To mark out; to define; to
fix the extent of. Thus, to limit an estate
means to mark out or to define the period of
its duration, and the words employed in
deeds for this purpose are hence termed
“words of limitation,” and the act itself is
term’d “limiting the estate.” Brown.

LIMIT, n. A bound; a restraint; a cir-
cumscription; a boundary. Casler v. Con-

LIMITATION. Restriction or circum-
spection; settling an estate or property; a
time allowed by a statute for liti-
gation.

In estates. A limitation, whether made
by the express words of the party or existing
in intentment of law, circumscribes the con-
tinuance of time for which the property is
to be enjoyed, and by positive and certain
terms, or by reference to some event which
possibly may happen, marks the period at
which the time of enjoyment shall end.
Prent. Estates, 25. And see Brattle Square
Church v. Grant, 3 Gray (Mass.) 147, 63 Am.
Dec. 725; Smith v. Smith, 23 Wis. 181, 99
182, 65 S. W. 1005; Stearns v. Godfrey, 16
Mo. 190.

—Conditional limitation. A condition fol-
lowed by a limitation over to a third person in
case the condition be not fulfilled or there be
a breach of it. Stearns v. Godfrey, 16 Mo. 158;
Church v. Grant, 3 Gray (Mass.) 151, 63 Am.
Dec. 729; Smith v. Smith, 23 Wis. 172, 99
Am. Dec. 153. A conditional limitation is where
an estate is so expressly defined and limited by
the words of its creation that it cannot endure
for any longer time than till the condition hap-
pens upon which the estate is to fall. 1 Steph.
Comm. 309. Between conditional limitations
and estates depending on conditions subsequent
there is this difference: that in the former the
estate determines as soon as the contingency
does and in the latter it endures until the
grantor or his heirs take advantage of the
breach. Id. 310.—Collateral limitation.
One which gives an interest in an estate for
a specified period, but which makes the right of enjoyment
to depend on some collateral event, as an estate
to A, till B shall go to Rome. Templeman
v. Gibbs, 80 Tex. 358, 24 S. W. 792; 4 Kent,
Comm. 128.—Contingent limitation. When
a remainder in fee is limited upon any estate
which would by the common law be adjudged
a fee tail, such a remainder is valid as a contin-
gent limitation upon a fee, and vests in posses-
sion on the death of the first taker without issue
living at the time of his death. Rev. Code
N. D. 1889, § 337.—Limitation in law. A
limitation in law, or an estate limited, is an estate to
LIMITATION

be held only during the continuance of the condition under which it was granted, upon the determination of which the estate vests immediately in the grantee. 2 Bl. Comm. 155.—

LIMITATION of actions. The restriction by statute of the right of action to certain periods of time, or the accruing of the right of action, beyond which, except in certain specified cases, it will not be allowed. Also the period of time so limited by law for bringing an action. See

See Kyer v. Well, 117 Fed. 404, 54 C. C. A. 874; Battle v. Shivers, 39 Ga. 409; Baker v. Kelley, 11 Minn. 493 (Gil. 358); Riddelbarger v. French, 21 Vt. Ins. Co. 7 Wall. 99; 42 L. Ed. 257.—LIMITATION of assise. In old practice. A certain time prescribed by statute, within which a man was required to allege himself or his ancestor to have been seized of lands sued for by a writ of assise. Cowell.—LIMITATION of estate. The restriction or circumscription of an estate, in the conveyance by which it is granted, in respect to the interest of the grantee or its duration; the specific curtailment or confinement of an estate, by the terms of the grant, or by subsequent conveyances, under a certain period or a designated contingency. —LIMITATION over. This term includes any estate in the remainder or reversion created and completed by the conveyance, to be enjoyed after the first estate granted expires or is extinguished. Thus, in a gift to A. for life, with remainder to the heirs of B., the latter's interest is possession, qualified by the words "over" to such heirs. Ewing v. Shropshire, 80 Ga. 374, 7 S. E. 354.—Special limitation. A qualification serving to mark out the boundaries of an estate, so as to determine its ipso facto in a given event, without action, entry, or claim, before it would, or might, otherwise expire by force of, or according to, the general limitation. Henderson v. Hunter, 59 Pa. 340.—Statutes of limitations. A statute prescribing limitations to the right of action on certain described causes of action; that is, declaring that no suit shall be maintained on such causes of action unless brought within a specified period after the right accrued.—Title by limitation. A prescriptive title; one which is indefeasible because of the expiration of the time prescribed by the statute of limitations for the bringing of actions to test or defeat it. See Dalton v. Rentaria, 2 Ariz. 275, 15 Pac. 37.—Words of limitation. In a conveyance or will, words which have the effect of marking the extent or of the termination of an estate are termed "words of limitation." Thus, in a grant to A. and his heirs, the words "and his heirs" are words of limitation; yet cause the estate to remain an estate in fee-simple and not to give his heirs anything. Fearne, Rem. 78. And see Ball v. Payne, 6 Rand. (Va.) 73; Summit v. Yount, 109 Ind. 506; 9 N. E. 582.

LIMITED. Restricted; bounded; prescribed. Confined within positive bounds; restricted in duration, extent, or scope.

—Limited administration. An administration by a person other than the executor, trustee, or administrator, in the absence or incapacity of the person entitled to administer, or for a particular period, or for a special or particular purpose. Holthouse.—Limited owner. A tenant in possession, held by the use or by the use and enjoyment, or other person not having a fee-simple in his absolute disposition.


LIMOGIA. Enamel. Du Cange.

LINARIUM. In old English law. A flax plat, where flax is grown. Du Cange.

LINCtON’S INN. An inn of court. See INNS OF COURT.

LINE. In descents. The order of series of persons who have descended one from the other or all from a common ancestor, considered as placed in a line of succession in the order of their birth, the line showing the connection of all the blood-relatives.

—Measures. A line is a linear measure, containing the one-twelfth part of an inch.

In estates. The boundary or line of division between two estates.

—Building line. A line established by municipal authority, to secure uniformity of appearance in the streets of the city, drawn at a certain uniform distance from the curb or from the edge of the sidewalk, and parallel thereto, upon which the fronts of all buildings on that street must be placed, or beyond which they are not allowed to project. See Tear v. Freebody, 4 C. B. (N. S.) 263.—Collateral line. A line of descent connecting persons who are not descendants related to each other directly as ascendants or descendants, but whose relationship consists in common descent from the same ancestor.—Direct line. A line of descent traced through those persons only who are related to each other directly as ascendants or descendants.—Line of credit. A margin or fixed limit of credit, granted by a bank or merchant to a customer, to the full extent of which the latter may avail himself in his dealings with the former, but which he must not exceed; usually intended to cover a series of transactions, in which case, when the customer's line of credit is nearly or quite exhausted, he is expected to reduce his indebtedness by payments before drawing upon it further. See Isador Bush Wine Co. v. Wolf, 48 La. Ann. 918, 19 South. 765; Schneider-Davis Co. v. Hart, 25 Tex. Civ. App. 526, 57 S. W. 903.—Line of duty. In military law and usage, an act is said to be done, or an injury sustained, "in the line of duty," when done or suffered in the performance of duty incumbent upon the individual in his character as a member of the military or naval forces. See Rhodes v. U. S., 79 Fed. 745, 25 C. C. A. 186.—Lines and corners. In surveying and conveying. Boundary lines and their terminating points, where an angle is formed by the next boundary line.—Maternal line. A line of relationship between two persons who is traced through the mother of the younger.—Paternal line. A similar line of descent traced through the father.

LINIA. Lat. A line; line of descent. See LINE.

—Linaria obliqua. In the civil law. The oblique line. More commonly termed "linea transversalis."—Linea recta. The direct line; the vertical line. In computing degrees of kinship and the succession to estates, this denotes the direct line of ascendants and descendents. Where a person springs from another immediately, or mediately through a third person, they are said to be in the direct line, (linea recta), and are called "ascendants" and "descendants." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 129.—Linea transversalis. A collateral, transverse, or oblique line. Where persons are descended from a third, they are called "collaterals," and are said to be related in the collateral line, (linea transversa or obliqua.)

Linea recta est indicis sui et obliqui; lex est linea recti. Co. Litt. 158. A right line is a test of itself, and of an oblique; law is a line of right.
LINEA RECTA SEMPER

_LINEA recta. semper praeventor transversali. The right line is always preferred to the collateral. Co. Ltt. 10; Broun. Max. 529.

LINEAGE. Race; progeny; family, ascending or descending. Lockett v. Lockett. 94 Ky. 289, 22 S. W. 224.

LINEAL. That which comes in a line; especially a direct line, as from father to son. Collateral relationship is not called "lineal," though the expression "collateral line," is not unusual.

_Lineal consanguinity. That kind of consanguinity which subsists between persons of whom one is descended in a direct line from the other; as between a particular person and his father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and so upward, in the direct ascending line; or between the same person and his son, grandson, great-grandson, and so downwards in the direct descending line. 2 Bl. Comm. 265; Willis Coal & Min. Co. v. Grizzell, 198 Ill. 313, 65 N. E. 74.

_Lineal descent. See DESCENT.-Lineal warranty. A warranty by an ancestor from whom the title did or might have come to the heir. 2 Bl. Comm. 301; Rawle, Conv. 80.

LINK. A unit in a connected series; anything which serves to connect or bind together the things which precede and follow it. Thus, we speak of a "link in the chain of title."

LIQUERE. Lat. In the civil law. To be clear, evident, or satisfactory. When a _judex_ was in doubt how to decide a case, he represented to the pretor, under oath, _sibi non liquer_, (that it was not clear to him,) and was thereupon discharged. Calvin.

LIQUET. It is clear or apparent; it appears. _Sitas liquet_, it sufficiently appears. 1 Strange, 412.

LIQUIDATE. To adjust or settle an indebtedness; to determine an amount to be paid; to clear up an account and ascertain the balance; to fix the amount required to satisfy a judgment. Midgett v. Watson, 29 N. C. 145; Martin v. Kirk, 2 Humph. (Tenn.) 531.

To clear away; to lessen; to pay. "To _liquidate_ a balance means to pay it." Flickner v. Bank of U. S., 8 Wheat. 335, 302, 5 L. Ed. 631.

LIQUIDATED. Ascertained; determined; fixed; settled; made clear or manifest. Cleared away; paid; discharged.

_Liquidated account._ An account whereof the amount is certain and fixed, either by the act and agreement of the parties or by operation of law, or a sum which cannot be changed by the proof; it is so much or nothing; but the term does not necessarily refer to a writing. Nisbet v. Lawson, 1 Ga. 257.—_Liquidated damages._ See DAMAGES.—_Liquidated debt._ A debt is liquidated when it is certain who is due and how much is due. Roberts v. Prior, 20 Ga. 386.—_Liquidated demand._ A demand is a liquidated one if the amount of it has been ascertained—settled—by the agreement of the parties to it, or otherwise. Mitchell v. Addison, 20 Ga. 59.

LIQUIDATING PARTNER. The partner who upon the dissolution or insolvency of the firm, is appointed to settle its accounts, collect assets, adjust claims, and pay debts. Garretson v. Brown, 185 Pa. 447, 40 Att. 300.

LIQUIDATION. The act or process of settling or making clear, fixed, and determine that which before was uncertain or unascertained.

As applied to a company, (or sometimes to the affairs of an individual,) liquidation is used in a broad sense as equivalent to "winding up:" that is, the comprehensive process of settling accounts, ascertaining and adjusting debts, collecting assets, and paying off claims.

LIQUIDATOR. A person appointed to carry out the winding up of a company.

_Official liquidator._ In English law. A person appointed by the judge in chancery, in whose court a joint-stock company is being wound up, to bring and defend suits and actions in the name of the company, and generally to do all things necessary for winding up the affairs of the company, and distributing its assets. 3 Steph. Comm. 24.

LIQUOR. This term, when used in statutes forbidding the sale of liquors, refers only to spirituous or intoxicating liquors. Brass v. State, 45 Fla. 1, 34 South. 307; State v. Brittain, 80 N. C. 570; People v. Crellie, 20 Barb. (N. Y.) 245. See INTOXICATING LIQUOR; SPIRITOUS LIQUORS.

_Liquor dealer._ One who carries on the business of selling intoxicating liquors, either at wholesale or retail, and irrespective of whether the liquor sold is produced or manufactured by himself or by others; but there must be more than a single sale. See Timm v. Harrison, 109 Ill. 601; U. S. v. Allen (D. C.) 38 Fed. 735; Fincannon v. State, 93 Ga. 418, 21 S. E. 53; State v. Dow, 21 Vt. 484; Mansfield v. State, 17 Tex. App. 472—_Liquor shop._ A house where spirituous liquors are kept and sold. Wooster v. State, 6 Baxt. (Tenn.) 634.

_Liquor tax certificate._ Under the excise laws of New York, a certificate of payment of the tax imposed upon the business of liquor-selling, entitling the holder to carry on that business, and differing from the ordinary form of license in that it does not confer a mere personal privilege but creates a species of property which is transferable by the owner. See In re Lyman, 160 N. Y. 96, 54 N. E. 577; In re Collman, 82 App. Div. 445, 81 N. Y. Supp. 567.

LIBA. The name of an Italian coin, of the value of about eighteen cents.

LIS. Lat. A controversy or dispute; a suit or action at law.

_Lis alibi pendens._ A suit pending elsewhere. The fact that proceedings are pending between a plaintiff and defendant in one court in respect to a given matter is frequently a
ground for preventing the plaintiff from taking proceedings in another court against the same defendant for the same object and arising out of the same cause of action. Sweet.

—Lis morta. A controversy moved or begun. By this term is meant a dispute which has arisen upon a point or question which afterwards forms the issue upon which legal proceedings are instituted. Westfelt v. Adams, 151 N. C. 379, 42 S. E. 823. After such controversy has arisen, (post iudicatum) it is held, declarations as to pedigree, made by members of the family since deceased, are not admissible. See 4 Camp. 417; 6 Car. & P. 580.—Lis pendens. A suit pending; that legal process, in a suit regarding land, which amounts to legal notice to all the world that there is a dispute as to the title. In equity the filing of the bill and serving a subpoena creates a lis pendens, except when statutes require some record. Stimson v. Pickard, 183 Ky. 339, 75 S. W. 294; In re Rice, 105 Ga. 235, 31 S. E. 174; Bowren v. Kirkland, 17 Tex. Civ. App. 340, 44 S. W. 188; Hines v. Duncan, 11 Ala. 117, 88 Am. Rep. 530. In the civil law a suit pending was not said to be pending before that stage of it called "litis contestatio," (q. e.) Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 210. Notice of its pendens. A notice filed for the purpose of warning all persons that the title to certain property is in litigation, and that, if they purchase the defendant's claim to the same, they are in danger of being bound by an adverse judgment. See Empire Land & Canal Co. v. Engley, 18 Colo. 383, 53 Pac. 153.

LIST. A docket or calendar of causes ready for trial or argument, or of motions ready for hearing.

LISTED. Included in a list; put on a list, particularly on a list of taxable persons or property.

LISTERS. This word is used in some of the states to designate the persons appointed to make lists of taxable. See Rev. St. Vt. 533.

LITE PENDENTE. Lat. Pending the suit. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 54, § 23.

LITEM DENUNCIARE. Lat. In the civil law. To cast the burden of a suit upon another; particularly used with reference to a purchaser of property who, being sued in respect to it by a third person, gives notice to his vendor and demands his aid in its defense. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 403.

LITEM SUAM FACERE. Lat. To make a suit his own. Where a judea, from partiality or enmity, evidently favored either of the parties, he was said item suam facere. Calvin.

LITERA. Lat. A letter. The letter of a law, as distinguished from its spirit. See Letters.

—LITERA PISANA. The Pisan letter. A term applied to the old character in which the copy of the Pandects formerly kept at Pisa, in Italy, was written. Spelman.
on his or their part, vested in another person. 9 Amer. Law Reg. 44. And see Keene v. Wheelley. 14 Fed. Cas. 192; Palmer v. De Witt, 32 N. Y. Super. Ct. 552. A distinction is to be taken between "literary property" (which is the natural, common-law right which a person has in the form of written expression to which he has, by labor and skill, reduced his thoughts) and "copyright." (which is a statutory monopoly, above and beyond natural property, conferred upon an author to encourage and reward a dedication of his literary property to the public.) Abbott.

LITERATE. In English ecclesiastical law. One who qualifies himself for holy orders by presenting himself as a person accomplished in classical learning, etc., not as a graduate of Oxford, Cambridge, etc.

LITERATURA. "Ad literaturn po-
nere" means to put children to school. This liberty was ancdently denied to those parents who were servile tenants, without the lord's consent. The prohibition against the education of sons arose from the fear that the son, being bred to letters, might enter into holy orders, and so stop or divert the services which he might otherwise do as heir to his father. Paroch. Antiq. 401.

LITERIS OBLIGATIO. In Roman law. The contract of nomen, which was constituted by writing, (scripturul) It was of two kinds, viz.: (1) A re in personam, when a transaction was transferred from the day-book (adversaria) into the ledger (codex) in the form of a debt under the name or heading of the purchaser or debtor, (nomen) and (2) a personā in personam, where a debt already standing under one nomen or heading was transferred in the usual course of novatio from that nomen to another and substituted nomen. By reason of this transferring, these obligations were called "nomina transcrip-
tita." No money was, in fact, paid to constitute the contract. If ever money was paid, then the nomen was arcarium, (i. e., a real contract, re contractus) and not a nomen proprium. Brown.

LITIGANT. A party to a lawsuit; one engaged in litigation; usually spoken of active parties, not of nominal ones.

LITIGARE. Lat. To litigate; to carry on a suit, (litium agere) either as plaintiff or defendant; to claim or dispute by action; to test or try the validity of a claim by action.

LITIGATE. To dispute or contend in form of law; to carry on a suit.

LITIGATION. A judicial controversy. A contest in a court of justice, for the purpose of enforcing a right.

LITIGIOSITY. In Scotch law. The pendency of a suit; it is a tacit legal prohibition of alienation, to the disappointment of an action, or of diligence, the direct object of which is to obtain possession, or to acquire the property of a particular subject. The effect of it is analogous to that of inhibition. Bell.

LITIGIOSO. Span. Litigious; the subject of litigation; a term applied to property which is the subject of dispute in a pending suit. White v. Gay, 1 Tex. 388.

LITIGIOUS. That which is the subject of a suit or action; that which is contested in a court of justice. In another sense, "litigious" signifies fond of litigation; prone to engage in suits.

—Litigious church. In ecclesiastical law, a church is said to be litigious where two presentations are offered to the bishop upon the same avoidance. Jenk. Cent. 11.—Litigious right. In the civil law. A right which cannot be exercised without undertaking a lawsuit. Civil Code La. arts. 918, 3556.

LITIS ESTIMATIO. Lat. The measure of damages.

LITIS CONTESTATIO. Lat. In the civil and canon law. Contestation of suit; the process of contesting a suit by the opposing statements of the respective parties; the process of coming to an issue; the attainment of an issue; the issue itself.

In the practice of the ecclesiastical courts. The general answer made by the defendant, in which he denies the matter charged against him in the libel. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 11, no. 9.

In admiralty practice. The general issue. 2 Browne, Civil & Adm. Law, 308, and note.

LITIS DENUNCIA'TIO. Lat. In the civil law. The process by which a purchaser of property, who is sued for its possession or recovery by a third person, falls back upon his vendor's covenant of warranty, by giving the latter notice of the action and demanding his aid in defending it. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 403.

LITIS DOMIN'NUM. Lat. In the civil law. Ownership, control, or direction of a suit. A fiction of law by which the employment of an attorney or proctor (procurator) in a suit was authorized or justified, he being supposed to become, by the appointment of his principal (dominus) or client, the dominus litis. Helmecc. Elem. lib. 4, tlt. 10, §§ 1246, 1247.

Litis nomen omnem actionem signifi-
cat, sive in rem, sive in personam sit. Co. Litt. 292. A lawsuit signifies every ac-
tion, whether it be in rem or in personam.

LITISPENDENCE. An obsolete term for the time during which a lawsuit is going on.
LITISPENDENCIA. In Spanish law. Litispendency. The condition of a suit pending in a court of justice.

LITRE. Fr. A measure of capacity in the metric system, being a cubic decimetre, equal to 0.0353 cubic inches, or 1.133 American pints, or 1.76 English pints. Webster.

LITTORAL. Belonging to the shore, as of seas and great lakes. Webster. Corresponding to riparian proprietors on a stream or small pond are littoral proprietors on a sea or lake. But "riparian" is also used co-extensively with "littoral." Commonwealth v. Alger, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 94. See Boston v. Leacro, 17 How. 426, 15 L. Ed. 118.

LITURA. Lat. In the civil law. An obligation or blot in a will or other instrument. Dig. 28, 4, 1, 1.

LITUS. In old European law. A kind of servant; one who surrendered himself into another's power. Spelman.

In the civil law. The bank of a stream or shore of the sea; the coast.

Litus maris. The sea-shore. "It is certain that which the sea overflows, either at high spring tides or at extraordinary tides, comes not, as to this purpose, under the denomination of "ritus maris," and consequently the king's title is not of that large extent, but only to land that is usually overflowed at ordinary tides. That, therefore, I call the "shore" that is between the common high-water and low-water mark, and no more." Hale de Jure Mar. c. 4.

Litus est quoque maximus a mari perennis. The shore is where the highest wave from the sea has reached. Dig. 50, 16, 96. Ang. Tide-Waters, 67.

LIVE-STOCK INSURANCE. See INSURANCE.

LIVELODE. Maintenance; support.

LIVELY. 1. In English law. Delivery of possession of their lands to the king's tenants in capite or tenants by knight's service.

2. A writ which may be sued out by a ward in chivalry, on reaching his majority, to obtain delivery of the possession of his lands out of the hands of the guardian. 2 Bl. Comm. 68.

3. A particular dress or garb appropriate or peculiar to certain persons, as the members of a guild, or, more particularly, the servants of a nobleman or gentleman.

4. The privilege of a particular guild or company of persons, the members thereof being called "livery-men."

5. A contract of hiring of work-beasts, particularly horses, to the use of the hirer. It is seldom used alone in this sense, but appears in the compound, "livably-stable."

Livery in chivalry. In feudal law. The delivery of the lands of a ward in chivalry out of the guardian's hands, upon the heir's attaining the requisite age.—twenty-one for males, sixteen for females. 2 Bl. Comm. 68—Liveryman. A member of some company in the city of London; also called a "freeman."—Livery of selains. The appropriate ceremony, at common law, for transferring the corporeal possession of lands or tenements by a grantor to his grantee. It was livery in deed where the parties went together upon the land, and there a twist, clod, key, or other symbol was delivered or given in the name of the whole. Livery in law was where the same ceremony was performed, not upon the land itself, but in sight of it. 2 Bl. Comm. 315, 316; Micheau v. Crawford, 8 N. J. Law. 108; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Canooa (C. C.) 45 Fed. 232.—Livery-office. An office appointed to deliver or livery stable keeper. One whose business it is to keep horses for hire or to let, or to keep, feed, or board horses for others. Kittanning Borough v. Montgomery, 5 Pa. Super. Ct. 198.

LIVRE TOURNOIS. A coin used in France before the Revolution. It is to be computed in the ad valorem duty on goods, etc., at eighteen and a half cents. Act Cong. March. 2, 1798, § 61; 1 Story, Laws, 629.

LLOYD'S. An association in the city of London, for the transaction of marine insurance, the members of which underwrite each other's policies. See Durbrow v. Eppons, 65 N. J. Law, 10, 46 Atl. 555.

Lloyd's bonds. The name of a class of evidences of debt used in England; being acknowledgments, by a borrowing company made under its seal, of a debt incurred and actually due by the company to a contractor or other person for work done, goods supplied, or otherwise, as the case may be, with a covenant for payment of the principal and interest at a future time. Brown.

LOADMANAGE. The pay to loadsmen, that is, persons who sail or row before ships, in barks or small vessels, with instruments for towing the ship and directing her course, in order that she may escape the dangers in her way. Poth. Des Avaries, no. 137.

LOAN. A billment without reward; consisting of the delivery of an article by the owner to another person, to be used by the latter gratuitously, and returned either in specie or in kind. A sum of money confided to another. Ramsey v. Whitbeck, 51 Ill. App. 210; Nichols v. Pearson, 7 Pet. 100, 8 L. Ed. 623; Rodman v. Munson, 19 Barb. (N. Y.) 75; Booth v. Terrell, 16 Ga. 25; Payne v. Gardiner, 29 N. Y. 117.

A loan of money is a contract by which one delivers a sum of money to another, and the latter agrees to return at a future time a sum equivalent to that which he borrowed. Civ. Code Cal. § 1912.

Loan association. See BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.—Loan certificates. Certificates issued by a clearing-house to the associated banks to the amount of the thirty-five per cent. of the value of the collateral deposited by the borrowing banks with the loan committee of the clearing-house. Anderson v. Anderson, for consumption. The loan for consumption
is an agreement by which one person delivers to another a certain quantity of things which are used, under the obligation, by the borrower, to return to him as much of the same kind and quality. Civ. Code La. art. 2810. Loans are of two kinds—for consumption or exchange. A loan for consumption is where the article is not to be returned in specie, but in kind. This is a sale, and not a bailment. Code Gc. 1839, § 2227.—Loan for exchange. A loan for exchange is a contract by which one delivers personal property to another, and the latter agrees to return to the lender a similar thing at a future time, without reward for its use. Civ. Code Cal. § 1902.—Loan for use. The loan for use is an agreement by which a person delivers a thing to another, to use it according to its natural destination, or according to the agreement, under the obligation on the part of the borrower to return it after he shall have done using it. Civ. Code La. art. 2803. A loan for use is a contract by which one gives to another the temporary possession and use of personal property, and the latter agrees to return the same thing to him at a future time, without reward for its use. Civ. Code Cal. § 1894. A loan for use is the gratuitous grant of an article to another for use, to be returned in specie, and may be either for a certain time or indefinitely, and at the will of the lender. Code Gc. 1892, § 2129. Loan for use (called "commodatum" in the civil law) differs from a loan for consumption, (called "mutuum") in the civil law, in this: that the commodatum must be specifically returned; the mutuum is to be returned in kind. In the case of a commodatum, the property in the thing remains in the lender; in a mutuum, the property passes to the borrower. Bouvier.—Loan, gratuitous, (or commodate). A class of bailments which is called "commodatum" in the Roman law, and is denominated by Sir William Jones a "loan for use," (prêt-à-usage), to distinguish it from "mutuum," a loan for consumption. It is the gratuitous lending of an article to the borrower for his own use. Wharton.—Loan societies. In English law. A kind of club formed for the purpose of advancing money on loan to the industrial classes.

LOBBYING. "Lobbying" is defined to be any personal solicitation of a member of a legislative body during a session thereof, by private interview, or letter or message, or other means and appliances not addressed solely to the judgment, to favor or oppose, or to vote for or against, any bill, resolution, report, or claim pending, or to be introduced by either branch thereof, by any person who misrepresents the nature of his interest in the matter to such member, or who is employed for a consideration by a person or corporation interested in the passage or defeat of such bill, resolution, report, or claim, for the purpose of procuring the passage or defeat thereof. But this does not include such services as drafting petitions, bills, or resolutions, attending to the taking of testimony, collecting facts, preparing arguments and memorials, and submitting them orally or in writing to a committee or member of the legislature, and other services of like character, incident or relevant to the work of the legislators. Code Gc. 1882, § 4490. And see Colusa County v. Welch, 122 Cal. 428, 55 Pac. 248; Trist v. Child, 21 Wall. 448, 22 L. Ed. 623; Dumham v. Hastings Paving Co., 56 App. Div. 244, 67 N. Y. Supp. 632; Houlton v. Nichol, 98 Wis. 303, 67 N. W. 715, 33 L. R. A. 106, 57 Am. St. Rep. 928.

L'obligation sans cause, on sur une fausse cause, on sur une cause illégitime peut avoir aucun effet. An obligation without consideration, or upon a false consideration, (which falls,) or upon unlawful consideration, cannot have any effect. Code Civil, 3, 3, 4; Chit. Cont. (11th Am. Ed.) 25, note.

LOCAL. Relating to place, expressive of place; belonging or confined to a particular place. Distinguished from "general," "personal," and "transitory."

—Local act of parliament. An act which has for its object the interest of some particular locality, as the formation of a road, the alteration of the course of a river, the formation of a public market in a particular district, etc. Brown.—Local assessment. A charge in the nature of tax, levied to pay the whole or part of the cost of local improvements, and assessed on the various parcels of property specially benefited thereby. Gould v. Baltimore, 59 Md. 380.—Local chattel. A thing is local that is confined to the freehold. Kitchen, 180.—Local courts. Courts whose jurisdiction is limited to a particular territorial or district. The expression often signifies the courts of the state in opposition to the local or Al States courts. People v. Porter, 90 N. Y. 75; Geraty v. Reid, 78 N. Y. 67.—Local freight. Freight shipped from either terminus of a railroad to a way station, or vice versa, or from one way station to another; that is, over a part of the road only. Mobile & N. R. Co. v. Steiner, 61 Ala. 578.—Local influence. As a statutory ground for the removal of a cause from a state court to a federal court, this means influence enjoyed and wielded by the plaintiff, as a resident of the place where the suit is brought, in consequence of his wealth, prominence, political importance, business or social relations, or otherwise, such as might affect the minds of the court or jury and prevent the defendant from winning the case, even though the merits should be against him. See Neale v. Foster (C. L.) 31 Fed. 53.—Local option. A privilege accorded by the legislature of a state to the several counties or other districts of the state to determine, for itself, by popular vote, whether or not licenses should be issued for the sale of intoxicating liquors within such districts. See Wilson v. State, 22 S.C. 406; State v. Brown, 19 Fla. 593.—Local prejudice. The "prejudice or local influence" which will warrant the removal of a cause from a state court to a federal court may be either prejudice and influence existing against the party seeking such removal or existing in favor of his adversary. Neale v. Foster (C. L.) 31 Fed. 53.


LOCALITY. In Scotch law. This name is given to a life-rent created in marriage contracts in favor of the wife, instead of leaving her to her legal life-rent of tierce. 1 Bell, Comm. 55.

LOCARE. To let for hire; to deliver or bail a thing for a certain reward or compensation. Bract. fol. 62.
LOCARIUM. In old European law. The price of letting; money paid for the hire of a thing; rent. Spelman.

LOCATAIRE. In French law. A lessee, tenant, or renter.

LOCATARIUS. Lat. A depositer.

LOCATE. To ascertain and fix the position of something, the place of which was before uncertain or not manifest; as to locate the calls in a deed.

To decide upon the place or direction to be occupied by something not yet in being; as to locate a road.

LOCATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Letting for hire. The term is also used by writers upon the law of bailment at common law. In Scotch law it is translated "location." Bell.

—Locatio-conductio. In the civil law. A compound word used to denote the contract of bailment for hire, expressing the action of both parties, i.e., a letting by the one and a hiring by the other. 2 Kent, Comm. 588, note; Story, Balm. § 385; Cogg v. Bernard, 2 Ld. Raym. 913. —Locatio custodiam. A letting to keep; a bailment or deposit of goods for hire. Story, Balm. § 442. —Locatio operis. In the civil law. The contract of hiring work, i.e., labor and service. It is a contract by which one of the parties gives a certain work to be performed by the other, who binds himself to do it for the price agreed between them, which he who gives the work to be done promises to pay to the other for doing it. Poth. Louis. no. 392; Zell v. Dunale, 166 Pa. 333, 27 Atl. 38.

—Locatio operis faciendae. A letting out of work to be done; a bailment of a thing for the purpose of having some work and labor on care and pains bestowed on it for a pecuniary recompense. 2 Kent, Com. 588, 588; Story, Balm. §§ 370, 421, 422. —Locatio operis mercium vehendentum. A letting of work to be done in the carrying of goods; a contract of bailment by which goods are delivered to a person to carry for hire. 2 Kent, Comm. 587; Story, Balm. §§ 370, 427. —Locatio rei. A letting of a thing to hire. 2 Kent, Comm. 586. The bailment or letting of a thing to be used by the bailer for a compensation to be paid by him. Story, Balm. § 370.

LOCATION. In American land law. The designation of the boundaries of a particular piece of land, either upon record or on the land itself. Mosby v. Carland, 1 Bibb. (Ky.) 84.

The finding and marking out the bounds of a particular tract of land, upon the land itself, in conformity to a certain description contained in an entry, grant, map, etc.; such description consisting in what are termed "locative calls." Cunningham v. Browning, 1 Bland (Md.) 329.

In mining law. The act of appropriating a "mining claim" (parcel of land containing precious metal in its soil or rock) according to certain established rules. It usually consists in placing on the ground, in a conspicuous position, a notice setting forth the name of the locator, the fact that it is thus taken or located, with the requisite description of the extent and boundaries of the parcel. St. Louis Smelting, etc., Co. v. Kemp, 104 U. S. 640, 26 L. Ed. 575.

In a secondary sense, the mining claim covered by a single act of appropriation or location. Id.

In Scotch law. A contract by which the temporary use of a subject, or the work or service of a person, is given for an ascertained hire. 1 Bell, Comm. 255.

LOCATIVE CALLS. In a deed, patent, or other instrument containing a description of land, locative calls are specific calls, descriptions, or marks of location, referring to landmarks, physical objects, or other points by which the land can be exactly located and identified.

LOCATOR. In the civil and Scotch law. A letter; one who lets; he who, being the owner of a thing, lets it out to another for hire or compensation. Cogges v. Bernard, 2 Ld. Raym. 913.

In American land law. One who locates land, or intends or is entitled to locate. See Location.

LOCK-UP HOUSE. A place used temporarily as a prison.

LOCKMAN. An officer in the Isle of Man, to execute the orders of the governor, much like our under-sheriff. Wharton.

LOCMan. Fr. In French marine law. A local pilot whose business was to assist the pilot of the vessel in guiding her course into a harbor, or through a river or channel. Martin v. Farnsworth, 33 N. Y. Super. Ct. 290.

LOCO PARENTIS. See In Loco Parentis.

LOCOCENSION. The act of giving place.

LOCULUS. In old records. A coffin; a purse.

LOCUM TENENS. Lat. Holding the place. A deputy, substitute, lieutenant, or representative.

LOCUPLES. Lat. In the civil law. Able to respond in an action; good for the amount which the plaintiff might recover. Dig. 50, 16, 294, 1.

LOCUS. Lat. A place; the place where a thing is done.

—Locus contractus. The place of a contract; the place where a contract is made.—Locus criminis. The locality of a crime; the place where a crime was committed.—Locus delicti. The place of the offense; the place where an offense was committed. 2 Kent, Comm.
LODER. One who occupies hired apartments in another's house; a tenant of part of another's house.


LODGINGS. Habitation in another's house; apartments in another's house, furnished or unfurnished, occupied for habitation; the occupier being termed a "lodger."

LODS ET VENTES. In old French and Canadian law. A fine payable by a roturier on every change of ownership of his land; a mutation or alienation fine. Steph. Lect. 351.

LOG-BOOK. A ship's journal. It contains a minute account of the ship's course, with a short history of every occurrence during the voyage. 1 Marsh. Ins. 312.

The part of the log-book relating to transactions in the harbor is termed the "harbor log;" that relating to what happens at sea, the "sea log." Young, Naut. Dict.

OFFICIAL LOG-BOOK. A log-book in a certain form, and containing certain specified entries required by 17 & 18 Vict. c. 104, §§ 280-282, to be kept by all British merchant ships, except those exclusively engaged in the coasting trade.

LOG-ROLLING. A mischievous legislative practice, of embracing in one bill several distinct matters, none of which, perhaps, could singly obtain the assent of the legislature, and then procuring its passage by a combination of the minorities in favor of each of the measures into a majority that will adopt them all. Walker v. Griffith, 60 Ala. 362; Cass v. Barret, 199 Pa. 161, 48 Atl. 976, 55 L. R. A. 882; O'Leary v. Cook County, 28 Ill. 534; St. Louis v. Tiefel, 42 Mo. 590.

LOGATING. An unlawful game mentioned in St. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 9.


LOGIC. The science of reasoning, or of the operations of the understanding which are subservient to the estimation of evidence. The term includes both the process itself of proceeding from known truths to unknown, and all other intellectual operations, in so far as auxiliary to this.

LOGIUM. In old records. A lodge, hovel, or outhouse.

LOGOGRAPHUS. In Roman law. A public clerk, register, or book-keeper; one
who wrote or kept books of accounts. Dig. 50, 4, 18, 10; Cod. 10, 69.

LOGS. Stems or trunks of trees cut into convenient lengths for the purpose of being afterwards manufactured into lumber of various kinds; not including manufactured lumber of any sort, nor timber which is squared or otherwise shaped for use without further change in form. Koloch v. Parcher, 32 Wis. 393, 9 N. W. 67. And see Haynes v. Hayward, 40 Me. 148; State v. Addington, 121 N. C. 538, 27 S. E. 988; Code W. Va. 1899, p. 1071, § 27 (Code 1906, § 2724).

LOLLARDS. A body of primitive Wessleysans, who assumed importance about the time of John Wycliffe, (1306), and were very successful in disseminating evangelical truth; but, being implicated (apparently against their will) in the insurrection of the villains in 1381, the statute De Heresio Comburendo (2 Hen. IV. c. 15) was passed against them, for their suppression. However, they were not suppressed, and their representatives survive to the present day under various names and disguises. Brown.

LOMBARDs. A name given to the merchants of Italy, numbers of whom, during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, were established as merchants and bankers in the principal cities of Europe.


LONG. In various compound legal terms (see infra) this word carries a meaning not essentially different from its signification in the vernacular.

In the language of the stock exchange, a broker or speculator is said to be "long" on stock, or as to a particular security, when he has in his possession or control an abundant supply of it, or a supply exceeding the amount with which he has contracted to deliver, or, more particularly, when he has bought a supply of such stock or other security for future delivery, speculating on a considerable future advance in the market price. See Kent v. Miltenberger, 13 Mo. App. 506.

Long account. An account involving numerous separate items or charges, on one side or both, or the statement of various complex transactions, such as a court of equity will refer to a master or commissioner or a court of law to a referee under the codes of procedure. See Dickinson v. Mitchell, 19 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 236; Druse v. Horter, 57 Wis. 644, 16 N. W. 14; Doyle v. Metropolitan -El. R. Co., 1 Misc. Rep. 275, 20 N. Y. Supp. 865.—Long parliament. The name given to the national assembly which met in November, 1640, under Charles I., and was dissolved by Cromwell on the 10th of April, 1653. The name "Long Parliament" is, however, also given to the parliament which met in 1661, after the restoration of the monarchy, and was dissolved on the 30th of December, 1678. This latter parliament is sometimes called, by way of distinction, the "Long parliament"

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of Charles II." Mozier & Whitley.—Long quoito, the. An expression used to denote part second of the year-book which gives reports of cases in 5 Edw. IV.—Long robe. A metaphorical expression designating the practice of profession of the law; as, in the phrase "gentlemen of the long robe."—Long ton. A measure of weight equivalent to 20 hundred-weight of 112 pounds each, or 2,240 pounds, as distinguished from the "short" ton of 2,000 pounds. See Rev. St. U. S. § 2951 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1941). But see Jones v. Giles, 10 Exch. 119, as to an English custom of reckoning a ton of iron "long weight," as 2,400 pounds.—Long vacation. The recess of the English courts from August 10th to October 24th.

Longa possessio est pacis jus. Long possession is the law of peace. Branch, Princ.; Co. Litt. 6.


Longa possessio parit jus possidendi, et tollit actionem vero dominum. Long possession produces the right of possession, and takes away from the true owner his action. Co. Litt. 110b.

Longum tempus et longus usus qui excedit memoria hominum sufficit pro jure. Co. Litt. 115a. Long time and long use, exceeding the memory of men, suffices for right.

LOOKOUT. A proper lookout on a vessel is some one in a favorable position to see, stationed near enough to the helmsman to communicate with him, and to receive communications from him, and exclusively employed in watching the movements of vessels which they are meeting or about to pass. The Genesee Chief v. Fitzugh, 12 How. 462, 13 L. Ed. 1058.

LOPWOOD. A right in the inhabitants of a parish within a manor, in England, to top for fuel, at certain periods of the year, the branches of trees growing upon the waste lands of the manor. Sweet.

LOQUelia. Lat. A colloquy; talk. In old English law, this term denoted the oral alterations of the parties to a suit, which led to the issue, now called the "pleadings." It also designated an "imparlance," (q. v.) both names evidently referring to the talking together of the parties. Loquela sine die, a postponement to an indefinite time.

Loquendum ut vulgus; sententiad ut docti. We must speak as the common people; we must think as the learned. 7 Coke, 11b. This maxim expresses the rule that, when words are used in a technical sense, they must be understood technically; otherwise, when they may be supposed to be used in their ordinary acceptation.

LORD. In English law. A title of honor or nobility belonging properly to the degree of baron, but applied also to the
whole peerage, as in the expression “the house of lords.” 1 Bl. Comm. 396-400.

A title of office, as lord mayor, lord commissioneer, etc.

In feudal law. A feudal superior or proprietor; one of whom a fee or estate is held.

—Law lords. See LAW.—Lord advocate. The chief or proctor of Scotland. 2 Alis. Crim. Pr. 84.—Lord and vassal. In the feudal system, the grantor, who retained the dominion or ultimate property, was called the “lord,” the tenant, who held as the usufruct or possession, was called the “vassal” or “feudatory.” —Lord chief baron. The chief judge of the English court of exchequer, prior to the judicature acts. —Lord chief justice. See JUSTICE.—Lord high chancellor. See CHANCELLOR.—Lord high steward. In England, when a person is impeached, or when a peer is tried on indictment for treason or felony before the house of lords, one of the lords is appointed lord high steward, and acts as speaker pro tempore, and has the same powers of the An officer formerly existing in England, who had the charge of the royal revenues and customs, and of giving the crown lands. His functions are now vested in the lords commissioners of the treasury. Moxley & Whitley. —Lord in gross. In feudal law. He who is lord of any manor, but as the king in respect of his crown, etc. “Very lord” is he who is immediate lord to his tenant; and “very tenant,” he who holds immediately of that lord. So that, where there is lord paramount, lord mean, and tenant, the lord paramount is not very lord to the tenant. Wharton.—Lord justice. The second judge, or officer in justice, in Scotland. —Lord keeper, or keeper of the great seal, was originally another name for the lord chancellor. After Henry II.'s reign they were sometimes divided, but now there cannot be a lord chancellor and lord keeper at the same time, for by St. 5 Eliz. c. 18, they are declared to be the same office. Com. Dig. “Chancery,” B. 3. —Lord lieutenant. In England, the victor of the crown in Ireland. The principal military officer of a county, originally appointed for the purpose of mustering the inhabitants for the defense of the country. —Lord mayor. The chief officer of the corporation of the city of London is so called. The origin of the appellation, whether on the right of the crown or the common law, is a matter of debate. The title may be derived from the Latin word consularis, which the ancient Romans gave to certain officers of their government. [A.D. 285]. —Lord mayor's court. In English law. This is a court of record, of law and equity, and is the court of justice within the corporation of London. Theoretically the lord mayor and aldermen are supposed to preside, but the recorder is in fact the acting judge. It has jurisdiction of all personal and mixed actions arising within the city and liberties without regard to the amount in controversy. Such as actions between tenants and tenants, the king, the state, and the city. —Lord of a manor. The grantee or owner of a manor. —Lord ordinary is the judge of the court of session in Scotland, who officiates for the time being as the judge of first instance. Dall. Pr. Ct. Sess.—Lord paramount. A term applied to the King of England as the chief feudal proprietor. The theory of the feudal system being that the lands in the realm were feudally mediated or immediately from him. See De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 495, 57 Am. Dec. 470; Opin- isone v. 40 N. H. 622, 8 Am. L. 1075. —Lord privy seal, before the 30 Hen. VIII., was generally an ecclesiastic. The office has since been usually conferred on temporal peers appointed by the king; and in some cases, appointed by letters patent. The lord privy seal, receiving a warrant from the signet office, issues the privy seal, which is an authority to the lord chancellor to pass the great seal where the nature of the grant requires it. But the privy seals for money grants, the great seal, the treasury, the lord chancellor. The privy seals for the warrant issues, countersigned by the lord treasurer. The lord privy seal is a member of the cabinet council. Enc. Lond.—Lord warden of Cinque ports. See CINQUE PORTS. —Lord appellant. Five peers who for a time superseded Richard II. in his government, and whom, after a brief control of the government, he in turn superseded in 1397, and put to death, the four of them to death. Richard II.'s eighteen commissioneers (twelve peers and six commoners) took their places in the privy council, acting with full powers, during the parliamentary recess. Brown.—Lords commissioners. In English law. When a high public office in the state, formerly executed by an individual, is put into commission, the persons charged with the commission are called “lords commissioners.” Thus, we have, in lieu of the lord treasurer and lord high admiral of former times, the lords commissioners of the treasury, and the lords commissioners of the navy. The great seal is put into commission, and whenever the great seal is put into commission, the persons charged with it are called “commissioners of the great seal.”—Moxley & Whitley. —Lord's day. A name sometimes given to Sunday. Co. Litt. 156.—Lords justices of appeal. In English law. The inferior judges of the court of appeal, by Jud. Act 1877, § 4. Prior to the judicature acts, there were two “lords justices of appeal in chancery,” to whom an appeal lay from a vice-chancellor, by 14 & 15 Vict. c. 83.—Lords marches. Those noblemen who lived on the marches of Wales or Scotland, who in times past had their own law and power of life and death, like petty kings. Abolished by 27 Hen. VIII. c. 26, and 6 Edw. VI. c. 10. Wharton.—Lords of appeal. Those members of the house of lords of whom at least three must be present for the hearing and determination of appeals. They are the lord chancellor, the lords of appeal in ordinary, and such peers of parliament as hold, holden, or held,柄, such offices as ex-chancellors and judges of the superior courts in Great Britain and Ireland. App. Jur. Act 1877, §§ 2, 21, 22. —Lords of ordinary. These are appointed, with a salary of £6,000 a year, to aid the house of lords in the hearing of appeals. They rank as barons for life, but hold only for the duration of the tenure of their office only. App. Jur. Act 1876, § 6.—Lords of erection. On the Reform Acts, 1832-3. The counties of benefices formerly held by abbots and priors, gave them out in temporary lordships to favorites, who were termed “lords of erection.” Wharton.—Lords of parliament. Those who have seats in the house of lords. During bankruptcy, peers are disqualified from sitting or voting in the house of lords. 24 Commission. —Lords of regality. In Scotch law. Persons to whom rights of civil and criminal jurisdiction were given by the crown. —Lords ordain- mers. To 1312. In the reign of Edward II., for the control of the sovereign and the court party, and for the general reform and better government of the country. Brown.—Lords spiritual. The archbishops and bishops who have seats in the house of lords. —Lords temporal. Those lay peers who have seats in the house of lords.

LORDSHIP. In English law. Dominion, manor, seigniory, domain; also a title of honor used to a nobleman not being a duke. It is also the customary titulary appellation of the judges and some other persons in authority and office.
LOSS. In insurance. The injury or damage sustained by the insured in consequence of the happening of one or more of the accidents or misfortunes against which the insurer, in consideration of the premium, has undertaken to indemnify the insured. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 1215.

—Actual loss. One resulting from the real and substantial destruction of the property insured.—Constructive loss. One resulting from such injuries to the property, without its destruction, as render it valueless to the assured or prevent its restoration to the original condition except at a cost exceeding its value.

—Direct loss by fire is one resulting immediately and proximately from the fire, and not remotely from any of the consequences or effects of the fire. Insurance Co. v. Leader, 121 Ga. 40, 88 S. E. 974; Ermentrout v. Insurance Co., 63 Minn. 305, 65 N. W. 635, 30 L. R. A. 346, 56 Am. St. Rep. 481; California Ins. Co. v. Union Compress Co., 333 U. S. 387, 10 Sup. Ct. 595, 33 L. Ed. 730.—Loss by consortium. See Consortium.—Partial loss. A loss of a part of a thing or of its value, or any damage not amounting (actually or constructively) to its entire destruction; as contrasted with total loss. Partial loss is one in which the damage done to the thing insured is not complete as to amount to a total loss, either actual or constructive, in every case where the underwriter is liable to pay such proportion of the sum which would be payable on total loss as the damage sustained by the subject of insurance bears to the whole value at the time of insurance. 2 Steph. Comm. 132, 133; Crump, Ins. § 531; Molsey & Whitley. Partial losses implicate a damage sustained by the ship or cargo, which falls upon the respective owners of the property so damaged; and, when happening from any peril insured against by the policy, the owners are to be indemnified by the underwriters, unless in cases excepted by the express terms of the policy. Pafeidford v. Hoagland, 7 Mass. 548; Globe Ins. Co. v. Sheriff, 25 Ohio St. 65; Willard v. Insurance Co., 30 Mo. 35.—Salvage loss. In the language of marine underwriters, this term means the sum paid by the insurer between the amount of salvage, after deducting the charges, and the original value of the property insured. Devitt v. Insurance Co., 10 N. J. Supp. 602; Koons v. La Fonciere Compagnie (D. C.), 71 Fed. 981.—Total loss. See that title.

LOST. An article is "lost" when the owner has lost the possession or custody of it, involuntarily and by any means, but more particularly by accident or his own negligence or forgetfulness, and when he is ignorant of its whereabouts or cannot recover it by an orderly diligent search. See State Sav. Bank v. Buhl, 129 Mich. 139, 88 N. W. 471, 56 L. R. A. 944; Belote v. State, 36 Miss. 120, 72 Am. Dec. 163; Houglund v. Amusement Co., 170 Mo. 335, 70 S. W. 878, 94 Am. St. Rep. 740.

As applied to ships and vessels, the term means "lost at sea," and a vessel lost is one that has totally gone from the owners against their will, so that they know nothing of it, whether it still exists or not, or one which they know is no longer within their sight and control, whether it be consequent of capture by enemies or pirates, or an unknown foundering, or sinking by a known storm, or collision, or destruction by shipwreck. Bennett v. Garlock, 10 Hun (N. Y.) 338; Collard v. Eddy, 17 Mo. 335; Insurance Co. v. Gossler, 7 Fed. Cas. 406.

—Lost or not lost. A phrase sometimes inserted in policies of marine insurance to signify that the contract is meant to relate back to the beginning of a voyage now in progress, or to some other antecedent time, and to be valid and effectual even if, at the moment of executing the policy, the vessel should have already perished by some of the perils insured against, provided that neither party has knowledge of that fact or of any advantage over the other in the way of superior means of information. See Hooper v. Robinson, 98 U. S. 637, 25 L. Ed. 219; Insurance Co. v. Folsom, 18 Wall. 251, 21 L. Ed. 827.—Lost papers. Papers which have been so misplaced that they cannot be found after diligent search.—Lost property. Property which the owner has involuntarily parted with and does not know where to find or recover it, not including property which he has intentionally concealed or deposited in a secret place for safekeeping. See Sover v. Yoran, 18 Or. 290, 20 Pac. 100, 8 Am. St. Rep. 253; Pritchett v. State, 2 Sneed (Tenn.) 42, 49 Am. Dec. 649; G. A. T. Co. v. Cummings, 33 Conn. 290, 89 Am. Dec. 208; Louchs v. Gallogly, 1 Misc. Rep. 22, 23 N. Y. Supp. 226; Danielson v. Roberts, 44 Or. 196, 74 Pac. 912, 65 L. R. A. 620, 102 Am. St. Rep. 627.

LOT. The arbitrament of chance; hazard. That which fortuitously determines what course shall be taken or what disposition be made of property or rights.

A share; one of several parcels into which property is divided. Used particularly of land.

The thirteenth dish of lead in the mines of Derbyshire, which belong to the crown.

LOT AND SCOT. In English law. Certain duties which must be paid by those who claim to exercise the elective franchise within certain cities and boroughs, before they are entitled to vote. It is said that the practice became uniform to refer to the poor-rate as a register of "lot and scot" voters; so that the words are often employed to define a right of election, meant only the payment by a pauper of the sum to which he was assessed on the poor-rate. Brown.

LOT OF LAND. A small tract or parcel of land in a village, town, or city, suitable for building, or for a garden, or other similar uses. See Pils v. Killingsworth, 20 Or. 452, 26 Pac. 305; Wilson v. Proctor, 25 Minn. 15, 38 N. W. 459; Hester v. Litman, 14 Ark. 551; Diamond Mach. Co. v. Oattonagon, 72 Mich. 261, 40 N. W. 448; Fitzgerald v. Thomas, 61 Mo. 500; Phillipsburg v. Bruch, 37 N. J. Eq. 486.

LOTHERWIFE, or LETERWIT. In old English law. A liberty or privilege to take amends for lying with a bondwoman without license.

LOTTERY. A lottery is any scheme for the disposal or distribution of property by chance among persons who have paid, or
promised or agreed to pay, any valuable consideration for the chance of obtaining such property, or a portion of it, or for any share of or interest in such property, upon any agreement, understanding, or expectation that it is to be distributed or disposed of by lot or chance, whether called a "lottery," a "raffle," or a "gift enterprise," or by whatever name the same may be known. Pen. Code Cal. § 319; Pen. Code Dak. § 373. See, also, Dunn v. People, 40 Ill. 467; Chavannah v. State, 49 Ala. 397; Stearnes v. State, 21 Tex. 652; State v. Lovell, 39 N. J. Law, 401; State v. Munford, 73 Mo. 650, 59 Am. Rep. 532; U. S. v. Politzer (D. C.) 59 Fed. 274; Fleming v. Bills, 3 Or. 289; Com. v. Manderfield, 8 Phila. (Pa.) 436.

Louie ley done chose, la eco done remedde a vene a eco. 2 Rolle, 17. Where the law gives a right, it gives a remedy to recover.

LOUAGE. Fr. This is the contract of hiring and letting in French law, and may be either of things or of labor. The varieties of each are the following:

1. Letting of things.—baîl à loger being the letting of houses; baîl à ferme being the letting of lands.
2. Letting of labor,—loger being the letting of personal service; baîl à cheptel being the letting of animals. Brown.

LOURCURDUS. A ram or bell-wether. Cowell.

LOVE-DAY. In old English law. The day on which any dispute was amicably settled between neighbors; or a day on which one neighbor helps another without hire. Wharton.

LOW JUSTICE. In old European law, jurisdiction of petty offenses, as distinguished from "high justice," (q. v.)


—Low-water mark. See WATER-MARK.

LOWBOTE. A recompense for the death of a man killed in a tumult. Cowell.


LOYAL. Legal; authorized by or conforming to law. Also faithful in one's political relations; giving faithful support to one's prince or sovereign or to the existing government.

LOYALTY. Adherence to law. Faithfulness to one's prince or sovereign or to the existing government.

Lubricum lingue non facile trahendum est in poenam. Cro. Cr. 117. A slip of the tongue ought not lightly to be subjected to punishment.

LUCID INTERVALS. In medical jurisprudence. Intervals occurring in the mental life of an insane person during which he is completely restored to the use of his reason, or so far restored that he has sufficient intelligence, judgment, and will to enter into contractual relations, or perform other legal acts, without disqualification by reason of his disease. See INSANITY.

LUCRA NUPITALIA. Lat. In Roman law. A term including everything which a husband or wife, as such, acquires from the estate of the other, either before the marriage, or on agreeing to it, or during its continuance, or after its dissolution, and whether the acquisition is by pure gift, or by virtue of the marriage contract, or against the will of the other party by law or statute. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 580.

LUCRATIVA CAUSA. Lat. In Roman law. A consideration which is voluntary; that is to say, a gratuitous gift, or such like. It was opposed to onerous causa, which denoted a valuable consideration. It was a principle of the Roman law that two lucrative causes could not concur in the same person as regarded the same thing; that is to say, that, when the same thing was bequeathed to a person by two different testators, he could not have the thing (or its value) twice over. Brown.

LUCRATIVA USUCAPIO. Lat. This species of usucapio was permitted in Roman law only in the case of persons taking possession of property upon the decease of its late owner, and in exclusion or deformance of the heir, whence it was called "usucapio pro hasted." The adjective "lucrativa" denoted that property was acquired by this usucapio without any consideration or payment for it by way of purchase; and, as the possessor who so acquired the property was a male fide possessor, his acquisition, or usucapio, was called also "improba," (i. e., dishonest); but this dishonesty was tolerated (until abolished by Hadrian) as an incentive to force the harest to take possession, in order that the debts might be paid and the sacrifices performed; and, as a further incentive to the harest, this usucapio was complete in one year. Brown.

LUCRATIVE. Yielding gain or profit; profitable; bearing or yielding a revenue or salary.

—Lucrative bailment. See BAILMENT.—Lucrative office. One which yields a revenue (in the form of fees or otherwise) or a fixed salary to the incumbent; according to some authorities, one which yields a compensation supposed to be adequate to the services rendered.

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and in excess of the expenses incidental to the office. See State v. Kirk, 44 Ind. 405, 15 Am. Rep. 239; Dailey v. State, 8 Blackf. (Ind.) 330; Crawford v. Dunbar, 52 Cal. 30; State v. De Gress, 53 Tex. 400.—LUCRATIVE. In Scotch law. A kind of passive title by which a person accepting from another, without any onerous cause, (or without paying value), a disposition of any part of his heritage, to which the receiver would have succeeded as heir, is liable to all the grantor’s debts contracted before the said disposition. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 102.

LUCRATUS. In Scotch law. A gainer.

LUCRE. Gain in money or goods; profit; usually in an ill sense, or with the sense of something base or unworthy. Webster.

LUCRI CAUSA. Lat. In criminal law. A term descriptive of the intent with which property is taken in cases of larceny, the phrase meaning “for the sake of lucre” or gain. State v. Ryan, 12 Nev. 403, 28 Am. Rep. 502; State v. Slingerland, 19 Nev. 155, 7 Pac. 280.

LUCRUM CESSANS. Lat. In Scotch law. A ceasing gain, as distinguished from damnum datum, an actual loss.

Lucrum facere ex pupill titula tutor mon debet. A guardian ought not to make money out of the guardianship of his ward. Manning v. Manning’s Ex’rs, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 527, 335.

LUCTUOSA HÆREDITAS. A mournful inheritance. See Hæreditas Luctuosa.

LUCTUS. In Roman law. Mourning. See Anus Luctus.

LUGGAGE. Luggage may consist of any articles intended for the use of a passenger while traveling, or for his personal equipment. Civ. Code Cal. § 2181.

This term is synonymous with “baggage,” but is more commonly used in England than in America. See Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Shepherd, 8 Exch. 37; Duffy v. Thompson, 4 E. D. Smith (N. Y.) 150; Chotaw, etc., R. Co. v. Zwirtz, 13 Okl. 411, 73 Pac. 941.

LUMEN. Lat. In the civil law. Light; the light of the sun or sky; the privilege of receiving light into a house.

A light or window.

LUMINA. Lat. In the civil law. Lights; windows; openings to obtain light for one’s building.

LUMINARE. A lamp or candle set burning on the altar of any church or chapel, for the maintenance whereof lands and rent-charges were frequently given to parish churches, etc. Kennett, Gloss.

LUMPING SALE. As applied to judicial sales, this term means a sale in mass, as where several distinct parcels of real estate, or several articles of personal property, are sold together for a “lump” or single gross sum. Anniston Pipeworks v. Williams, 106 Ala. 324, 18 South. 111, 54 Am. St. Rep. 51.

LUNACY. Lunacy is that condition or habit in which the mind is directed by the will, but is wholly or partially misguided or erroneously governed by it; or it is the impairment of any one or more of the faculties of the mind, accompanied with or inducing a defect in the comparing faculty. Owings’ Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 383, 17 Am. Dec. 311: See Insanity.

—Inquisition (or Inquest) of lunacy. A quasi-judicial examination into the sanity or insanity of a given person, ordered by a court having jurisdiction, on a proper application and sufficient preliminary showing of facts, held by the sheriff (or marshal, or a magistrate, or the court itself, according to the local practice) with the assistance of a special jury, usually of six men, who are to hear evidence and render a verdict in accordance with the facts. This is the usual foundation for an order appointing a guardian or conservator for a person adjudged to be insane, or for committing him to an insane asylum. See Hughes v. Jones, 116 N. Y. 67, 22 N. E. 446, 5 L. R. A. 627, 19 Am. St. Rep. 386; Hadaway v. Smith, 71 Md. 519, 18 Atl. 589; Mills’ Ann. St. Colo. § 2935.—Lunacy, commissio of. A commission issuing from a court of competent jurisdiction, authorizing an inquiry to be made into the mental condition of a person who is alleged to be a lunatic.

LUNAR. Belonging to or measured by the revolutions of the moon.

—Lunar month. See Month.

LUNATIC. A person of deranged or unsound mind; a person whose mental faculties are in the condition called “lunacy,” (q. v.)

Lunaticus, qui gaudet in lucidis intervallis. He is a lunatic who enjoys lucid intervals. 1 Story, Cont. § 73.

LUNDRESS. In old English law. A silver penny, so called because it was to be coined only at London, (a Londress) and not at the country mints. Lown. Essay Coins, 17; Cowell.

LUPANATRIX. A bawd or smuggler. 3 Inst. 206.

LUPINUM CAPIT GERE. Lat. To be outlawed, and have one’s head exposed, like a wolf’s, with a reward to him who should take it. Cowell.

LURGULARY. Casting any corrupt or poisonous thing into the water. Wharton.

LUSHBOROW. In old English law. A base sort of money, coined beyond sea in the likeness of English coin, and introduced into England in the reign of Edward III. Prohibited by St. 25 Edw. III. c. 4. Spelman; Cowell.
LUXURY. Excess and extravagance which was formerly an offense against the public economy, but is not now punishable. Wharton.

LYCH-GATE. The gate into a churchyard, with a roof or awning hung on posts over it to cover the body brought for burial, when it rests underneath. Wharton.

LYEF-GELD. Sax. In old records. Lief silver or money; a small fine paid by the customary tenant to the lord for leave to plow or sow, etc. Somn. Gavelkind, 27.

LYING BY. A person who, by his presence and silence at a transaction which affects his interests, may be fairly supposed to acquiesce in it, if he afterwards propose to disturb the arrangement, is said to be prevented from doing so by reason that he has been lying by.

LYING IN FRANCHISE. A term descriptive of waifs, wrecks, estrays, and the like, which may be seized without suit or action.

LYING IN GRANT. A phrase applied to incorporeal rights, incapable of manual tradition, and which must pass by mere delivery of a deed.

LYING IN WAIT. Lying in ambush; lying hid or concealed for the purpose of making a sudden and unexpected attack upon a person when he shall arrive at the scene. In some jurisdictions, where there are several degrees of murder, lying in wait is made evidence of that deliberation and premeditated intent which is necessary to characterize murder in the first degree.

This term is not synonymous with “concealed.” If a person conceals himself for the purpose of shooting another unawares, he is lying in wait; but a person may, while concealed, shoot another without committing the crime of murder. People v. Miles, 53 Cal. 207.

LYNCH LAW. A term descriptive of the action of unofficial persons, organized bands, or mobs, who seize persons charged with or suspected of crimes, or take them out of the custody of the law, and inflict summary punishment upon them, without legal trial, and without the warrant or authority of law. See State v. Aler, 39 W. Va. 549, 20 S. E. 585; Bates’ Ann. St. Ohio, 1804, § 4420.

LYNDHURST’S (LORD) ACT. This statute (5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 54) renders marriages within the prohibited degrees absolutely null and void. Therefore such marriages were voidable merely.

LYON KING OF ARMS. In Scotch law. The ancient duty of this officer was to carry public messages to foreign states, and it is still the practice of the heralds to make all royal proclamations at the Cross of Edinburgh. The officers serving under him are heralds, pursuivants, and messengers. Bell.

LYTE. In old Roman law. A name given to students of the civil law in the fourth year of their course, from their being supposed capable of solving any difficulty in law. Tayl. Civil Law, 39.
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This letter, used as a Roman numeral, stands for one thousand.

It was also, in old English law, a brand or stigma impressed upon the brawn of the thumb of a person convicted of manslaughter and admitted to the benefit of clergy.

This letter was sometimes put on the face of treasury notes of the United States, and signified that the treasury note bears interest at the rate of one mill per centum, and not one per centum interest. U. S. v. Hardman, 13 Pet. 176, 10 L. Ed. 113.

M. D. An abbreviation for "Middle District," in reference to the division of the United States into judicial districts. Also an abbreviation for "Doctor of Medicine."

M. R. An abbreviation for "Master of the Rolls."

M. T. An abbreviation for "Michaelmas Term."

MACE. A large staff, made of the precious metals, and highly ornamented. It is used as an emblem of authority, and carried before certain public functionaries by a mace-bearer. In many legislative bodies, the mace is employed as a visible symbol of the dignity and collective authority of the house. In the house of lords and house of commons of the British parliament, it is laid upon the table when the house is in session. In the United States house of representatives, it is borne upright by the sergeant-at-arms on extraordinary occasions, as when it is necessary to quell a disturbance or bring refractory members to order.


MACEREFF. In old English law. One who buys stolen goods, particularly food, knowing it to have been stolen.

MACEDONIAN DEGREE. In Roman law. This was the Senatus-consultum Macedonianum, a decree of the Roman senate, first given under Claudius, and renewed under Vespasian, by which it was declared that no action should be maintained to recover a loan of money made to a child who was under the patria potestas. It was intended to strike at the practice of usurers in making loans, on unconceivable terms, to family heirs who would mortgage their future expectations from the paternal estate. The law is said to have derived its name from that of a notorious usurer. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 432; Inst. 4, 7, 3; Dig. 14, 6.

MACECOLLADE. To make a warlike device over a gate or other passage like to a grate, through which scalding water or ponderous or offensive things may be cast upon the assailants. Co. Litt. 5a.

MACHINATION. Contriving a plot or conspiracy. The act of planning or contriving a scheme for executing some purpose, particularly an evil purpose; an artful design formed with deliberation.

MACHINE. In patent law. Any contrivance used to regulate or augment force or motion; more properly, a complex structure, consisting of a combination, or peculiar modification, of the mechanical powers.

The term "machine," in patent law, includes every mechanical device, or combination of mechanical powers and devices, to perform some function and produce a certain effect or result. But where the result or effect is produced by chemical action, by the operation or application of some element or power of nature, or of one substance to another, such modes, methods, or operations are called "processes." A new process is usually the result of discovery; a machine, of invention. Corning v. Burden, 15 How. 252, 267, 14 L. Ed. 653. And see Pittsburgh Reduction Co. v. Cowles Electric Co. (C. C.) 55 Fed. 316; Westinghouse v. Heyden Power Brake Co., 170 U. S. 537, 18 Sup. Ct. 707, 42 L. Ed. 1136; Burr v. Duryee, 1 Wall. 570, 17 L. Ed. 650; Stearns v. Russell, 85 Fed. 225, 29 C. C. A. 674; Wintemute v. Redington, 30 Fed. Cas. 370.

—Perfect machine. In patent law. A perfected invention; not a perfectly constructed machine, but a machine so constructed as to embody all the essential elements of the invention, in a form that would make them practical and operative so as to accomplish the result. But it is not necessary that it should accomplish that result in the most perfect manner, and be in a condition where it was not susceptible of a higher degree of perfection in its mere mechanical construction. American Hide, etc., Co. v. American Tool, etc., Co., 4 Fish. Pat. Cas. 299, 1 Fed. Cas. 647.


MACHOLUM. In old English law. A barn or granary open at the top; a rick or stack of corn. Spelman.

MACATOR. L. Lat. In old European law. A murderer.

MACULARE. In old European law. To wound. Spelman.
MAD POINT. A term used to designate the idea or subject to which is confined the derangement of the mental faculties of one suffering from monomania. Owing’s Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 388, 17 Am. Dec. 311. See Insanity.

MADE KNOWN. Where a writ of scire facias has been actually served upon a defendant, the proper return is that its contents have been "made known" to him.

MADMAN. An insane person, particularly one suffering from mania in any of its forms. Said to be inapplicable to idiots (Com. v. Haskell, 2 Brewst. [Pa.] 497); but it is not a technical term either of medicine or the law, and is incapable of being applied with scientific precision. See Insanity.

MADNESS. See Insanity.

MADRAS REGULATIONS. Certain regulations prescribed for the government of the Madras presidency. Mozley & Whitley.

MAC-BURGH. In Saxon law. Kindred; family.

MÆGBOTE. In Saxon law. A recompense or satisfaction for the slaying or murder of a kinsman. Spelman.

MÆRE. Famous; great; noted; as Elmere, all famous. Gibs. Camden.

MÆREMIUM. Timber; wood suitable for building purposes.

MAGIA. In English statutes. Witchcraft and sorcery.

MAGIS. Lat. More; more fully; more in number; rather.

Magis de bono quam de malo lex intendit. Co. Litt. 78b. The law favors a good rather than a bad construction. Where the words used in an agreement are susceptible of two meanings, the one agreeable to, the other against, the law, the former is adopted. Thus, a bond conditioned “to assign all offices” will be construed to apply to such offices only as are assignable. Chit. Cont. 78.

Magis dignum trahit ad se minus dignum. The more worthy draws to itself the less worthy. Yearb. 20 Hen. VI. 2. arg.

MAGISTE. Lat. In English law. A master or ruler; a person who has attained to some eminent degree in science. Cowell.

In the civil law. A title of several offices under the Roman Empire.

—Magister ad facultates. In English ecclesiastical law. The title of an officer who grants dispensations; as to marry, to eat flesh on days prohibited, and the like. Bac. Abr. "Ecclesiastical Courts," A. 5.—Magister honorum vendendorum. In Roman law, a person appointed by judicial authority to inventory, collect, and sell the property of an absent or subodging debtor for the benefit of his creditors; he was generally one of the creditors, and his functions corresponded generally to those of a receiver or an assignee for the benefit of creditors under modern practice. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 521.—Magister cancellariae. In old English law. Master of the chancery; master in chancery. These officers were said to be called "magistris," because they were priests. Latch. 133.—Magister equitum. Master of the horse. A title of office under the Roman Empire.—Magister libellorum. Master of requests. A title of office under the Roman Empire.—Magister littis. Master of the suit; the person who controls the suit or its prosecution, or has the right so to do.—Magister navis. In the civil law. The master of a ship or vessel. He to whom the care of the whole vessel is committed, Dig. 14, 1, 1, 15.—Magister palatii. Master of the palace or of the offices. An officer under the Roman Empire bearing some resemblance to the modern lord chamberlain. Tайл. Civil Law, 37.—Magister societatis. In the civil law. The master or manager of a corporation; a managing partner or general agent; a manager specially chosen by a firm to administer the affairs of the partnership. Story, Parrin. § 33.

Magister rerum usus. Use is the master of things. Co. Litt. 229b. Usage is a principal guide in practice.

Magister rerum usus; magistra rerum experience. Use is the master of things; experience is the mistress of things. Co. Litt. 69, 229; Wing. Max. 752.

MAGISTERIAL. Relating or pertaining to the character, office, powers, or duties of a magistrate or of the magistracy.


MAGISTRACY. This term may have a more or less extensive significance according to the use and connection in which it occurs. In its widest sense it includes the whole body of public functionaries, whether their offices be legislative, judicial, executive, or administrative. In a more restricted (and more usual) meaning, it denotes the class of officers who are charged with the application and execution of the laws. In a still more confined use, it designates the body of judicial officers of the lowest rank, and more especially those who have jurisdiction for the trial and punishment of petty misdemeanors or the preliminary steps of a criminal prosecution, such as police judges and justices of the peace. The term also denotes the office of a magistrate.

MAGISTRALIA BREVIA. In old English practice. Magisterial writs; writs adapted to special cases, and so called from being
framed by the masters or principal clerks of the chancery. Bract. fol. 4138; Crabb, Com. Law, 547, 548.

**MAGISTRATE.** A public officer belonging to the civil organization of the state, and invested with powers and functions which may be either judicial, legislative, or executive.

But the term is commonly used in a narrower sense, designating, in England, a person intrusted with the commission of the peace, and, in America, one of the class of inferior judicial officers, such as justices of the peace and police justices. Martin v. State, 32 Ark. 124; Scanlan v. Wright, 13 Pick. (Mass) 528, 25 Am. Dec. 344; Ex parte White, 15 Nev. 146, 37 Am. Rep. 466; Kurtz v. State, 22 Fla. 44, 1 Am. St. Rep. 173.

A magistrate is an officer having power to issue a warrant for the arrest of a person charged with a public offense. Pen. Code Cal. § 807.

The word "magistrate" does not necessarily imply an officer exercising any judicial functions, and might very well be held to embrace notaries and commissioners of deeds. Schults v. Merchants' Ins. Co., 57 Mo. 336.

**Chief magistrate.** The highest or principal executive officer of a state (the governor) or of the United States (the president).—Committing magistrate. An inferior judicial officer who is invested with authority to conduct the preliminary hearing of persons charged with crime, and either to discharge them for lack of sufficient prima facie evidence or to commit them to jail to await trial or (in some jurisdictions) to accept bail and release them thereon.—Police magistrate. An inferior judicial officer having jurisdiction of minor criminal offenses, breaches of police regulations, and the like; so called to distinguish them from magistrates who have jurisdiction in civil cases also, as justices of the peace. People v. Curley, 5 Cal. 416; McDermont v. Dinnie, 6 N. D. 272; 60 N. W. 255.—Step magistrates. In Great Britain, the magistrates or police judges sitting in the cities and large towns, and appointed by the home secretary, are so called, as distinguished from the justices of the peace in the counties who have the authority of magistrates.

**MAGISTRATE'S COURT.** In American law. Courts in the state of South Carolina, having exclusive jurisdiction in matters of contract of and under twenty dollars.

A local court in the city of Philadelphia, possessing the criminal jurisdiction of a police court and civil jurisdiction in actions involving not more than one hundred dollars. It is not a court of record. See Const. Pa. art. 4, § 12.

**MAGISTRATUS.** Lat. In the civil law. A magistrate. Calvin. A judicial officer who had the power of hearing and determining causes. He whose office it was to inquire into matters of law, as distinguished from fact. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 8.

**MAGNA ASSISA.** In old English law. The grand assise. Glanv. lib. 2, cc. 11, 12.

**MAGNA ASSISA ELIGENDA.** An ancient writ to summon four lawful knights before the justices of assize, there to choose twelve others, with themselves to constitute the grand assize or great jury, to try the matter of right. The trial by grand assize was instituted by Henry I. in parliament, as an alternative to the duel in a writ of right. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27. Wharton.

**MAGNA AVERIA.** In old pleading. Great beasts, as horses, oxen, etc. Cro. Jac. 580.

**MAGNA CENTUM.** The great hundred, or six score. Wharton.

**MAGNA CHARTA.** The great charter. The name of a charter (or constitutional enactment) granted by King John of England to the barons, at Runnymede, on June 15, 1215, and afterwards, with some alterations, confirmed in parliament by Henry III. and Edward I. This charter is justly regarded as the foundation of English constitutional liberty. Among its thirty-eight chapters are found provisions for regulating the administration of justice, defining the temporal and ecclesiastical jurisdictions, securing the personal liberty of the subject and his rights of property, and the limits of taxation, and for preserving the liberties and privileges of the church. Magna Charta is so called, partly to distinguish it from the Charta de Foresta, which was granted about the same time, and partly by reason of its own transcendent importance.

Magna Charta et Charta de Foresta sont appelées les "deux grandes charters." 2 Inst. 570. Magna Charta and the Charter of the Forest are called the "two great charters."

**MAGNA COMPOSERE PARVIS.** To compare great things with small things.

**MAGNA CULPA.** Great fault; gross negligence.

**MAGNA NEGLIGENTIA.** In the civil law. Great or gross negligence.

Magna negligentia culpa est; magna culpa dolus est. Gross negligence is fault; gross fault is fraud. Digg. 50, 16, 226.

**MAGNA PRECARIA.** In old English law. A great or general reay day. Cowell: Blount.

**MAGNA SERJEANTIA.** In old English law. Grand serjeantry. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 4, § 1.

**MAGNUM CAPE.** In old practice. Great or grand cape. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 418. See Grand Cape.
MAGNUM CONCILIIUM. In old English law. The great council; the general council of the realm; afterwards called "parliament." 1 Bl. Comm. 148; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 62; Spelman.
The king's great council of barons and prelates. Spelman; Crabb, Com. Law. 228.

MAGNUS ROTULUS STATUTORUM. The great statute roll. The first of the English statute rolls, beginning with *Mapus Charta,* and ending with Edward III. Hale, Com. Law, 10, 17.

MAHA-GEN. In Hindu law. A banker or any great shop-keeper.

MAHAL. In Hindu law. Any land or public fund producing a revenue to the government of Hindostan. "Mahalad" is the plural.

MAHLBRIEF. In maritime law. The German name for the contract for the building of a vessel. This contract contains a specification of the kind of vessel intended, her dimensions, the time within which she is to be completed, the price and times of payment, etc. Jac. Sea Laws, 2-8.

MAIDEN. In Scotch law. An instrument formerly used in beholding criminals. It resembled the French guillotine, of which it is said to have been the prototype. Wharton.

MAIDEN ASSIZE. In English law. Originally an assize at which no person was condemned to die. Now it is a session of a criminal court at which there are no prisoners to be tried.

MAIDEN RENTS. A fine paid by the tenants of some manors to the lord for a license to marry a daughter. Cowell. Or, perhaps, for the lord's omitting the custom of *marcheta,* (q. v.)

MAIGNAGIUM. A brasier's shop, or, perhaps, a house. Cowell.

MAIHEM. See MAIHEM: MAIM.

MAIHEMATUS. Maimed or wounded.

MAIHEMIUM. In old English law. Mayhem. (q. v.)

* Maihemium est homicidium inchoatum.* 3 Inst. 118. Mayhem is incipient homicide.

* Maihemium est inter crimina majora minimum, et inter minora maximum.* Co. Litt. 127. Mayhem is the least of great crimes, and the greatest of small.

MAIL. As applied to the post-office, this term means the carriage of letters, whether applied to the bag into which they are put, the coach or vehicle by means of which they are transported, or any other means employed for their carriage and delivery by public authority. Wynen v. Schappert, 6 Daly (N. Y.) 560. It may also denote the letters or other matter so carried.
The term "mail," as used in Rev. St. U. S. § 5469 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3695) relative to robbing the mails, may mean either the whole body of matter transported by the postal agents, or any letter or packet forming a component part of it. U. S. v. Inabnet (D. C.) 41 Fed. 130.

Mail also denotes armor, as in the phrase a "coat of mail."

In Scotch law. Rent; a rent or tribute. A tenant who pays a rent is called a "mailpayer," "mailer," or "mail-man." Skene.

Mail matter. This term includes letters, packets, etc., received for transmission, and to be transmitted by post to the person to whom such matter is directed. U. S. v. Huggett (C. C.) 40 Fed. 641; U. S. v. Rapp (C. C.) 80 Fed. 820.

MAILABLE. Suitable or admissible for transmission by the mail; belonging to the classes of articles which, by the laws and postal regulations, may be sent by post.

MAIL. In old English law. A kind of ancient money, or silver halfpence; a small rent.

MAILED. This word, as applied to a letter, means that the letter was properly prepared for transmission by the servants of the postal department, and that it was put in the custody of the officer charged with the duty of forwarding the mail. Pier v. Heinrichshoffen, 67 Mo. 163, 29 Am. Rep. 501.

MAILS AND DUTIES. In Scotch law. The rents of an estate. Bell.

MAIM. To deprive a person of a member or part of the body, the loss of which renders him less capable of fighting; to commit mayhem, (q. v.) State v. Johnson, 58 Ohio St. 417, 51 N. E. 40, 55 Am. St. Rep. 780.

In this respect, "to wound" is distinguishable from "to maim;" for the latter implies a permanent injury, whereas a wound is any mutilation or laceration which breaks the continuity of the outer skin. Regina v. Bullock, 11 Cox, Crim. Cas. 125.

But both in common speech and as the word is now used in statutes and in the criminal law
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MAINPRISE. The delivery of a person into the custody of mainporners, (q. v.) Also the name of a writ (now obsolete) commanding the sheriff to take the security of mainporners and set the party at liberty.


MAINTAIN. To maintain an action or suit is to commence or institute it; the term imports the existence of a cause of action. Boutilier v. The Milwaukee, 8 Minn. 105, (Gil. 80, 81.)

MAINTAINED. In pleading. A technical word indispensable in an indictment for maintenance. 1 Wile. 325.

MAINTAINER. In criminal law. One that maintains or secures a cause depending. In suit between others, either by disbursing money or making friends for either party towards his help. Blount. One who is guilty of maintenance (q. v.)

MAINTENANCE. Sustenance; support: assistance. The furnishing by one person to another, for his support, of the means of living, or food, clothing, shelter, etc., particularly where the legal relation of the parties is such that one is bound to support the other, as between father and child, or husband and wife. Wall v. Williams, 93 N. C. 630, 53 Am. Rep. 458; Winthrop Co. v. Clinton, 196 Pa. 472, 46 Atl. 415, 79 Am. St. Rep. 729; Regina v. Gravesend, 5 El. & Bl. 466; State v. Comity, 5 Iowa, 557; 14 N. W. 149; In re Warren Insane Hospital, 3 Pa. Dist. R. 225.

In criminal law. An unauthorised and offensive interference in a suit in which the offender has no interest, to assist one of the parties to it, against the other, with money or advice to prosecute or defend the action. 1 Russ. Crimes, 254.

Maintenance, in general, signifies an unlawful taking in hand or uplifting of quarrels and sides, to the hindrance of common right. Co. Litt. 360a; Hawk. P. C. 303.

Maintenance is the assisting another person in a lawsuit, without having any concern in the subject. Wickham v. Conklin, 8 Johns. (N. Y.) 220.

Maintenance is where one officiously intermeddles in a suit which in no way belongs to him. The term does not include all kinds of aid in the prosecution or defense of another's cause. It does not extend to persons having an interest in the thing in controversy, nor to persons of kin or affinity to either party, nor to counsel or attorneys, for their acts are not officious, nor unlawful. The distinction between "champery" and "maintenance" is that maintenance is the promoting, or undertaking to promote, a suit by one who has no lawful cause to do so, and champery is an agreement for a division of the thing in controversy, in the event of success, as a reward for the un-

MAINE. L. Fr. A hand. More commonly written "meun."


MAIN. Principal, chief, most important in size, extent, or utility.

-Main channel. The main channel of a river is that bed over which the principal volume of water flows. See St. Louis, Etc., Pack et Co. v. Keokuk & H. Bridge Co. (C. C.) 31 Fed. 757; Ces'llv v. State, 49 Ark. 594; Dunnell v. D. Bridge Co. v. Dubuque County, 55 Iowa, 558, 8 N. W. 443.-Main-rent. Vas salage.—Main sea. See SEA.

MAINAD. In old English law. A false oath; perjury. Cowell. Probably from Sax. "manath" or "mainath" a false or deceitful oath.

MAINE-PORT. A small tribute, commonly of loaves of bread, which in some places the parishioners paid to the rector in lieu of small tithes. Cowell.

MAINOUR. In criminal law. An article stolen, when found in the hands of the thief. A thief caught with the stolen goods in his possession is said to be taken "with the mainour," that is, with the property in mans, in his hands. 4 Bl. Comm. 307.

The word seems to have corresponded with the French maine. (q. v.) In modern law it has sometimes been written as an English word "manner," and the expression "taken in the manner" occurs in the books. Crabb, Eng. Law, 194.

MAINOVRE, or MAINUVE. A trespass committed by hand. See 7 Rich. II. c. 4.

MAINPERMABLE. Capable of being bailed; bailable; admissible to bail on giving surety by mainporners.

MAINPERNOR. In old practice. A surety for the appearance of a person under arrest, who is delivered out of custody into the hands of his bail. "Mainporners" differ from "ball" in that a man's bail may imprison or surrender him up before the stipulated day of appearance; mainporners can do neither, but are barely sureties for his appearance at the day. Ball are only sureties that the party be answerable for the special matter for which they stipulate; mainporners are bound to produce him to answer all charges whatsoever. 3 Bl. Comm. 128. Other distinctions are made in the old books. See Cowell.
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MAJOR. A person of full age; one who is no longer a minor; one who has attained the management of his own concerns and the enjoyment of his civil rights.

MAJOR ANNUS. The greater year; the bisextile year, consisting of 366 days. Bract. fol. 3606.

MAJOR GENERAL. In military law. An officer next in rank above a brigadier general, and next below a lieutenant general, and who usually commands a division or an army corps.

MAJESTAS. Lat. In Roman law. The majesty, sovereign, authority, or supreme prerogative of the state or prince. Also a shorter form of the expression "crimen majestatis," or "crimen iure majestatis," an offense against sovereignty, or against the safety or organic life of the Roman people; &c., high treason.

MAJESTY. Royal dignity. A term used of kings and emperors as a title of honor.

MAIRE. In old Scotch law. An officer to whom process was directed. Otherwise called "maiir of fée," (fee), and classed with the "serjand." Skene.

MAISON DE DIEU. Fr. A hospital; an almshouse; a monastery. St. 39 Eliz. c. 5. Literally, "house of God."

MAISTER. An old form of "master."

MAISURA. A house, mansion, or farm. Cowell.

MAITRE. Fr. In French maritime law. Master; the master or captain of a vessel. Ord. Mar. lv. 2, tit. 1, art. 1.

MAITRE, In French law. The government building of each commune. It contains the record office of all civil acts and the list of voters; and it is there that political and municipal elections take place. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 566.

MAESTRA. Fr. In French law. The government building of each commune. It contains the record office of all civil acts and the list of voters; and it is there that political and municipal elections take place. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 566.

MAIRES. In Roman law and genealogical tables. The male descendants beyond the sixth degree.

MAJOR. In old English law. Greater persons; persons of higher condition or estate.

MAJOR REGALIA. The king's dignity, power, and royal prerogative, as opposed to his revenue, which is comprised in the minor regalia. 2 Steph. Comm. 475; 1 Bl. Comm. 240.

MAJORIS SUMME MINOR INEST. In the greater sum the less is included. 2 Kent, Comm. 618; Story, Ag. § 172.

MAJORIT. Full age; the age at which, by law, a person is entitled to the management of his own affairs and to the enjoyment of civil rights. The opposite of minority. Also the status of a person who is a major in age.

MAJORIT IN THE LAW OF ELECTIONS. Majority signifies the greater number of votes. When there are only two candidates, he who receives the greater number of the votes cast is said to have a majority; when there are more than two competitors for the same office, the person who receives the greatest number of votes has a plurality, but he has not a majority unless he receives a greater number of votes than those cast for all his competitors combined.

MAJORIT IN MILITARY LAW. The officer next in rank above a captain.

MAJORIT IN MILITARY AFFAIRS. Majority denotes the rank and commission of a major.

MAJUS DIGNITAT. The more worthy draws itself the less worthy. Co. Litt. 43, 355b; Bract. fol. 175; Noy, Max. p. 6, max. 18.

MAJUS JUS. In old practice. Greater right or more right. A plea in the old real actions. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 476. Majus jus necrum, more were right. Bract. fol. 31.

MAKE. 1. To cause to exist; to form, fashion, or produce; to do, perform, or exe-
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cute; as to make an issue, to make oath, to
make a presentment.

2. To do in form of law; to perform with
due formalities; to execute in legal form;
as to make answer, to make a return.

3. To execute as one's act or obligation;
to prepare and sign; to sign, execute, and
deliver; as to make a conveyance, to make
a note.

4. To conclude, determine upon, agree to,
or execute; as to make a contract.

5. To cause to happen by one's neglect
or omission; as to make default.

6. To make acquisition of; to procure;
to collect; as to make the money on an execu-
tion.

7. To have authority or influence; to sup-
port or sustain; as in the phrase, "This
precedent makes for the plaintiff."

—Make an assignment. To transfer one's
property to an assignee for the benefit of one's
creditors.—Make an award. To form and
publish a judgment on the facts. Hoy v. Tay-
lor, 3 N. J. Law, 333.—Make a contract.
To agree upon, and conclude or adopt, a contract,
in case of a written contract, to reduce it to
writing, execute it in due form, and deliver
it as binding.—Make default. To fail or be
wanting in some legal duty; particularly, to
omit the entering of an appearance when duly
summoned in an action at law or other judi-
cial proceeding, to neglect to obey the com-
mand of a subpoena, etc.—Make one's faith.
A Scotch phrase, equivalent to the old English
phrase, "to make one's law."

MAKER. One who makes, frames, or
ordains; as a "law-maker." One who makes
or executes; as the maker of a promissory
note. See Aud v. Magruder, 10 Cal. 290;
Sawyers v. Campbell, 107 Iowa, 397, 78 N.
W. 56.

MAKING LAW. In old practice. The
formality of denying a plaintiff's charge
under oath, in open court, with compurgat-
ors. One of the ancient methods of trial,
frequently, though inaccurately, termed
"waging law," or "wager of law." 3 Bl.
Comm. 341.

MAL. A prefix meaning bad, wrong,
fraudulent; as maladministration, malprac-
tice, malversation, etc.

MAL GREE. L. Fr. Against the will;
without the consent. Hence the single word
"malgre," and more modern "magre," (q. v.)

MAL-TOLTE. Fr. In old French law.
A term said to have arisen from the usurious
gains of the Jews and Lombards in their manage-
ment of the public revenue. Steph. Lect. 372.

MALA. Lat. Bad; evil; wrongful.

—Mala fides. Bad faith. The opposite of
bona fides. (q. v.) Mal fide, in bad faith.
Male fidei possessor, a possessor in bad faith.

Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 297.—Mala in se.
Wrongs in themselves; acts morally wrong;
offenses against conscience. 1 Bl. Comm. 57,
58; 4 Bl. Comm. 8; Com. v. Adams, 114
Mass. 323, 19 Am. Rep. 362; Turner v. Mer-
chants' Bank, 126 Ala. 397, 25 South. 480—
Mala praxis. Malpractice; unskilful man-
agement or treatment. Particularly applied
to the neglect or unskilful management of a
physician, surgeon, or apothecary. 3 Bl. Comm.
122.—Mala prohibita. Prohibited wrongs or
offenses; acts which are made offenses by posi-
tive laws, and prohibited as such. 1 Bl.
Comm. 57, 58; 4 Bl. Comm. 8.

Mala grammaticas non vittat chartam.
Sed in expositione instrumentorum mala
grammaticas quoad fieri possit evitanda
est. Bad grammar does not vitiate a deed.
But in the exposition of instruments, bad
grammar, as far as it can be done, is to be
avoided. 6 Coke, 39; Broom, Max. 636.

MALADMINISTRATION. This term is
used, in the law-books, interchangeably with
mis-administration, and both words mean
"wrong administration." Minkler v. State,
14 Neb. 183, 15 N. W. 331.

MALANDRINUS. In old English law.
A thief or pirate. Wala. 333.

MALARY. In Hindu law. Judicial; be-
longing to a judge or magistrate.

MALBERGE. A hill where the people
assembled at a court, like the English assizes;
which by the Scotch and Irish were
called "parley hills." Du Cange.

MALCONNA. In Hindu law. A treasury
or store-house.

MALE. Of the masculine sex; of the sex
that begets young.

MAL CREDITUS. In old English law.
Unfavorably thought of; in bad repute or

Maledicta est expositio quae corrum-
pit textum. That is a cursed interpreta-
tion which corrupts the text. 4 Coke, 356;
Broom. Max. 622.

MALEDICTION. A curse, which was
anciently annexed to donations of lands made
to churches or religious houses, against those
who should violate their rights. Cowell.

MALEFACTION. A crime; an offense.

MALEFACTOR. He who is guilty, or
has been convicted, of some crime or offense.

Maleficia non debent remanere im-
punita, et impunitas continum ac-
fectum tribuit delinquenti. 4 Coke. 45.
Evil deeds ought not to remain unpunished;
and impunity affords continual incitement
to the delinquent.
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MALEFICIA. In the civil law. Waste; damage; tort; injury. Dig. 5, 18, 1.

MALEFICIUM. In the civil law. Waste; damage; tort; injury. Dig. 5, 18, 1.

MALESON, or MALISON. A curse.

MALESWORN, or MALSWORN. Forsworn. Cowell.

MALEFEASANCE. The wrongful or unjust doing of some act which the doer has no right to perform, or which he has stipulated by contract not to do. It differs from "misfeasance" and "nonfeasance," (which titles see.) See 1 Chit. Pr. 9; 1 Chit. Pl. 134; Dudley v. Flemingsburg, 15 Ky. 5, 72 S. W. 327, 60 L. R. A. 575, 103 Am. St. Rep. 235; Cotte v. Lynes, 33 Conn. 115; Bell v. Josseylin, 3 Gray (Mass.) 311, 63 Am. Dec. 741.


MALICE. In criminal law. In its legal sense, this word does not simply mean ill will against some person. In its legal sense, it applies to a wrongful act done intentionally, without just cause or excuse. Browne v. Prosser, 4 Barn. & C. 255. A conscious violation of the law (or the prompting of the mind to commit it) which operates to the prejudice of another person. About as clear, comprehensive, and correct a definition as the authorities afford is that "malice is a condition of the mind which shows a heart regardless of social duty and fatally bent on mischief, the existence of which is inferred from acts committed or words spoken." Harris v. State, 8 Tex. App. 109.

"Malice," in its common acceptance, means ill will towards some person. In its legal sense, it applies to a wrongful act done intentionally, without legal justification or excuse. Duon v. Hall, 1 Ind. 344. A man may do an act willfully, and yet be free of malice. But he cannot do an act maliciously without at the same time doing it willfully. The malicious doing of an act includes the willful doing of it. Malice includes intent and will. State v. Robbins, 66 Me. 328.


In the law of libel and slander. An evil intent or motive arising from spite or ill will; personal hatred or ill will; culpable recklessness or wanton disregard of the rights and interests of the person defamed. McDonald v. Brown, 23 R. I. 546, 51 Atl. 213, 58 L. R. A. 788, 91 Am. St. Rep. 659; Hearne v. De Young, 132 Cal. 357, 84 Pac. 576; Cherry v. Des Moines Leader, 114 Iowa, 298, 86 N. W. 323, 54 L. R. A. 855, 89 Am. St. Rep. 305; Minter v. Bradstreet Co., 174 Mo. 444, 73 S. W. 693.

—Actual malice. Express malice, or malice in fact. See 1 Chit. Pr. 8; Cal. 13 Or. 8951; 18 Sup. Ct. 302.—Constructive malice. Implied malice; malice inferred from acts; malice imputed by law; malice or want is not shown by direct proof of an intention to do injury (a "psychopathic" malice,) but which is inferentially established by the necessarily injurious results of the acts shown to have been committed. State v. Harrigan, 9 Houst. (Del.) 369, 31 Atl. 1052; Hogan v. State, 36 Wsa. 223; Caldwell v. Raymond, 2 Abb. Franc. (N. Y.) 1065.—Express malice. Actual malice; malice in fact; a deliberate intention to commit an injury, evidenced by external circumstances. Sparf v. U. S., 156 U. S. 51, 15 Sup. Ct. 273, 39 L. Ed. 343; Farrer v. State, 42 Tex. 717; Singleton v. State, 1 Tex. App. 507; Jones v. State, 29 Ga. 304; Parson v. Parsons, 47 Ala. 17, 10 Atl. 362; Howard v. Sexton, 4 N. Y. 161; Herberner v. Cossman, 4 Pennewill (Del.) 38, 55 Atl. 224.—General malice. General malice is within the scope of a disposition to a "black and diabolical heart, regardless of social duty and fatally bent on mischief." Neal v. Nelson, 117 N. C. 303, 25 S. E. 425, 58 Am. St. Rep. 500; Brooks v. Jones, 33 N. C. 290.—Implied malice. Malice inferred by legal reasoning and necessary deduction from the acts or conduct of the party. Malice inferred from any deliberate cruel act committed by one person against another, however sudden. What. Hom. 38. What is called "general malice" is often called "constructive malice." Thus in Sparf v. U. S., 156 U. S. 51, 15 Sup. Ct. 273, 39 L. Ed. 343; Hotema v. U. S., 186 U. S. 413, 22 Sup. Ct. 895, 46 L. Ed. 1220; Derry v. People, 10 N. Y. 120; State v. Mason, 54 S. C. 240, 32 S. E. 357; State v. Neal, 37 Me. 469; State v. Harrigan, 9 Houst. (Del.) 606, 31 Atl. 1052.—Legal malice. An expression used as the equivalent of "constructive malice," or "malice in law." Humphries v. Parker, 52 Me. 502.—Malice aforethought. In the definition of "malice," malice aforethought consists where the person doing the act which causes death has an intention to cause death or grievous bodily harm to some person. Although the person is actually killed or not, or to commit any felony whatever, or has the knowledge that the act will probably cause the death of or grievous bodily harm to some person, although he does not desire it or even wishes that it may not be caused. Steph. Crim. Dig. 144; 1 Russ. Crimes, 461. The words "malice aforethought" long ago acquired in law a settled meaning, somewhat different from the popular one. In their legal sense they do not import an actual intention to kill the deceased. The idea is not one of malice or malice aforethought. In their sense they are not said to be premised on a heart of a wicked and malignant heart; but premeditated personal hatred or revenge towards the person killed, but that kind of unlawful purpose which, if persevered in, must produce death. State v. Pike, 49 N. H. 396, 6 Am. Rep. 533. See Thiede v. Utah, 158 U. S. 610, 16 Sup. Ct. 429, 49 Iowa 307, 9 Atl. 92; State v. Easey, 388, 28 Atl. 572; Nye v. People, 35 Mich. 19; People v. Borgetto, 90 Mich. 336, 58 N. W. 328; Derry v. People, 10 N. Y. 120; Allen v. U. S., 17 S. Ct. 982, 17 Sup. Ct. 982; State v. Day, 170 N. C. 575; Koto v. People, 136 Ill. 655, 27 N. E. 53; Horgan v. State, 36 Wis. 242.—Malice in fact. Express or actual malice. Malley v. Bebee, 2 Tex. Civ. App. 107, 21 S. W. 384;
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MALICIOUS. Evincing malice; done with malice and an evil design; willful.

-MALICIOUS ABANDONMENT. In criminal law. The desertion of a wife or husband without just cause. [Malicious process.]

The malicious misuse or misapplication of process to accomplish a purpose not warranted or commanded by the writ; the malicious perverseness of an invalidly issued process whereby a result not lawfully or properly obtained on a writ is secured; not including cases where the process was procured maliciously but not abused or misused after its issuance. Bartlett v. Christblff, 69 Md. 219, 14 Atl. 521; Mayer v. Walter, 64 Pa. 283; Humphreys v. Sutcliffe, 192 Pa. 336, 33 Atl. 904, 73 Am. St. Rep. 819; Kline v. Hibbard, 80 Hun, 59, 29 N. Y. Supp. 807.[Malicious act.]


An arrest made willfully and without probable cause, but in the course of a regular proceeding. [Malicious injury.]

An injury committed against a person at the prompting of malice or hatred towards him or done spitefully or wantonly. State v. Huegin, 110 Wis. 189, 85 N. W. 1046, 52 L. R. A. 700; Wing v. Wing, 66 Me. 62, 22 Am. Rep. 548,[Malicious mischief.]


The trespass of a person, or damage to property, in injuring to private property, which the law considers as a public crime. This is such as is done, not animo furandi, or with an intent of gain, but with the knowledge either of a spirit of wanton cruelty or wicked revenge. In this latter light it bears a near relation to the crime of arson, for, as that affects the habitation of the propounder, this individual, at least, in danger and therefore any damage arising from this mischievous disposition, though only a trespass at the common law, is now, by several stat-utes, made severely penal. Jacob.—Malicious prosecution. A judicial proceeding instituted against a person out of the prosecutor's malice and ill will, with the intention of injuring him, without probable cause to sustain it, the process and proceedings being regular and formal, but not justified by the facts. For this injury, the action on the case lies, called the "action of malicious prosecution." Hicks v. Brantley, 102 Ga. 294, 25 S. E. 459; Eggett v. Allen, 118 Wis. 625, 94 N. W. 991; Harpham v. Whitney, 77 Ill. 38; Lauzon v. Charroix, 18 R. I. 467, 28 Atl. 975; Fribble v. Morris, 75 Conn. 633, 55 Atl. 9.[Malicious trespass.

The act of one who maliciously or mischievously injures or causes to be injured any property of another or any public property. State v. McKee, 109 Ind. 497, 10 N. E. 406; Hannel v. State, 4 Ind. App. 485, 30 N. E. 1118.

MALIGNARE. To malign or slander; also to maim.

MALIGNER. To feign sickness or any physical disablement or mental lapse or derangement, especially for the purpose of escaping the performance of a task, duty, or work.

MALITIA. Lat. Actual evil design; express malice.

—Malitia proccigitate. Malice aforethought.

Malitia est solida; est nulli animal affectus. Malice is sour; it is the quality of a bad mind. 2 Buist. 49.

Malitia supplet statam. Malice supplies [the want of] age. Dyer, 104b; Broom, Max. 316.

Malitius hominum est obivandum. The wicked or malicious designs of men must be thwarted. 4 Coke, 155.

MALJULUM. In old European law. A court of the higher kind in which the more important cases of the county was dispatched by the count or earl. Spelman. A public national assembly.

MALO ANIMO. Lat. With an evil mind; with a bad purpose or wrongful intention; with malice.

MALO GRATO. Lat. In spite; unwillingly.

MALO SENSU. Lat. In evil sense or meaning; with an evil signification.

MALPRACTICE. As applied to physicians and surgeons, this term means, generally, professional misconduct towards a patient which is considered reprehensible either because immoral in itself or because contrary to law or expressly forbidden by law. In a more specific sense, it means bad, wrong, or injudicious treatment of a patient, professionally and in respect to the particular disease or injury, resulting in injury, unnecessary suffering, or death to the patient,

MALTY. A substance produced from barley or other grain by a process of steeping in water until germination begins and then drying in a kiln, thus converting the starch into saccharine matter. See Hollender v. Magone (C. C.) 38 Fed. 915; U. S. v. Cohn, 2 Ind. T. 474, 52 S. W. 38.

MAL-T LIQUOR. A general term including all alcoholic beverages prepared essentially by the fermentation of an infusion of malt (as distinguished from such liquors as are produced by the process of distillation), and particularly such beverages as are made from malt and hops, like beer, ale, and porter. See Alger v. State, 89 Ala. 112, 2 South. 58; State v. Gill, 89 Minn. 502, 65 N. W. 449; U. S. v. Ducournau (C. C.) 54 Fed. 198; State v. Stapp, 29 Iowa, 592; Sarlis v. U. S., 152 U. S. 570, 14 Sup. Ct. 720, 38 L. Ed. 550.—MALT MUNA. A quorum or malt-mill.—MALT-SHOT, or MALT-SOotland. A certain payment for making malt. Somner.—MALT-TAX. An excise duty upon malt in England. 1 BL Comm. 315; 2 Stepb. Comm. 581.

MAL-TREATMENT. In reference to the treatment of his patient by a surgeon, this term signifies improper or unskilful treatment; it may result either from ignorance, neglect, or willfulness; but the word does not necessarily imply that the conduct of the surgeon, in his treatment of the patient, is either willfully or grossly careless. Com. v. Hackett, 2 Allen (Mass.) 142.

MALUM, n. Lat. In Roman law. A mast; the mast of a ship. Dig. 50, 17, 242. pr. Heid to be part of the ship. 1d.

MALUM, adj. Lat. Wrong; evil; wicked reprehensible.

MALUM IN SE. A wrong in itself; an act or case involving illegality from the very nature of the transaction, upon principles of natural, moral, and public law. Story, Ag. § 346. An act said to be malum in se when it is inherently and essentially evil, that is, immoral in nature and injurious in its consequences, without any regard to the fact of its being noticed or prohibited by the law of the state. Such are most or all of the offenses cognizable at common law, (without the denunciation of a statute,) as murder, larceny, etc.—MALUM PROHIBITUM. A wrong prohibited; a thing which is wrong because prohibited; an act which is not inherently immoral, but becomes so because its commission is expressly forbid-
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219, 35 Pac. 677; Saunders v. United States Marble Co., 29 Wash. 475, 65 Pac. 782.—Manager of a conference. Members of the houses of parliament appointed to represent each house at a conference between the two houses. It is an ancient rule that the number of commons named for a conference should be double those of the lords. May, Parl. Pr. c. 16.

-Managing agent. See AGENT.—Managing owner of ship. The managing owner of a ship is one of several co-owners, to whom the others, or those of whom who join in the adventure, have delegated the management of the ship. He has authority to do all things usual and necessary in the management of the ship and the delivery of the cargo, to enable her to prosecute her voyage and earn freight, with the right to appoint an agent for the purpose. 6 Q. B. Div. 93; Sweet.

MANAGIUM. A mansion-house or dwelling-place. Cowell.

MANAS MEDIZE. Men of a mean condition, or of the lowest degree.

MANBOTE. In Saxon law. A compensation or recompense for homicide, particularly due to the lord for killing his man or vassal, the amount of which was regulated by that of the werg.

MANCA, MANCUS, or MANCUSA. A square piece of gold coin, commonly valued at thirty pence. Cowell.

MANCEPS. Lat. In Roman law. A purchaser; one who took the article sold in his hand; a formality observed in certain sales. Calvin. A farmer of the public taxes.

MANCHE-PRESENT. A bribe; a present from the donor's own hand.

MANCIPARE. Lat. In Roman law. To sell, alienate, or make over to another; to sell with certain formalities; to sell a person; one of the forms observed in the process of emancipation.

MANCIPATE. To enslave; to blind; to tie.

MANCIPATIO. Lat. In Roman law. A certain ceremony or formal process anciently required to be performed, to perfect the sale or conveyance of res mancipi, (land, houses, slaves, horses, or cattle.) The parties were present, (vendor and vendee,) with five witnesses and a person called "Hibrixena," who held a balance or scales. A set form of words was repeated on either side, indicative of transfer of ownership, and certain prescribed gestures performed, and the vendee then struck the scales with a piece of copper, thereby symbolizing the payment, or weighing out, of the stipulated price.

The ceremony of mancipatio was used, in later times, in one of the forms of making a will. The testator acted as vendor, and the heir (or familia emaptor) as purchaser, the latter symbolically buying the whole estate, or succession, of the former. The ceremony

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was also used by a father in making a fictitious sale of his son, which sale, when three times repeated, effectuated the emancipation of the son.

MANDICI RES. Lat. In Roman law. Certain classes of things which could not be aliened or transferred except by means of a certain formal ceremony of conveyance called "mancipatio," (q. v.) These included land, houses, slaves, horses, and cattle. All other things were called "res nec mancipi." The distinction was abolished by Justinian. The distinction corresponded as nearly as may be to the early distinction of English law into real and personal property; res mancipi being objects of a military or agricultural character, and res nec mancipi being all other subjects of property. Like personal estate, res nec mancipi were not originally either valuable in se or valued. Brown.

MANCIPITUM. Lat. In Roman law. The momentary condition in which a fliius, etc., might be when in course of emancipation from the potestas, and before that emancipation was absolutely complete. The condition was not like the dominica potestas over slaves, but slaves are frequently called "mancipia" in the non-legal Roman authors. Brown.

MANCIPLE. A clerk of the kitchen, or caterer, especially in colleges. Cowell.

MANGOMINAL. In Spanish law. An obligation is said to be mancomunal when one person assumes the contract or debt of another, and makes himself liable to pay or fulfill it. Schu. Civ. Law, 120.

MANDAMIENTO. In Spanish law. Commission; authority or power of attorney. A contract of good faith, by which one person commits to the gratuitous charge of another his affaires, and the latter accepts the charge. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 12, c. 1.

MANDAMUS, Lat. We command. This is the name of a writ (formerly a high prerogative writ) which issues from a court of superior jurisdiction, and is directed to a private or municipal corporation, or any of its officers, or to an executive, administrative, or judicial officer, or to an inferior court, commanding the performance of a particular act therein specified, and belonging to his or their public, official, or ministerial duty, or directing the restoration of the complainant to rights or privileges of which he has been illegally deprived. See Lahiff v. St. Joseph etc., Soc., 78 Conn. 648, 37 Atl. 692, 65 L. R. A. 92, 100 Am. St. Rep. 1012; Milster v. Spartanburg, 68 S. C. 243, 47 S. E. 141; State v. Carpenter, 51 Ohio St. 83, 37 N. E. 261, 46 Am. St. Rep. 556; Chicago & N. W. R. Co. v. Crane, 113 U. S. 942, 5 Sup. Ct. 578, 28 L. Ed. 1064; Arnold v. Kennebec County, 93 Me. 117, 44 Atl. 364; Placard v. State, 148 Ind.
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306, 47 N. E. 623; Atlanta v. Wright, 119 Ga. 207, 45 S. E. 994; State v. Lewis, 76 Mo. 370; Ex parte Crane, 5 Pet. 190, 8 L. Ed. 92; Marbury v. Madison, 1 Cranch, 158, 2 L. Ed. 90; U. S. v. Butterworth, 160 U. S. 600, 18 Sup. Ct. 441, 42 L. Ed. 873.

The action of mandamus is one, brought in a court of competent jurisdiction, to obtain an order of such court commanding an inferior tribunal, board, corporation, or person to do or not to do an act the performance or omission of which the law enjoins as a duty resulting from an office, trust, or station. Where discretion is left to the inferior tribunal or person, the mandamus can only compel it to act, but cannot control such discretion. Rev. Code Iowa, 1880, § 3373.

Classification. The writ of mandamus is either peremptory or alternative, according as it requires the defendant absolutely to obey its behest, or gives him an opportunity to show cause to the contrary. It is the usual practice to issue the alternative writ first. This commands the defendant to do the particular act, or else to appear and show cause against it at a day named. If he neglects to obey the writ, and either makes default in his appearance or fails to show good cause against the application, the peremptory mandamus issues, which commands him absolutely and without qualification to do the act.

MANDANS. Lat. In the civil law. The employing party in a contract of mandate. One who gives a thing in charge to another; one who requires, requests, or employs another to do some act for him. Inst. 3, 27, 1, et seq.

MANDANT. In French and Scotch law. The employing party in the contract of mandatum, or mandate. Story, Bail. § 138.

Mandata licita recipiunt strictam interpretationem, sed illitica latam et extensam. Lawful commands receive a strict interpretation, but unlawful commands a broad and extended one. Bac. Max. reg. 16.

MANDATAIRE. Fr. In French law. A person employed by another to do some act for him; a mandatory.


MANDATORY. He to whom a mandate, charge, or commandment is given; also, he that obtains a benefit by mandamus. Briggs v. Spaulding, 141 U. S. 132, 11 Sup. Ct. 824, 36 L. Ed. 662.

MANDATE. In practice. A judicial command or precept proceeding from a court or judicial officer, directing the proper officer to enforce a judgment, sentence, or decree. Seaman v. Clarke, 69 App. Div. 416, 69 N. Y. Supp. 1002; Horton v. State, 63 Neb. 34, 88 N. W. 146.

In the practice of the supreme court of the United States, the mandate is a precept or order issued upon the decision of an appeal or writ of error, directing the action to be taken, or disposition to be made of the cause, by the inferior court.

In some of the state jurisdictions, the name "mandate" has been substituted for "mandamus" as the formal title of that writ.

In contracts. A bailment of property in regard to which the bailee engages to do some act without reward. Story, Bail. § 137.

A mandate is a contract by which a lawful business is committed to the management of another, and by him undertaken to be performed gratuitously. The mandatory is bound to the exercise of slight diligence, and is responsible for gross neglect. The fact that the mandator derives no benefit from the acts of the mandatory is not of itself evidence of gross negligence. Richardson v. Futrell, 42 Miss. 525; Williams v. Congress, 125 U. S. 397, 8 Sup. Ct. 633, 31 L. Ed. 778. A mandate, procurement, or letter of attorney is an act by which one person gives power to another to transact for him and in his name one or several affairs. The mandate may take place in five different manners—for the interest of the person granting it only; for the joint interest of both parties; for the interest of a third person; for the interest of a third person and that of the party granting it; and, finally, for the interest of the mandatory and a third person. Civ. Code La. arts. 2885, 2886.

Mandates and deposits closely resemble each other; the distinction being that in mandates the care and service are the principal, and the custody the accessory, while in deposits the custody is the principal thing, and the care and service merely accessory. Story, Bail. § 140.

The word may also denote a request or direction. Thus, a check is a mandate by the drawer to his banker to pay the amount to the transferee or holder of the check. 1 Q. B. Div. 33.

In the civil law. The instructions which the emperor addressed to a public functionary, and which were rules for his conduct. These mandates resembled those of the proconsuls, the mandata jurisdicto, and were ordinarily binding on the legates or lieutenants of the emperor in the imperial provinces and there they had the authority of the principal edicts. Sav. Dr. Rom. c. 3, § 24 no. 4.

MANDATO. In Spanish law. The contract of mandate. Escriche.

MANDATO, PANEDE. Loaves of bread given to the poor upon Maundy Thurs day.

MANDATOR. The person employing another to perform a mandate.

MANDATORY. Containing a command; preceptive; imperative; peremptory. A provision in a statute is mandatory when disobedience to it will make the act done under
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the statute absolutely void; if the provision is such that disregard of it will constitute an irregularity, but one not necessarily fatal, it is said to be directory. So, the mandatory part of a writ is that which commands the person to do the act specified.

Mandatory injunction. See INJUNCTION.

MANDATUM. Lat. In the civil law. The contract of mandate, (q. v.)

MANDAVI BALIVIO. I have commanded or made my mandate to the bailiff.) In English practice. The return made by a sheriff, where the bailiff of a liberty has the execution of a writ, that he has commanded the bailiff to execute it. 1 Tidd, Pr. 309; 2 Tidd, Pr. 1025.


MANERA. In Spanish law. Manner or mode. Las Partidas, pt. 4, tit. 4, l. 2.

MANERIUM. In old English law. A manor.

Manerium dicitur a manendo, secundum excellentiam, sedes magna, fixa, et stabilib. Co. Iltt. 58. A manor is so called from manendo, according to its excellence, a seat, great, fixed, and firm.

MANGONARE. In old English law. To buy in a market.

MANGONELLUS. A warlike instrument for casting stones against the walls of a castle. Cowell.

MANHOOD. In feudal law. A term denoting the ceremony of doing homage by the vassal to his lord. The formula used was, "Devenio vester homo," I become your man. 2 Bl. Comm. 54.

To arrive at manhood means to arrive at twenty-one years of age. Felton v. Billups, 21 N. C. 565.

MANIA. See INSANITY.

MANIFEST. In maritime law. A sea-letter; a written document required to be carried by merchant vessels, containing an account of the cargo, with other particulars, for the facility of the customs officers. See New York & Cuba S. S. Co. v. U. S. (D. C.) 125 Fed. 320.

In Evidence. That which is clear and requires no proof; that which is notorious.

Manifesta probatione non indigent. 7 Coke, 40. Things manifest do not require proof.

MANIFESTO. A formal written declaration, promulgated by a prince, or by the executive authority of a state or nation, proclaiming its reasons and motives for declaring a war, or for any other important international action.

MANIPULUS. In canon law. A handkerchief, which the priest always had in his left hand. Blount.

MANKIND. The race or species of human beings. In law, females, as well as males, may be included under this term. Fortesc. 91.

MANNER. This is a word of large significance, but cannot exceed the subject to which it belongs. The incident cannot be extended beyond its principal. Wells v. Bain, 75 Pa. 59, 54, 15 Am. Rep. 563.

Manner does not necessarily include time. Thus, a statutory requirement that a mining tax shall be "enforced in the same manner" as certain annual taxes need not imply an annual collection. State v. Eurekea Consol. Min. Co., 9 Nev. 15, 29.

Also a thing stolen, in the hand of the thief; a corruption of "mainour," (q. v.)

MANNER AND FORM; MODO ET FORMA. Formal words introduced at the conclusion of a traverse. Their object is to put the party whose pleading is traversed not only to the proof that the matter of fact denied is, in its general effect, true as alleged, but also that the manner and form in which the fact or facts are set forth are also capable of proof. Brown.


MANNIRE. To cite any person to appear in court and stand in judgment there. It is different from banrire; for, though both of them are citations, this is by the adverse party, and that is by the judge. Du Cange.

MANNOPUS. In old English law. Goods taken in the hands of an apprehended thief. The same as "mainour," (q. v.)

MANNUS. A horse. Cowell.

MANOR. A house, dwelling, seat, or residence.

In English law, the manor was originally a tract of land granted out by the king to a lord or other great person, in fee. It was otherwise called a "barony" or "lordship," and attendant to it was the right to hold a court, called the "court-baron." The lands comprised in the manor were divided into terra tenementales (tenemental or buildings) and terra dominicales, or demesne lands. The former were given by the lord of the manor to his followers or retainers in freehold. The latter were such as he re-
served for his own use; but of these part were held by tenants in copyhold, i. e., those holding by a copy of the record in the lord's court; and part, under the name of the "lord's waste," served for public roads and commons of pasture for the lord and tenants. The tenants, considered in their relation to the court-baron and to each other, were called "parce curiar." The word also signified the franchise of having a manor, with jurisdiction for a court-baron and the right to the rents and services of copyholders.

In American law. A manor is a tract held of a proprietor by a fee-farm rent in money or in kind, and descending to the oldest son of the proprietor, who in New York is called a "patroon." People v. Van Rensselaer, 9 N. Y. 291.

Reputed manor. Whenever the demesne lands and the services become absolutely separated, the manor ceases to be a manor in reality, although it may (and usually does) continue, to be a manor in reputation, and is then called a "reputed manor," and it is also sometimes called a "seigniory in gross." Brown, MANQUELLER. In Saxon law. A murderer.

MANREN. In Scotch law. The service of a man or vassal. A bond of manrent was an instrument by which a person, in order to secure the protection of some powerful lord, bound himself to such lord for the performance of certain services.

MANSE. In old English law. A habitation or dwelling, generally with land attached. Spelman. A residence or dwelling-house for the parish priest: a parsonage or vicarage house. Cowell. Still used in Scotch law in this sense.

MANSEE. A bastard. Cowell.

MANSON. A dwelling-house or place of residence, including its appurtenant outbuildings. Thompson v. People, 3 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 214; Comm. v. Pennock, 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 190; Armour v. State, 3 Humph. (Tenn.) 36; Devoe v. Comm., 3 Metc. (Mass.) 325.

The mansion includes not only the dwelling-house, but also the outhouses, such as barns, stables, cowhouses, dairy houses, and the like, if they are parcel of the messuage (that is, within the curtilage or protection of the dwelling-house) though not under the same roof nor contiguous to it. 2 East, P. C. 412; State v. Brooks, 4 Conn. 448; Bryant v. State, 60 Ga. 358; Fletcher v. State, 10 Lea (Tenn.) 339.

In old English law. Residence; dwelling.

—Manse-house. In the law of burglary, etc., any species of dwelling-house. 3 Inst. 64.

MANSLAUGHTER. In criminal law. The unlawful killing of another without malice, either express or implied; which may be either voluntarily, upon a sudden heat, or involuntarily, but in the commission of some unlawful act. 1 Hale, P. C. 409; 4 Bl. Comm. 191.


The distinction between "manslaughter" and "murder" consists in the following: In the former, though the act which occasions the death be unlawful or likely to be attended with bodily mischief, yet the malice, either express or implied, which is the very essence of murder, is presumed to be wanting in manslaughter. 1 East, P. C. 218; Comm. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 304, 52 Am. Dec. 711. It also differs from "murder" in this: that there can be no accessories before the fact, there having been no time for premeditation. 1 Hale, P. C. 477; 1 Russ. Crimes, 487; 1 Bl. Crim. Law, 678.

—Voluntary manslaughter. In criminal law. Manslaughter committed voluntarily upon a sudden heat of the passions; as if, upon a sudden quarrel, two persons fight, and one of them kills the other. 4 Bl. Comm. 190, 191.

MANSO, or MANSUM. In old English law. A mansion or house. Spelman.


MستانEALING. A word sometimes used synonymously with "kidnapping." (q. v.)

MANSUETUS. Lat. Tame; as though accustomed to come to the hand. 2 Bl. Comm. 391.

MANTEA. In old records. A long robe or mantle.

MANTHEOFF. In Saxon law. A horse-stealer.

MANTICULATE. To pick pockets.

MAN-TRAPS. Engines to catch trespassers, now unlawful unless set in a dwelling-house for defense between sunset and sunrise. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 100, § 31.

MANU BREVII. Lat. With a short hand. A term used in the civil law, signify-
ing shortly; directly; by the shortest course; without circuitry.


MANU LONGA. Lat. With a long hand. A term used in the civil law, signifying indirectly or circuitously. Calvin.

MANU OPERA. Lat. Cattle or implements of husbandry; also stolen goods taken from a thief caught in the fact. Cowell.

MANUAL. Performed by the hand; used or employed by the hand; held in the hand. Thus, a distress cannot be made of tools in the "manual occupation" of the debtor.

Manaul delivery. Delivery of personal property sold, donated, mortgaged, etc., by passing it into the "hand" of the purchaser or transferee; that is, by an actual and corporeal change of possession. —Manual gift. The manual gift, that is, the giving of corporeal utility, effect, or advantage, accompanied by a real delivery, is not subject to any formality. Civil Code La. art. 1539. —Manual labor. Labor performed by hand or by the exercise of physical force, with or without the aid of tools and of horses or other beasts of burden, but depending for its effectiveness chiefly upon personal muscular exertion rather than upon skill, intelligence, or adroitness. See Lew Jim v. U. S., 66 Fed. 564, 14 C. C. A. 241; Martin v. Wakefield, 42 Minn. 176, 43 N. W. 966; G. L. R. A. 362; Breault v. Archambault, 64 Minn. 420, 67 N. W. 348, 53 Am. St. Rep. 545.

MANUALIA BENEFICIA. The daily distributions of meat and drink to the canons and other members of cathedral churches for their present subsistence. Cowell.

MANUALIS OBEIDENTIA. Sworn obedience or submission upon oath. Cowell.

MANUCAPTIO. In old English practice. A writ which lay for a man taken on suspicion of felony, and the like, who could not be admitted to bail by the sheriff, or others having power to let to mainprise. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 240.

MANUCAPTORS. The same as mainpennors, (q. v.)

MANUFACT. A building, the main or principal design or use of which is to be a place for producing articles as products of labor; not merely a place where something may be made by hand or machinery, but what in common understanding is known as a "factory." Halpin v. Insurance Co., 120 N. Y. 73, 23 N. E. 989; 8 L. R. A. 79; Schott v. Harvey, 105 Pa. 227, 51 Am. Rep. 201; Franklin F. Ins. Co. v. Brock, 57 Pa. 82.

MANUFACT, v. The primary meaning of this word is "making with the hand," but this definition is too narrow for its present use. Its meaning has expanded as workmanship and art have advanced, so that now nearly all artificial products of human industry, nearly all such materials as have acquired changed conditions or new and specific combinations, whether from the direct action of the human hand, from chemical processes devised and directed by human skill, or by the employment of machinery, are now commonly designated as "manufactured." Carlin v. Western Assur. Co., 57 Md. 526, 40 Am. Rep. 440; Evening Journ. Ass'n v. State Board of Assessors, 47 N. J. Law, 36, 54 Am. Rep. 114; Attorney General v. Lorman, 59 Mich. 157, 26 N. W. 311, 60 Am. Rep. 257; Kidd v. Pearson, 128 U. S. 1, 9 Sup. Ct. 6, 32 L. Ed. 346.

MANUFACTURE, n. In patent law. Any useful product made directly by human labor, or by the aid of machinery directed and controlled by human power, and either from raw materials, or from materials worked up into a new form. Also the process by which such products are made or fashioned.

—Domestic manufactures. This term in a state statute is used, generally, of manufactures within its jurisdiction. Com. v. Giltinan, 64 Pa. 100.


MANUFACTURING CORPORATION. A corporation engaged in the production of some article, thing, or object, by skill or labor, out of raw material, or from matter which has already been subjected to artificial forces, or to which something has been added to change its natural condition. People v. Knickerbocker Ice Co., 99 N. Y. 181, 1 N. E. 669. The term does not include a mining corporation. Byers v. Franklin Coal Co., 106 Mass. 135.

MANUMISSION. The act of liberating a slave from bondage and giving him freedom. In a wider sense, releasing or delivering one person from the power or control of another. See Fenwick v. Chapman, 9 Pet. 472, 9 L. Ed. 183; State v. Prall, 1 N. J. Law, 4.

Manumitteres ideam est quod extra manum vel potestatem poneri. Co. Litt. 137. To manumit is the same as to place beyond hand and power.

MANUNG, or MONUNG. In old English law. The district within the jurisdiction of a reeve, apparently so called from his power to exercise therein one of his chief functions, viz., to exact (manumission) all fines.
MANUPES. In old English law. A foot of full and legal measure.

MANUPRETUM. Lat. In Roman law. The hire or wages of labor; compensation for labor or services performed. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 413.

MANURABLE. In old English law. Capable of being had or held in hand; capable of manual occupation; capable of being cultivated; capable of being touched; tangible; corporeal. Hale, Anal. § 24.

MANURE. In old English law. To occupy; to use or cultivate; to have in manual occupation; to bestow manual labor upon. Cowell.

MANUS. Lat. A hand.

In the civil law, this word signified power, control, authority, the right of physical coercion, and was often used as synonymous with "potestas."

In old English law, it signified an oath or the person taking an oath; a compurgator. —Manus mortuus. A dead hand; mortmain. Spelman.


MANUTENENTIA. The old writ of maintenance. Reg. Orig. 182.

MANWORTH. In old English law. The price or value of a man's life or head. Cowell.

MANY. This term denotes a multitude, not merely a number greater than that denoted by the word "few." Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Hall, 87 Ala. 708, 6 South. 277, 4 L. R. A. 710, 13 Am. St. Rep. 84. But compare Hilton Bridge Const. Co. v. Foster, 26 Misc. Rep. 338, 57 N. Y. Supp. 140, holding that three persons may be "many."

MANZIE. In old Scotch law. Mayhem; mutilation of the body of a person. Skene.

MAP. A representation of the earth's surface, or of some portion of it, showing the relative position of the parts represented, usually on a flat surface. Webster. "A map is but a transcript of the region which it portrays, narrowed in compass so as to facilitate an understanding of the original." Banker v. Caldwell, 3 Minn. 103 (Gill. 50).

MARA. In old records. A mere or moor; a lake, pool, or pond; a bog or marsh that cannot be drained. Cowell; Blount; Spelman.

MARAUNDER. "A marauder is defined in the law to be 'one who, while employed in the army as a soldier, commits larceny or robbery in the neighborhood of the camp, or while wandering away from the army.' But in the modern and metaphorical sense of the word, as now sometimes used in common speech, it seems to be applied to a class of persons who are not a part of any regular army, and are not answerable to any military discipline, but who are mere lawless banditti, engaged in plundering, robbery, murder, and all conceivable crimes." Curry v. Collins, 37 Mo. 328.

MARC-BANCO. The name of a piece of money formerly coined at Hamburg. Its value was thirty-five cents.

MARCA. A mark; a coin of the value of 13s. 4d. Spelman.

MARCATUS. The rent of a mark by the year anciently reserved in leases, etc.

MARCH. In Scotch law. A boundary line or border. Bell. The word is also used in composition; as march-dike, march-stone.

MARCHANDISES AVARIEES. In French mercantile law. Damaged goods.

MARCHERS. In old English law. Noblemen who lived on the marshes of Wales or Scotland, and who, according to Camden, had their private laws, as if they had been petty kings; which were abolished by the statute 27 Hen. VIII. c. 28. Called also "lords marchers." Cowell.

MARCHES. An old English term for boundaries or frontiers, particularly the boundaries and limits between England and Wales, or between England and Scotland, or the borders of the dominions of the crown, or the boundaries of properties in Scotland. Mozley & Whittey.

—Marches, court of. An abolished tribunal in Wales, where pleas of debt or damages, not above the value of £50, were tried and determined. Cro. Car. 384.

MARCHETA. In old Scotch law. A custom for the lord of a fee to lie the first night with the bride of his tenant. Abolished by Malcolm III. Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 83.

A fine paid by the tenant for the remission of such right, originally a mark or half a mark of silver. Spelman.

In old English law. A fine paid for leave to marry, or to bestow a daughter to marriage. Cowell.
MARCHIONESS. A dignity in a woman answerable to that of marquis in a man, conferred either by creation or by marriage with a marquis. Wharton.

MARE. Lat. The sea.

—Mare clausum. The sea closed; that is, not open or free. The title of Selden's great work, intended as an answer to the Mare Liberum of Grotius; in which he undertakes to prove the sea to be capable of private dominion. 1 Kent, Comm. 27.—Mare Liberum. The sea free. The title of a work written by Grotius against the Portuguese claim to an exclusive trade to the Indies, through the South Atlantic and Indian oceans; showing that the sea was not capable of private dominion. 1 Kent, Comm. 27.

MARESCALLUS. In old English law. A marshall; a master of the stables; an officer of the exchequer; a military officer of high rank, having powers and duties similar to those of a constable. Du Cange. See MARSHAL.


MARETTUM. Marshy ground overflowed by the sea or great rivers. Co. Litt. 5.

MARGIN. 1. The edge or border; the edge of a body of water where it meets the land. As applied to a boundary line of land, the "margin" of a river, creek, or other water-course means the center of the stream. Ex parte Jennings, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 527, 16 Am. Dec. 447; Varick v. Smith, 9 Palge (N. Y.) 551. But in the case of a lake, bay, or natural pond, the "margin" means the line where land and water meet. Fowler v. Vree- land, 44 N. Y. 298, 14 Atl. 115; Lem- bick v. Andrews, 47 Ohio St. 330; 24 N. E. 698, 8 L. R. A. 578.

2. A sum of money, or its equivalent, placed in the hands of a stockbroker by the purchaser of securities so that a written account of the purchase is to be made, as a security to the former against losses to which he may be exposed by a subsequent depression in the market value of the stock. Markham v. Jau- don, 49 Barb. (N. Y.) 408; Sheehy v. Shinn, 103 Cal. 325, 37 Pac. 393; Memphis Broker- age Ass'n v. Cullen, 11 Lea (Tenn.) 77; Porten- bury v. State, 47 Ark. 188, 1 S. W. 58.

MARGINAL NOTE. In Scotch law. A note inserted on the margin of a deed, embodying either some clause which was omitted in transcribing or some change in the agreement of the parties. Bell.

An abstract of a reported case, a summary of the facts, or brief statement of the principle decided, which is prefixed to the report of the case, sometimes in the margin, is also spoken of by this name.

MARINARIUS. An ancient word which signified a mariner or seaman. In England, marinarium capitaneum was the admiral or warden of the ports.

MARINE. Naval; relating or pertaining to the sea; transacted at sea; doing duty or service on the sea.

This is also a general name for the navy of a kingdom or state; as also the whole economy of naval affairs, or whatever respects the building, rigging, arming, equipping, navigating, and fighting ships. It comprehends also the government of naval armaments, and the state of all the persons employed therein, whether civil or military. Also one of the marines Wharton. See Doughten v. Vandeever, 5 Del. Ch. 73.

—Marine belt. That portion of the main or open sea, adjacent to the shores of a given country, over which the jurisdiction of its municipal laws and local authorities extends; defined by international law as extending out three miles from the shore. See The Alexander (D. C.) 60 Fed. 918.—Marine carrier. By statute of several states this term is applied to carriers plying upon the ocean, arms of the sea, the Great Lakes, and other navigable waters within the jurisdiction of the United States. Civ. Code Cal. 1903, § 2087; Rev. & Ann. Stat. Okl. 1903, § 652; Rev. Codes N. D. 1899, § 4176.—Marine contract. One relating to maritime affairs, shipping, navigation, marine insurance, affreightment, maritime loans, or other business to be done upon the sea or in connection with navigation.—Marine corps. A body of soldiers enlisted and equipped for service on board vessels of war; also the naval forces of the nation. U. S. v. Dunn, 120 U. S. 249, 7 Soc. 41; 30 L. Ed. 485.—Marine court in the city of New York. A local court of New York having original jurisdiction of civil causes, where the action is for personal injuries or defamation, and of other civil actions where the damages claimed do not exceed $2,000. It is a court of record. It was originally created as a tribunal for the settlement of causes between seamen.—Marine insurance. See Insur- ance.—Marine interest. Interest, allowed to be stipulated for at an extraordinary rate, for the sake of and risk of loss occasioned on respondentia and bottomry bonds.—Marine league. A measure of distance commonly employed at sea, equal to one quadrant of a degree of latitude, or three geographical or nautical miles. See Rockland, etc., 8 Co., v. Fessenden, 79 Me. 140, 8 Atl. 552.—Marine risk. The peril of the sea; the perils necessary incident to navigation.—Marine Soci- ety. In English law. A charitable institution for the purpose of apprenticing boys to the naval service, etc., incorporated by 12 Geo. III. c. 67.

MARINER. A seaman or sailor; one engaged in navigating vessels upon the sea.

MARINES. A body of infantry soldiers, trained to serve on board of vessels of war when in commission and to fight in naval en- glandments.

Maris et feminine conjunctio est de jure nature. 7 Coke. 13. The connection of male and female is by the law of nature.

MARISCHAL. An officer in Scotland, who, with the lord high constable, possesse a supreme itinerant jurisdiction in all crimes
committed within a certain space of the court, wherever it might happen to be. Wharton.

MARISCUS. A marshy or fenny ground. Co. Litt. 5a.

MARITAGIO AMISSO PER DEFAUT-AM. An obsolete writ for the tenant in frank-marriage to recover lands, etc., of which he was deformed.

MARITAGIUM. The portion which is given with a daughter in marriage. Also the power which the lord or guardian in chivalry had of disposing of his infant ward in matrimony.

—Maritagiun habere. To have the free disposal of an heiress in marriage.

Maritagium est aut liberum aut servitio obligatum; liberum maritagiun dictur ubi donator vult quod terrae sit data quita sit et libera ab omni seculari servitio. Co. Litt. 21. A marriage portion is either free or bound to service; it is called "frank-marriage" when the giver wills that land thus given be exempt from all secular service.

MARITAL. Relating to, or connected with, the status of marriage; pertaining to a husband; incident to a husband.

—Marital coercion. Coercion of the wife by the husband.—Marital portion. In Louisiana. The name given to that part of a deceased husband's estate to which the widow is entitled. Civ. Code La. art. 53; Abercrombie v. Coffey, 3 Mart. N. S. (La.) 1.—Marital rights. The rights of a husband. The expression is chiefly used to denote the right of a husband to property which his wife was entitled to during the continuance of the marriage. See Kilburn v. Kilburn, 86 Cal. 46, 26 Pac. 636, 23 Am. St. Rep. 447; McCollom v. Owens, 15 Tex. Civ. App. 346, 40 S. W. 336.

MARITIMA ANGLE. In old English law. The emolument or revenue coming to the king from the sea, which the sheriffs annually collected, but which was afterwards granted to the admiral. Spelman.


MARITIME. Pertaining to the sea or ocean or the navigation thereof; or to commerce conducted by navigation of the sea or (in America) of the great lakes and rivers.

It is nearly equivalent to "marine" in many connections and uses; in others, the two words are used as quite distinct.

—Maritime neuter use. A cause of action originating on the high seas, or growing out of a maritime contract. 1 Kent, Comm. 367, et seq.

—Maritime contract. A contract whose subject-matter has relation to the navigation of the seas or to trade or commerce to be conducted by navigation or to be done upon the sea or in ports. Over such contracts the admiralty has concurrent jurisdiction with the common-law courts. Edwards v. Elliott, 21 Wall. 553, 22 L. Ed. 457; Doolittle v. Knowlodge (D. C.) 66 Fed. 40; Holt v. Rabinowich, 102 Pa. 215, 48 Am. Rep. 199; De Lovio v. Boit, 7 Fed. Cas. 435; Freight of The Kate (D. C.) 63 Fed. 720.—Maritime court. A court exercising jurisdiction in maritime cases; one which possesses the powers and jurisdiction of a court of admiralty.—Maritime interest. An expression for a fact or thing equivalent to a maritime lien, (q. v.)—Maritime jurisdiction. Jurisdiction in maritime causes; such jurisdiction as belongs to a court of admiralty on the instance side.—Maritime law. That system of law which particularly relates to commerce and navigation, to business transacted at sea or relating to navigation, to ships and shipping, to seamen, to the transportation of goods and property by sea, and to marine affairs generally. The law relating to harbors, ships, and seamen. An important branch of the commercial law of maritime nations; divided into a variety of departments, such as those about harbors, property of ships, duties and rights of masters and seamen, commerce of aliens, the law of salvage, etc. Wharton: The Lottawanna, 21 Wall. 572, 22 L. Ed. 634; The Unadilla (D. C.) 73 Fed. 51; Jervis v. The Queen (D. C.) 66 Fed. 1013.—Maritime lien. A lien arising out of damage done by a ship in the course of navigation, as by collision, which attaches to the vessel and freight, and is to be enforced by an action in rem in the admiralty courts. The Unadilla (D. C.) 73 Fed. 531; Parson v. Cunningham (D. C.) 147 Fed. 124, 11 C. & A. 111; The Underwriter (D. C.) 119 Fed. 715; Stephens v. The Francis (D. C.) 21 Fed. 719. Maritime liens do not include or require possession. The word "lien" is used in maritime law not in the strict legal sense in which we understand it in courts of common law, in which case there could be no lien where there was no possession, actual or constructive, but to express, as if by analogy, the nature of claims which neither presuppose nor originate in possession. 22 Eng. Law & Eq. 62.—Maritime loan. A contract or agreement by which one, who is the lender, lends to another, who is the borrower, a certain sum of money, upon condition that the sum be paid upon which the thing borrowed shall be returned or the sum borrowed; and if the thing arrives in safety, or in case it shall not have been injured but by its own defects or the fault of the master or mariner of the ship, the borrower shall be bound to return the sum borrowed, together with a certain sum agreed upon as the price of the hazard incurred. Emerg. Mar. Loans, c. 1, s. 2. And see The Draco, 7 Fed. Cas. 1042.—Maritime profit. A term used by French writers to signify any profit derived from a maritime loan.—Maritime service. An admiralty liens, law rendered upon the high seas or a navigable river, and which has some relation to commerce or navigation,—some connection with a vessel employed in trade, with her equipment, her preservation, or the preservation of her cargo or crew. Thackrey v. The Farmer, 23 Fed. Cas. 877; Atlantic (D. C.) 98 Fed. 300; Cope v. Vallette Dry Dock Co. (C. C.) 16 Fed. 925.—Maritime state, in English law, consists of the officers and mariners of the British navy, who are employed by express government laws, or the articles of the navy, established by act of parliament.—Maritime tort. A tort committed upon the high seas, or upon a navigable river or other navigable water; and hence falling within the jurisdiction of a court of admiralty. The term is never applied to a tort committed upon un navigable land, in matters maritime. See The Plymouth, 3 Wall.
MARKUS. Lat. A husband; a married man. Calvin.

MARK. 1. A character, usually in the form of a cross, made as a substitute for his signature by a person who cannot write, in executing a conveyance or other legal document. It is commonly made as follows: A third person writes the name of the marksman, leaving a blank space between the Christian name and surname; in this space the latter traces the mark, or crossed lines, and above the mark is written "his," (or "her," and below it, "mark."

2. The sign, writing, or ticket put upon manufactured goods to distinguish them from others, appearing thus in the compound, "trade-mark."

3. A token, evidence, or proof; as in the phrase "a mark of fraud."

4. A weight used in several parts of Europe, and for several commodities, especially gold and silver. When gold and silver are sold by the mark, it is divided into twenty-four carats.

5. A money of accounts in England, and in some other countries a coin. The English mark is two-thirds of a pound sterling, or 13s. 4d.; and the Scotch mark is of equal value in Scotch money of account. Enc. Amer.

6. In early Tontine and English law.
   A species of village community, being the lowest unit in the political system; one of the forms of the gens or clan, variously known as the "mark;" "pemieinde," "commune," or "parish." Also the land held in common by such a community. The union of several such village communities and their marks, or common lands, forms the next higher political union, the hundred. Freem. Comper. Polites, 110, 117.

7. The word is sometimes used as another form of "marque;" a license of reprisals.

--Demi-mark. Half a mark; a sum of money which was anciently required to be tendered in a writ of right, the effect of such tender being to put the demandant, in the first instance, upon proof that the seizin as stated in his count; that is, to prove that the seizin was in the king's reign there stated. Rosc. Real Act. 216.

--High and low water-mark. See WATER-MARK. --MARK banco. See MARC BANCO.

MARKEPENNY. A penny anctly paid at the town of Maidon by those who had gutters laid or made out of their houses into the streets. Wharton.

MARKET. A public time and appointed place of buying and selling; also purchase and sale. Caldwell v. Alton, 33 Ill. 419, 75 Am. Dec. 282; Taggart v. Detroit, 71 Mich. 92, 38 N. W. 714; Strickland v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 154 Pa. 349, 26 Atl. 431, 21 L. R. A. 224. It differs from the forum, or market of antiquity, which was a public market-place on one side only, or during one part of the day only, the other sides being occupied by temples, theaters, courts of justice, and other public buildings. Wharton.

The library, privilege, or charter, by which a town holds a market, which can only be by royal grant or immemorial usage.

By the term "market" is also understood the demand there is for any particular article; as, "the cotton market in Europe is dull."

--Clerk of the market. See CLERK.

market gold. The toll of a market.

market overt. In English law. An open and public market. The market-place or spot of ground set apart by custom for the sale of particular goods is, in the country, the only market overt; but when goods are exposed publicly to be sold, for such things only as the owner proffers to trade, they are market overt. 2 Bl. Comm. 434, 437; 4 Selw. 131; 5 Cow. 383. See Fawcett v. Osborn, 32 Ill. 426, 83 Am. Dec. 278. --Market price. The actual price at which the given commodity is currently sold, or has recently been sold, in the open market, that is, not at a forced sale, but in the usual and ordinary course of trade and competition, between sellers and buyers equally free to bargain, as established by records of late sales. See Lovejoy v. Michels, 88 Mich. 15; 49 N. W. 903, 13 L. R. A. 770; Sanford v. Rockport, Conn. 498, 59 Atl. 875; Douglas v. Merceces, 25 N. J. Eq. 147; Parmeter v. Fitzpatrick, 135 N. Y. 190, 31 N. E. 1092. The term also means, when price at the place of exportation is in view, the price at which articles are sold and purchased, clear of every charge but such as is laid upon it at the time of sale. Goodwin v. United States, 2 Wash. C. C. 493, Fed. Cas. No. 5,554. --Market towns. Those towns which are entitled to hold markets. 1 Steph. Comm. 257th ed, 130. --Market value. The market value of an article or piece of property is the price which it might be expected to bring if offered for sale in a fair market, not the price which must be obtained on a sale at public auction or a sale forced by the necessities of the owner, but such a price as would be fixed by negotiation and mutual agreement. It is matter amply discussed in the cases of the vendor and the purchaser, as between a vendor who is willing (but not compelled) to sell and a purchaser who desires to buy but is not compelled to take the particular article or piece of property. See Winnipesaukee Lake, etc., Co. v. Gilford, 67 N. H. 514, 35 Atl. 945; Muser v. Mason, 135 U. S. 290, 16 Sup. Ct. 77, 39 L. Ed. 135; Esch v. Railroad Co., 72 Wis. 229, 39 N. W. 129; Sharpe v. U. S., 112 Fed. 986, 50 C. C. A. 507; 57 L. R. A. 954; Little Rock Junction Ry. v. Woodruff, 49 Ark. 381, 5 S. W. 792, 4 Am. St. Rep. 51; Lowe v. Omaha, 33 Neb. 587, 50 N. W. 763; San Diego Land Co. v. Neale, 78 Cal. 63, 20 Pac. 272, 3 L. R. A. 53. --Market sold, (properly market gold.) In old records. The toll of a market. -Cowell. --Public market. A market which is not only open to the resort of the general public as purchasers, but also available to all who wish to offer their wares for sale, stalls, stands, or places being allotted to those who pay, or to the limits of the capacity of the market, on payment of fixed rents or fees. See American Live Stock Commission Co. v. Chicago, R. I. & P. Stock Exchange Co., 173 Ill. 210, 32 N. E. 274, 18 L. R. A. 190, 36 Am. St. Rep. 385; State v. Fernandez, 39 La. Ann. 538, 2 South. 223; Cincinnati v. Buckingham, 10 Ohio, 257.
MARKETABLE. Such things as may be sold in the market; those for which a buyer may be found.

MARKETABLE TITLE. A "marketable title" to land is such as a title as a court of equity, when asked to decree specific performance of the contract of sale, will compel the vendee to accept as sufficient. It is said to be not merely a defensible title, but a title which is free from plausible or reasonable objections. Austin v. Barrum, 52 Minn. 136, 53 N. W. 1123; Vought v. N. Y. 442; Brokaw v. Duffy, 185 N. Y. 301, 59 N. E. 196; Todd v. Union Dime Sav. Inst., 128 N. Y. 636, 28 N. E. 604.

MARKSMAN. In practice and conveyancing. One who makes his mark; a person who cannot write, and only makes his mark in executing instruments. Arch. N. Pr. 13; 2 Chit. 92.

MARLBOROUGH, STATUTE OF. An English statute enacted in 1287 (52 Hen. III.) at Marlborough, (now called "Marlborough"); where parliament was then sitting. It related to land tenures, and to procedure, and to unlawful and excessive distresses.

MARQUE AND REPRISAL, LETTERS OF. These words, "marque" and "reprisal," are frequently used as synonymous, but, taken in their strict etymological sense, the latter signifies a "taking in return;" the former, the passing the frontiers (marches) in order to such taking. Letters of marque and reprisal are grantable, by the law of nations, whenever the subjects of one state are oppressed and injured by those of another, and justice is denied by that state to which the oppressor belongs; and the party to whom these letters are granted may then seize the ships or the goods of the subjects of the state to which the offender belongs, until satisfaction be made, wherever they happen to be found. Reprisals are to be granted only in case of a clear and open denial of justice. At the present day, in consequence partly of treaties and partly of the practice of nations, the making of reprisals is confined to the seizure of commercial property on the high seas by public cruisers, or by private cruisers specially authorized thereto. Brown.

MARQUIS, or MARQUESS. In English law. One of the second order of nobility; next in order to a duke.

MARQUISATE. The seigniory of a marquis.

MARRIAGE. Marriage, as distinguished from the agreement to marry and from the act of becoming married, is the civil status of one man and one woman united in law for life, for the discharge to each other and the community of the duties legally incumbent on those whose association is founded on the distinction of sex. 1 Blsh. Mar. & Div. § 3. And see State v. Fry, 4 Mo. 128; Mott v. Mott, 82 Cal. 413, 22 Pac. 1140; Reynolds v. U. S., 98 U. S. 163, 25 L. Ed. 244; Mason v. III, 125 U. S. 190, 8 Sup. Ct. 723, 8 I. Ed. 654; Wadsworth v. N. Y. 58 N. Y. 284, 17 Am. Rep. 259; State v. Bittick, 108 Mo. 183, 15 S. W. 325, 11 L. R. A. 557; 23 Am. St. Rep. 569; Allen v. Allen, 73 Conn. 54, 46 Atl. 242, 49 L. R. A. 142, 54 Am. St. Rep. 135.

A contract, according to the form prescribed by law, by which a man and woman, capable of entering into such contract, mutually engage with each other to live their whole lives together in the state of union which ought to exist between a husband and wife. Shelf. Mar. & Div. 1.

Marriage is a personal relation arising out of a civil contract, to which the consent of parties capable of making it is necessary. Consent alone will not constitute marriage; it must be followed by a solemnization, or by a mutual assumption of rights, duties, or obligations. Civil Code Cal. § 55.

Marriage is the union of one man and one woman, "as the parties agree, and the courts shall approve," to the exclusion of all others, by an obligation which, during that time, the parties cannot of their own volition and act dissolve, but which can be dissolved only by authority of the state. Noble v. Washington, 19 Ind. 53, 81 Am. Dec. 370.

The word also signifies the act, ceremony, or formal proceeding by which persons take each other for husband and wife.

In old English law, marriage is used in the sense of "maritalium," (q. v.) or the feudal right enjoyed by the lord or guardian in chivalry of disposing of his ward in marriage.

AVAL OF MARRIAGE. See that title. COMMON-LAW MARRIAGE. See COMMON-LAW. JACITATION OF MARRIAGE. See JACITATION.

MARRIAGE ARTICLES. Articles of agreement between parties contemplating marriage, intended as preliminary to a formal marriage settlement, to be drawn after marriage. Ath. Mar. Sett. 52. Marriage broken by which a third person, for a consideration, negotiates a marriage between a man and woman. The money paid for such services is also known by its name. Hellman v. Anderson, 83 Ill. App. 509; White v. Equitable Nuptial Ben. Union, 76 Ala. 251, 53 Am. Rep. 325.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY. The form, religious or civil, for the solemnization of a marriage.

MARRIAGE CONSIDERATION. The consideration furnished by an intended marriage of two persons. It is the highest consideration known to the law. MARRIAGE LICENSE. A license or permission granted by public authority to persons who intend to intermarry. By statute in some jurisdictions, it is made an essential prerequisite to the lawful solemnization of the marriage. MARRIAGE NOTICE BOOK. A book kept in England, by the registrar, in which the actions for and issue of registrar's licenses to marry are recorded. MARRIAGE PORTION. Dowry; a sum of money or other property which is given to or acquired by a woman after marriage. In re Croft, 162 Mass. 22, 37 N. E. 784; MARRIAGE PROMISE. Betrothal; engagement to intermarry with another. Perry v. Orr, 35 N. J. Law, 298; MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT. A written agreement in the nature of a conveyance, called a "settlement," which is made in contemplation of a proposed marriage and in consideration thereof, either by the parties about
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to intermarry, or one of them, or by a parent
- relation on their behalf, by which the title
to certain property is settled, i.e., fixed or lim-
ited to a prescribed course of succession; the
object being, usually, to provide for the wife
and children. Thus, the estate might be limited
- to the husband and issue, or to the wife and
issue, or to husband and wife for their joint
lives, remainder to the survivor for life, re-
mains, in the share of the issue, or to the issue,
- or to the wife and issue. Such settlements
may also be made after marriage, in
which case they are called "post-nuptial." —
Mixed marriage. A marriage between per-
sons of different nationalities, races, or more par-
- ticularly, between persons of different racial
origin; as between a white person and a negro
or an Indian.—Morganatic marriage. The
lawful and inseparable conjunction of a man,
- of noble or illustrious birth, with a woman of
inferior station, upon condition that neither
the wife nor her children shall partake of the
- titles, arms, or dignity of the husband, or suc-
cceed to his inheritance, but be contented with a
certain allowed rank assigned to them by the
morganatic contract. But since these restric-
tions relate only to the rank of the parties and
succession to property, without affecting the
marriage itself, that must be considered as a just
marriage. The marriage ceremony was regularly performed; the union
was indissoluble; the children legitimate. It was either
bigamous or polygamous union, but particularly,
a second or subsequent marriage of a man who
already has one wife living, under the system of
polygamy as practised by the Mormons. See
Freil v. Wood, 1 Utah, 105.—Scotch mar-
riage. A marriage contracted without any
formal solemnization or religious ceremony, by
the mere mutual agreement of the parties per
- verbo de praesenti in the presence of witnesses,
recognized as valid by the Scottish law.

MARRIED WOMAN. A woman who
has a husband living and not divorced; a
feme covert.

MARSHAL. In old English law. The
title borne by several officers of state and of
the law, of whom the most important were the
following: (1) The earl-marshall, who
presided in the court of chivalry; (2) the
marshals of the king's house, or knight-mar-
shall, whose special authority was in the
king's palace, to hear causes between mem-
bers of the household, and punish faults
committed within the verge; (3) the mar-
shall of the king's bench prison, who had
the custody of that jail; (4) the marshal
of the exchequer, who had the custody of the
king's debtors; (5) the marshal of the
judge of assize, whose duty was to swear
in the grand jury.

In American law. An officer pertaining
to the organization of the federal judicial
system, whose duties are similar to those of a
sheriff. He is to execute the process of
the United States courts within the dis-
- trict for which he is appointed, etc.
Also, in some of the states, this is the
name of an officer of police, in a city or
- borough, having powers and duties corres-
ponding generally to those of a constable or
sheriff.
—Marshal of the queen's bench. An of-
- ficer who had the custody of the queen's bench

prison. The St. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22, abolished
this office, and substituted an officer called
"keeper of the queen's prison."

MARSHALING. Arranging, ranking, or
disposing in order; particularly, in the case
of a group or series of conflicting claims or
interests, arranging them in such an order
of sequence, or so directing the manner of
their satisfaction, as shall secure justice to
all persons concerned and the largest possi-
ble measure of satisfaction to each. See
sub-titles infra.

—Marshaling assets. In equity. The ar-
- rangment or ranking of assets in the due order
of administration. Such an arrangement of the
different funds under administration as shall
enable all the parties having equities therein
to receive their due proportions, notwithstanding any intervening interests, liens, or other
claims of particular persons to prior satisfaction
out of a portion of these funds. The arrange-
ment or ranking of assets in a certain order
towards the payment of debts. 1 Story, Eq.
Jr. § 553. In an equitable administration of
assets or claims so as to secure the proper application of the assets to the various
claims; especially when there are two classes of
assets, such as mortgage debtors and creditors;
claims against both, and others against only one,
and the creditors of the former class are com-
pelled to exhaust the assets against which they
alone have a claim before having recourse to
other assets, thus providing for the settlement
p. 1292. —Marshaling liens. The ranking or
ordering of several estates or parcels of land,
for the satisfaction of a judgment or mortgage
to which the whole is subject, though succes-
- sively conveyed away by the debtor. The rule is
that, where lands subject to the lien of a judg-
ment or mortgage have been sold or incumbered
by the owner at different times to different pur-
chasers, the various tracts are liable to the
satisfaction of the lien in the inverse order of
their alienation or incumbrance, the last
sold being first chargeable. 1 Black, Jd. R. 440.—Marshaling securities. An equitable
practice, which consists in so ranking or ar-
- ranging creditors, with respect to the assets of
the common debtor, as to provide for
satisfaction of the greatest number of claims.
The process is this: Where one class of cred-
itors have liens or securities on two funds, while
another class of creditors can resort to only one
of those funds, equity will compel the doubly
secured creditors to first exhaust the fund
which will leave the single security of the other
creditors intact. See 1 Story, Eq. Jr. § 533.

MARSHALSEA. In English law. A
- prison belonging to the king's bench. It
has now been consolidated with others,
under the name of the "King's Prison."
—Marshalsea, court of. The court of the
Marshalsea had jurisdiction in actions of debt
or torts, the cause of which arose within the
verge of the common pleas court. It was abolished
by the St. 12 & 13 Vict. c. 101. 4 Steph. Comm. 317,
note d.

MART. A place of public traffic or sale.

MARTESUO DECURRERE. Lat. To
run by its own force. A term applied in
the civil law to a suit when it ran its course
to the end without any impediment. Calvin.

MARTIAL LAW. A system of law, ob-
taining only in time of actual war and grow-
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ing out of the exigencies thereof, arbitrary in its character, and depending only on the will of the commander of an army, which is established and administered in a place or district of hostile territory held in belligerent possession, or, sometimes, in places occupied or pervaded by insurgents or mobs, and which suspends all existing civil laws, as well as the civil authority and the ordinary administration of justice. See In re Ezeta (D. C.) 62 Fed. 972; Diekelman v. U. S., 11 Ct. Cl. 433; Com. v. Shortall, 206 Pa. 165, 55 Atl. 562, 63 L. R. A. 109, 98 Am. St. Rep. 759; Griffin v. Wilcox, 21 Ind. 377. See, also, MILITARY LAW.

"Martial law, which is built upon no settled principles, but is entirely arbitrary in its decisions, is in truth and reality no law, but something indulged rather than allowed as a law. The necessity of order and discipline in an army is the only thing which can give it countenance, and therefore it ought not to be permitted in time of peace, when the king's courts are open for all persons to come and receive justice according to the laws of the land." 1 Bl. Comm. 413.

Martial law is neither more nor less than the writ of habeas corpus of the army. It overrides and suppresses all existing civil laws, civil officers, and civil authorities, by the arbitrary exercise of military power; and every citizen or subject—in other words, the entire population of the country, within the confines of its power—is subjected to the mere will or caprice of the commander. He holds the lives, liberty, and property of all in the palm of his hand. Martial law is regulated by no known or established system or code of laws, as it is over and above all of them. The commander is the legislator, judge, and executioner. In re Egan, 5 Blatchf. 521, Fed. Cas. No. 4,303.

Martial law is not the same thing as military law. The latter applies only to persons connected with the military forces of the country or to affairs connected with the army or with war, but is permanent in its nature, specific in its rules, and a recognized part of the law of the land. The former applies, when in existence, to all persons within the area covered, but is transient in its nature, existing only in time of war or insurrection, is not specific or always the same, as it depends on the will and discretion of the military commander, and is not a part of the law of the land.

MARTINMAS. The feast of St. Martin of Tours, on the 11th of November; sometimes corrupted into "Martinmas" or "Martinmas." It is the third of the four cross quarter-days of the year. Wharton.

MARUS. In old Scotch law. A maire; an officer or executor of summons. Otherwise called "praco regis." Skene.

MASAGIUM. L. Lat. A message.

MASSA. In the civil law. A mass; an unwrought substance, such as gold or silver, before it is wrought into cups or other articles. Dig. 47, 2, 52, 14; Flata, lib. 2, c. 60, § 17, 22.

MASE. To fatten with mast, (acorns, etc.) 1 Leon. 188.

MAST-SELLING. In old English law. The practice of selling the goods of dead seamen at the mast. Held void. 7 Mod. 141.

MASTER. One having authority; one who rules, directs, instructs, or superintends; a head or chief; an instructor; an employer. Applied to several judicial officers. See infra.

-Master and servant. The relation of master and servant exists where one person, for pay or other valuable consideration, enters into the service of another and devotes to him his personal labor for an agreed period. Sweet.

-Master at common law. The title of officers of the English superior courts of common law appointed to record the proceedings of the court to which they belong; to superintend the issue of writs and the formal proceedings in an action; to receive and account for the fees charged or allowed for services, and to review and correct the errors of the court. In most courts, there are five to each court. They are appointed under St. 7 Wm. IV. and 1 Vict. c. 30, passed in 1837. Mosley & Whitley—Master at common law is a sort of chancery who acts as an assistant to the judge or chancellor. His office is to inquire into such matters as may be referred to him, examine causes, take testimony, take accounts, compute damages, etc., reporting his findings to the court in such shape that a decree may be made; also to take oaths and affidavits and acknowledgments of deeds. In modern practice, many of the functions of a master are performed by his deputies, commissioners, and referees, and in some jurisdictions the office has been superseded. See Kimberly v. Arms, 129 U. S. 312, 9 Sup. Ct. 355, 32 L. Ed. 764; Schuchardt v. People, 96 Ill. 501, 39 Am. Rep. 34.

-Master in lunacy. In English law. The masters in lunacy are judicial officers appointed by the lord chancellor for the purpose of conducting inquiries into the state of persons alleged to be lunatics. Such inquiries usually take place before a jury. 2 Steph. Comm. 511-513. The master of a lunatic is the master of a lunatic law. The master of a merchant vessel, who has the chief charge of her government and navigation and the command of the crew, as well as of the cargo and passengers, as the representative and confidential agent of the owner. He is commonly called the "master." See Mason, 30 Wend. (N. Y.) 181. Master of the crown office. The king's coroner and attorney in the original department of the court of king's bench, who prosecutes at the relation of some private person or common informer, the crown being the nominal prosecutor. St. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 20; Wharton-Master of the faculties. In English law. An officer under the archbishop, who grants licenses and dispensations, etc. Master of the horse. In English law. The third great officer of the royal household, being next to the lord steward and lord chamberlain, who has the privilege of making use of any horses, footmen, or pages belonging to the royal stables. Master of the mint. In English law. An officer who receives bullion for coined money, and pays for it, and supplies everything belonging to the mint. He is usually called the "warden of the mint." It is provided by 30 Vict. c. 10, § 14, that the master of the mint, who acts as the officer for the time being shall be the master of the mint. Master of the ordinance. In English law. A great officer, to whose office belong the royal ordnance; all ordnance were committed. Master of the rolls. In English law. An assistant judge of the
court of chancery, who holds a separate court ranking next to that of the lord chancellor, and has the keeping of the rolls and grants which pass the great seal, and the records of the chancery. He was originally appointed only for the superintendence of the rolls and records, under the command of the department of the court, and is still properly the chief of the masters in chancery. 3 Steph. Comm. 417. Under the act constituting the supreme court of justice, the master of the rolls becomes a judge of the high court of justice and ex officio a member of the court of appeal. The same act, however, provides for the abolition of this office under certain conditions, when the next vacancy occurs. See 36 & 37 Vict. c. 66, §§ 31, 32.—Masters of the supreme court. In English law. Officials deriving their title from Jud. (Officers) Act 1879, and being, or filling the places of, the sixteen masters of the common-law courts, the queen's coroner and attorney, the master of the crown office, the two record and writ clerks, and the three associates. Wharton.—Master of the Temple. The chief ecclesiastical functionary of the Temple Church.—Master's report. The formal report or statement made by a master in chancery of his decision on any question referred to him, or of any facts or a rolls as he has been directed to ascertain or take. —Special master. A master in chancery appointed to act as the representative of the court in some particular act or transaction, as to make sale of property under a decree. Guaranty Trust, etc., Co. v. Delta & Pine Land Co., 104 Fed. 5, 43 C. C. A. 326; Pewabic Min. Co. v. Mason, 145 U. S. 349, 12 Sup. Ct. 897, 36 L. Ed. 732. —Taxes masters. Officers of the English supreme court, who examine and allow or disallow items in bills of costs.

MASURA. In old records. A decayed house; a wall; the ruins of a building; a certain quantity of land, about four oxgangs.

MATE. The officer second in command on a merchant vessel. Ely v. Peck, 7 Conn. 242; Millau v. Martin, 6 Rob. (La.) 539.

MATELONAGE. In French law. The hire of a ship or boat.

MATER-FAMILIAS. Lat. In the civil law. The mother or mistress of a family. A chaste woman, married or single. Calvin.

MATERIA. Lat. In the civil law. Materials; as distinguished from species, or the form given by labor and skill. Dig. 41, 1, 7, 7–12; Flota. lib. 3, c. 2, § 14.

Materials (wood) for building, as distinguished from "ignum." Dig. 32, 55, pr.

In English law. Matter; substance; subject-matter. 3 Bl. Comm. 322.

MATRICE. Important; more or less necessary; having influence or effect; going to the merits; having to do with matter, as distinguished from form. An allegation is said to be material when it forms a substantive part of the case presented by the pleading. Evidence offered in a cause, or a question propounded, is material when it is relevant and goes to the substantial matters in dispute, or has a legitimate and effective influence or bearing on the decision of the case.

—Material allegation. A material allegation in a pleading is one essential to the claim or defense, and which could not be stricken from the pleading without leaving it insufficient. Lusk v. Perkins, 42 Ark. 247, 2 S. W. 847; Gillison v. Price, 18 Nev. 100, 2 Pac. 459. A material allegation is any written instrument is one which changes its tenor, or its legal meaning and effect; one which causes it to speak a language different in effect from that which it originally spoke. White v. Harris, 69 S. C. 65, 48 S. E. 41, 104 Am. St. Rep. 791; Foxworthy v. Colby, 54 Neb. 218, 59 N. W. 869, 62 L. R. A. 363; Organ v. Allison, 9 Bax. (Tenn.) 462—Material fact. See Fact.—Material-man. A person who has furnished materials used in the construction or repair of a building, structure, or vessel. See Curlitt v. Aaron, 6 Houst. (Del.) 478.

MATERIALITY. The property or character of being material. See Material.

MATERIALS. The substance or material of which anything is made; matter furnished for the erection of a house, ship, or other structure; matter used or intended to be used in the construction of any mechanical product. See Moyer v. Pennsylvania Slate Co., 71 Pa. 293.

MATERNAL MATERNIS. Lat. A maxim of the French law, signifying that property of a decedent acquired by him through his mother descends to the relations on the mother's side.

MATERNAL. That which belongs to, or comes from, the mother; as maternal authority, maternal relation, maternal estate, maternal line.


MATERNITY. The character, relation, state, or condition of a mother.

MATETERA. Lat. In the civil law. A maternal aunt; a mother's sister. Inst. 3, 6, 3; Bract. fol. 689.

—Matetera magna. A great aunt; a grandmother's sister. (avus soror.) Dig. 38, 10, 10, 15.—Matetera major. A greater aunt; a great-grandmother's sister, (provatis soror.) A father's or mother's great-aunt, (patris ec matris matetera magna.) Dig. 38, 10, 10, 16. —Matetera maxima. A greatest aunt; a great-great-grandmother's sister, (abovatis soror.) A father's or mother's greater aunt, (patris ec matris matetera major.) Dig. 38, 10, 10, 17.

MATHEMATICAL EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

MATICIDE. The murder of a mother; or one who has slain his mother.

MATRICULA. In the civil and old English law. A register of the admission of officers and persons entered into any body or
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society, whereof a list was made. Hence those who are admitted to a college or university are said to be "matriculated." Also a kind of almshouse, which had revenues appropriated to it, and was usually built near the church, whence the name was given to the church itself. Wharton.

MATRICULATE. To enter as a student in a university.

Matronia debent esse libera. Marriages ought to be free. A maxim of the civil law. 2 Kent, Comm. 102.

MATRIMONIAL. Of or pertaining to matrimony or the estate of marriage.

-Matrimonial causes. In English ecclesiastical law. Causes of action or injuries respect- ing the rights of marriage. One of the three divisions of causes or injuries cognizable by the ecclesiastical courts, comprising suits for jactitation of marriage, and for restitution of con- jugal rights, divorces, and suits for aliment. 3 H. Comm. 65-94; 3 Steph. Comm. 712-714.

-Matrimonial cohabitation. The living together of a man and woman ostensibly as husband and wife. Cox v. Wood, 11 Ala. 105, 23 South. 806, 41 L. R. A. 769, 67 Am. St. Rep. 106; Wilcox v. Wilcox, 46 Hun (N. Y.) 37. Also the living together of those who are legally husband and wife, the term carrying with it, in this sense, an implication of mutual rights and duties as to sharing the same habita- tion. Forster v. Forster, 1 Illeg. Consist. 144; U. S. v. Cannon, 4 Utah, 122, 7 Pac. 329.

MATRIMONIUM. Lat. In Roman law. A legal marriage, contracted in strict accordance with the forms of the older Roman law, i. e., either with the farreum, the com- ejectio, or by usus. This was allowed only to Roman citizens and to those neighboring peoples to whom the right of connubium had been conceded. The effect of such a marriage was to bring the wife into the manus, or marital power, of the husband, and to create the patria potestas over the children.

Matrimonium subsequentum tollit pec- estatum precedens. Subsequent marriage cures preceding criminality.

MATRIMONY. Marriage, (q. v.) in the sense of the relation or status, not of the ceremony.

MATRIX. In the civil law. The protocol or first draft of a legal instrument, from which all copies must be taken. See Downing v. Diaz, 80 Tex. 436, 16 S. W. 53.

MATRIX ECCLESIA. Lat. A mother church. This term was anciently applied to a cathedral, in relation to the other churches in the same see, or to a parochial church, in relation to the chapels or minor churches attached to it or depending on it. Blount.

MATRON. A married woman; an elderly woman. The female superintendent of an establishment or institution, such as a hospital, an orphan asylum, etc., is often so called.

MATRONS, JURY OF. Such a jury is impaneled to try if a woman condemned to death be with child.

MATTER. Facts; substance as distin- guished from form; the merits of a case.

-Matter in controversy, or in dispute. The subject of litigation; the matter for which a suit is brought and upon which issue is joined. Lee v. Watson, 1 Wall. 337, 17 L. Ed. 557.

-Matter in deed. Such matter as may be proved or established by a deed or specialty. Matter of fact, in contradistinction to matter of law. Co. Litt. 320; Steph. Pl. 197.-Matter in issue. That upon which the plaintiff pro- ceeds in his action, and which the defendant controverts by his pleadings, not including facts offered in evidence to establish the matters in issue. King v. Chase, 15 N. H. 9, 41 Am. Dec. 675. That ultimate fact or state of facts in dispute upon which the verdict or finding is predicated. Smith v. Ontario (U. S.) 328, 13 How. Supp. 336. See 2 Black, Judgments, § 614, and cases cited.-Matter in pais. Matter of fact that is not in writing; thus distinguished from mat- ter in deed and matter of record; matter that must be proved by parol evidence.-Matter of course. Anything done or taken in the course of routine or usual procedure, which is permis- sible and valid without being specially applied for and allowed.-Matter of fact. That which is to be ascertained by the senses, or by the testimony of witnesses describing what they have perceived. Distinguished from matter of law.-Matter of form. See Form.-Matter of law. Whatever is to be ascertained or de- cided by the application of statutory rules or the principles and determinations of the law, as distinguished from the investigation of par- ticular facts, is called "matter of law." -Matter of record. Any judicial matter or pro- ceeding entered on the records of a court, and to be proved by the production of such record. It differs from matter in deed, which consists of facts which may be proved by peculiarity.-Matter of substance. That which goes to the merits and is the opposite of matter of form.-Matters of subsistence for man. This phrase comprehends all articles or things, whether animal or vegetable, living or dead, which are used for food, and whether they are consumed in the form in which they are bought from the producer or are only consumed after undergo- ing a process of preparation, which is greater or less, according to the character of the article. Sled v. Com., 19 Grat. (Va.) 813.


Maturiora sunt vota multorum quam virorum. 6 Coke, 71. The desires of wo- men are more mature than those of men; i. e., women arrive at maturity earlier than men.


MAUGRE. L. Fr. In spite of; against the will of. Litt. § 672.
MAUNDY THURSDAY. The day preceding Good Friday, on which princes gave alms.

MAXIM. An established principle or proposition. A principle of law universally admitted, as being a correct statement of the law, or as agreeable to natural reason. Coke defines a maxim to be “conclusion of reason,” and says that it is so called “quia maxima ejus dignitas et certissima auctoritas, et quod maxime omnibus probetur.” Co. Litt. 11a. He says in another place: “A maxim is a proposition to be of all men confessed and granted without proof, argument, or discourse.” Id. 61a.

The maxims of the law, in Latin, French, and English, will be found distributed through this book in their proper alphabetical order.

Maxime paci sunt contraria vis et injuria. The greatest enemies to peace are force and wrong. Co. Litt. 161b.

Maximus erroris populus magister. Bacon. The people is the greatest master of error.

“MAY,” in the construction of public statutes, is to be construed “must” in all cases where the legislature mean to impose a positive and absolute duty, and not merely to give a discretionary power. Minor v. Mechanics’ Bank, 1 Pet. 46, 64, 7 L. Ed. 47; New York v. Furze, 3 Hill (N. Y.) 612, 615.

MAYHEM. In criminal law. The act of unlawfully and violently depriving another of the use of such of his members as may render him less able, in fighting, either to defend himself or annoy his adversary. 4 Bl. Comm. 205. Foster v. People, 50 N. Y. 604; Terrell v. State, 86 Tenn. 523, 8 S. W. 212; Adams v. Barrett, 5 Ga. 412; Foster v. People, 1 Colo. 294.

Every person who unlawfully and maliciously deprives a human being of a member of his body, or disables, disfigures, or renders it useless, or cuts or disables the tongue, or puts out an eye, or alts the nose, ear, or lip, is guilty of mayhem. Pen. Code Cal. § 203.

MAYHEMAVIT. Malmed. This is a term of art which cannot be supplied in pleading by any other word, as muttlatavit, truncavit, etc. 3 Thom. Co. Litt. 548; Comm. v. Newell, 7 Mass. 247.

MAYN. L. Fr. A hand; handwriting. Brit. c. 28.


MAYOR. The executive head of a municipal corporation; the governor or chief magistrate of a city. Waldo v. Wallace, 12 Ind. 577; People v. New York, 25 Wend. (N. Y.) 36; Crovatt v. Mason, 101 Ga. 246, 28 S. E. 891.

Mayor’s court. A court established in some cities, in which the mayor sits with the powers of a police judge or committing magistrate in respect to offenses committed within the city, and sometimes with civil jurisdiction in small causes, or other special statutory powers.—Mayor’s court of London. An inferior court having jurisdiction in civil cases where the whole cause of action arises within the city of London.—Mayorality. The office or dignity of a mayor.—Mayress. The wife of a mayor.

MAYORAZGO. In Spanish law. The right to the enjoyment of certain aggregate property, left with the condition thereon imposed that they are to pass in their integrity, perpetually, successively to the eldest son. Schmitz. Civil Law, 62.

MEAD. Ground somewhat watery, not plowed, but covered with grass and flowers. Enc. Lond.

MEADOW. A tract of low or level land producing grass which is mown for hay. Webster.

A tract which lies above the shore, and is overflowed by spring and extraordinary tides only, and yields grasses which are good for hay. Church v. Meeker, 34 Conn. 420. See State v. Crook, 132 N. C. 1053, 44 S. E. 32; Scott v. Wilson, 3 N. H. 322; Barrows v. McDermott, 73 Me. 441.

MEAL-RENT. A rent formerly paid in meal.

MEAN, or MESNE. A middle between two extremes, whether applied to persons, things, or time.

MEANDER. To meander means to follow a winding or flexuous course; and when it is said, in a description of land, “thence with the meander of the river,” it must mean a meandered line,—a line which follows the sinuosities of the river,—or, in other words, that the river is the boundary between the points indicated. Turner v. Parker, 14 Or. 341, 12 Pac. 495; Schurmeyer v. St. Paul & P. R. Co., 10 Minn. 100 (Gil. 75), 88 Am. Dec. 50.

This term is used in some jurisdictions with the meaning of surveying and mapping a stream according to its meanderings, or windings and turnings. See Jones v. Pettibone, 2 Wis. 317.

—Meander lines. Lines run in surveying particular portions of the public lands which border on navigable rivers, not as boundaries of the tract, but for the purpose of defining the sinuosities of the banks of the stream, and as the means of ascertaining the quantity of land in the fraction subject to sale, and which is to be paid for by the purchaser. In preparing the official plat from the field notes, the meander line is represented as the border line of the stream, and shows that the water-course, and
not the meander line as naturally run on the ground, is the boundary. St. Paul & P. R. Co. v. Schurmeier, 7 Wall. 286, 19 L. Ed. 74; Niles v. Cedar Point Club, 175 U. S. 300, 20 Sup. Ct. 124, 44 L. Ed. 171.

MEANS. 1. The instrument or agency through which an end or purpose is accomplished.

2. Resources; available property; money or property, as an available instrumentality for effecting a purpose, furnishing a livelihood, paying a debt, or the like.

—Means of support. This term embraces all those resources from which the necessary and comforts of life are or may be supplied, such as lands, goods, salaries, wages, or other sources of income. Meidel v. Anthis, 71 Ill. 241.

MEASE, or MESE. Norman-French for a house. Litt. §§ 74, 251.

MEASON-DUE. (Corruption of maison de Dicu.) A house of God; a monastery; religious house or hospital. See 39 Eliz. c. 5.

MEASURE. That by which extent or dimension is ascertained, either length, breadth, thickness, capacity, or amount. Webster. The rule by which anything is adjusted or proportioned.

—Measure of damages. The rule, or rather the system of rules, governing the adjustment or apportionment of damages as a compensation for injuries in actions at law. Measure of value. In the ordinary sense of the word, "measure" would mean something by comparison with which we may ascertain what is the value of anything. When we consider, further, that value itself is relative, and that two things are necessary to constitute it, independently of the third thing, which is to measure it, we may define a "measure of value" to be something by comparing with which any two other things we may infer their value in relation to one another. 2 Mill. Pol. Econ. 101.

MEASURER, or METER. An officer in the city of London, who measured woolen clothes, coats, etc.

MEASURING MONEY. In old English law. A duty which some persons exacted, by letters patent, for every piece of cloth made, besides alnage. Now abolished.

MECHANIC. A workman employed in shaping and uniting materials, such as wood, metal, etc., into some kind of structure, machine, or other object, requiring the use of tools. Story v. Walker. 11 Lea (Tenn.) 517, 47 Am. Rep. 305; In re Osborn (D. C.) 104 Fed. 781; Savannah & C. R. Co. v. Callahan, 49 Ga. 511; Berks County v. Bertolet, 13 Pa. 524.

MECHANIC'S LIEN. A species of lien created by statute in most of the states, which exists in favor of persons who have performed work or furnished material in and for the erection of a building. Their lien attaches to the land as well as the building, and is intended to secure for them a priority of payment.

The lien of a mechanic is created by law, and is intended to be a security for the price and value of work performed and materials furnished, and as such it attaches to and exists on the land and the building erected thereon, from the commencement of the time that the labor is being performed and the materials furnished; and the mechanic has an actual and positive interest in the building anterior to the time of its recognition by the court, or the reducing of the amount due to his lien. Firemen v. Campbell, 24 Tex. Civ. App. 160, 58 S. W. 630; Carter v. Humboldt F. Ins. Co. 12 Iowa, 292; Barrows v. Baughman, 9 Mich. 217.

MECHANICAL. Having relation to, or produced or accomplished by, the use of machinery. Usually chiefly in law. See compound terms infra.

—Mechanical equivalent. A device which may be substituted or adopted, instead of another, by any person skilled in the particular art from his knowledge of the art, and which is competent to perform the same functions or produce the same result, without introducing an original idea or changing the general idea of means. Johnson v. Root, 13 Fed. Cas. 222; Smith v. Marshall, 22 Fed. Cas. 505; Alaska Packers' Ass'n v. Lebsen (C. C.) 119 Fed. 611; Jensen Can-Bending Mach. Co. v. Norton, 37 Fed. 229, 47 C. C. A. 383; Adir Electric R. Co. v. Lindell R. Co., 77 Fed. 440, 23 C. C. A. 223.—Mechanical movement. A mechanism transmitting power or motion. Bank a driving part to a part to be driven; a combination and arrangement of mechanical parts intended for the translation or transformation of motion. Campbell Printing Press Co. v. Miehle Printing Press Co., 102 Fed. 169, 42 C. C. A. 235.—Mechanical process. See Process.—Mechanical skill. As distinguished from invention or inventive capacity, this term means such skill, intelligence, ingenuity, or constructive ability in the adaptation of means to an end as would be possessed and exhibited by an ordinarily clever mechanic in the practice of his particular art or trade. See Holstien v. Medford Electric & R. Mfg. Co., 113 U. S. 39, 5 Sup. Ct. 717, 28 L. Ed. 901; Johnson v. Pennsylvania Steel Co., 67 Fed. 942; Perfecta Window Cleaner Co. v. Bros. 2 Fed. 577; Stimpson v. Woodman, 10 Wall. 117, 19 L. Ed. 806.

MEDERIA. In old records. A house or place where meathogin, or mord, was made.

MEDFEE. In old English law. A bribe or reward; a compensation given in exchange, where the things exchanged were not of equal value. Cowell.


MEDIE ET INFIRMÆ MANUS HOMINES. Men of a middle and base condition. Blount.
MEDIANUS HOMO. A man of middle fortune.

MEDIATE DESCENT. See DESCENT.

MEDIATE POWERS. Those incident to primary powers given by a principal to his agent. For example, the general authority given to collect, receive, and pay debts due by or to the principal is a primary power. In order to accomplish this, it is frequently required to settle accounts, adjust disputed claims, resist those which are unjust, and answer and defend suits. These subordinate powers are sometimes called "mediate powers." Story, As. § 58.

MEDIATE TESTIMONY. Secondary evidence. (q. v.)

MEDIATION. Intervention; interposition; the act of a third person who interferes between two contending parties with a view to reconcile them or persuade them to adjust or settle their dispute. In international law and diplomacy, the word denotes the friendly interference of a state in the controversies of others, for the purpose, by its influence and by adjusting their difficulties, of keeping the peace in the family of nations.

MEDIATOR. One who interposes between parties at variance for the purpose of reconciling them.

—Mediators of questions. In English law. Six persons authorized by statute. (27 Edw. III. St. 2, c. 24.) who, upon any question arising among merchants relating to unmerchantable wool, or undue packing, etc., might, before the mayor and officers of the staple upon their oath certify and settle the same; to whose determination therein the parties concerned were to submit. Cowell.

MEDICAL. Pertaining, relating, or belonging to the study and practice of medicine, or the science and art of the investigation, prevention, cure, and alleviation of disease.

—Medical evidence. Evidence furnished by medical men, testifying in their professional capacity as experts, or by standard treatises on medicine or surgery.—Medical jurisprudence. See JURISPRUDENCE.

MEDICINE. "The practice of medicine is a pursuit very generally known and understood, and so also is that of surgery. The former includes the application and use of medicines and drugs for the purpose of curing, mitigating, or alleviating bodily diseases, while the functions of the latter are limited to manual operations usually performed by surgical instruments or appliances." Smith v. Lane, 24 Hun (N. Y.) 633.

—Forensic medicine. Another name for medical jurisprudence. See JURISPRUDENCE.

—Schools of medicine. See OSTEOPATHY; PSYCHOTHERAPY.

MEDICINE-CHEST. A box containing an assortment of medicines, required by statute.

MEDICO-LEGAL. Relating to the law concerning medical questions.

MEDITAS LINGUE. In old practice. Moloty of tongue; half-tongue. Applied to a jury impaneled in a cause consisting the one half of natives, and the other half of foreigners. See DE MEDITATE LINGUE.

MEDIO ACQUIETANDO. A judicial writ to restrain a lord for the acquitting of a mesne lord from a rent, which he had acknowledged in court not to belong to him. Reg. Jur. 129.

MEDITATIO FUGÆ. In Scotch law. Contemplation of flight; intention to abscond. 2 Kames, Eq. 14, 15.

MEDIUM TEMPUS. In old English law. Meantime; mesne profits. Cowell.

MEDLETUM. In old English law. A mixing together; a medley or mêlée; an affray or sudden encounter. An offense suddenly committed in an affray. The English word "medley" is preserved in the term "chance-medley." An intermeddling, without violence, in any matter of business. Spelman.

MEDLEY. An affray; a sudden or casual fighting; a hand to hand battle; a mêlée. See CHANCE-MEDLEY; CHAUD-MEDLEY.

MEDSCEAT. In old English law. A bribe; hush money.

MEDSYPP. A harvest supper or entertainment given to laborers at harvest-home. Cowell.

MEETING. A coming together of persons; an assembly. Particularly, in law, an assembling of a number of persons for the purpose of discussing and acting upon some matter or matters in which they have a common interest.

—Called meeting. In the law of corporations, a meeting not held at a time specially appointed for it by the charter or by-laws, but assembled in pursuance of a "call" or summons proceeding from some officer, committee or group of stockholders, or other persons having authority in that behalf.—Family meeting. See FAMILY.—General meeting. A meeting of all the stockholders of a corporation, all the creditors of a bankrupt, etc. In re Bonnaffe, 23 N. Y. 177; Mutual F. Ins. Co. v. Fariquer, 86 Md. 668, 29 Atl. 257.—Regular meeting. In the law of public and private corporations, a meeting (of directors, trustees, stockholders, etc.) held at the time and place appointed for it by statute, by-law, charter or other positive direction. See State v. Wilkesville Tp., 20 Ohio St. 293.—Special meeting. In the law of corporations. A meeting called for special purposes; one limited to particular business; a meeting for those purposes of which the parties have had special notice. Mu-
tual F. Ins. Co. v. Farquhar, 86 Md. 608, 39 Ait. 527; Warren v. Mower, 11 Vt. 385. —Stat- ed meeting. A meeting held at a stated or duly appointed time and place; a regular meet- ing. (q.v.) —Town meeting. See Town.

MEGBOTE. In Saxon law. A recompense for the murder of a relation.

MEIGNIE, or MAISNADE. In old Eng- lish law. A family.

MEINDRE AGE. L. Fr. Minority; lesser age. Kelham.

MEINY, MEINE, or MEINIE. In old English law. A household; staff or suite of attendants; a retinue; particularly, the royal household.


MELANCHOLIA. In medical jurispru- dence. A kind of mental unsoundness characterized by extreme depression of spirits, ill-grounded fears, delusions, and brooding over one particular subject or train of ideas. Webster. See INSANITY.

MELDFEOR. In Saxon law. The recompense due and given to him who made discov- ery of any breach of penal laws committed by another person, called the "promoter's [i. e., informer's] fee." Wharton.

MELIOR. Lat. Better; the better. Melior res, the better (best) thing or chattel. Bract. fol. 60.

Mellor est conditioni defendendi. The condition of the party in possession is the better one, i.e., where the right of the parties is equal. Broom, Max. 715, 719.

Mellor est conditioni possidentis, et rei quam auctor. The condition of the possessor is the better, and the condition of the defendant is better than that of the plaintiff. 4 Inst. 180; Broom, Max. 714, 719.

Mellor est conditioni possidentis ubi neuter jus habet. Jenk. Cent. 118. The condition of the possessor is the better where neither of the two has a right.

Mellor est justitia vere preveniens quam severe puniex. That justice which absolutely prevents [a crime] is better than that which severely punishes it. 3 Inst. Epil.

MELIORATIONS. In Scotch law. Im- provements of an estate, other than mere repair; betterments. 1 Bell. Comm. 73. Oc- casionally used in English and American law in the sense of valuable and lasting improvements or betterments. See Green v. Biddle, 8 Wheat. 84, 5 L. Ed. 547.

Mellor in tempero occurrere, quam post causam vulneratum remedium quaerere. 2 Inst. 296. It is better to meet a thing in time than after an injury inflicted to seek a remedy.

Mellus est in jus deficiens quam jus incerti. Law that is deficient is better than law that is uncertain. Lofft, 395.

Mellus est omnia male pati quam male consentire. 8 Inst. 23. It is better to suf- fer every ill than to consent to ill.

Mellus est petere fontes quam sectari rivulos. It is better to go to the fountain head than to follow little streamlets.

Mellus est recurrere quam male cur- rere. It is better to run back than to run badly; it is better to retrace one's steps than to proceed improperly. 4 Inst. 176.

MELIUS INQUIRENDUM. To be better inquired into.

In old English law. The name of a writ commanding a further inquiry respecting a matter; as, after an imperfect inquisition in proceedings in outlawry, to have a new inquest as to the value of lands.

MEMBER. One of the persons constitut- ing a partnership, association, corporation, guild, etc.

One of the persons constituting a court, a legislative assembly, etc.

One of the limbs or portions of the body capable of being used in fighting in self-de- fense.

—Member of congress. A member of the senate or house of representatives of the United States. In popular usage, particularly the latter.—Member of parliament. One hav- ing the right to sit in either house of the British parliament.

MEMBERS. In English law. Places where a custom-house has been kept of old time, with officers or deputies in attendance; and they are lawful places of exportation or importation. 1 Chit. Com. Law, 726.

MEMBRANA. Lat. In the civil law. Parchment. Dig. 32, 62.

In old English law. A skin of parch- ment. The ancient rolls usually consist of several of these skins, and the word "mem-
MEMBRUM. A slip or small piece of land.

MÉMOIRE. In French law. A document in the form of a petition, by which appeals to the court of cassation are initiated.

MEMORANDUM. Lat. To be remembered; be it remembered. A formal word with which the body of a record in the court of king's bench anciently commenced. Townsh. Pl. 496; 2 Tidn. Pr. 719. The whole clause is now, in practice, termed, from this initial word, the "memorandum," and its use is supposed to have originated from the circumstance that proceedings "by bill" (in which alone it has been employed) were formerly considered as the by-business of the court. Gla. Comm. 47, 48.

Also an informal note or instrument embodying something that the parties desire to fix in memory by the aid of written evidence, or that is to serve as the basis of a future formal contract or deed.

This word is used in the statute of frauds as the designation of the written agreement, or note or evidence thereof, which must exist in order to bind the parties in the cases provided. The memorandum must be such as to disclose the parties, the nature and substance of the contract, the consideration and promise, and be signed by the party to be bound or his authorized agent. See 2 Kent, Comm. 510.

-Memorandum articles. In the law of marine insurance, this phrase designates the articles of merchandise which are usually mentioned in the memorandum clause, (q. m.) and for which the underwriter's liability is thereby limited. See Wilm v. Thompson, 9 Serg. & R. (P'y), 120, 11 Am. Dec. 675. —Memorandum clause. See CHUKK. —Memorandum. In a policy of marine insurance the memorandum clause is a clause inserted to prevent the underwriters from being liable for injury to goods of a peculiarly perishable nature, and for minor damages. It begins as follows: "N. B. Corn, fish, salt, fruit, flour, and seed are warranted free from average, unless general, or the ship be stranded."—meaning that the underwriters are not to be liable for damage to these articles caused by seawater or the like. Maude & P. Shipp. 371; Sweet. —Memorandum in error. A document alleging error in fact, accompanied by an affidavit of such matter of fact.—Memorandum of alteration. Formerly, in England, where a patent was granted for two inventions, one of which was not new or not useful, the whole patent was bad, and the same rule applied when a material part of a patent for a single invention had either of those defects. To remedy this the statute 5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 83, empowers a patentee (with the fiat of the attorney general) to enter a disclaimer (q. e.) or a memorandum of alteration in the title or specification of the patent, not being of such a nature as to extend the exclusive right granted by the patent, and thereupon the memorandum is deemed to be part of the letters patent or the specification. Sweet. —Memorandum of association. A document to be subscrib-
ed by seven or more persons associated for a lawful purpose, by subscribing which, and otherwise complying with the requisitions of the companies' acts in respect of registration, they may form themselves into an incorporated company, with or without limited liability. 5 Steph. Comm. 20.—Memorandum sale. See SALE.

MEMORIAL. A document presented to a legislative body, or to the executive, by one or more individuals, containing a petition or a representation of facts.

In English law. That which contains the particulars of a deed, etc., and is the instrument registered, as in the case of an annuity which must be registered. Wharton.

In practice. A short note, abstract, memorandum, or rough draft of the orders of the court, from which the records thereof may at any time be fully made up. State v. Shaw, 73 Vt. 149, 50 Atl. 863.

MEMORITER. Lat. From memory; by or from recollection. Thus, memoriter proof of a written instrument is such as is furnished by the recollection of a witness who had seen and known it.

MEMORIZATION. Committing anything to memory. Used to describe the act of one who listens to a public representation of a play or drama, and then, from his recollection of its scenes, incidents, or language, reproduces it, substantially or in part, in derogation of the rights of the author. See 5 Term R. 245; 14 Amer. Law Reg. (N. S.) 207.

MEMORY. Mental capacity; the mental power to review and recognize the successive states of consciousness in their consecutive order. This word, as used in jurisprudence to denote one of the psychological elements necessary in the making of a valid will or contract or the commission of a crime, implies the mental power to conduct a consecutive train of thought, or an orderly planning of affairs, by recalling correctly the past states of the mind and past events, and arranging them in their due order of sequence and in their logical relations with the events and mental states of the present.

The phrase "sound and disposing mind and memory" means not merely distinct recollection of the items of one's property and the persons among whom it may be given, but entire power of mind to dispose of property by will. Abbott.

Also the reputation and name, good or bad, which a man leaves at his death.

-Legal memory. An ancient usage, custom, supposed grant (as a foundation for prescription) and the like, are said to be immemorial when they are really or factually of such an ancient date that "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," or, in other words, "beyond legal memory." And legal memory or "time out of mind," according to the rule of the common law, commenced from the reign of Richard I., A. D. 1189. But under the statute of limitation of 52 Hen. VIII. this
MENSULARIUS. In the civil law. A money-changer or dealer in money. Dig. 2, 14, 47, 1.

MENSURA. In old English law. A measure.

—Mensura domini regis. "The measure of our lord the king," being the weights and measures established under King Richard I. in his parliament at Westminster, 1197. 1 Bl. Comm. 275; Mozley & Whitley.

MENTAL. Relating to or existing in the mind; intellectual, emotional, or psychic, as distinguished from bodily or physical.

—Mental alienation. A phrase sometimes used to describe insanity, (q. v.)—Mental anguish. When connected with a physical injury, this term includes both the resultant mental sensation of pain and also the accompanying feelings of distress, fright, and anxiety. See Railway Co. v. Corley (Tex.) 26 S. W. 904; Railway Co. v. Miller, 25 Tex. Civ. App. 460; 61 S. W. 975; Keyes v. Railway Co., 36 Minn. 290, 30 N. W. 388. In other connections, and as a ground for damages or an element of damages, it includes the mental suffering resulting from the excitation of the more poignant and painful emotions, such as grief, severe disappointment, indignation, wounded pride, shame, public humiliation, despair, etc.—Mental capacity or competence. Such a measure of intelligence understanding, memory, and judgment (relative to the particular transaction) as will enable the person to understand the nature and effects of his act. Eaton v. Eaton, 37 N. J. Law. 113, 18 Am. Rep. 716; Davren v. White, 42 N. J. Eq. 509, 7 Atl. 692; Conley v. Nall, 11 U. S. 127, 6 Sup. 1007, 30 L. Ed. 112.—Mental defect. As applied to the qualification of a juror, this term must be understood to embrace either such gross ignorance or imbecility as practically disqualifies any person from performing the duties of a juror. Caldwell v. State, 41 Tex. 94.

MENTIRI. Lat. To lie; to assert a falsehood. Calvin.; 3 Bult. 260.

MENTITION. The act of lying; a falsehood.

MENUS. Lat. Patrimony of goods and necessary things for livelihood. Jacob. A table; the table of a money-changer. Dig. 2, 14, 47.

—Menusa et thorae. From bed and board. See Divorce.

MENTALIS. Parishoners or spiritual livings united to the tables of religious houses, and called "mental benefices" amongst the canonists. Cowell.

MENSIS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A month. Mensis vettus, the prohibited month; fence-month, (q. v.)

MENSOR. In the civil law. A measurer of land; a surveyor. Dig. 11, 6; 1d. 50, 6, 6; Cod. 12, 28.


—Mercantile law. An expression substantially equivalent to the law-merchant or commercial law. It designates the system of rules, customs, and usages generally recognized and adopted by merchants and traders, and which, either in its simplicity or as modified by common law or statutes, constitutes the law for the regulation of their transactions and the solution of their controversies.—Mercantile law amendment acts. The statutes 19 & 20 Vict. cc. 60, 97, passed mainly for the purpose of assimilating the mercantile law of England, Scotland, and Ireland.—Mercantile paper. Commercial paper; such negotiable paper (bills, notes, checks, etc.) as is made or transferred by and between merchants or traders, or governed by the usages of the business world and the law-merchant.—Mercantile partnership. One which habitually buys and sells, and which buys for the purpose of afterwards selling. Com. v. Natural Gas Co., 32 Pittab. Leg. J. (O. S.) 310.

MERCAT. A market. An old form of the latter word common in Scotch law, formed from the Latin "mercumum."

MERCATIVE. Belonging to trade.

MERCATUM. Lat. A market. A contract of sale. Supplies for an army, (commercus.)

MERCATURE. The practice of buying and selling.

MERCEDARY. A hireer; one that hires.

MERCEN-LAGE. The law of the Mercians. One of the three principal systems of laws which prevailed in England about the beginning of the eleventh century. It was observed in many of the midland counties, and those bordering on the principality of Wales. 1 Bl. Comm. 65.

MERCENARIUS. A hireling or servant. Jacob.

MERCES. Lat. In the civil law. Reward of labor in money or other things. As distinguished from "pensio." It means the rent of farms, (pradia rustici.) Calvin.

MERCHANTISE. All commodities which merchants usually buy and sell, whether at wholesale or retail; wares and commodities such as are ordinarily the objects of trade and commerce. But the term is never understood as including real estate, and is rarely applied to provisions such as are purchased day by day, or to such other articles as are required for immediate consumption. See Passaic Mfg. Co. v. Hoffman, 3 Daly (N. Y.) 512; Helen v. O'Conner (Tex. App.) 15 S. W. 414; Elliott v. Swartwout, 10 Pet. 137, 9 L. Ed. 375; Pickett v. State, 60 Ala. 78; The Marine City (D. C.) 6 Fed. 415.

—Merchandise marks act, 1862. The statute 25 & 26 Vict. c. 53, designed to prevent the fraudulent marking of merchandise and the fraudulent sale of merchandise falsely marked.

MERCHANT. A man who traffics or carries on trade with foreign countries, or who imports and exports goods and sells them by wholesale. Webster. Merchants of this description are commonly known by the name of "shipping merchants."


—Commission merchant. See COMMISSION.

—Law merchant. See MERCANTILE.—Merchant appraisers. See APPRAISER.—Merchant seaman. A sailor employed in a private vessel, a seaman distinguished from one employed in the navy or public ships. U. S. v. Sullivan (C. C.) 43 Fed. 604; The Ben Flint, 3 Fed. Cas. 194.—Merchant shipping acts. Certain English statutes, beginning with the St. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 181, whereby a general superstition of merchant shipping is vested in the board of trade.—Merchants' accounts. Accounts between merchant and merchant, which must be current, mutual, and unsettled, consisting of debts and credits for merchandise. Fox v. Fisk 6 How. (Miss.) 323.—MERCHANTS, statute of. The English statute 13 Edw. I. St. 3, repealed by 25 & 26 Vict. c. 125. —Statute merchant. See STATUTE.

MERCHANTABLE. Fit for sale; vendible in market; of a quality such as will bring the ordinary market price. Riggs v. Armstrong, 23 W. Va. 773; Pacific Coast Elevator Co. v. Bravinder, 14 Wash. 315, 44 Pac. 544.

MERCHANTMAN. A ship or vessel employed in foreign or domestic commerce or in the merchant service.

MERCHEFT. In feudal law. A fine or composition paid by inferior tenants to the lord for liberty to dispose of their daughters in marriage. Cowell. The same as marcheta (q. v.)

MERICIAMENT. An amerciament, penalty, or fine, (q. v.)


MERCIMONIATUS ANGLIE. In old records. The impost of England upon merchandise. Cowell.
MERCIS APPELLATIO

Mercis appellatio ad res mobiles tantum pertinet. The term "merchandise" belongs to movable things only. Dig. 50, 19; 96.

Mercis appellantis homines non contineat. Men are not included under the denomination of "merchandise." Dig. 50, 16, 207.

MERCY. In practice. The arbitration of the king or judge in punishing offenses not directly censured by law. Jacob. So, "to be in mercy" signifies to be amerced or fined for bringing or defending an unjust suit, or to be liable to punishment in the discretion of the court.

In criminal law. The discretion of a judge, within the limits prescribed by positive law, to remit altogether the punishment to which a convicted person is liable, or to mitigate the severity of his sentence; as when a jury recommends the prisoner to the mercy of the court.


MERE. L. Fr. Mother. Èle, mere, fille, grandmother, mother, daughter. Britt. c. 89. En ventre sa mere, in its mother's womb.

MERE MOTION. The free and voluntary act of a party himself, done without the suggestion or influence of another person, is said to be done of his mere motion, ex mero motu, (q. c.) Brown.
The phrase is used of an interference of the courts of law, who will, under some circumstances, of their own motion, object to an irregularity in the proceedings, though no objection has been taken to the informality by the plaintiff or defendant in the suit. 3 Chitt. Gen. Pr. 430.

MERE RIGHT. The mere right of property in land; the jusa proprietatis, without either possession or even the right of possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 197. The abstract right of property.


MERENNIUM. In old records. Timber. Cowell.

MERETRICIOUS. Of the nature of unlawful sexual connection. The term is descriptive of the relation sustained by persons who contract a marriage that is void by reason of legal incapacity. 1 Bl. Comm. 436.

MERGER. The fusion or absorption of one thing or right into another; generally spoken of a case where one of the subjects is of less dignity or importance than the other. Here the less important ceases to have an independent existence.

In real-property law. It is a general principle of law that where a greater estate and a less coincide and meet in one and the same person, without any intermediate estate, the less is immediately annihilated, or, in the law phrase, is said to be merged, that is, sunk or drowned, in the greater. Thus, if there be tenant for years, and the reversion in fee-simple descends to or is purchased by him, the term of years is merged in the inheritance, and shall never exist any more. 2 Bl. Comm. 177; 1 Steph. Comm. 293; 4 Kent, Comm. 99. James v. Morey, 2 Cow. (N. Y.) 300, 14 Am. Dec. 475; Duncan v. Smith, 31 N. J. Law, 327.

Of rights. This term, as applied to rights, is equivalent to "confuso" in the Roman law, and indicates that where the qualities of debtor and creditor become united in the same individual, there arises a confusion of rights which extinguishes both qualities; whence, also, merger is often called "extinguishment." Brown.

Rights of action. In the law relating to rights of action, when a person takes or acquires a remedy or security of a higher nature, in legal estimation, than the one which he already possesses for the same right, then his remedies in respect of the minor right or security are no longer those attaching to the higher one. Leake, Cont. 508; 10 C. B. 561. As where a claim is merged in the judgment recovered upon it.

In criminal law. When a man commits a great crime which includes a lesser, or commits a felony which includes a tort against a private person, the latter is merged in the former. 1 East, P. C. 411.

Of corporations. A merger of corporations consist in the uniting of two or more corporations by the transfer of property of all to one of them, which continues in existence, the others being swallowed up or merged therein. In regard to the survivorship of one of the constituent corporations, it differs from a "consolidation," wherein all the consolidating companies surrender their separate existence and become parts of a new corporation. Adams v. Taboo & M. V. R. Co., 77 Miss. 184, 24 South. 296, 60 L. R. A. 33; Vickersburg & Y. C. Tel. Co. v. Citizens' Tel. Co., 79 Miss. 341, 30 South. 725, 89 Am. St. Rep. 650.


MERITORIOUS. Possessing or characterized by "merit" in the legal sense of the word. See Merits.

—Meritorious cause of action. This description is sometimes applied to a person with whom the ground of action, or the consideration, originated or from whom it moved. For exam-
ple, where a cause of action accrues to a woman while sole, and is sued for, after her mar-
riage, by her husband and herself jointly, she is called the "meritorious cause of action."—
Meritorious consideration. One founded upon some moral obligation; a valuable con-
sideration in the second degree.—Meritorious defense. See Defense.

MERITS. In practice. Matter of sub-
stance in law, as distinguished from matter of mere form; a substantial ground of de-
fense in law. A defendant is said "to swear to merits" or "to make affidavit of merits" when he makes affidavit that he has a good and sufficient or substantial defense to the action on the merits. 3 Chitt. Gen. Pr. 543, 544. "Meriths," in this application of it, has the technical sense of merits in law, and is not confined to a strictly moral and conscientious defense. Id. 545; 1 Burrill, Pr. 214; Rahn v. Gunnison, 12 Wis. 528; Bolton v. Don-

As used in the New York Code of Procedure, § 349, it has been held to mean "the strict legal rights of the parties, as distinguished from those mere questions of practice which every court regulates for itself, and from all matters which depend upon the discretion or favor of the court." St. Johns v. West, 4 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 332.

A "defense upon the merits" is one which depends upon the inherent justice of the de-
fendant's contention, as shown by the sub-
stantial facts of the case, as distinguished from one which rests upon technical objec-
tions or some collateral matter. Thus there may be a good defense growing out of an error in the plaintiff's pleadings, but there is not a defense upon the merits unless the real nature of the transaction in controversy shows the defendant to be in the right.

MERO MOTU. See Ex Mero Motu; Mere Motion.

MERSCOM. A lake; also a marsh or fen-land. Cowell.

MERTLAGE. A church calendar or rub-
ric. Cowell.

MERTON, STATUTE OF. An old Eng-
lish statute, relating to dower, legitimacy,
wardships, procedure, inclosure of common, and usury. It was passed in 1235, (20 Hen. III.), and was named from Merton, in Sur-
rey, where parliament sat that year. See Barring, St. 41, 46.

MERUM. In old English law. Mere; naked or abstract. Merum jus, mere right. Bract. fol. 31.

MERX. Lat. Merchandise; movable ar-
ticles that are bought and sold; articles of trade.

MERX est quies qui vendi potest. Mer-
chandise is whatever can be sold. Com. 355; 3 Wood. Lect. 283.

MESCREANTES. L Fr. Apostates; unbelievers.

MESCROYANT. A term used in the an-
cient books to designate an infidel or un-
believer.

MESE. A house and its appurtenance. Cowell.

MESNE. Intermediate; intervening; the middle between two extremes, especially of rank or time.

An intermediate lord; a lord who stood between a tenant and the chief lord; a lord who was also a tenant. "Lord, mesne, and tenant; the tenant holdeth by four pence, and the mesne by twelve pence." Co. Litt. 23a.

-Mesne assignment. If A. grant a lease of land to B., and B. assign his interest to C., and C. in his turn assign his interest therein to D., in this case the assignments so made by B. and C. would be termed "mesne assignments:" that is, they would be assignments intervening be-
tween A.'s original grant and the vesting of D.'s interest in the land under the last assign-
ment. Brown.—Mesne incumbence. An intermediate charge, burden, or liability; an incumbence which has been created or has attached to property between two given periods.

-Mesne lord. In old English law. A mid-
dle or intermediate lord; a lord who held of a superior lord. 2 Bl. Comm. 60. More com-
monly termed a "mesne." (q. v.)—Mesne, writ of. An ancient and abolished writ, which lay when the lord paramount distrained on the tenant parvail. The latter had a writ of mesne against the mesne lord.


MESNALTY, or MESNALITY. A man-
or held under a superior lord. The estate of a mesne.

MESS BRIEF. In Danish sea law. One of a ship's papers; a certificate of admeasure-
ment granted at the home port of a ves-
sel by the government or by some other competent authority. Jac. Sea Laws, 51.

MESSAGE FROM THE CROWN. In
English law. The method of communicat-
ing between the sovereign and the house of parliament. A written message under the royal sign-manual is brought by a member of the house, being a minister of the crown or one of the royal household. Verbal mes-
sages are also sometimes delivered. May. Parl. Pr. c. 17.

MESSAGE, PRESIDENT'S. An annual communication from the president of the United States to congress, made at or near the beginning of each session, embodying his views on the state and exigencies of na-
tional affairs, suggestions and recommenda-

MESSARIUS. In old English law. A chief servant in husbandry; a bailiff.

MESSE THANE. One who said mass; a priest. Cowell.

MESSINGER. One who bears messages or errands; a ministerial officer employed by executive officers, legislative bodies, and courts of justice, whose service consists principally in carrying verbal or written communications or executing other orders. In Scotland there are officers attached to the courts, called "messengers at arms."

An officer attached to a bankruptcy court, whose duty consists, among other things, in seizing and taking possession of the bankrupt's estate during the proceedings in bankruptcy.

The messenger of the English court of chancery has the duty of attending on the great seal, either in person or by deputy, and must be ready to execute all such orders as he shall receive from the lord chancellor, lord keeper, or lords commissioners. Brown.

Messis sementem sequitur. The crop belongs to [follows] the sower. A maxim in Scotch law. Where a person is in possession of land which he has reason to believe is his own, and sows that land, he will have a right to the crops, although before it is cut down.It should be discovered that another has a preferable title to the land. Bell.

MESSUAGE. This term is now synonymous with "dwelling-house," but had once a more extended signification. It is frequently used in deeds, in describing the premises. Marmet Co. v. Archibald, 37 W. Va. 778, 17 S. E. 300; Grimes v. Wilson, 4 Blackf. (Ind.) 333; Derly v. Jones, 27 Me. 300; Davis v. Lowden, 36 N. J. Eq. 126, 38 Atl. 648.

Although the word "messuage" may, there is no necessity that it must, import more than the word "dwelling-house," with which word it is frequently put in apposition and used synonymously. 2 Bing. N. C. 617.

In Scotland. The principal dwelling-house within a barony. Bell.

MESTIZO. A mongrel or person of mixed blood; sometimes used as equivalent to "octrooan," that is, the child of a white person and a quadroon, sometimes as denoting a person one of whose parents was a Spaniard and the other an American Indian.

META. Lat. A goal, bound, or turning-point. In old English law, the term was used to denote a bound or boundary line of land; a landmark; a material object, as a tree or a pillar, marking the position or beginning of a boundary line.

METACHRONISM. An error in computation of time.

METALLUM. Lat. In Roman law. Metal; a mine. Labor in mines, as a punishment for crime. Dig. 40, 5, 24, 5; Calvin.

METATUS. In old European law. A dwelling; a seat; a station; quarters; the place where one lives or stays. Spelman.

METAER SYSTEM. A system of agricultural holdings, under which the land is divided, in small farms, among single families, the landlord generally supplying the stock which the agricultural system of the country is considered to require, and receiving, in lieu of rent and profit, a fixed proportion of the produce. This proportion, which is generally paid in kind, is usually one-half. 1 Mill, Pol. Econ. 296, 303; and 2 Smith, Wealth Nat. 3, c. ii. The system prevails in some parts of France and Italy.

METEOR. A measure or portion of corn, given by a lord to customary tenants as a reward and encouragement for labor. Cowell.

METEGERVEL. A tribute or rent paid in victuals. Cowell.

METER. An instrument of measurement; as a coal-meter, a gas-meter, a land-meter.

METES AND BOUNDS. In conveyancing. The boundary lines of lands, with their terminating points or angles. People v. Guthrie, 46 Ill. App. 128; Rollins v. Mooers, 25 Me. 196.

METEWAND, or METEYARD. A staff of a certain length wherewith measures are taken.


METHOD. In patent law. "Engine" and "method" mean the same thing, and may be the subject of a patent. Method, properly speaking, is only placing several things, or performing several operations, in the most convenient order, but it may signify a contrivance or device. Fessen. Pat. 127; Hornblower v. Boulton, 8 Term R. 106.

METHOMANIA. See INSANITY.

METRE. The unit of measure in the "metric system" of weights and measures. It is a measure of length, being the ten-millionth part of the distance from the equator.
to the north pole, and equivalent to 39.37 inches. From this unit all the other denominations of measure, as well as of weight, are derived. The metric system was first adopted in France in 1795.

**METRIC SYSTEM.** A system of measures for length, surface, weight, and capacity, founded on the metre as a unit. It originated in France, has been established by law there and in some other countries, and is recommended for general use by other governments.

**METROPOLIS.** A mother city; one from which a colony was sent out. The capital of a province. Calv. In English law. One of the titles of an archbishop. Derived from the circumstance that archbishops were consecrated at first in the metropolises of a province. 4 Inst. 94.

In England, the word is frequently used to designate a statute, institution, governmental agency, etc., relating exclusively or especially to the city of London; e.g., the metropolitan board of works, metropolitan buildings act, etc.

—**Metropolitan board of works.** A board constituted in 1855 by St. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 129, for the better sewerizing, draining, paving, cleansing, lighting, and improving the metropolis (London.) The board is elected by vestries and district boards, who in their turn are elected by the rate-payers. Wharton.—**Metropolitan police district.** A region composed of New York city and some adjacent territory, which was, for police purposes, organized as one district, and provided with a police force common to the whole.

**METTESEPH, or METTENSCHEP.** In old records. An acknowledgment paid in a certain measure of corn; or a fine or penalty imposed on tenants for defect in not doing their customary service in cutting the lord's corn.

**METUS.** Lat. Fear; terror. In a technical sense, a reasonable and well-grounded apprehension of some great evil, such as death or mayhem, and not arising out of mere timidity, but such as might fall upon a man of courage. Fear must be of this description in order to amount to duress avoiding a contract. See Bract. lib. 2, c. 5; 1 Bl. Comm. 131; Calv.

**MEUBLES.** In French law. The movables of English law. Things are meubles from either of two causes: (1) From their own nature, e.g., tables, chairs; or (2) from the determination of the law, e.g., obligations.

—**Meubles menublans.** In French law. The utensils and articles of ornament usual in a dwelling-house. Brown.

**Mecum est promittere, non dimittere.** It is mine to promise, not to discharge. 2 Rolle, 39.

**MICHAELMAS.** The feast of the Archangel Michael, celebrated in England on the 29th of September, and one of the usual quarter days.

—**Michaelmas head court.** A meeting of the heritors of Scotland, at which the roll of freeholders used to be revised. See Bell.—**Michaelmas term.** One of the four terms of the English courts of common law, beginning on the 2d day of November and ending on the 25th 3 Staph. Comm. 505.

**MICHE, or MICH.** O. Eng. To practice crimes requiring concealment or secrecy; to pilfer articles secretly. Micher, one who practices secret crime. Webster.

**MICHEL-GEMOT.** One of the names of the general council immemorially held in England. The Witnemagote. One of the great councils of king and noblemen in Saxon times. Jacob.

**MICHEL-SYNOTH.** Great council. One of the names of the general council of the kingdom in the times of the Saxons. 1 Bl. Comm. 147.

**MICHERY.** In old English law. Theft; cheating.

**MIDDLE TERM.** A phrase used in logic to denote the term which occurs in both of the premises in the syllogism, being the means of bringing together the two terms in the conclusion.

**MIDDLE THREAD.** The middle thread of a stream is an imaginary line drawn lengthwise through the middle of its current.

**MIDDLEMAN.** An agent between two parties, an intermediary who performs the office of a broker or factor between seller and buyer, producer and consumer, land-owner and tenant, etc. Southack v. Lane, 32 Misc. Rep. 141, 65 N. Y. Supp. 629; Symt' v. Shaughnessey, 2 Idaho, 122, 7 Pac. 89.

A middleman, in Ireland, is a person who takes land in large tracts from the proprietors, and then rents it out to the peasantry in small portions at a greatly enhanced price. Wharton.

**MIDDLESEX, BILL OF.** See BILL.

**MIDSHEPMAN.** In ships of war, a kind of naval cadet, whose business is to second or transmit the orders of the superior officers and assist in the necessary business of the vessel, but understood to be in training for a commission. A passed midshipman is one who has passed an examination and is a candidate for promotion to the rank of Lieutenant. See U. S. v. Cook, 128 U. S. 254, 9 Sup. Ct. 108, 32 L. Ed. 464.

**MIDSUMMER-DAY.** The summer solstice, which is on the 24th day of June, and
the feast of St. John the Baptist, a festival first mentioned by Maximus Tauricensis, A. D. 400. It is generally a quarter-day for the payment of rents, etc. Wharton.

MIDWIFE. In medical jurisprudence. A woman who practices midwifery; an accoucheuse.


Migrans jus amittat so privilegia et immunitates domicilli prioris. One who emigrates will lose the rights, privileges, and immunities of his former domicile. Voet, Com. ad. Pand. tom. i. 347; 1 Kent, Comm. 76.

MILE. A measure of length or distance, containing 8 furlongs, or 1,760 yards, or 5,280 feet. This is the measure of an ordinary statute mile; but the nautical or geographical mile contains 6,080 feet.

MILEAGE. A payment or charge, at a fixed rate per mile, allowed as a compensation for traveling expenses to members of legislative bodies, witnesses, sheriffs, and bailiffs. Richardson v. State, 66 Ohio St. 108, 33 N. E. 593; Howes v. Abbott, 78 Cal. 270, 20 Pac. 572.

MILES. Lat. In the civil law. A soldier.

In old English law. A knight, because military service was part of the feudal tenure. Also a tenant by military service, not a knight. 1 Bl. Comm. 404; Seld. Tit. Hon. 334.

MILITARE. To be knighted.

MILITARY. Pertaining to war or to the army; concerned with war. Also the whole body of soldiers; an army.

Military bounty land. See Bounty.

Military causes. In English law. Causes of action or injuries cognizable in the court military, or court of chivalry. 3 Bl. Comm. 103.

Military commissions. Courts whose procedure and composition are modeled upon courts-martial, being the tribunals by which alleged violations of martial law are tried and determined. The membership of such commissions is commonly made up of civilians and army officers. They are probably not known outside of the United States, and were first used by General Scott during the Mexican war. 15 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law. 473—Military courts. In England the court of chivalry and courts-martial, in America courts-martial and courts of inquiry, are called by this general name. Military feuds. See Feud.

Military government. The dominion exercised by a general over a conquered state or province. It is a mere application or extension of the force by which the conquest was effected, to the end of keeping the vanquished in subjection; and being derived from war, is incompatible with a state of peace. Com. v. Shortall, 206 Pa. 166, 55 Atl. 952, 65 L. R. A. 193, 58 Am. St. Rep. 759.—Military jurisdiction. "There are, under the constitution, three kinds of military jurisdiction,—one to be exercised both in peace and in war, neither to be exercised in time of foreign war without the boundaries of the United States, or in time of rebellion and civil war within states or districts occupied by rebels treated as insurgents; and a third to be exercised in time of invasion or insurrection within the limits of the United States, or during rebellion within the limits of states maintaining adhesion to the national government, when the public danger requires its exercise. The first of these may be called jurisdiction under military law, and is found in acts prescribing rules and articles of war, or otherwise providing for the government of the national forces; the second may be distinguished as 'military government,' superseding, as far as may be deemed expedient, the local law, and exercised by the military commander under the direction of the president, with the express or implied sanction of congress; while the third may be denominated 'martial law proper,' and is called into action by congress, or temporarily, when the action of congress cannot be invited, and in the case of justifying or excusing peril, by the president, in times of insurrection or invasion, or of civil or foreign war, within districts or localities where ordinary law no longer adequately secures public safety and private rights." Per Chase, C. J., in Ex parte Mill, 4 Wall. 141, 18 L. Ed. 281.—Military law. A system of regulations for the government of an army. 1 Kent, Comm. 341, note. That branch of the laws which respects military discipline and the government of persons employed in the military service. De Hart, Mill. Law, 166; Star, Rankin, 4 Cold. Torts, 315; Johnson v. Jones, 44 Ill. 153, 92 Am. Dec. 159; In re Bogart, 3 Fed. Cas. 601; Neall v. U. S., 115 Fed. 704, 56 C. C. A. 31.—Military offenses. Those offenses which are cognizable by the courts military, as insubordination, sleeping on guard, desertion, etc.—Military state. The soldiery of the kingdom of Great Britain. —Military tenures. The various tenures by knight-service, grand-serjeantry, corname, etc., are frequently called "military tenures," from the nature of the services which they involved. 1 Steph. Comm. 204.—Military testament. See Testament.

MILITIES. Lat. Knights; and, in Scotch law, freeholders.

MILITIA. The body of soldiers in a state enrolled for discipline, but not engaged in actual service except in emergencies, as distinguished from regular troops or a standing army. See Ex parte McCants, 39 Ala. 112; Worth v. Craven County, 118 N. C. 112, 24 S. E. 778; Brown v. Newark, 29 N. J. Law, 238.


—Mills-holms. Low meadows and other fields in the vicinity of mills, or watery places about mill-dams. See Land.
In general, a parcel of land on or contiguous to a water-course, suitable for the erection and operation of a mill operated by the power furnished by the stream. See Occum Co. v. Sprague Mfg. Co., 35 Conn. 512; Hasbrouct v. Vernilies, 8 Cow. (N. Y.) 631; Mandeville v. Comstock, 9 Mich. 537. Specifically, in American mining law, a parcel of land containing a portion of the public domain, located and claimed by the owner of a mining claim under the laws of the United States (or purchased by him from the government and patented,) not exceeding five acres in extent, not including any mineral land, not contiguous to the vein or lode, and occupied and used for the purpose of a mill or for other uses directly connected with the operation of the mine; or a similar parcel of land located and actually used for the purpose of a mill or reduction plant, but not by the owner of an existing mine nor in connection with any particular mining claim. U. S. Rev. St. § 2257 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1436.)

2. An American money of account, of the value of the tenth part of a cent.

MILLBANK PRISON. Formerly called the "Penitentiary at Millbank." A prison at Westminster, for convicts under sentence of transportation, until the sentence or order shall be executed, or the convict be entitled to freedom, or be removed to some other place of confinement. This prison is placed under the inspectors of prisons appointed by the secretary of state, who are a body corporate, "The Inspectors of the Millbank Prison." The inspectors make regulations for the government thereof, subject to the approbation of the secretary of state, and yearly reports to him, to be laid before parliament. The secretary also appoints a governor, chaplain, medical officer, matron, etc. Wharton.

MILLEATE, or MILL-LEAT. A trench to convey water to or from a mill. St. 7 Jac. I. c. 19.

MILLED MONEY. This term means merely coined money; and it is not necessary that it should be marked or rolled on the edges. Leach, 708.

MIL-REIS. The name of a piece of money in the coinage of Portugal, and the Azores and Madeira islands. Its value at the custom-house, according as it is coined in the first, second, or third of the places named, is $1.12, or 89¼ cents, or $1.

MINA. In old English law. A measure of corn or grain. Cowell; Spelman.

MINAGE. A toll or duty paid for selling corn by the mine. Cowell.

MINARE. In old records. To mine or dig mines. Minator, a miner. Cowell.

MINATOR CARUCE. A plowman. Cowell.

Minatur innocentibus qui parsit noncentibus. 4 Coke, 45. He threatens the innocent who spares the guilty.

MIND. In its legal sense, "mind" means only the ability to will, to direct, to permit, or to assent. In this sense, a corporation has a mind, and exercises its mind each time that it assents to the terms of a contract. McDermott v. Evening Journal Ass'n, 43 N. J. Law, 402, 39 Am. Rep. 900.

Mind and memory. A phrase applied to testators, denoting the possession of mental capacity to make a will. In order to make a valid will, the testator must have a sound and disposing mind and memory. In other words, he ought to be capable of making his will, with an understanding of the nature of the business in which he is engaged, a recollection of the property he means to dispose of, of the persons who are the objects of his bounty, and the manner in which it is to be distributed between them. Harrison v. Rowan, 3 Wash. C. C. 585, Fed. Cas. No. 6,141.

MINE. A pit or excavation in the earth, from which metallic ores or other mineral substances are taken by digging. Webster: Marvel v. Merritt, 116 U. S. 11, 8 Sup. Ct. 207, 29 L. Ed. 550; Murray v. Allred, 100 Tenn. 100, 43 S. W. 355, 39 L. R. A. 249, 66 Am. St. Rep. 740.

MINER. One who mines; a digger for metals and other minerals. While men of scientific attainments, or of experience in the use of machinery, are to be found in this class, yet the word by which the class is designated imports neither learning nor skill. Watson v. Lederer, 11 Colo. 577, 19 Pac. 604, 1 L. R. A. 854, 7 Am. St. Rep. 263.

—Miner's inch. See Inch.

MINERAL. n. Any valuable inert or lifeless substance formed or deposited in its present position through natural agencies alone, and which is found either in or upon the soil of the earth or in the rocks beneath the soil. Barringer & Adams, Mines, p. lxvi.

Any natural constituent of the crust of the earth, inorganic or fossil, homogeneous in structure, having a definite chemical composition and known crystallization. See Webster; Cent. Dict.
The term includes all fossil bodies or matters dug out of mines or quarries, whence anything may be dug, such as beds of stone which may be quarried. Earl of Rosse v. Wainman, 14 Mees. & W. 872.
In its common acceptation, the term may be said to include those parts of the earth which are capable of being mined or extracted from beneath the surface, and which have a commercial value. Williams v. South Penn Oil Co., 52 W. Va. 181, 43 S. E. 214, 60 L. R. A. 795. But, in its widest sense, "minerals" may be described as comprising all the substances which
now form or which once formed a part of the solid body of the earth, both external and internal, and which are now destitute of or incapable of supporting animal or vegetable life. In this sense, the word includes not only the various ores of the precious metals, but also coal, clay, marble, stone of various sorts, slate, salt, sand, natural gas, petroleum, and water. See Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Soderberg, 104 Fed. 425, 43 C. C. A. 829; Murray v. Alfred 100 Tenn. 100, 43 S. W. 355, 39 L. R. A. 249, 68 Am. St. Rep. 740; Gibson v. Tyson, 5 Watts (Pa.) 35; Henry v. Lowe, 53 Mo. 95; Westernland, etc., Gas Co. v. De Witt, 130 Pa. 226, 18 Atl. 724, 5 L. R. A. 731; Marvel v. Merritt, 118 U. S. 11, 6 Sup. Ct. 207, 29 L. Ed. 350; Caldwell v. Fulton, 11 Pa. 475, 72 Am. Dec. 769; Dunham v. Kirkpatrick, 101 Pa. 43, 47 Am. Rep. 396; State v. Parker, 61 Tex. 386; Ridgway Light, etc., Co. v. Elk County, 191 Pa. 445, 43 Atl. 223.

MINERAL, adj. Relating to minerals or the process and business of mining; bearing or producing valuable minerals.

-Mineral district. A term occasionally used in acts of congress, designating in a general way those portions or regions of the country where valuable metals are mostly found, or where the business of mining is chiefly carried on, but carrying no very precise meaning and not a fixed boundary. See Smith v. Smith (C. C.) 11 Fed. 490.—Mineral lands. See Land.
-Mineral land entry. See Entry.

MINERATOR. In old records. A miner.

Minima poena corporalis est major qualibet pecuniaria. The smallest corporal punishment is greater than any pecuniary one. 2 Inst. 229.

Minime mutanda sunt que certain habuerunt interpretationem. Things which have had a certain interpretation [whose interpretation has been settled, as by common opinion] are not to be altered. Co. Litt. 305; Wing. Max. p. 748, max. 502.

MINEMENT. An old form of muniment, (q. v.) Blount.

Minimum est nihil proximum. The smallest is next to nothing.

MINING. The process or business of extracting from the earth the precious or valuable metals, either in their native state or in their ores. In re Rollins Gold Min. Co. (D. C.) 102 Fed. 985. As ordinarily used, the term does not include the extraction from the earth of rock, marble, or slate, which is commonly described as "quarrying," although coal and salt are "mined;" nor does it include sinking wells or shafts for petroleum or natural gas, unless expressly so declared by statute, as is the case in Indiana. See State v. Indiana, etc., Min. Co., 120 Ind. 575, 22 N. E. 778, 6 L. R. A. 579; Williams v. Citizens' Enterprise Co., 153 Ind. 490, 55 N. E. 425.

-Mining claim. A parcel of land, containing precious metal in its soil or rock, and appropriated by an individual, according to established rules, by the process of "location." St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co. v. Kemp, 104 U. S. 649, 26 L. Ed. 873; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Sanderson, 136 U. S. 551; 1 C. C. A. 829; Sanderson v. Mining Co., 13 Nev. 470; Lockhard v. Asher Lumber Co. (C. C.) 123 Fed. 493.—Mining companies. This designation was formerly applied in England to companies formed in London in 1825 for working mines in Mexico and South America; but at present it comprises all companies engaged in mining projects carried on by joint-stock associations or corporations. Rapalje & Lawrence.
-Mining district. A section of country usually designated by name and described or understood as being confined within certain natural boundaries, in which the precious metals (or their ores) are found in paying quantities, and which is worked thereon, under rules and regulations prescribed or agreed upon by the miners therein. U. S. v. Smith (C. C.) 11 Fed. 490.—Mining lease. A lease of a mine or mining claim or a portion thereof, to be worked by the lessee, usually under conditions as to the amount and character of work to be done, and reserving compensation to the lessor either in the form of a fixed rent or a royalty on the tonnage of ore mined, and which (as distinguished from a lease which conveys to the lessee an interest or estate in the land, and (as distinguished from an ordinary lease) conveys not merely the temporary use and occupation of the land, but a portion of the land itself, in the enjoyment of the same in place and unsevered and to be extracted by the lessee. See Austin v. Huntsville Min. Co., 72 Mo. 541, 37 Am. Rep. 445; Buchelius v. Picayune Co. (D. C.) 57 Mo. App. 11; Knight v. Indiana Coal Co., 47 Ind. 113, 17 Am. Rep. 692; Sanderson v. Scranton, 103 Pa. 473.—Mining location. The act of appropriating and claiming, according to certain established rules and local customs, a parcel of land of defined area, upon or in which the deposit of the precious metals in their ores have been discovered, and which constitutes a portion of the public domain, with the declared intention to occupy and work it for mining purposes under the implied license of the United States. Also the parcel of land so occupied and appropriated. See Poire v. Wells, 3 Colo. 412; St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co. v. Kemp, 104 U. S. 649, 26 L. Ed. 873; Golden Fleece, etc., Min. Co. v. Cable, etc., Min. Co., 12 Nev. 328; Gleson v. Martin White Min. Co., 13 Nev. 529; WALRATH v. BANKS, 428 U. S. 820, 22 C. C. A. (C. C.) 83 Fed. 556.—Mining partnership. An association of several owners of a mine for co-operation in working the mine. A mining partnership is governed by the rules relating to ordinary partnerships, but also by some rules peculiar to itself, one of which is that on the death of a partner he may convey his interest in the mine and business without dissolving the partnership. Kahn v. Central Smelting Co., 102 U. S. 645, 26 L. Ed. 206; Higgins v. Armstrong, 9 Colo. 38, 10 Pac. 286; Skillin v. Lachman, 23 Cal. 203, 83 Am. Dec. 66; Kimberly v. Arms, 129 U. S. 512, 9 Sup. Ct. 355, 32 L. Ed. 704.

MINISTER. In public law. One of the highest functionaries in the organization of civil government, standing next to the sovereign or executive head, acting as his immediate auxiliary, and being generally charged with the administration of one of the great bureaus or departments of the executive branch of government. Otherwise, called a "secretary of state," or "secretary of a department."

In international law. An officer appointed by the government of one nation as a mediator or arbitrator between two other nations who are engaged in a controversy,
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with their consent, with a view to effecting an amicable adjustment of the dispute. A general name given to the diplomatic representatives sent by one state to another, including ambassadors, envoys, and residents.

In ecclesiastical law. A person ordained according to the usages of some church or associated body of Christians for the preaching of the gospel and filling the pastoral office.

In practice. An officer of justice, charged with the execution of the law, and hence termed a "ministerial officer;" such as a sheriff, bailiff, coroner, sheriff's officer. Brit. c. 21. An agent; one who acts not by any inherent authority, but under another.


—Public minister. In international law. A general term denoting all persons occupying the rank or class of diplomatic representatives,—as ambassadors, envoys, residents,—but not including the commercial representatives, such as consuls.

MINISTERIAL. That which is done under the authority of a superior; opposed to judicial; that which involves an obedience to instructions, but demands no special discretion, judgment, or skill.

—Ministerial act. A ministerial act may be defined to be one which a person performs in a given state of facts, in a prescribed manner, in obedience to the mandate of legal authority, without regard to or the exercise of his own judgment, upon the propriety of the act being done. Acts done out of court in bringing parties into court are, as a general proposition, ministerial acts. Pennington v. Straight, 54 Ind. 376; Balf v. Struck, 29 Mont. 45, 74 Pac. 69, 63 L. R. A. 481; State v. Nash, 66 Ohio St. 612, 64 N. E. 503; Grid v. Gird, 14 Ala. 424, 54 Am. Rep. 65.—Ministerial duty. A ministerial duty, the performance of which may in proper cases be required of a public officer by judicial proceedings, is one in respect to which nothing is left to discretion; it is a simple, definite duty arising under circumstances admitted or proved to exist and imposed by law. State v. McGrath, 92 Mo. 355, 5 S. W. 29; Missisippi v. Johnson, 4 Wall. 498, 18 L. Ed. 437; People v. Jerome, 36 Misc. Rep. 256, 73 N. Y. Supp. 300; Duvall v. Swann, 94 Md. 608, 51 Atl. 617; Gledhill v. Governor, 25 N. J. Law. 351. A ministerial duty arises when an individual has such a legal interest in its performance that neglect of performance becomes a wrong to such individual. Morton v. Comptroller General, 4 S. C. 478.—Ministerial officer. One whose duties are purely ministerial, as distinguished from executive, legislative, or judicial functions, requiring obedience to the mandates of superiors and not involving the exercise of judgment or discretion. See U. S. v. Bell (C. C.) 127 Fed. 1092; Waldoe v. Wallace, 12 Ind. 572; State v. Loechner, 65 N. Y. 514, 37 N. Y. 77, 601, 84 N. Y. 574, 575; Reid v. Hood, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 169, 10 Am. Dec. 582.—Ministerial power. See Power. —Ministerial trust. See Trust.

MINISTRANT. The party cross-examining a witness was so called, under the old system of the ecclesiastical courts.

MINISTRI REGIS. Lat. In old English law. Ministers of the king, applied to the judges of the realm, and to all those who hold ministerial offices in the government. 2 Inst. 208.

MINISTRY. Office; service. Those members of the government who are in the cabinet.

MINOR. An infant or person who is under the age of legal competence. A term derived from the civil law, which described a person under a certain age as less than so many years. Minor viginti quinque annis, one less than twenty-five years of age. Inst. 1, 14, 2.

Also, less; of less consideration; lower; a person of inferior condition. Fleta, 2, 47, 13, 15; Calvin.


Minor ante tempus agere non potest in causis proprietatis nec etiam conuenire; differentur usque statem; sed non sedit breve. 2 Inst. 201. A minor before majority cannot act in a case of property, nor even agree; it should be deferred until majority; but the writ does not fail.


Minor minorem custodire non debet, alios enim presumitur male regere qui seipsum regere nescit. A minor ought not to be guardian to a minor, for he who knows not how to govern himself is presumed to be unfit to govern others. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 10; Co. Litt. 880.

Minor non tempus respondere durans minori state, nisi in causa dota, prop- ter favorem. 3 Bulst. 143. A minor is not bound to reply during his minority, except as a matter of favor in a cause of dower.

Minor qui infra statem 12 annorum fuerit utilgarri non potest, nec extra lege- num ponit, quia ante talem statem, non est sub iure alioque, nec in decennia. Co. Litt. 128. A minor who is under twelve years of age cannot be outlawed, nor placed without the law, because before such age he is not under any law, nor in a decennary.

Minor septemdecimannis non admi- titur fore executorum. A person under seventeen years is not admitted to be an executor. 6 Coke, 97. A rule of ecclesiastical law.
MINORA REGALIA. In English law. The lesser prerogatives of the crown, including the rights of the revenue. 1 Bl. Comm. 241.

MINORITY. The state or condition of a minor; infancy.

The smaller number of votes of a deliberative assembly; opposed to majority, (which see.)

MINT. The place designated by law where bullion is coined into money under authority of the government.

Also a place of privilege in Southwark, near the king’s prison, where persons formerly sheltered themselves from justice under the pretext that it was an ancient palace of the crown. The privilege is now abolished. Wharton.

—Mint-mark. The masters and workers of the English mint, in the indentures made with them, agree “to make a privy mark in the money they make, of gold and silver, so that they may know which moneys were of their own making.” After every trial of the pin, having proved their moneys to be lawful, they are entitled to their quittance under the great seal, and to be discharged from all suits or actions. Wharton.

—Mint-master. One who manages the coinage.

MINTAGE. The charge or commission taken by the mint as a consideration for coining into money the bullion which is brought to it for that purpose; the same as “seignorage.”

Also that which is coined or stamped as money; the product of the mint.

MINUS. Lat. In the civil law. Less; less than. The word had also, in some connections, the sense of “not at all.” For example, a debt remaining wholly unpaid was described as “minus solutum.”

Minus solvit, qui tardius solvit. He does not pay who pays too late. Dig. 50, 16, 12, 1.

MINUTE. In measures of time or circumference, a minute is the sixtieth part of an hour or degree.


—Minute-book. A book kept by the clerk or prothonotary of a court for entering memoranda of its proceedings.

MINUTES. In Scotch practice. A pleading put into writing before the lord ordinary, as the ground of his judgment. Bell.

In business law. Memoranda or notes of a transaction or proceeding. Thus, the record of the proceedings at a meeting of directors or shareholders of a company is called the “minutes.”

MINUTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A lessening; diminution or reduction. Dig. 4, 5, 1.

MIRROR. The Mirror of Justice, or of the Justices, commonly spoken of as the “Mirror,” is an ancient treatise on the laws of England, written during the reign of Edward II., and attributed to one Andrew Horne.

MIS. An inseparable particle used in composition, to mark an ill sense or depravation of the meaning; as “miscomputation” or “misaccounting,” i.e., false reckoning. Several of the words following are illustrations of the force of this monosyllable.

MISA. In old English law. The misec or issue in a writ of right. Spelman.

In old records. A compact or agreement; a form of compromise. Cowell.

MISADVENTURE. A mischance or accident; a casualty caused by the act of one person and inflicting injury upon another. Homfelder “by misadventure” is where a man, doing a lawful act, without any intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another. 4 Bl. Comm. 132; Williamson v. State, 2 Ohio Cir. Ct. R. 222; Johnson v. State, 94 Ala. 38, 10 South. 667.

MISALLEGGE. To cite falsely as a proof or argument.


MISAPPROPRIATION. This is not a technical term of law, but it is sometimes applied to the misdeemeanor which is committed by a banker, factor, agent, trustee, etc. who fraudulently deals with money, goods, securities, etc., entrusted to him, or by a director or public officer of a corporation or company who fraudulently misapplies any of its property. Steph. Crim. Dig. 257, et seq.; Sweet. And see Winchester v. Howard, 150 Cal. 432, 94 Pac. 932, 80 Am. St. Rep. 153; Frey v. Torrey, 70 App. Div. 106, 75 N. Y. Supp. 40.

MISBEHAVIOR. Ill conduct; improper or unlawful behavior. Verdicts are sometimes set aside on the ground of misbehavior of jurors. Smith v. Cutler, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 390, 25 Am. Dec. 580; Turnbull v. Martin, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 430; State v. Arnold, 100 Tenn. 307, 47 S. W. 221.

MISCARRIAGE. In medical jurisprudence. The expulsion of the ovum or embryo from the uterus within the first six
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weeks after conception. Between that time, and before the expiration of the sixth month, when the child may possibly live, it is termed "abortion." When the delivery takes place soon after the sixth month, it is denominated "premature labor." But the criminal act of destroying the fetus at any time before birth is termed, in law, "procur- cing miscarriage." Chlt. Med. Jur. 410. See Smith v. State, 33 Me. 59, 54 Am. Dec. 607; State v. Howard, 32 Vt. 402; Mills v. Con., 13 Pa. 632; State v. Crook, 16 Utah, 212, 51 Pac. 1001.

In practice. As used in the statute of frauds, ("debt, default, or miscarriage of an- other," ) this term means any species of unlaw- ful conduct or wrongful act for which the doer could be held liable in a civil or- gan. Gansey v. Orr, 173 Mo. 532, 73 S. W. 477.

MISCENATION. Mixture of races; marriage between persons of different races; as between a white person and a negro.

MISCHARGE. An erroneous charge; a charge, given by a court to a jury, which in- volves errors for which the judgment may be reversed.

MISCHIEF. In legislative parlance, the word is often used to signify the evil or danger which a statute is intended to cure or avoid.

In the phrase "malicious mischief," (which see,) it imports a wanton or reckless injury to persons or property.

MISCOGNISANT. Ignorant; uninformed. The word is obsolete.

MISCONDUCT. Any unlawful conduct on the part of a person concerned in the ad- ministration of justice which is prejudicial to the rights of parties or to the right deter- mination of the cause; as "misconduct of jurors," "misconduct of an arbitrator." The term is also used to express a dereliction from duty. Injurious to another, on the part of one employed in a professional capacity, as an attorney at law, (Stage v. Stevens, 1 Denlo [N. Y. 267] or a public officer, (State v. Leach, 60 Me. 58, 11 Am. Rep. 172.)

MISCONINUANCE. In practice. An improper continuance; want of proper form in a continuance; the same with "discontini- nuance." Cowell.

MISCREANT. In old English law. An apostate; an unbeliever; one who totally re- nounced Christianity. 4 Bl. Comm. 44.

MISDATE. A false or erroneous date affixed to a paper or document.

MISDELEIVER. The delivery of prop- erty by a carrier or warehouseman to a per- son not authorised by the owner or person to whom the carrier or warehouseman is bound by his contract to deliver it. Cleveland, etc. R. Co. v. Potts, 32 Ind. App. 504, 71 N. E. 689; Forbes v. Boston & L. R. Co., 133 Mass. 156.

MISDEMEANANT. A person guilty of a misdemeanor; one sentenced to punish- ment upon conviction of a misdemeanor. See FIRST-CLASS MISDEMEANANT.

MISDEMEANOR. In criminal law. A general name for criminal offenses of every sort, punishable by indictment or special proceedings, which do not in law amount to the grade of felony.

A misdemeanors is an act committed or omitted in violation of a public law either forbidding or commanding it. This general definition, however, comprehends both "crimes" and "misde- meanors," which, properly speaking, are mere synonymous terms; though, in common usage, the word "crimes" is made to denote such of- fenses as are of a deeper and more atrocious dye; while smaller faults and omissions of less consequence are comprised under the milder term of "misdeemeeans" only. In the English law, "misdemeanor" is generally used in contra- distinction to "felony," and misdemeanors com- prehend all indictable offenses which do not amount to felony, as libels, conspiracies, at- tempts, and solicitations to commit felonies, etc. Brown. And see People v. Upson, 79 Hun, 87, 29 N. Y. Supp. 615; In re Beren, 21 Wis. 386; Kelly v. People, 132 Ill. 603, 24 N. E. 58; State v. Hunter, 67 Ala. 83; Walsh v. People, 65 Ill. 65, 16 Am. Rep. 569.

MISDESCRIPTION. An error or falsity in the description of the subject-matter of a contract which devalues one of the parties to his injury, or is misleading in a material or substantial point.

MISDIRECTION. In practice. An er- ror made by a judge in instructing the jury upon the trial of a cause.

MISE. The issue in a writ of right. When the tenant in a writ of right pleads that his title is better than the demandant's, he is said to join the mise on the mere right. Also expenses; costs; disbursements in an action.

Misea money. Money paid by way of con- tract or composition to purchase any liberty, etc. Blount.

Miserere est servitus, ubi jus est vagum aut incertum. It is a wretched state of slavery which subsists where the law is vague or uncertain. 4 Inst. 245; Broom, Max. 150.

Misereable depositum. Lat. In the civil law. The name of an involuntary deposite, made under pressing necessity; as, for instance, shipwreck, fire, or other inevi- table calamity. Poth. Proc. Civile, pt. 3, c. 1, § 1; Code La. 2035.

Miserere. The name and first word of one of the penitential psalms, being that
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which was commonly used to be given by the
ordinary to such condemned malefactors as
were allowed the benefit of clergy; whence it
is also called the "psalm of mercy." Wharton.

MISERICORDIA. Lat. Mercy; a fine
or amerciation; an arbitrary or discretionary
amercement.

—Misericordia communis. In old English
law. A fine set on a whole county or hundred.

MISFEASANCE. A misdeed or trespass.
The doing what a party ought to do improperly.
1 Tind. Pr. 4. The improper performance
of some act which a man may lawfully do.
3 Steph. Comm. 490. And see Bell v.
Josselyn, 3 Gray (Mass.) 300, 63 Am. Dec.
741; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Fouls, 191 Ill.
57, 60 N. E. 890; Dudley v. Flemingsburg.
115 Ky. 5, 72 S. W. 327, 60 L. R. A. 375, 103

Misfeasance, strictly, is not doing a lawful act
in a proper manner, omitting to do it as it
should be done; while malfeasance is the doing
an act wholly wrongful; and non-feasance is an
omission to perform a duty, or a total neglect
of duty. But "misfeasance" is often carelessly
used in the sense of "malfeasance." Coite v.
Lynes, 33 Conn. 100.

MISFEASANCE. See Misfeasance.

MISFORTUNE. An adverse event, ca-
lamity, or evil fortune, arising by accident,
(or without the will or concurrence of him
who suffers from it,) and not to be foreseen
or guarded against by care or prudence. See
20 Q. B. Div. 816. In its application to the
law of homicide, this term always involves
the further idea that the person causing the
death is not at the time engaged in any un-
lawful act. 4 Bl. Comm. 182.

MISJOINER. See Joiner.

MISKENNING. In Saxon and old En-
glish law. An unjust or irregular summoning
to court; to speak unsteadily in court; to
vary in one's plea. Cowell; Blount; Spelman.

MISLAY. To deposit in a place not after-
wards recollected; to lose anything by for-
getfulness of the place where it was laid.

MISLEADING. Delusive; calculated to
lead astray or to lead into error. Instruc-
tions which are of such a nature as to be
misunderstood by the jury, or to give them
a wrong impression, are said to be "mislead-
ing."

MISNOMER. Mistake in name; the giv-
ing an incorrect name to a person in a plead-
ing, deed, or other instrument.

MISPLEADING. Pleading incorrectly,
or omitting anything in pleading which is es-
sential to the support or defense of an action,
is so called; as in the case of a plaintiff not
merely stating his title in a defective manner,
but setting forth a title which is essentially
defective in itself; or if, to an action of debt,
the defendant pleads "not guilty" instead of
nil debet. Brown. See Lovett v. Peli, 22
Wend. (N. Y.) 376; Chicago & A. R. Co. v.
Murphy, 198 Ill. 402, 64 N. E. 1011.

MISPRISION. In criminal law. A
term used to signify every considerable mis-
demeanor which has not a certain name giv-
en to it by law. 3 Inst. 26. But more par-
cularly and properly the term is used: (1) a
contempt against the sovereign, the
government, or the courts of justice, includ-
ing not only contempt of court, properly so
called, but also all forms of seditious or dis-
loyal conduct and lese-majesty; (2) malad-
ministration of high public office, including
peculation of the public funds; (3) neglect or
light account made of a crime, that is, failure
in the duty of a citizen to endeavor to pre-
vent the commission of a crime, or, having
knowledge of its commission, to reveal it to
the proper authorities. See 4 Bl. Comm. 119-
120.

—Misprision of felony. The offense of con-
cealing a felony committed by another, but with-
out such previous concert with or subsequent
assistance to the felon as would make the party
concealing a accomplice before or after the fact.
4 Steph. Comm. 290; 4 Bl. Comm. 121; Car-
peenter v. State, 62 Ark. 285, 36 S. W. 900.—
Mispriision of treason. The bare knowledge
and concealment of an act of treason renders
the act misprision of treason, even if the
actor, in the exercise of his own discretion,
takes no steps with any view to conceal the
act. 4 Bl. Comm. 120; Fed. Code Cal. § 33.—Negative
misprision. The concealment of something
which ought to be revealed: that is, mispr-
ision in the third of the specific meanings
given above.—Positive misprision. The com-
mission of something which ought not to be
done; that is, misprision in the first and second
of the specific meanings given above.

In practice. A clerical error or mistake
made by a clerk or other judicial or minister-
ial officer in writing or keeping records. See
Merrill v. Miller, 29 Mont. 154, 72 Pac.
427.

MISREADING. Reading a deed or other
instrument to an illiterate or bluid man (who
is a party to it) in a false or deceitful man-
ner, so that he conceives a wrong idea of its
tenor or contents. See 5 Coke, 19; 6 East,
309; Hallenebeck v. Dewitt, 2 Johns. (N. Y.)
404.

MISRECOLAL. The erroneous or incor-
correct recital of a matter of fact, either in an
agreement, deed, or pleading.

MISREPRESENTATION. An inten-
tional false statement respecting a matter of
fact, made by one of the parties to a con-
tract, which is material to the contract and
Influential in producing it. Wise v. Fuller, 29 N. J. Eq. 262.

False or fraudulent misrepresentation is a representation contrary to the fact, made by a person with a knowledge of its falsehood, and being the cause of the other party's entering into the contract. 6 Clark & F. 232.

Negligent misrepresentation is a false representation made by a person who has no reasonable grounds for believing it to be true, though he does not know that it is untrue, or even believes it to be true. L. R. 4 H. L. 79.

Innocent misrepresentation is where the person making the representation had reasonable grounds for believing it to be true. L. R. 2 Q. B. 580.

Missa. Lat. The mass.


Missal. The mass-book.

Missilia. In Roman law. Gifts or liberalties, which the prelates and consuls were in the habit of throwing among the people. Inst. 2, 1, 45.

Missing Ship. In maritime law. A vessel is so called when, computed from her known day of sailing, the time that has elapsed exceeds the average duration of similar voyages at the same season of the year. 2 Duer, Ins. 469.

Missio. Lat. In the civil law. A sending or putting. Missio in bona, a putting the creditor in possession of the debtor's property. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 521. Missio judicum in consilium, a sending out of the judges (or jury) to make up their sentence. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 13, no. 31.

Missives. In Scotch law. Writings passed between parties as evidence of a transaction. Bell.


That result of ignorance of law or fact which has misled a person to commit that which, if he had not been in error, he would not have done. Jeremy, Eq. Jur. 358.

A mistake exists when a person, under some erroneous conviction of law or fact, does or omits to do, some act which, but for the erroneous conviction, he would not have done or omitted. It may arise either from unconsciousness, ignorance, forgetfulness, imposition, or misplaced confidence. Blisph. Eq. § 185. And see Allen v. Elder, 76 Ga. 677, Bl. Law Dict. (2d Ed.)—50


Mistake of fact is a mistake not caused by the neglect of a legal duty on the part of the person making the mistake, and consisting in (1) an unconscious ignorance or forgetfulness of a fact, past or present, material to the contract; or (2) belief in the present existence of a thing material to the contract which does not exist, or in the past existence of such a thing which has not existed. Civ. Code Cal. § 1977.

A mistake of law happens when a party, having full knowledge of the facts, comes to an erroneous conclusion as to their legal effect. It is a mistaken opinion or inference, arising from an imperfect or incorrect exercise of the judgment, upon facts as they really are; and, like a correct opinion, which is law, necessarily presupposes that the person forming it is in full possession of them. The facts precede the law, and the true and false opinion alike imply an acquaintance with them. Neither can exist without it. The one is the result of a correct application to them of legal principles, which every man is presumed to know, and is called "law;" the other, the result of a faulty application, and is called a "mistake of law." Hard v. Hall, 111 Mass. 324.

Mutual mistake is where the parties have a common intention, but it is induced by a common or mutual mistake.

Mistry. A trade or calling. Cowell.

Mistress. The proper style of the wife of an esquire or a gentleman in England.

Mistrial. An erroneous, invalid, or nugatory trial; a trial of an action which cannot stand in law because of want of jurisdiction, or a wrong drawing of jurors, or disregard of some other fundamental requisite.


Mitigation. Alleviation; abatement or diminution of a penalty or punishment imposed by law. "Mitigating circumstances" are such as do not constitute a justification or excuse of the offense in question, but which, in fairness and mercy, may be considered as extenuating or reducing the degree of moral culpability. See Heaton v. Wright, 10 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 82; Wandell v. Edwards, 25 Hun (N. Y.) 500; Hess v. New York Press Co., 20 App. Div. 73, 49 N. Y. Supp. 504.

—Mitigation of damages. A reduction of the amount of damages, not by proof of facts which are a bar to a part of the plaintiff's cause of action, or a justification, nor yet of facts which constitute a cause of action in favor of the defendant, but rather facts which show that the plaintiff's conceded cause of action does not entitle him to so large an amount as the showing on his part would otherwise justify the jury in allowing him. 1 Suth. Dam. 226.

Mittior Sensus. Lat. The more favorable acceptance.
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MIXTION. The mixture or confusion of goods or chattels belonging severally to different owners, in such a way that they can no longer be separated or distinguished; as where two measures of wine belonging to different persons are poured together into the same cask.

MIXTUM IMPERIUM. Lat. In old English law. Mixed authority; a kind of civil power. A term applied by Lord Hale to the "power" of certain subordinate civil magistrates as distinct from "jurisdiction." Hale, Anal. § 11.


The word, in legal use, is practically synonymous with "riot," but the latter is the more correct term.

MOBBING AND RIOTING. In Scotch law. A general term including all those convocations of the Hieges for violent and unlawful purposes, which are attended with injury to the persons or property of the lieges, or terror and alarm to the neighborhood in which it takes place. The two phrases are usually placed together; but, nevertheless, they have distinct meanings, and are sometimes used separately in legal language, the word "mobbing" being peculiarly applicable to the unlawful assemblage and violence of a number of persons, and that of "rioting" to the outrageous behavior of a single individual. Alis. Crim. Law, c. 23, p. 509.

MOBILIA. Lat. Movable; movable things; otherwise called "res mobiles."


MOCKADOES. A kind of cloth made in England, mentioned in St. 23 Eliz. c. 9.

MODEL. A pattern or representation of something to be made. A fac simile of some-
thing invented, made on a reduced scale, in compliance with the patent laws. See State v. Fox, 25 N. J. Law, 560; Montana Ore Purchasing Co. v. Boston, etc., Min Co., 27 Mont. 288, 70 Pac. 1126.

MODERAMEN INCULPARE TUTELAE Lat. In Roman law. The regulation of justifiable defense. A term used to express that degree of force in defense of the person or property which a person might safely use, although it should occasion the death of the aggressor. Calvin, Bell.

MODERATA MISERICORDIA. A writ founded on Magna Charta, which lies for him who is amerced in a court, not of record, for any transgression beyond the quality or quantity of the offense. It is addressed to the lord of the court, or his bailiff, commanding him to take a moderate amerciation of the parties. New Nat. Brev. 167; Fitch. Nat. Brev. 76.

MODERATE CASTIGAVIT. Lat. In pleading. He moderately chastised. The name of a plea in trespass which justifies an alleged battery on the ground that it consisted in a moderate chastisement of the plaintiff by the defendant, which, from their relations, the latter had a legal right to inflict.

MODERATE SPEED. In admiralty law. As applied to a steam-vessel, "such speed only is moderate as will permit the steamer reasonably and effectually to avoid a collision by slackening speed, or by stopping and reversing, within the distance at which an approaching vessel can be seen." The City of New York (C. C.) 35 Fed. 606; The Alliance (D. C.) 30 Fed. 469; The State of Alabama (D. C.) 17 Fed. 952.


MODIATIO. In old English law. A certain duty paid for every tierce of wine.

Modica circumstansia facti jus mutat. A small circumstance attending an act may change the law.

MODIFICATION. A change; an alteration which introduces new elements into the details, or cancels some of them, but leaves the general purpose and effect of the subject-matter intact. Wiley v. Corporation of Bluffton, 111 Ind. 152, 12 N. E. 185; State v. Tucker, 36 Or. 291, 61 Pac. 894, 51 L. R. A. 246; Astor v. L'Amoreux, 4 Sandif. (N. Y.) 538.

"Modification" is not exactly synonymous with "amendment," for the former term denotes some minor change in the substance of the thing, without reference to its improvement or deterioration thereby, while the latter word imports an amelioration of the thing (as by changing the phraseology of an instrument, so as to make it more distinct or specific) without involving the idea of any change in substance or essence.

In Scotch law. The term usually applied to the decree of the tind court, awarding a suitable stipend to the minister of a parish. Bell.

MODIFY. To alter; to change in incidental or subordinate features. See Modification.

MODIUS. Lat. A measure. Specifically, a Roman dry measure having a capacity of about 550 cubic inches; but in medieval English law used as an approximate translation of the word "bushel."

—Modius terra vel agr. In old English law. A quantity of ground containing in length and breadth 100 feet.

MODO ET FORMA. Lat. In manner and form. Words used in the old Latin forms of pleadings by way of traverse, and literally translated in the modern precedents, importing that the party traversing denounces the allegation of the other party, not only in its general effect, but in the exact manner and form in which it is made. Steph. Pl. 180, 190.

MODUS. Lat. In the civil law. Manner; means; way.

In old conveyancing. Mode; manner; the arrangement or expression of the terms of a contract or conveyance.

Also a consideration; the consideration of a conveyance, technically expressed by the word "ut." A qualification, involving the idea of variance or departure from some general rule or form, either by way of restriction or enlargement, according to the circumstances of a particular case, the will of a donor, the particular agreement of parties, and the like. Burrill

In criminal pleading. The modus of an indictment is that part of it which contains the narrative of the commission of the crime; the statement of the mode or manner in which the offense was committed. Tray. Lat. Max.

In ecclesiastical law. A peculiar manner of tithing, growing out of custom.

—Modus de non decimando. In ecclesiastical law. A custom or prescription of entire exemption from the payment of tithes; this is not valid, unless in the case of abbey-lands.—Modus decimandi. In ecclesiastical law. A manner of tithing; a partial exemption from tithes, or a pecuniary composition prescribed by immemorial usage, and of reasonable amount; for it will be invalid as a rank modus if greater than the value of the tithes in the
time of Richard I. Stim. Law Gloss.—Modus
habilita. A valid manner.—Modus levand
fines. The manner of levying fines. The title
of a short statute in French passed in the eight-
teenth year of Edward I. 2 Inst. 530; 3 Bl.
Comm. 349.—Modus tenendi. The manner of
holding; i. e., the different species of tenures
by which estates are held.—Modus transfer-
rendi. The manner of transferring.—Modus
vancandi. The manner of vacating. How and
why an estate has been relinquished or sur-
rendered by a vassal to his lord might well be
referred to by this phrase. See Trey. Lat. Max.
v..—Bank modus. One that is too large.
Rankness is a mere rule of evidence, drawn
from the improbability of the fact, rather than
a rule of law. 2 Steph. Comm. 729.

Modus de non decimando non valet.
A modus (prescription) not to pay tithes is
void. Loft, 427; Cro. Eliz. 511; 2 Shars. Bl.
Comm. 31.

Modus et conventio vincunt legem.
Custom and agreement overrule law. This
maxim forms one of the first principles rela-
tive to the law of contracts. The excep-
tions to the rule here laid down are in cases
against public policy, morality, etc. 2 Coke,
73; Broom. Max. 688, 691-695.

Modus legem dat donationi. Custom
gives law to the gift. Co. Litt. 19; Broom,
Max. 459

MOEBLE. L. Fr. Movable. Bienes
movible, movable goods. Brit. c. 11

MOERDA. The secret killing of another;
murder. 4 Bl. Comm. 194.

MOFUSSIL. In Hindu law. Separated;
particularized; the subordinate divisions of a
district in contradistinction to Sudder or
Sudder, which implies the chief seat of gov-
ernment. Wharton

MOHAMMEDAN LAW. A system of
native law prevailing among the Moham-
medans in India, and administered there by
the British government.

MOHATRA. In French law. A transac-
tion covering a fraudulent device to evade
the laws against usury.
It takes place where an individual buys
merchandise from another on a credit at a
high price, to sell it immediately to the first
seller, or to a third person who acts as his
agent, at a much less price for cash. 16
Touillier. no. 44.

MOIDORE. A gold coin of Portugal,
valued at twenty-seven English shillings.

MOITY. The half of anything. Joint
tenants are said to hold by moieties. Litt.
125; 3 C. B. 274, 283.

—Moity acts. A name sometimes applied to
penal and criminal statutes which provide that
half the penalty or fine shall inure to the
benefit of the informer.

MONETA. Lat. Money, (q. v.)

MONEMENTUM. In old records. A mill.

MOLEDNUM. A grist; a certain quan-
tity of corn sent to a mill to be ground.

MOLESTATION. In Scotch law. A pos-
sessor's action calculated for continuing pro-
priets of landed estates in the lawful pos-
session of them till the point of right be
determined against all who shall attempt to
disturb their possession. It is chiefly used
in questions of community or of controverted

MOLITURA. The toll or mulcture paid
for grinding corn at a mill. Jacob.

—Molitura libera. Free grinding: a liberty
to have a mill without paying tolls to the lord.

MOLLITER MANUS IMPOSIT. Lat.
He gently laid hands upon. Formal words
in the old Latin pleas in actions of trespass
and assault where a defendant justified lay-
ing hands upon the plaintiff, as where it was
done to keep the peace, etc. The phrase is
literally translated in the modern precedents,
and the original is retained as the name of
the plea in such cases. 3 Bl. Comm. 21; 1
Chit. Pl. 501, 502; 1d. 107L

MOLMUTIAN LAWS. The laws of
Dunvallo Molmutsia, a legendary or myth-
ical king of the Britons, who is supposed to
have begun his reign about 400 B. C. These
laws were famous in the land till the Con-
quest. Tomlin; Mosley & Whitley.

MOMENTUM. In the civil law. An in-
stant; an indivisible portion of time. Calv-
in.
A portion of time that might be measured;
a division or subdivision of an hour; an-
swering in some degree to the modern min-
ic, but of longer duration. Calvin.

MONACHISM. The state of monks.

MONARCHY. A government in which
the supreme power is vested in a single per-
son. Where a monarch is invested with ab-
solute power, the monarchy is termed "des-
potic;" where the supreme power is virtual-
ly in the laws, though the majority of gov-
ernment and the administration are vested
in a single person, it is a "limited" or
"constitutional" monarchy. It is hereditary
where the regal power descends immediately
from the possessor to the next heir by blood,
as in England; or elective, as was formerly
the case in Poland. Wharton.

MONASTERIUM. A monastery; a
church. Spelman.

MONASTICON. A book giving an ac-
count of monasteries, convents, and religious
houses.

MONETA. Lat. Money, (q. v.)
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MONETA est justum medium et measura rerum commutabilium, nam per medium monetae fit omnium rerum convenient et justa estimatio. Dav. Ir. K. B. 18. Money is the just medium and measure of commutable things, for by the medium of money a convenient and just estimation of all things is made.

MONETAGIUM. Mixtage, or the right of coining money. Cowell. Hence, anciently, a tribute payable to a lord who had the prerogative of coining money, by his tenants, in consideration of his refraining from changing the coinage.

Monetandi jus comprehenditur in regalibus quae nunquam a regio seeptrum abdicavit. The right of coining money is comprehended among those royal prerogatives which are never relinquished by the royal scepter. Dav. Ir. K. B. 18.

MONEY. A general, indefinite term for the measure and representative of value; currency; the circulating medium; cash.

"Money" is a generic term, and embraces every description of coin or bank-notes recognized by common consent as a representative of value in effecting exchanges of property or payment of debts. Hopson v. Fountain, 5 Humph. (Tenn.) 140.

Money is used in a specific and also in a general sense. It means coin, currency, or money in a general sense. In its specific sense, it means what is coined or stamped by public authority, and has its determinate value fixed by governments. In its more comprehensive and general sense, it means wealth, the representative of commodities of all kinds, of lands, and of everything that can be transferred in commerce. Paul v. Ball, 21 Tex. 10.

In its strict technical sense, money means coined metal, usually gold or silver, upon which the government's stamp has been impressed to indicate its value. In its more popular sense, money means any currency, tokens, bank-notes, or other circulating medium in general use as the representative of value. Kennedy v. Briere, 45 Tex. 305.

The term "moneys" is not of more extensive signification than "money." Money means only cash, and not things in action. Mann v. Mann, 14 Johns. (N.Y.) 1, 7 Am. Dec. 416.

-Money bill. In parliamentary language, an act by which revenue is directed to be raised, for any purpose or in any shape whatsoever, either for governmental purposes, and collected from the whole people generally, or for the benefit of a particular district, and collected in that district, or for making appropriations. Opinion of Justices, 126 Mass. 547; Northern Counties Inv. Trust v. Sears, 30 Or. 388, 41 Pac. 581, 36 L. R. 1857; Money bill. In English practice. Under the judicature act of 1875, claims for the price of goods sold, for money lent, for arrears of rent, etc., and other claims where money is directly payable on a contract express or implied, as opposed to the cases where money is claimed by way of damages for some independent wrong, whether by breach of contract or otherwise. These "money claims," correspond very nearly to the "money counts" hitherto in use. Money & Whittle—Money demand. A claim for a fixed and liquidated amount of money, or for a sum which can be ascertained by mere calculation; in this sense, distinguished from a claim which must be pass-
ed upon and liquidated by a jury, called "damages." Roberts v. Nodifith, 8 Ind. 341; Mills v. Long, 58 Ala. 460. Money had and received. In pleading. The technical designation of a form of declaration in assumpsit, wherein the plaintiff declares that the defendant had and received certain money, etc.—Money land. A general descriptive of money which is held upon a trust to convert it into land.—Money lent. In pleading. The technical name of a declaration in an action of assumpsit for that the defendant promised to pay the plaintiff for money lent.—Money made. The return made by a sheriff to a writ of execution, signifying that he has collected the sum of money required by the writ.—Money of adien. In French law. Earnest money; so called because given at parting in completion of the bargain. Arrêts is the usual French word for earnest money; "money of adien" is a provincialism found in the province of Orleans. Poth. Cont. 507.—Money order. Under the postal regulations of the United States, a money order is a species of draft drawn by one post-office upon another for an amount of money deposited at the first office by the person purchasing the money order, and payable at the second office to a payee named in the order. See U. S. v. Long (C. C.) 39 Fed. 670. Money order office. One of the post-offices authorized to draw or pay money orders.—Money paid. In pleading. The technical name of a declaration in assumpsit, in which the plaintiff declares for money paid for the use of the defendant.—Public money. This term, as used in the laws of the United States, includes all the funds of the general government derived from the public revenues, or intrusted to the fiscal officers. See Branch v. United States, 123 U. S. 281.—Moneyed corporation. See CORPORATION.

As to money "Broker," "Count," "Judgment," and "Scrivener," see those titles.

MONGER. A dealer or seller. It is seldom or never used alone, otherwise than after the name of any commodity, to express a seller of such commodity.

MONIERS, or MONEYERS. Ministers of the mint; also bankers. Cowell.

MONIMENT. A memorial, superscription, or record.

MONITION. In practice. A monition is a formal order of the court commanding something to be done by the person to whom it is directed, and who is called the "person monished." Thus, when money is decreed to be paid, a monition may be obtained commanding its payment. In ecclesiastical procedure, a monition is an order monishing or warning the party complained against to do or not to do a certain act "under pain of the law and contempt thereof." A monition may also be the subject of a "punishment of a past offense; in that case the monition forbids the repetition of the offense. Sweet.

In admiralty practice. The summons to appear and answer, issued on filing the libel;
which is either a single monition in personam or an attachment and monition in rem. Ben. Adm. 228, 239. It is sometimes termed "monition via et modi," and has been supposed to be derived from the old Roman practice of summoning a defendant. Mauro v. Almeda, 10 Wheat. 490, 6 L. Ed. 369.

The monition, in American admiralty practice, is, in effect, a summons, citation, or notice, though in form a command to the marshal to cite and admonish the defendant to appear and answer, and not a summons addressed to the party. 2 Conk. Adm. (2d Ed.) 147.

—General monition. In civil law and admiralty practice. A monition or summons to all parties in interest to appear and show cause against the decree prayed for.

MONITORY LETTERS. Communications of warning and admonition sent from an ecclesiastical judge, upon information of scandal and abuses within the cognizance of his court.

MONOCRACY. A government by one person.

MONOCRAT. A monarch who governs alone; an absolute governor.

MONOGAMY. The marriage of one wife only, or the state of such as are restrained to a single wife. Webster.

A marriage contracted between one man and one woman, in exclusion of all the rest of mankind. The term is used in opposition to "bigamy" and "polygamy." Wolff, Dr. de la Nat. § 837.

MONOGRAM. A character or cipher composed of one or more letters interwoven, being an abbreviation of a name.

MONOGRAPH. A special treatise upon a particular subject of limited range; a treatise or commentary upon a particular branch or division of a general subject.

MONOMACHY. A duel; a single combat.

It was anciently allowed by law for the trial or proof of crimes. It was even permitted in pecuniary causes, but it is now forbidden both by the civil law and canon laws.

MONOMANIA. In medical jurisprudence. Derangement of a single faculty of the mind, or with regard to a particular subject, the other faculties being in regular exercise. See Insanity.

Monopolia dicitur, cum unus solus aliquod genus mercature universum emit, prestat ad sumum libitum statum. 11 Coke, 80. It is said to be a monopoly when one person alone buys up the whole of one kind of commodity, fixing a price at his own pleasure.

MONOPOLIUM. The sole power, right, or privilege of sale; monopoly; a monopoly. Calvin.

MONOPOLY. In commercial law. A privilege or peculiar advantage vested in one or more persons or companies, consisting in the exclusive right (or power) to carry on a particular business or trade, manufacture a particular article, or control the sale of the whole supply of a particular commodity. Defined in English law to be "a license or privilege allowed by the king for the sole buying and selling, making, working, or using, of anything whatsoever; whereby the subject in general is restrained from that liberty of manufacturing or trading which he had before." 4 Bl. Comm. 159; 4 Steph. Comm. 291. And see State v. Duluth Board of Trade, 107 Minn. 506, 121 N. W. 385, 23 L. R. A. (N. S. ) 1290.


MONSTER. A prodigious birth; a human birth or offspring not having the shape of mankind, which cannot be heir to any land, albeit it be brought forth in marriage. Bract. fol. 5; Co. Litt. 7, 8; 2 Bl. Comm. 246.

MONSTRES DE DROIT. L. Fr. In English law. A showing or manifestation of right; one of the common law methods of obtaining possession or restitution from the crown, of either real or personal property. It is the proper proceeding when the right of the party, as well as the right of the crown, appears upon record, and consists in putting in a claim of right grounded on facts already acknowledged and established, and praying the judgment of the court whether upon these facts the king or the subject has the right. 3 Bl. Comm. 256; 4 Coke, 54b.

MONSTRÄRERUNT, WRIT OF. In English law. A writ which lies for the tenants of ancient demesne who hold by free charter, and not for those tenants who hold by copy of court roll, or by the rod, according to the custom of the manor. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 14.

MONSTRUM. A box in which relics are kept; also a muster of soldiers. Cowell.

MONTES. In Spanish law. Forests or woods. White, New Recop. b. 2, lit. 1, c. 6, § 1.

MONTES PIETATIS. Public pawnbroking establishments; institutions established by government, in some European countries, for lending small sums of money on pledges of personal property. In France they are called “monts de piété.”

MONTH. One of the divisions of a year. The space of time denoted by this term varies according as one or another of the following varieties of months is intended: Astronomical, containing one-twelfth of the time occupied by the sun in passing through the entire zodiac. Calendar, civil, or solar, which is one of the months in the Gregorian calendar, January, February, March, etc., which are of unequal length. Lunar, being the period of one revolution of the moon, or twenty-eight days.

MONUMENT. 1. Anything by which the memory of a person or an event is preserved or perpetuated. A tomb where a dead body has been deposited. Mead v. Case, 33 Barb. (N. Y.) 202; In re Ogden, 25 R. I. 373, 55 Atl. 933.

2. In real-property law and surveying, monuments are visible marks or indications left on natural or other objects indicating the lines and boundaries of a survey. In this sense the term includes not only posts, pillars, stone markers, cairns, and the like, but also fixed natural objects, blazed trees, and even a watercourse. See Grier v. Pennsylvania Coal Co., 128 Pa. 79, 18 Atl. 480; Cox v. Freedley, 33 Pa. 124, 75 Am. Dec. 584.

Monumenta quae nos recorda vocamus sunt veritatis et vetustatis vestigia. Co. Litt. 118. Monuments, which we call “records,” are the vestiges of truth and antiquity.

MONTA. In Norman law. Moneysage. A tax or tribute of one shilling on every hearth, payable to the duke every three years, in consideration that he should not alter the coin. Hale, Com. Law, 148, and note.

MOOKTAR. In Hindu law. An agent or attorney.

MÖORKTARNA. In Hindu law. A written authority constituting an agent; a power of attorney.

MOOR. An officer in the Isle of Man, who summons the courts for the several seadings. The office is similar to the English bailiff of a hundred.

MOORAGE. A sum due by law or usage for mooring or fastening of ships to trees or posts at the shore, or to a wharf. Wharf Case, 3 Bland (Md.) 373.

MOORING. In maritime law. Anchoring or making fast to the shore or dock; the securing or confining a vessel in a particular station, as by cables and anchors or by a line or chain run to the wharf. A vessel is “moored in safety,” within the meaning of a policy of marine insurance, when she is thus moored to a wharf or dock, free from any immediate danger from any of the perils insured against. See 1 Phil. Ins. 96; Walsh v. New York Floating Dry Dock Co., 8 Dal. (N. Y.) 387; Flandreau v. Elsworth, 9 Misc. Rep. 340, 29 N. Y. Supp. 691; Bramhall v. Sun Mut. Ins. Co., 104 Mass. 510, 6 Am. Rep. 261.

MOOT, n. In English law. Moots are exercises in pleading, and in arguing doubtful cases and questions, by the students of an inn of court before the benchers of the inn. Sweet.

In Saxon law. A meeting or assemblage of people, particularly for governmental or judicial purposes. The more usual forms of the word were “mote” and “gemot.” See those titles.

—Moot hill. Hill of meeting, (gemot) on which the Britons used to hold their courts, the judge sitting on the eminence; the parties, etc., on an elevated platform below. Enc. Lond.

MOOT, adj. A subject for argument; unsettled; undecided. A moot point is one not settled by judicial decisions. A moot case is one which seeks to determine an abstract question which does not arise upon existing facts or rights. Adams v. Union R. Co., 21 R. I. 134, 42 Atl. 515, 44 L. R. A. 273.

—Moot court. A court held for the arguing of moot cases or questions.—Moot hall. The place where moot cases were argued. Also a council-chamber, hall of judgment, or town-hall.

—Moot man. One of those who used to argue the reader’s cases in the inns of court.


MOOTING. The exercise of arguing questions of law or equity, raised for the purpose. See Moot.

MORA. Lat. In the civil law. Delay; default; neglect; culpable delay or default. Calvin.
MORA. Sax. A moor; barren or unprofitable ground; marsh; a heath; a watery bog or moor. Co. Litt. 5; Plota, l. 2, c. 71.

—Mora musa. A watery or boggy moor; a marsh.


MORAL. 1. Pertaining or relating to the conscience or moral sense or to the general principles of right conduct.

2. Cognizable or enforceable only by the conscience or by the principles of right conduct, as distinguished from positive law.

3. Depending upon or resulting from probability; raising a belief or conviction in the mind independent of strict or logical proof.

4. Involving or affecting the moral sense; as in the phrase "moral insanity."

—Moral actions. Those only in which men have knowledge to guide them, and a will to choose for themselves. Rutherford, Inst. lib. 1, c. 1. —Moral certainty. In the law, the term "moral evidence." That degree of assurance which induces a man of sound mind to act, without doubt, upon the conclusions to which it leads. Willa., Circ. Ev. 7. A certainty that convinces and directs the understanding and satisfies the reason and judgment of those who are bound to act conscientiously upon it. State v. Orth, 64 Mo. 339; Bradley v. State, 31 Ind. 492; Ross v. Montana Union Ry. Co. (C. C.) 45 Fed. 425; Pharr v. State, 10 Tex. App. 453; Territory v. McAndrews, 3 Mont. 158. A high degree of impression of the truth of a fact, falling short of absolute certainty, but sufficient to justify a verdict of guilty, even in a capital case. See Burrill, Circ. Ev. 198-200. The phrase "moral certainty" has been introduced into our jurisprudence from the publicists and metaphysicians, and signifies only a very high degree of probability. It was observed by Puffendorf that, "when we declare such a thing to be morally certain, because it has been confirmed by credible witnesses, this moral certainty is nothing else but a strong presumption grounded on probable reasons, and which very seldom fails in us." "Facies evidence," says Bishop Butler, in the opening sentence of his Analogy, "is essentially distinguished from demonalogy; thus this: the first consists of degrees, and of all variety of them, from the highest moral certainty to the very lowest presumption." Com. v. Costley, 118 Mass. 28.—Moral evidence. See Evidence.—Moral fraud. This phrase is one of the less usual designations of "actual" or "positive" fraud or "fraud in fact," as distinguished from "constructive" fraud or "fraud in law." It means fraud which involves actual guilt, a wrongful purpose, or moral obliquity.—Moral hazard. See Hazards.—Moral insanity. See Insanity.—Moral law. The law of conscience; the aggregate of those rules and principles of ethics which relate to right and wrong conduct and prescribe the standards to which the actions of men should conform in their dealings with each other. See Mor. v. Mor. 15 N. Y. 515, 33 S. E. 274, 50 L. R. A. 270.—Moral obligation. See Obligation.

MORANDE SOLUTIONIS CAUSA. Lat. For the purpose of delaying or postponing payment or performance.

MORATUR IN LEGE. Lat. He delays in law. The phrase describes the action of one who demurs, because the party does not proceed in pleading, but rests or abides upon the judgment of the court on a certain point, as to the legal sufficiency of his opponent's pleading. The court deliberate and determine thereupon.

MORAVIANS. Otherwise called "Herrnhutters" or "United Brethren." A sect of Christians whose social polity is particular and complex. It sprang up in Moravia and Bohemia, on the opening of that reformation which stripped the chair of St. Peter of so many vitrioles, and gave birth to so many denominations of Christians. They give evidence on their solemn affirmation. 2 Steph. Comm. 383a.

MORBUS SONTICUS. Lat. In the civil law. A sickness which rendered a man incapable of attending to business.


MORE OR LESS. This phrase, inserted in a conveyance of land immediately after the statement of the quantity of land conveyed, means that such statement is not to be taken as a warranty of the quantity, but only an approximate estimate, and that the tract or parcel described is to pass, without regard to an excess or deficiency in the quantity it actually contains. See Brawley v. U. S., 96 U. S. 168, 24 L. Ed. 622; Criailp v. Cain, 19 Va. 438; Tyler v. Anderson, 106 Ind. 185, 6 N. E. 690; Jenkins v. Bolgiano, 53 Md. 420; Solinger v. Jewett, 25 Ind. 479, 87 Am. Dec. 372; Young v. Craig, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 270.

MORGANATIC MARRIAGE. See Marriage.

MORGANGINA, or MORGANGIVA. A gift on the morning after the wedding; dowry; the husband's gift to his wife on the day after the wedding. Du Cange; Cowell.


MORGUE. A place where the bodies of persons found dead are kept for a limited time and exposed to view, to the end that their friends may identify them.

MORMONISM. A social and religious system prevailing in the territory of Utah, a distinctive feature of which is the practice of polygamy. These plural marriages are not recognized by law, but are indictable offenses under the statutes of the United States and of Utah.

MORS. Lat. Death.

Mors dictatur ultimum supplementum. Death is called the "last punishment," the "extremity of punishment." 3 Inst. 212.
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MORSELLUM, or MORSELLUS, TERR. In old English law. A small parcel or bit of land.

MORT CIVILE. In French law. Civil death, as upon conviction for felony. It was nominally abolished by a law of the 31st of May, 1854, but something very similar to it, in effect at least, still remains. Thus, the property of the condemned, possessed by him at the date of his conviction, goes and belongs to his successors, (héritiers,) as in case of an intestacy; and his future acquired property goes to the state by right of its prerogative, (par droit de déshérence,) but the state may, as a matter of grace, make it over in whole or in part to the widow and children. Brown.

MORT D'ANCESTOR. An ancient and now almost obsolete remedy in the English law. An assise of mort d'ancestor was a writ which lay for a person whose ancestor died seized of lands in fee-simple, and after his death a stranger abated; and this writ directed the sheriff to summon a jury or assize, who should view the land in question and recognize whether such ancestor were seized thereof on the day of his death, and whether the demandant were the next heir.

MORTALITY. This word, in its ordinary sense, never means violent death, but death arising from natural causes. Lawrence v. Aberdeen, 5 Barn. & Ald. 110.

MORTGAGE. An estate created by a conveyance absolute in its form, but intended to secure the performance of some act, such as the payment of money, and the like, by the grantor or some other person, and to become void if the act is performed agreeably to the terms prescribed at the time of making such conveyance. 1 Washb. Real Prop. *475.

A conditional conveyance of land, designed as a security for the payment of money, the fulfillment of some contract, or the performance of some act, and to be void upon such payment, fulfillment, or performance. Mitchell v. Burnham, 44 Me. 299.

A debt by specialty, secured by a pledge of lands, of which the legal ownership is vested in the creditor, but of which, in equity, the debtor and those claiming under him remain the actual owners, until debared by judicial sentence or their own laches. Coote, Mortg. 1.

The foregoing definitions are applicable to the common-law conception of a mortgage. But in the states in modern times, it is regarded as a mere lien, and not as creating a title or estate. It is a pledge or security of particular property for the payment of a debt or the performance of some other obligation, whatever form the transaction may take, but is not now regarded as a conveyance in effect, though it may be cast in the form of a conveyance. See Muth v. Goddard, 26 Mont. 257, 72 Pac. 621, 98 Am. St. Rep. 553; John v. Moore, 28 Idaho 210, 48 W. 625; In re McConnell's Estate, 74 Cal. 217, 15 Pac. 746; Killebrew v. Hines, 104 N. C. 182, 10 S. E. 159, 17 Am. St. Rep. 672. To the same purport are also the following statutory definitions:

Mortgage is a right granted to the creditor over the property of the debtor for the security of his debt, and gives him the power of having the property seized and sold in default of payment. Civ. Code La. art. 3278.

Mortgage is a contract by which specific property is hypothecated for the performance of an act, without the necessity of a change of possession. Civ. Code Cal. § 2200.

—Chattel mortgage. A mortgage of goods, chattels, or personal property. See CHATTLE MORTGAGE.—Conventional mortgage. The conventional mortgage is a contract by which any person binds the whole of his property, or a portion of it only, in favor of another, to secure the execution of some engagement, but without divesting of personal possession. See Conventional, art. 3220; Succession of Benjamin, 39 La. Ann. 612, 2 South. 187. It is distinguished from the "legal" mortgage, which is a privilege which the law alone in certain cases gives to a creditor over the property of his debtor, without stipulation of the parties. This last is very much like a general lien at common law, created by the law rather than by the act of the parties, such as a judgment lien.—Equitable mortgage. A specific lien upon real property to secure the payment of money or the performance of some other obligation, which a court of equity will recognize and enforce, in accordance with the clearly ascertained intent of the parties to that effect, but which lacks the essential features of a legal mortgage, either because it grows out of the transactions of the parties without any deed or express contract to give a lien, or because the instrument used for that purpose is wanting in some of the characteristics of a legal mortgage. See Hopkins v. Hostetter, 89 Cal. 89, 26 Pac. 780, 13 L. R. A. 187; Cunningham v. Jackson, 55 N. J. Eq. 805, 38 Atl. 763; Hall v. Railroad Co., 58 Ala. 23; Bradley v. Merrill, 88 Me. 319, 34 Atl. 160; Carter v. Holman, 60 Mo. 504. In English law, the following mortgages are equitable: (1) Where the subject of a mortgage is trust property, which security is effected either by a formal deed or a written memorandum, notice being given to the trustees in order to preserve the priority. (2) Where it is an equity of redemption, which is merely a right to bring an action in the chancery division to redeem the estate. (3) Where there is a present agreement to make a mortgage, which creates an equitable lien on the land. (4) Where a debtor deposits the title-deeds of goods with his creditor, so as to hold them for the person on his behalf, without even a verbal communication. The deposit itself is deemed evidence of the agreement,1 hence there is no legal mortgage for such estate. Wharton.—First mortgage. The first (in time or right) of a series of two or more mortgages covering the same property, and successively attached as liens upon it; also, in a more particular sense,
a mortgage which is a first lien on the property, not only against other mortgages, but as against any other charges or incumbrances. Green's Appeal, 97 Pa. 347. —First mortgage bond. A mortgage bond is a mortgage, of which the payment of which is secured by a first mortgage on property. Bank of Athincom v. Byers, 139 Mo. 627, 41 S. W. 325; Minnesota & P. R. Co. v. Shiley, 2 Minn. 107, 111, 20 N. W. 342; Com. v. Williams-town, 191 Mass. 70, 30 N. E. 472: —Second mortgage. One which takes rank immediately after a first mortgage, or is the same property without any intervening liens, and is next entitled to satisfaction out of the proceeds of the property. Green's Appeal, 97 Pa. 347. Properly speaking, the term designates the second of a series of mortgages, not necessarily the second lien. For instance, the lien of a judgment might intervene between the first and second mortgages; in which case, the second mortgage would be the third lien. —General mortgage. Mortgages are sometimes classified as general and special, a mortgage of the former class being one which binds all property, present and future, of the debtor (sometimes called a "legal" mortgage); while a special mortgage is limited to certain particular and specified property. Barnard v. Erwin, 2 Rob. (La.) 415. —Judicial mortgage. In the law of Louisiana, when a lien results from judgments, whether rendered on contested cases or by default, whether final or provisional, in favor of the person obtaining them. Civ. Code La. art. 3250. —Mortgage. A term used in Louisiana. The law alone in certain cases gives to the creditor a mortgage on the property of his debtor, without it being requisite that the parties should stipulate it. This is called "legal mortgage." Civ. Code La. art. 3811. —Mortgage of goods. A conveyance of goods in a mortgage or mortgagee by which the whole legal title passes conditionally to the mortgagee; and, if the goods are not redeemed at the time stipulated, the title becomes absolute in law, although equity will interfere to compel a redemption. It is distinguished from a "pledge" by the circumstance that possession by the mortgagor is not or may not be essential to create or to support the title. Story, Balim. § 287. See CHATEL MORTGAGE. —Purchaser-money mortgage. A mortgage given, concurrently with a conveyance of land, by the vendor to the vendor, on the same land, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. See Baker v. Clemons, 22 La. 629; 84 Am. 921; Tanti mortgage. In Louisiana. The same as a "legal" mortgage. See supra. —Welsh mortgage. In English law. A species of security which partakes of the nature of a mortgage, as there is a debt due, and an estate is given as security for the repayment, but differs from it in the circumstances that the rents and profits are to be received without account till the principal money is paid off, and there is no remedy to enforce payment, while the mortgagor has a perpetual power of redemption. It is now rarely used. 1 Pow. Mortg. 373a. See O'Neill v. Gray, 39 Hun (N. Y.) 560; Bentley v. Phelps, 3 Fed. Cas. 250. —MORTGAGOR. He that takes or receives a mortgage. —Mortgage in possession. A mortgagee of real property who is in possession of it with the agreement or assent of the mortgagor, expresses it in writing, and in recognizance of his mortgage and because of it, and under such circumstances as to make the satisfaction of his lien an absolute prerequisite to his having his possession repossessed. See Rogers v. Renton, 39 Minn. 39, 38 N. W. 765, 12 Am. St. Rep. 613; Kelso v. Norton, 65 Kan. 778, 70 Pac. 816; 93 Am. St. Rep. 309; Steeple v. Harlan, 68 Kan. 161, 74 Pac. 610; 61 Am. St. Rep. 396; Freeman v. Campbell, 109 Cal. 390, 42 Pac. 35. —MORTGAGOR. He that gives a mortgage. —MORTGAGE. A pledge; a mortgage, (q. v.) a pledge where the profits

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**MORTUUS.** Lat. Dead. So in sheriff's return, mortuus est, he is dead.

-Mortuus sine prole. Dead without issue. In genealogical tables often abbreviated to "m. s. p."

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**Mote.** Sex. A meeting; an assembly. Used in composition, as burgmote, folkmote, etc.

-Mote-hell. The ball which was used by the Saxons to summon people to the court. Cowell.

**Moter.** A customary service or payment at the mote or court of the lord, from which some were exempted by charter or privilege. Cowell.

**Mother.** A woman who has borne a child; a female parent; correlative to "son" or "daughter." The term may also include a woman who is pregnant. See Howard v. People, 185 Ill. 552, 57 N. E. 441; Latshaw v. State, 150 Ind. 194, 59 N. E. 471.

-Mother-in-law. The mother of one's wife or of one's husband.

**Motion.** In practice. An occasional application to a court by the parties or their counsel, in order to obtain some rule or order, which becomes necessary either in the progress of a cause, or summarily and wholly unconnected with pleadings of proceedings. Citizens' St. R. Co. v. Reed, 28 Ind. App. 629, 62 N. E. 770; Low v. Cheney, 3 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 287; People v. Ah Sam, 41 Cal. 645; In re Jetter, 78 N. Y. 601.

A motion is a written application for an order addressed to the court or to a judge in vacation by any party to a suit or proceeding, or by any one interested therein. Rev. Code Iowa 1880, § 2911; Code N. Y. § 401.

-In parliamentary law. The formal mode in which a member submits a proposed measure or resolve for the consideration and action of the meeting.

-Motion for decree. Under the chancery practice, the most usual mode of bringing on a suit for hearing when the defendant has answered is by motion for decree. To do this the plaintiff serves on the defendant a notice of his intention to move for a decree. Hunter, Suit Eq. 56; Danell, Ch. Pr. 722.—Motion for judgment. In English practice. A proceeding whereby a party to an action moves for the judgment of the court in his favor. See Sup. Ct. Rules 1885, ord. 40.—Motion in error. A motion in error stands on the same footing as a writ of error; the only difference is, that, on a motion in error, no service is required to be made on the opposite party, because he being before the court when the motion is filed, he is bound to take notice of it at his peril. Treadway v. Coe, 21 Conn. 253.—Motion to set aside judgment. This is a step taken by a party in an action who is dissatisfied with the judgment directed to be entered at the trial of the action.—Special motion. A motion addressed to the discretion of the court, and which must be heard and determined; as distinguished from one which may be granted of course. Merchants' Bank v. Cryder, 57 Fed. 309, 14 C. C. A. 444.

**Motive.** The inducement, cause, or reason why a thing is done. An act legal in itself, and which violates no right, is not actionable on account of the motive which actuated it. Chaffield v. Wilson, 5 Am. Law Reg. (O. S.) 528.

"Motive" and "intent" are not identical, and an intent may exist where a motive is wanting. Motive is the moving power which impels to action for a definite result; intent is the purpose to use a particular means to effect such result. In the popular mind intent and motive are often regarded as the same thing; but in law there is a clear distinction between them. When a crime is clearly proved to have been committed by a person charged therewith, the question of motive may be of little or no importance, but criminal intent is always essential to the commission of a crime. People v. Molineux, 168 N. Y. 264, 61 N. E. 286, 62 L. R. A. 185; Wear v. Tenth Nat. Bank, 23 Fed. Cas. 287. But motive is often an important subject of inquiry in criminal prosecutions, particularly where the case depends mainly or entirely on circumstantial evidence, the combination of motive and opportunity (for the commission of the particular crime by the person accused) being generally considered essential links in a chain of such evidence, while the absence of all motive on the part of the prisoner is an admissible and important item of evidence in his favor.

**Motu proprio.** Lat. Of his own motion. The commencing words of a certain kind of papal rescript.

**Mourn.** The dress or apparel worn by mourners at a funeral and for a time afterwards. Also the expenses paid for such apparel.

**Mouth.** By statute in some states, the mouth of a river or creek, which empties into, to another river or creek, is defined as the point where the middle of the channel of each intersects the other. Pol. Code Cal. 1903, § 3008; Rev. St. Ariz. 1901, par. 931.

**Movable.** That which can be changed in place, as movable property; or in time, as movable feasts or terms of court. See Wood v. George, 8 Dana (Ky.) 345; Strong v. White, 19 Conn. 455; for small intent. Wilkins v. Bowen, 71, 52 N. W. 1124, 17 L. R. A. 788, 41 Am. St. Rep. 481.

-Movable estate. A term equivalent to "personal estate" or "personal property." Den
MOVABLE. A term applied by Lord Coke to real property which is capable of being increased or diminished by natural causes; as where the owner of seashore acquires or loses land as the waters recede or approach. See Holman v. Hodges, 112 Iowa, 714. 84 N. W. 950, 58 L. R. A. 673, 54 Am. St. Rep. 367.

MOVABLES. Things movable; movable or personal chattels, which may be annexed to or attendant on the person of the owner, and carried about with him from one part of the world to another. 2 Bl. Comm. 387. Movable consist—First, of inanimate things, as goods, plate, money, jewels, implements of war, garments, and the like, or vegetable productions, as the fruit or other parts of a plant when severed from the body of it, or the whole plant itself when severed from the ground; secondly, of animals, which have in themselves a principle and power of motion. 2 Steph. Comm. 67.

IN THE CIVIL LAW. Movable (mobilita,) properly denoted inanimate things; animals being distinguished as movens, things moving. Calvin.

IN SCOTCH LAW. "Movable" are opposed to "heritage." So that every species of property, and every right a man can hold, is by that law either heritable or movable. Bell.

MOVE. 1. To make an application to a court for a rule or order.
2. To propose a resolution, or recommend action in a deliberative body.
3. To pass over; to be transferred; as when the consideration of a contract is said to "move" from one party to the other.
4. To occasion; to contribute to; to tend or lead to. The forewheel of a wagon was said "to move to the death of a man." Sayer, 249.

MOVENT. One who moves; one who makes a motion before a court; the applicant for a rule or order.

MOVING FOR AN ARGUMENT. Making a motion on a day which is not motion day, in virtue of having argued a special case; used in the exchequer after it became obsolete in the queen's bench. Wharton.

MUCIANA CAUTIO. See CAUTIO.

MUEBLES. In Spanish law. Movable; all sorts of personal property. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 3, c. 1, § 2.

MUIRBURNE. In Scotch law. The offense of setting fire to a muir or moor. 1 Brown, Ch. 78, 116.

MULATTO. A mulatto is defined to be "a person that is the offspring of a negro by a white man, or of a white woman by a negro." Thurman v. State, 18 Ala. 276.

MULTAH. A penalty or punishment imposed on a person guilty of some offense, tort, or misdemeanor, usually a pecuniary fine or condemnation in damages. See Cook v. Marshall County, 119 Iowa, 384, 93 N. W. 372, 194 Am. St. Rep. 283.

MULTA DAMNUM FAME NON IRROGAT. Cod. 1, 54. A fine does not involve loss of character.

MULIER. Lat. (1) A woman; (2) a virgin; (3) a wife; (4) a legitimate child. 1 Inst. 243.

MULIER PUISNE. L. Fr. When a man has a bastard son, and afterwards marries the mother, and by her has also a legitimate son, the elder son is bastard cognate, and the younger son is mulier puisné.

MULLERATUS. A legitimate son. Glanvil.

MULLERTY. In old English law. The state or condition of a mulier, or lawful issue. Co. Litt. 332b. The opposite of bastardy. Blount.

MULTA CONCEDUANDA PER OBLIGUM QUE NON CONCEDUANDA DE DIRECTO. Many things are allowed indirectly which are not allowed directly. 6 Coke, 47.

MULTA, OR MULTURA EPISCQPL. A fine or final satisfaction, anciently given to the king by the bishops, that they might have power to make their wills, and that they might have the probate of other men's wills, and the granting of administration. 2 Inst. 291.


MULTA IGNORAMUS QUE NUNO ISNULL ERAT VERUM LECTIO NOBIS FUIT FAMILIARIS. 10 Coke, 73. We are ignorant of many things which would not be hidden from us if the reading of old authors was familiar to us

MULTA IN JURE COMMUNI CONTRA RATIONEM DISPUTANDI, PRO COMMUNI UTILITATE INTRODUCTA SUNT. Many things have been introduced into the common law, with a view to the public good, which are inconsistent with sound reason. Co. Litt. 70; Broom, Max. 158.

MULTA MULTO EXERCITATIONE FACILIS QUAM REGULIS PERCIPIT. 4 Inst. 60. You will perceive many things much more easily by practice than by rules.

MULTA NON VETAT LEX, QUE TENEM TACTE DAMNAVIT. The law forbids not many things which yet it has silently condemned.
MULTA TRANSEUNT CUM

Multa transeunt cum universitate quae non per se transeunt. Many things pass with the whole which do not pass separately. Co. Litt. 12a.

Multi multa, nemo omnia novit. 4 Inst. 546. Many men have known many things; no one has known everything.

MULTIFARIOUSNESS. In equity pleading. The fault of improperly joining in one bill distinct and independent matters, and thereby confounding them; as, for example, the uniting in one bill of several matters perfectly distinct and unconnected against one defendant, or the demand of several matters of a distinct and independent nature against several defendants, in the same bill. Story, Eq. Pl. § 271. And see Harrison v. Peren, 168 U. S. 311, 18 Sup. Ct. 129, 42 L. Ed. 478; Wales v. Newbould, 9 Mich. 56; Bovard v. Seyfang, 200 Pa. 261, 49 Atl. 356; Bolles v. Bolles, 44 N. J. Eq. 385, 14 Atl. 598; Perkins v. Baer, 95 Mo. App. 70, 68 S. W. 939; Thomas v. Mason, 3 Gill (Md.) 1; Barcus v. Gates, 89 Fed. 783, 32 C. C. A. 337; McGlathlin v. Hemery, 44 Mo. 350.

MULTIPARTITE. Divided into many or several parts.

MULTIPLE POINING. In Scotch law. Double distress; a name given to an action, corresponding to proceedings by way of interpleader, which may be brought by a person in possession of goods claimed by different persons pretending a right thereto, calling the claimants and all others to settle their claims, so that the party who sues may be liable only "in once and single payment." Bell.

Multiplex et indistinctum parit confusionem; et questiones, quo simulculos, eo lucidiores. Hob. 335. Multiplicity and indistinctness produce confusion; and questions, the more simple they are, the more lucid.

Multiplicata transgressione crescat paeone inficio. As transgression is multiplied, the infliction of punishment should increase. 2 Inst. 470.

MULTIPICITY. A state of being many. That quality of a pleading which involves a variety of matters or particulars; undue variety. 2 Saund. 410. A multiplying or increasing. Story, Eq. Pl. § 287.

-Multiplicity of actions. A phrase descriptive of the state of affairs where several different suits or actions are brought upon the same issue. It is obviated in equity by a bill of peace; in courts of law, by a rule of court for the consolidation of different actions. Williams v. Millington, 1 H. Bl. 81; Murphy v. Wilmington, 6 Howst. (Del.) 138, 22 Am. St. Rep. 345.

MULTITUDE. An assemblage of many people. According to Coke it is not a word of very precise meaning; for some authorities hold that there must be at least ten persons to make a multitude, while others maintain that no definite number is fixed by law. Co. Litt. 257.


Multitudo errantium non parit errori patrocinium. The multitude of those who err furnishes no countenance or excuse for error. 11 Coke, 75a. It is no excuse for error that it is entertained by numbers.

Multitudo imperitorum perdit curiam. The great number of unskilful practitioners ruins a court. 2 Inst. 219.

MULTO. In old records. A wether sheep.

Multa utilia est panea idonea effundere quam multis insulitibus homines gravari. 4 Coke, 20. It is more useful to pour forth a few useful things than to oppress men with many useless things.

MULTURE. In Scotch law. The quantity of grain or meal payable to the proprietor of a mill, or to the multer, his tacksman, for manufacturing the corns. Ersk. Inst. 2, 9, 19.

MUMMIFICATION. In medical jurisprudence. A term applied to the complete drying up of the body. It is the result of a burial in a dry, hot soil, or the exposure of the body to a continuously cold and dry atmosphere. 15 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 261.

MUMMING. Antic diversions in the Christmas holidays, suppressed in Queen Anne's time.

MUND. In old English law. Peace; whence mundbryc, a breach of the peace.

MUNDBYRD, MUNDBURDE. A receiving into favor and protection. Cowell.

MUNDIUM. In old French law. A tribute paid by a church or monastery to their seignorial aoves and vidames, as the price of protecting them. Steph. Lect. 236.

MUNERA. In the early ages of the feudal law, this was the name given to the grants of land made by a king or chieftain to his followers, which were held by no certain tenure, but merely at the will of the lord. Afterwards they became life-estates, and then hereditary, and were called first "benefices," and then "feuda." See Wright, Ten. 19.
MUNICES.-Let, In Roman law. A provincial person; a countryman. This was the designation of one born in the provinces or in a city politically connected with Rome, and who, having become a Roman citizen, was entitled to hold any offices at Rome except some of the highest. In the provinces the term seems to have been applied to the freemen of any city who were eligible to the municipal offices. Calvin.

MUNICIPAL. "Municipal" signifies that which belongs to a corporation or a city. The term includes the rules or laws by which a particular district, community, or nation is governed. It may also mean local, particular, independent. Horton v. Mobile School Com'rs, 48 Ala. 586.

"Municipal," in one of its meanings, is used in opposition to "international," and denotes that which belongs or belongs properly to an individual state or separate community, as distinguished from that which is common to, or observed between, all nations. Thus, piracy is an "international offense," and smuggling is denounced by "international law," but smuggling is a "municipal offense," and cognizable by "municipal law."

Municipal aid. A contribution or assistance granted by a municipal corporation towards the execution or progress of some enterprise, undertaken by private parties, but likely to be of benefit to the municipality; e. g., a railroad. Municipal bonds. Negotiable bonds issued by a municipal corporation, to secure its indebtedness. Austin v. Nalle, 85 Tex. 529, 22 S. W. 689; Hoard v. Kiowa County (C. C.) 73 Fed. 406. Municipal corporations. In Pennsylvania law. Claims filed by a city against property owners therein, for taxes, rates, levies, or assessments for local improvements, such as the cost of grading, paving, or curbing the streets, or removing nuisances. Municipal corporation. See that topic above. Municipal courts. In the judicial organization of several states, courts are established under this name, whose territorial authority is confined to the city in which they are erected. Such courts usually have a criminal jurisdiction corresponding to that of a police court, and, in some cases, possess civil jurisdiction in admiralty cases. Municipal law. The law of a state, as distinguished from international law, is the law of an individual state or nation. It is the rule or law of a particular district, community, or nation. Municipal corporations. Municipal law is the law of the city, town, borough, or incorporated village. The body of officers, taken collectively, belongs to a city. Municipal corporation: a city, town, borough, or incorporated village. The body of officers, taken collectively, belongs to a city. Municipal corporations. A general statute (5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 76.) passed in 1833, prescribing general regulations for the incorporation and government of boroughs. Municipal corporations. Municipal corporations. Public corporations organized for governmental purposes and having for most purposes the status and powers of municipal corporations (such as counties, townships, and school districts), but not municipal corporations proper, such as cities and incorporated towns. See Snider v. St. Paul, 51 Minn. 466, 53 N. W. 783, 18 L. R. A. 151.

MUNICIPALITY. A municipal corporation: a city, town, borough, or incorporated village. Also the body of officers, taken collectively, belonging to a city. Municipal corporation. A foreign town to which the freedom of the city of Rome was granted, and whose inhabitants had the privilege of enjoying offices and honors there: a free town. Adams, Rom. Ant. 47, 77.

MUNIMENTS. The instruments of writing and written evidences which the owner of lands, possessions, or inheritances has, by which he is enabled to defend the title of his estate. Terme de la Ley; 8 Inst. 170.

MUNIMENT-HOUSE, or MUNIMENT-ROOM. A house or room of strength, in cathedrals, collegiate churches, castles, colleges, public buildings, etc., purposely made for keeping deeds, charters, writings, etc. 3 Inst. 170.

MUNITIONS OF WAR. In International law and United States statutes, this term includes not only ordinance, ammunition, and other material directly useful in the conduct of a war, but also whatever may contribute to its successful maintenance,
such as military stores of all kinds and articles of food. See U. S. v. Sheldon, 2 Wheat. 119, 4 L. Ed. 190.

MUNUS. Lat. A gift; an office; a benefit or feud. A gladiatorial show or spectacle. Calvin.; Du Cange.

MURARGE. A toll formerly levied in England for repairing or building public walls.

MURDER. The crime committed where a person of sound mind and discretion (that is, of sufficient age to form and execute a criminal design and not legally "insane") kills any human creature in being (excluding quick but unborn children) and in the peace of the state or nation (including all persons except the military forces of the public enemy in time of war or battle) without any warrant, justification, or excuse in law, with malice aforethought, express or implied, that is, with a deliberate purpose or a design or determination distinctly formed in the mind before the commission of the act, provided that death results from the injury inflicted within one year and a day after its infliction. See Kilpatrick v. Com., 31 Pa. 198; Hotea v. U. S., 186 U. S. 413, 22 Sup. Ct. 808, 46 L. Ed. 1225; Guteau's Case (D. C.) 10 Fed. 161; Clarke v. State, 117 Ala. 1, 23 South. 677, 67 Am. St. Rep. 157; People v. Enoch, 13 Wend. (N. Y.) 167, 27 Am. Dec. 107; Kent v. People, 8 Colo. 563, 9 Pac. 832; Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 295, 52 Am. Dec. 711; Armstrong v. State, 30 Fla. 170, 11 South. 618, 17 L. R. A. 484; U. S. v. Lewis (C. C.) 111 Fed. 632; Nye v. People, 35 Mich. 16. For the distinction between murder and manslaughter and other forms of homicide, see Homicide; Manslaughter.

Common-law definitions. The willful killing of any subject whatever, with malice aforethought, whether the person killed shall be an Englishman or a foreigner. Hawk. P. C. b. 1, c. 13, § 3. The killing of any person under the king's peace, with malice prepense or aforethought, either express or implied by law. 1 Russ. Crimes, 421; Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 304, 52 Am. Dec. 711. When a person of sound mind and discretion unlawfully killeth any reasonable creature in being, and under the king's peace, with malice aforethought, either express or implied. 3 Inst. 47.

Statutory definitions. Murder is the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought. Pen. Code Cal. § 187. Whoever kills any human being with malice aforethought, either express or implied, is guilty of murder. Rev. Code Iowa 1850, § 3848. Murder is the unlawful killing of a human being, in the peace of the state, by a person of sound mind and discretion, with malice aforethought, either express or implied. Code Ga. 1882, § 4320. The killing of a human being, without the authority of law, by any means, or in any manner, shall be murder in the following cases: When done with deliberate design to effect the death of the person killed, or of any human being; when done in the commission of an act eminently dangerous to others, and evincing a depraved heart, regardless of human life, although without any premeditated design to secure the death of any particular individual; when done without any design to effect death, by any person engaged in the commission of the crime of rape, burglary, arson, or robbery, or in any attempt to commit such felonies. Rev. Code Miss. 1880, § 2875. Every homicide, perpetrated by poison, lying in wait, or by any other kind of means, whether such be deliberate, malicious, and premeditated killing; or committed in the perpetration of, or the attempt to perpetrate, any arson, rape, robbery, or burglary; or perpetrated from a false sense of duty, or design unlawfully and maliciously to effect the death of any human being other than him who is killed; or perpetrated by any act greatly dangerous to the lives of others, and evidencing a depraved mind, regardless of human life, although without any preconceived purpose to deprive any particular person of life; is murder in the first degree; and every other homicide committed under such circumstances as would have constituted murder at common law is murder in the second degree. Code Ala. 1886, § 3725.

Degrees of murder. These were unknown at common law, but have been introduced in many states by statutes, the terms of which are too various and too diverse to be described in detail. In general, however, it may be said that most states only divide the crime into "murder in the first degree" and "murder in the second degree," though in some there are also "third degree" and "nonsigns." While murder in the second degree occurs where there is no such deliberately formed design to take life or to perpetrate one of the enumerated felonies as is required for the first degree, but where, nevertheless, there was a purpose to kill (or at least a purpose to inflict the particular injury) without caring whether it caused death or not) formed instantaneously in the mind, and where the killing was without justification or excuse, and without any such provocation as would reduce the crime to the grade of manslaughter. In a few states, there is a crime of "murder in the third degree," which is defined as the killing of a human being without any design to effect death by a person who is engaged in the commission of a felony. The fourth and fifth degrees (in New Mexico) correspond to certain classifications of manslaughter elsewhere.

MURDRUM. In old English law. The killing of a man in a secret manner.

MURBORUM OPERATIO. Lat. The service of work and labor done by inhabitants and adjoining tenants in building or repairing the walls of a city or castle; their personal service was commuted into murage, (q. v.) Cowell.

MURTHRM. In old Scotch law. Murder or murder. Skene.

MUSEUM. A building or institution for the cultivation of science or the exhibition of curiosities or works of art.

The term "museum" embraces not only collections of curiosities for the entertainment of the sight, but also such as would interest, amuse, and instruct the mind. Bos-tick v. Purdy, 5 Stew. & P. (Ala.) 109.
MUSSA. In old English law. A moss or marsh ground, or a place where sedges grow; a place overrun with moss. Cowell.

MUSTER. To assemble together troops and their arms, whether for Inspection, drill, or service in the field. To take recruits into the service in the army and inscribe their names on the muster-roll or official record. See Tyler v. Pomeroy, 8 Allen (Mass.) 496.

—Muster-master. One who superintended the muster to prevent frauds. St. 35 Eliz. c. 4.

—Muster-book. A book in which the forces are registered. Termes de la Ley.—Muster-roll. In maritime law. A list or account of a ship's company, required to be kept by the master or other person having care of the ship, containing the name, age, national character, and quality of every person employed in the ship. Abb. Shipp. 191, 192; Jac. Sea Laws, 161.

MUSTIZO. A name given to the issue of an Indian and a negro. Miller v. Dawson, Dud. (S. C.) 174.

MUTA-CANUM. A kennel of hounds; one of the mortuaries to which the crown was entitled at a bishop's or abbot's decease. 2 Bl. Comm. 426.

MUTATIO NOMINIS. Lat. In the civil law. Change of name. Cod. 9, 25.

MUTATION. In French law. This term is synonymous with "change," and is especially applied to designate the change which takes place in the property of a thing in its transmission from one person to another. Mutation, therefore, happens when the owner of the thing sells, exchanges, or gives it. Merl. Répert.

MUTATION OF LIBEL. In practice. An amendment allowed to a libel, by which there is an alteration of the substance of the libel, as by propounding a new cause of action, or asking one thing instead of another. Duml. Adm. Pr. 213.

MUTATIS MUTANDIS. Lat. With the necessary changes in points of detail.

MUTE. Speechless; dumb; that cannot or will not speak. In English criminal law, a prisoner is said to stand mute when, being arraigned for treason or felony, he either makes no answer at all, or answers foreign to the purpose or with such matter as is not allowable, and will not answer otherwise, or, upon having pleaded not guilty, refuses to put himself upon the country. 4 Bl. Comm. 324.

MUTILATION. As applied to written documents, such as wills, court records, and the like, this term means rendering the document imperfect by the subtraction from it of some essential part, as, by cutting, tearing, burning, or erasure, but without totally destroying it. See Woodfill v. Patton, 76 Ind. 583, 40 Am. Rep. 269.

In criminal law. The depriving a man of the use of any of those limbs which may be useful to him in flight, the loss of which amounts to mayhem. 1 Bl. Comm. 130.

MUTINUS. Insubordinate; disposed to mutiny; tending to incite or encourage mutiny.

MUTINY. In criminal law. An insurrection of soldiers or seamen against the authority of their commanders; a sedition or revolt in the army or navy. See The Stacey Clarke (D. C.) 54 Fed. 533; McGargo v. New Orleans Ins. Co., 10 Rob. (La.) 513, 43 Am. Dec. 180.


MUTUAL. Interchangeable; reciprocal; each acting in return or correspondence to the other; given and received; spoken of an engagement or relation in which like duties and obligations are exchanged.

"Mutual" is not synonymous with "common." The latter word, in one of its meanings, denotes that which is shared, in the same or different degrees, by two or more persons; but the former implies reciprocal action or interdependent connection.


MUTUALITY. Reciprocation; inter-change. An acting by each of two parties; an acting in return.

In every agreement the parties must, as regards the principal or essential part of the transaction, intend the same thing; i. e., each must know what the other is to do. This is called "mutuality of assent." Chit. Cont. 15.

In a simple contract arising from agreement, it is sometimes the essence of the transaction that each party should be bound to do something under it. This requirement is called "mutuality." Sweet.

Mutuality of a contract means an obligation on each to do, or permit to be done, something in consideration of the act or promise of the other. Spear v. Orendorff, 26 Md. 37.

MUTUANT. The person who lends chattels in the contract of mutuum. (q. v.)

MUTUARI. To borrow; mutuatus, a borrowing. 2 Arch. Pr. 25.

MUTUARY. A person who borrows personal chattels to be consumed by him and returned to the lender in kind and quantity; the borrower in a contract of mutuum.

MUTUS ET SORDUS. Lat. In civil and old English law. Dumb and deaf.
MUTUUM. Lat. In the law of bailments. A loan for consumption; a loan of chattels, upon an agreement that the borrower may consume them, returning to the lender an equivalent in kind and quantity. Story, Bailm. § 228; Payne v. Gardiner, 29 N. Y. 167; Downes v. Phoenix Bank, 6 Hill (N. Y.) 200; Rahilly v. Wilson, 20 Fed. Cas. 181.

MYNSTER-HAM. Monastic habitation; perhaps the part of a monastery set apart for purposes of hospitality, or as a sanctuary for criminals. Anc. Inst. Eng.

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MYSTERY. A trade, art, or occupation. 2 Inst. 608. Masters frequently bind themselves in the indentures with their apprentices to teach them their art, trade, and mystery. State v. Bishop, 15 Me. 122; Barger v. Caldwell, 2 Dana (Ky.) 131.

MYSTIC TESTAMENT. In the law of Louisiana, a closed or sealed will, required by statute to be executed in a particular manner and to be signed (on the outside of the paper or of the envelope containing it) by a notary and seven witnesses as well as the testator. See Civ. Code La. art. 1584.

In English, a common and familiar abbreviation for the word "north," as used in maps, charts, conveyances, etc. See Burr v. Broadway Ins. Co., 16 N. Y. 271.

N. A. An abbreviation for "non allocatur;" it is not allowed.

N. B. An abbreviation for "nods bine," mark well, observe; also "nulla bona," no goods.

N. D. An abbreviation for "Northern District."

N. E. L. An abbreviation for "non est inventus," he is not found.

N. L. An abbreviation of "non liquet," (which see.)

N. P. An abbreviation for "notary public," (Rowley v. Berrian, 12 Ill. 200;) also for "nisi prius," (q. v.)

N. R. An abbreviation for "New Reports," also for "not reported," and for "nonresident."

N. S. An abbreviation for "New Series;" also for "New Style."

NAAM. Sax. The attaching or taking of movable goods and chattels, called "ejf" or "mort" according as the chattels were living or dead. Terues de la Ley.

NABOB. Originally the governor of a province under the Mogul government of Hindostan, whence it became a mere title of any man of high rank, upon whom it was conferred without any office being attached to it. Wils. Indian Gloss.

NAIF. L. Fr. A villein; a born slave; a bondwoman.

NAIL. A lineal measure of two inches and a quarter.

NAKED. As a term of jurisprudence, this word is equivalent to bare, wanting in necessary conditions, incomplete, as a naked contract, (nudum pactum) i. e., a contract devoid of consideration, and therefore invalid; or simple, unilateral, comprising but a single element, as a naked authority, i. e., one which is not coupled with any interest in the agent, but subsists for the benefit of the principal alone.


NAM. In old English law. A distress or seizure of chattels.

As a Latin conjunction, for; because. Often used by the old writers in introducing the quotation of a Latin maxim.

NAMARE. L. Lat. In old records. To take, seize, or distrain.

NAMATIO. L. Lat. In old English and Scotch law. A distraining or taking of a distress; an impounding. Spelman.

NAME. The designation of an individual person, or of a firm or corporation. In law a man cannot have more than one Christian name. Rex v. Newman, 1 Id. Raym. 562. As to the history of Christian names and surnames and their use and relative importance in law, see In re Snook, 2 Hilt. (N. Y.) 568.

—Name and arms clause. The popular name in English law for the clause, sometimes inserted in a will or settlement by which property is given to a person, for the purpose of imposing on him the condition that he shall assume the surname and arms of the testator or settlor, with a direction that, if he neglects to assume or discontinue the use of them, the estate shall devolve on the next person in remainder, and a provision for preserving contingent remainders. 3 Dam. Privy Conv 277; Sweet.


—Namitum vetitum. An unjust taking of the cattle of another and driving them to an unlawful place, pretending damage done by them. 3 Bl. Comm. 149.

NANTES, EIDICT OF. A celebrated law for the security of Protestants, made by Henry IV. of France, and revoked by Louis XIV., October 2, 1685.

NANTISSEMENT, in French law, is the contract of pledge; if of a movable, it is called "gage;" and if of an immovable, it is called "anticléses." Brown.

NARR. A common abbreviation of "narratio," (g. v.) A declaration in an action. Jacob.

NARRATIO. Lat. One of the common law names for a plaintiff's count or declaration, as being a narrative of the facts on which he relies.

NARRATIVE. In Scotch conveyancing. That part of a deed which describes the grantor, and person in whose favor the deed is granted, and states the cause (consideration) of granting. Bell.
NARRATOR. A counter; a pleader who draws nuns. Servicius narrator, a serjeant at law. Plin. l. 2. c. 37.

NARROW SEAS. Those seas which run between two coasts not far apart. The term is sometimes applied to the English channel. Wharton.

NASCITURUS. Lat. That shall hereafter be born. A term used in marriage settlements to designate the future issue of the marriage, as distinguished from "natus," a child already born.

NATALE. The state and condition of a man acquired by birth.

NATI ET NASCITURI. Born and to be born. All heirs, near and remote.

NATIO. In old records. A native place. Cowell.

NATION. A people, or aggregation of men, existing in the form of an organized jural society, inhabiting a distinct portion of the earth, speaking the same language, using the same customs, possessing historic continuity, and distinguished from other like groups by their racial origin and characteristics, and generally, but not necessarily, living under the same government and sovereignty. See Montoya v. U. S., 180 U. S. 261, 21 Sup. Ct. 358, 45 L. Ed. 521; Worcester v. Georgia, 9 Pet. 530, 8 L. Ed. 483; Republic of Honduras v. Soto, 112 N. Y. 310, 19 N. E. 545, 2 L. R. A. 642, 8 Am. St. Rep. 744.

Besides the element of autonomy or self-government, that is, the independence of the community as a whole from the interference of any foreign power in its affairs or any subjection to such power, it is further necessary to the constitution of a nation that it should be an organized jural society, that is, both governing its own members by regular laws, and defining and protecting their rights, and respecting the rights and duties which attach to it as a constituent member of the family of nations. Such a society, says Vattel, has its affairs and her interests; she deliberates and takes resolutions in common; thus becoming a moral person, who possesses an understanding and will peculiar to herself, and is susceptible of obligations and rights. Vattel, §§ 1, 2.

The words "nation" and "people" are frequently used as synonyms, but there is a great difference between them. A nation is an aggregation of men speaking the same language, having the same customs, and endowed with certain moral qualities which distinguish them from other groups of a like nature. It would follow from this definition that a nation is destined to form only one state, and that it constitutes an indivisible whole. Nevertheless, the history of every age presents us with nations divided into several states. Thus, Italy was for centuries divided among several different governments. The people is the collection of all citizens without distinction of rank or order. All men living under the same government compose the people of the state. In relation to the state, the citizens constitute the people; in relation to the human race, they constitute the nation. A free nation is one not subject to a foreign government, whatever be the constitution of the state; a people is free when all the citizens can participate in a certain measure in the direction and in the examination of public affairs. The people is the political body brought into existence by community of laws, and the people may perish with these laws. The nation is the moral body, independent of political revolutions, because it is constituted by inborn qualities which render it indissoluble. A people organized into a political body. Lalo, Pol. Enc. s. v.

In American constitutional law the word "state" is applied to the several members of the American Union, while the word "nation" is applied to the whole body of the people embraced within the jurisdiction of the federal government. Cooley, Const. Lim. 1. See Texas v. White, 7 Wall. 729, 19 L. Ed. 227.

NATIONAL. Pertaining or relating to a nation as a whole; commonly applied in American law to institutions, laws, or affairs of the United States or its government, as opposed to those of the several states.

-National bank. A bank incorporated and doing business under the laws of the United States, as distinguished from a state bank, which derives its powers from the authority of a particular state.-National currency. Notes issued by national banks, and by the United States government.-National debt. The money owing by government to some of the public, the interest of which is paid out of the taxes raised by the whole of the public.-National domain. See DOMICILE.-National government. The government of a whole nation, as distinguished from that of a local or territorial division of the nation, and also as distinguished from that of a league or confederation. "A national government is a government of the people of a single state or nation, united as a community by what is termed the 'social compact,' and possessing complete and perfect supremacy over persons and things, so far as they can be made the lawful objects of civil government. A federal government is distinguished from a national government, by its being the government of a community of independent and sovereign states, united by compact." Piqua Branch Bank v. Knoup, 6 Ohio St. 393.

NATIONALITY. That quality or character which arises from the fact of a person's belonging to a nation or state. Nationality determines the political status of the individual, especially with reference to allegiance; while domicile determines his civil status. Nationality arises either by birth or by naturalization. According to Saviugy, "nationality" is also used as opposed to "territoriality," for the purpose of distinguishing the case of a nation having no national territory; e.g., the Jews. S Sav. Syst. § 340; Westl. Priv. Int. Law, 5.

NATIONALIZACION. In Spanish and Mexican law. Nationalization. "The nationalization of property is an act which denotes that it has become that of the nation by some process of law, whereby private individuals or corporations have been for specified reasons deprived thereof." Hall, Mex. Law, § 749.
NATIVES, LAW OF. See International Law.

NATIVE. A natural-born subject or citizen; a denizen by birth; one who owes his domicile or citizenship to the fact of his birth within the country referred to. The term may also include one born abroad, if his parents were then citizens of the country, and not permanently residing in foreign parts. See U. S. v. Wong Kim Ark, 169 U. S. 649, 18 Sup. Ct. 456, 42 L. Ed. 890; New Hartford v. Canaan, 54 Conn. 39, 5 Atl. 360.

NATIVUS. Lat. In old English law, a native; specifically, one born into a condition of servitude; a born serf or villein.

- Nativ. A niece or female villein. So called because for the most part bond by natiuity. Co. Litt. 1222. - Nativi conventionem. Villeins or bondmen by contract or agreement. - Nativi de stipule. Villeins or bondmen by birth or stock. Co. Litt. 1222. - Villenage; that state in which men were born slaves. 2 Mon. Angl. 463. - Nativ habendo. A writ which lay for a lord when his villein had run away from him. It was directed to the sheriff, and commanded him to apprehend the villein, and to restore him together with his goods to the lord. Brown.

Natura appetit perfectum; eta leex. Nature covets perfection; so does law also. Hob. 144.

NATURAE BREVIUM. The name of an ancient collection of original writs, accompanied with brief comments and explanations, compiled in the time of Edward III. This is commonly called "Old Natura Brevium," or "O. N. B.," to distinguish it from Fitzherbert's Natura Brevium, a later work, cited as "F. N. B.," or " Fitzh. Nat. L."

Natura sibi jussionis sit strictissimi juris et non durat vel extendatur de re ad rem, de persona ad personam, de tempore ad aetatem. The nature of a bond or contract of suretyship is strictissimi juris, and cannot endure nor be extended from one thing to another, from person to person, or from time to time. Burge, Sur. 40.

Natura non facit saltem; ita lex lex. Nature makes no leap, [no sudden or irregular movement;] so neither does law. Co. Litt. 238. Applied in old practice to the regular observance of the degrees in writs of entry, which could not be passed over per saltem.

Natura non facit vacuum, nec lex supervacuum. Nature makes no vacuum, the law nothing purposeless. Co. Litt. 79.

Nature vis maxima; natura his maxima. The force of nature is greatest; nature is doubly great. 2 Inst. 504.

NATURAL. The juristic meaning of this term does not differ from the vernacular, except in the cases where it is used in opposition to the term "legal," and then it means proceeding from or determined by physical causes or conditions, as distinguished from positive enactments of law, or attributable to the nature of man rather than to the commands of law, or based upon moral rather than legal considerations or sanctions.

- Natural affection. Such as naturally subsists between near relatives, as a father and child, brother and sister, and wife. This is regarded in law as a good consideration. - Natural-born subject. In English law. One born within the dominions, rather within the allegiance, of the king of England. - Natural fool. A person born without understanding; a born fool or idiot. Sometimes called, in the old books, a "natural." In re Anderson, 132 N. C. 243, 43 S. E. 649. - Natural life. The period between birth and natural death, as distinguished from civil death, (q. v.)


NATURAL LAW. A rule of conduct arising out of the natural relations of human beings, established by the Creator, and existing prior to any positive precept. Webster. The foundation of this law is placed by the best writers in the will of God, discovered by right reason, and aided by divine revelation; and its principles, when applicable, apply with equal obligation to individuals and to nations. 1 Kent, Comm. 2, note; id. 4, note. See Juris Naturale.

The rule and dictate of right reason, showing the moral deformity or moral necessity there is in any act, according to its suitability or unseasbleness to a reasonable nature. Tayl. Civil Law. 99.

This expression, "natural law," or jus naturale, was largely used in the philosophical speculation of the 18th century, and the notion of a natural law, or law of the systems peculiar to any one people, might be discovered by the rational intelligence of man, and would be found to grow out of and conform to his nature, meaning by that word his whole mental, moral, and physical constitution. The point of departure for this conception was the Stoic doctrine of a life ordered "according to nature," which in its turn rested upon the purely supposititious existence, in primitive times, of a "state of nature;" that is, a condition of society in which men, in a universe governed by the natural laws, lived together in natural society as yet undecayed by dishonesty, falsehood, or indulgence of the baser passions. See Maine, Anc. Law, 50 et seq.

We understand all laws to be either human or divine, according as they have man or God for their author; and divine laws are of two kinds, that is to say: (1) Natural law; (2) positive law. A revelation, human or divine, is a natural law is defined by Burialmaqui to be "a rule which so necessarily agrees with the nature and state of man that, without observing its maxims, the peace and happiness of society can never be preserved." And he says that these are called "natural"
Naturale est quidlibet dissolvit eo modo quo ligatur. It is natural for a thing to be unbonded in the same way in which it was bound. Jenk. Cent. 66; Broom, Max. 877.


Collective naturalization takes place where a government, by treaty or cession, acquires the whole or part of the territory of a foreign nation and takes to itself the inhabitants thereof, clothing them with the rights of citizenship either by the terms of the treaty or by subsequent legislation. State v. Boyd, 31 Neb. 682, 45 N. W. 733; People v. Board of Inspectors, 32 Misc. Rep. 584, 67 N. Y. Supp. 290; Opinion of Justices, 98 Me. 589.

Naturalize. To confer citizenship upon an alien; to make a foreigner the same, in respect to rights and privileges, as if he were a native citizen or subject.

Naturalized Citizen. One who, being an alien by birth, has received citizenship under the laws of the state or nation.

Naturally. Damages which "naturally" arise from a breach of contract are such as arise in the usual course of things, from the breach itself, or such as may reasonably be supposed to have been contemplated by the parties when making the contract as the probable result of the breach. Mitchell v. Clarke, 71 Cal. 164, 11 Pac. 582, 60 Am. Rep. 529.

Natus. Lat. Born, as distinguished from nasciturus, about to be born. Ante natus, one born before a particular person or event, e. g., before the death of his father, before a political revolution, etc. Post natus, one born after a particular person or event.

Nauglerus. Lat. In the civil law. The master or owner of a merchant vessel. Calvin.

Naufrage. In French maritime law. Shipwreck. "The violent agitation of the waves, the impetuous force of the winds, storm, or lightning, may swallow up the vessel, or shatter it, in such a manner that nothing remains of it but the wreck; this is called 'making shipwreck.'" (Faire naufrage.) The vessel may also strike or run aground upon a bank, where it remains grounded, which is called 'echouement;' it may be dashed against the coast or a rock, which is called 'bris;' an accident of any kind may sink it in the sea, where it is swallowed up, which is called 'tombrer.'" 3 Pard. Droit Commer. § 643.

Naufragium. Lat. Shipwreck.

Naught. In old practice. Bad; defective. "The bar is naught." 1 Leon. 77. "The avowry is naught." 5 Mod. 73. "The plea is undoubtedly naught." 10 Mod. 329. See 11 Mod. 179.

Naulage. The freight of passengers in a ship. Johnson; Webster.

Naulum. In the civil law. The freight or fare paid for the transportation of cargo or passengers over the sea in a vessel. This is a Latinized form of a Greek word.

Nautila. Lat. In the civil and maritime law. A sailor; one who works a ship. Calvin.

Any one who is on board a ship for the purpose of navigating her. The employer of a ship. Dig. 4, 9, 1, 2.

Nautical. Pertaining to ships or to the art of navigation or the business of carriage by sea.

—Nautical assessors. Experienced shipmasters, or other persons having special knowledge of navigation and nautical affairs, who are called to the assistance of a court of admiralty, in difficult cases involving questions of negligence, and sit with the judge during the argument, and give their advice upon questions of seamanship or the weight of testimony. The Empire (D. C.) 10 Fed. 339; The Clement, 2 Curt. 369, Fed. Cas. No. 2,870.—Nautical mile. See Mile.

Nauticom Benus. Lat. In the civil law. Nautical or maritime interest; an extraordinary rate of interest agreed to be paid for the loan of money on the hazard of a voyage; corresponding to interest on contracts of bottomry or respondencia in English and American maritime law. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 453; 2 Bl. Comm. 458.

Navigium. In old English law. A duty on certain tenants to carry their lord's goods in a ship.

Naval. Appertaining to the navy, (q. v.)—Naval courts. Courts held abroad in certain cases to inquire into complaints by the master or seamen of a British ship, or as to the wreck or abandonment of a British ship. A naval court consists of three, four, or five members, being officers in her majesty's navy, consular officers, masters of British merchant ships, or British merchants. It has power to
supersede the master of the ship with reference to which the inquiry is held, to discharge any of the seamen, to decide questions as to wages, and home offenders for trial, or try certain of- fenders触和。—Naval courts-martial. Tribunals for the trial of offenses arising in the management of public war. —Naval law. The system of regulations and principles for the government of the navy. —Naval officer. An officer in the navy. Also an important functionary in the United States custom house. Duties, signs permits and clearances, certifies the collectors' returns, etc.

NAVARCHUS. In the civil law. The master or commander of a ship; the captain of a man-of-war.

NAVICULARIUS. In the civil law. The master or captain of a ship. Calvin.

NAVIGABLE. Capable of being navigated; that may be navigated or passed over in ships or vessels. But the term is generally understood in a more restricted sense, viz., subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

"The doctrine of the common law as to the navigable waters has no application in this country. Here the ebb and flow of the tide do not constitute the usual test, as in England, or any test at all, of the navigability of waters. There are no waters are navigable in fact, or at least to any considerable extent, which are not subject to the tide, and from this circumstance tide-water and navigable water there signify substantially the same thing. But in this country the case is widely different. Some of our rivers are navigable for hundreds of miles above as they are below the limits of tide-water, and some of them are navigable for great distances by large vessels, which are not even affected by the tide at any point during their entire length. A different test must therefore be applied to determine the navigability of our rivers, and that is found in their navigable capacity. Those rivers must be regarded as public navigable rivers, in law, which are navigable in fact. And they are navigable in fact when they are used, or are capable of being used, in their ordinary condition, as highways for commerce, over which trade and travel are or may be conducted in the customary modes of trade and travel on water. And they constitute navigable waters of the United States, within the meaning of the acts of congress, in contradistinction from the navigable waters of the states, when they form, in their ordinary condition, by themselves, or by uniting with other waters, a continued highway over which commerce is or may be carried on with other states or foreign countries in the customary modes in which such commerce is conducted by water."—The Daniel Ball, 10 Wall. 503, 10 L. Ed. 999. And see Packer v. Bird, 137 U. S. 661, 11 Sup. Ct. 210, 34 L. Ed. 819; The Gondolier, 160 U. S. 1055; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. State, 146 U. S. 357, 13 Sup. Ct. 110, 36 L. Ed. 1018.

It is true that the flow and ebb of the tide is not regarded, in this country, as the usual, or any real, test of navigability; and it only operates to impress, prima facie, the character of being public and navigable, and to place the onus of proof on the party affirming the contrary. But the navigability of tide-waters does not materially depend upon past or present actual passage. Such use may in part establish navigability, but it is not essential to give the character. Otherwise, streams in new and unsettled sections of the country, or where the increase, growth, and development have not been sufficient to call them into public use, would be ex-

cluded, though navigable in fact, thus making the character of being a navigable stream dependent on the occurrence of the necessity of public use. Capability of being used for useful purposes, as a highway for commerce, is in the usual and ordinary modes, and not the extent and manner of the use, is the test of navigability. —Sullivan v. Spotswood, 82 Ala. 106, 2 South. 716.

NAVIGABLE river or stream. At common law, a river or stream in which the tide ebbs and flows, or as far as the tide ebbs and flows. 3 Kent, Com. 142, 214, 417, 418; 2 H. Blair, Real Prop. 90, 91. But as to the definition in American law, see supra—Naval waters.

Those waters which afford a channel for useful commerce. The Montello, 20 Wall. 430, 22 L. Ed. 391.

NAVIGATE. To conduct vessels through navigable waters; to use the waters as a means of communication. Ryan v. Hook, 54 Hun (N. Y.) 133.

NAVIGATION. The act or the science or the business of traversing the sea or other waters in ships or vessels. Pollock v. Cleve-land Ship Building Co., 56 Ohio St. 655, 47 N. E. 552; The Silvia, 171 U. S. 462, 19 Sup. Ct. 7, 45 L. Ed. 241; Lauter v. Douglass, 15 Mees. & W. 746.

—Navigation acts, in English law, were various enactments passed for the protection of British shipping and commerce as against foreign countries. For a sketch of their history and operation, see 3 Steph. Comm. They are now repealed. See 16 & 17 Vict. c. 107, and 17 & 18 Vict. cc. 5, 120. Wharton—Navigation, rules of. Rules and regulations adopted by commercial nations to govern the steering and management of vessels approaching each other at sea so as to avoid the danger of collision or fouling. —Regular navigation. In this phrase, the word "regular" may be used in contradistinction to "occasional," rather than to "unlawful," and refer to vessels that, alone or with others, constitute lines, and not merely to such as are regular in the sense of being properly documented under the laws of the country to which they belong. The Steamier Smidt, 15 Op. Atty. Gen. 275.


NAVIS. Lat. A ship; a vessel.

—Navis bona. A good ship; one that was staunch and strong, well caulked, and stiffened to bear the sea, obedient to her helm, swift, and not unduly affected by the wind. Calvin.

NAVY. A fleet of ships; the aggregate of vessels of war belonging to an independent nation. In a broader sense, and as equivalent to "naval forces," the entire corps of officers and men enlisted in the naval service and who man the public ships of war, including in this sense, in the United States, the officers and men of the Marine Corps. See Wilkes v. Dinsman, 7 How. 124, 12 L. Ed. 618; U. S. v. Dunn, 120 U. S. 249, 7 Sup. Ct. 507, 30 L. Ed. 697.

—Navy hills. Bills drawn by officers of the English navy to purchase increase of their department. One of the executive departments of the United States, presided over by the secre-
tary of the navy, and having in charge the defense of the country by sea, by means of ships of war and other naval appliances.—Navy pension. A pecuniary allowance made in consideration of past services of some one in the navy.

NAZERANNA. A sum paid to government as an acknowledgment for a grant of lands, or any public office. Enc. Lond.

NAZIM. In Hindu law. Composer, arranger, adjuster. The first officer of a province, and minister of the department of criminal justice.

NE ADMITTAS. Lat. In ecclesiastical law. The name of a prohibitory writ, directed to the bishop, at the request of the plaintiff or defendant, where a quare impedit is pending, when either party fears that the bishop will admit the other's clerk pending the suit between them. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 37.

NE BAILA PAS. L. Fr. He did not deliver. A plea in detinue, denying the delivery to the defendant of the thing sued for.

NE DISTURBA PAS. L. Fr. (Does or did not disturb.) In English practice. The general issue or general plea in quare impedit. 8 Steph. Comm. 663.

NE DONA PAS, or NON DEDIT. The general issue in a formedon, now abolished. It denied the gift in tail to have been made in manner and form as alleged; and was therefore the proper plea, if the tenant meant to dispute the fact of the gift, but did not apply to any other case. 5 East, 259.

NE EXEAT REGNO. Lat. In English practice. A writ which issues to restrain a person from leaving the kingdom. It was formerly used for political purposes, but is now only resorted to in equity when the defendant is about to leave the kingdom; it is only in cases where the intention of the party to leave can be shown that the writ is granted.

NE EXEAT REPUBLICA. Lat. In American practice. A writ similar to that of ne exeat regno, (q. v.) available to the plaintiff in a civil suit, under some circumstances, when the defendant is about to leave the state. See Dean v. Smith, 23 Wis. 485, 99 Am. Dec. 198; Adams v. Whitcomb, 46 Vt. 712; Cable v. Alvord, 27 Ohio St. 664.

NE GIST PAS EN BOUCHE. L. Fr. It does not lie in the mouth. A common phrase in the old books. Yearb. M. 3 Edw. II. 50.

NE INJUSTE VEXAS. Lat. In old English practice. A prohibitory writ, commanding a lord not to demand from the tenant more services than were justly due by the tenure under which his ancestors held.

NE LUMINIBUS OFFICIATOR. Lat. In the civil law. The name of a servitude which restrains the owner of a house from making such erections as obstruct the light of the adjoining house. Dig. 8, 4, 15, 17.

NE QUID IN LOCO PUBLICO VELITINERE FIAT. Lat. That nothing shall be done (put or erected) in a public place or way. The title of an indict in the Roman law. Dig. 43, 8.

NE RECIPIATUR. Lat. That it be not received. A caveat or warning given to a law officer, by a party in a cause, not to receive the next proceedings of his opponent. 1 Sell. Fr. 8.

NE RECUTR PSEORNET ARBORES. L. Lat. The statute 35 Edw. I. § 2, prohibiting rector's, &c. from cutting down the trees in church-yards. In Rutland v. Green, 1 Kebr. 557, it was extended to prohibit them from opening new mines and working the minerals therein. Brown.

NE RELESSA PAS. L. Fr. Did not release. Where the defendant had pleaded a release, this was the proper replication by way of traverse.

NE UNQUES ACCOUPLE. L. Fr. Never married. More fully, ne unques acouple en locall matrimonio, never joined in lawful marriage. The name of a plea in the action of dower unde nihil habet, by which the tenant denied that the doweress was ever lawfully married to the decedent.

NE UNQUES EXECUTOR. L. Fr. Never executor. The name of a plea by which the defendant denies that he is an executor, as he is alleged to be; or that the plaintiff is an executor, as he claims to be.

NE UNQUES SEISE QUE DOWER. L. Fr. (Never seized of a doable estate.) In pleading. The general issue in the action of dower unde nil habet, by which the tenant denies that the demandant's husband was ever seised of an estate of which dower might be had. Rosc. Real Act. 210, 220.

NE UNQUES SON RECEIVER. L. Fr. In pleading. The name of a plea in an action of account-render, by which the defendant denies that he ever was receiver of the plaintiff. 12 Vin. Abr. 183.

NE VARIETUR. Lat. It must not be altered. A phrase sometimes written by a notary upon a bill or note, for the purpose of establishing its identity, which, however,
NEAP TIDES

NEAP TIDES. Those tides which happen between the full and change of the moon, twice in every twenty-four hours. Teschemacher v. Thompson, 18 Cal. 21, 79 Am. Dec. 151.

NEAR. This word, as applied to space, can have no positive or precise meaning. It is a relative term, depending for its significance on the subject-matter in relation to which it is used and the circumstances under which it becomes necessary to apply it to surrounding objects. Barrett v. Schuyler County Court, 44 Mo. 197; People v. Collins, 19 Wend. (N. Y.) 60; Boston & F. R. Corp. v. Midland R. Co., 1 Gray (Mass.) 397; Indianapolis & V. R. Co. v. Newsom, 54 Ind. 125; Holcombe v. Danby, 51 Va. 428.

NEAT, NET. The clear weight or quantity of an article, without the bag, box, keg, or other thing in which it may be enclosed.

NEAT CATTLE. Oxen or heifers. "Beefes" may include neat stock, but all neat stock are not beefes. Castello v. State, 36 Tex. 324; Hubotter v. State, 32 Tex. 473.

NEAT-LAND. Land let out to the yeomanry. Cowell.

NEATNESS. In pleading. The statement in apt and appropriate words of all the necessary facts, and no more. Lawes, Pl. 62.

Neocuris defecerit in justitia exhibenda. Nor should the court be defcient in showing justice. 4 Inst. 63.

Neo temporis nec locus occurrit regi. Jenk. Cent. 190. Neither time nor place affects the king.

Neo veniam effuso sanguine casus habet. Where blood is spilled, the case is unpardonable. 3 Inst. 57.

Neo veniam, in lemo numine, casus habet. Where the Divinity is insulted the case is unpardonable. Jenk. Cent. 167.

NECATION. The act of killing.

NECESSARIES. Things indispensable, or things proper and useful, for the sustenance of human life. This is a relative term, and its meaning will contract or expand according to the situation and social condition of the person referred to. Megraw v. Woods, 93 Mo. App. 647, 97 S. W. 709; Warner v. Heldman, 28 Wis. 517, 9 Am. Rep. 515; Arts v. Robertson, 50 Ill. App. 27; Conant v. Burnham, 133 Mass. 505, 43 Am. Rep. 532.

In reference to the contracts of infants, this term is not used in its strictest sense, nor limited to that which is required to sustain life. Those things which are proper and suitable to each individual, according to his circumstances and condition in life, are necessaries, if not supplied from some other source. See Hamilton v. Lane, 125 Mass. 368; Jordan v. Coffield, 70 N. C. 113; Middlebury College v. Chandler, 16 Vt. 855, 42 Am. Dec. 537; Breed v. Judd, 1 Gray (Mass.) 458.

In the case of ships the term "necessaries" means such things as are fit and proper for the service in which the ship is engaged, and such as the owner, being a prudent man, would have ordered if present; e. g., anchors, rigging, repairs, victuals. Maude & F. Shipp, 71, 113. The master may hypothecate the ship for necessaries supplied abroad so as to bind the owner. Sweet. See The Plymouth Rock, 19 Fed. Cas. 999; Hubbard v. Roach (C. C.) 2 Fed. 394; The Gustavus, 11 Fed. Cas. 126.

Neccesarium est quod non potest aliter esse habeere. That is necessary which cannot be otherwise.

NECESSARIUS. Lat. Necessary; unavoidable; indispensable; not admitting of choice or the action of the will; needful.

NECESSARY. As used in jurisprudence, the word "necessary" does not always import an absolute physical necessity, so strong that one thing, to which another may be termed "necessary," cannot exist without that other. It frequently imports no more than that one thing is convenient or useful or essential to another. To employ the means necessary to an end is generally understood as employing any means calculated to produce the end, and not as being confined to those single means without which the end would be entirely unattainable. McCulloch v. Maryland, 4 Wheat. 316, 413, 4 L. Ed. 379.


NECESSITAS. Lat. Necessary; a force, power, or influence which compels one to act against his will. Calvin.

—Necessitas culpabils. Culpable necessity; unfortunate necessity; necessity which, while it excuses the act done under its compulsion, does not leave the doer entirely free from blame. The necessity which compels a man to kill another in self-defense is thus distinguished from that which requires the killing of a felon. See 4 Bl. Comm. 187. —Triada necessitas. In Saxon law. The threefold necessity or burden; a term used to denote the three things from contributing to the performance of which no lands were exempted, viz., the repair of bridges, the building of castles, and military service against an enemy. 1 Bl. Comm. 263, 357.

Necessitas est lex temporis et loci. Necessity is the law of time and of place. 1 Hale, P. C. 54.
NECESSITAS EXCUSAT

Necessitas excusat aut extenuat delictum in capitalibus, quod non operatur idem in civilibus. Necessity excuses or extenuates a delinquency in capital cases, which has not the same operation in civil cases. Bac. Max.

Necessitas facit iuris non alia quod est iuris. 30 Coke, 61. Necessity makes that lawful which otherwise is not lawful.

Necessitas inducit privilegium quod juris privatus. Bac. Max. 25. Necessity gives a privilege with reference to private rights. The necessity involved in this maxim is of three kinds, viz.: (1) Necessity of self-preservation; (2) of obedience; and (3) necessity resulting from the act of God, or of a stranger. Noy, Max. 32.

Necessitas non habet legem. Necessity has no law. Plowd. 18a. "Necessity shall be a good excuse in our law, and in every other law." Id.

Necessitas publica major est quam privata. Public necessity is greater than private. "Death," it has been observed, "is the last and furthest point of particular necessity, and the law imposes it upon every subject that he prefer the urgent service of his king and country before the safety of his life." Noy, Max. 34; Broom, Max. 18.


Necessitas sub lege non continentur, quia quod alia non est iuris necessitas facit iuris. 2 Inst. 326. Necessity is not restrained by law; since what otherwise is not lawful necessity makes lawful.


Necessitas vincit legem; legum vincula irridet. Hob. 144. Necessity overcomes law; it derides the fetters of laws.

NECESSITUDO. Lat. In the civil law. An obligation; a close connection; relationship by blood. Calvin.

NECESSITY. Controlling force; irresistible compulsion; a power or impulse so great that it admits no choice of conduct. When it is said that an act is done "under necessity," it may be, in law, either of three kinds of necessity: (1) The necessity of preserving one's own life, which will excuse a homicide; (2) the necessity of obedience, as to the laws, or the obedience of one not sui juris to his superior; (3) the necessity caused by the act of God or a stranger. See Jacob; Mozley & Whitley.

A constraint upon the will whereby a person is urged to do that which his judgment disapproves, and which, it is to be presumed, his will (if left to itself) would reject. A man, therefore, is excused for those actions which are done through unavoidable force and compulsion. Wharton.

Necessity, homicide by. A species of justifiable homicide, because it arises from some unavoidable necessity, without any will, intention, or desire, and without any inadvertence or negligence in the party killing, and therefore without any shadow of blame. As, for instance, by virtue of such an office as obliges one, in the execution of public justice, to put a malefactor to death who has forfeited his life to the laws of his country. But the law must require it, otherwise it is not justifiable. 4 Bl. Comm. 176.

NECK-VERSE. The Latin sentence, "Miserere mei, Deus," was so called, because the reading of it was made a test for those who claimed benefit of clergy.

NECROPHILISM. See INSANITY.

NECROPSY. An autopsy, or post-mortem examination of a human body.

NEEDLESS. In a statute against "needless" killing or mutilation of any animal, this term denotes an act done without any useful motive, in a spirit of wanton cruelty, or for the mere pleasure of destruction. Gris v. State, 37 Ark. 460.

NEFAS. Lat. That which is against right or the divine law. A wicked or impious thing or act. Calvin.

NEFASTUS. Lat. Inauspicious. Applied, in the Roman law, to a day on which it was unlawful to open the courts or administer justice.

Negatio conclusionis est error in lege. Wing. 268. The denial of a conclusion is error in law.

Negatio destruit negationem, et amnis faciant affirmationem. A negative destroys a negative, and both make an affirmative. Co. Litt. 146b. Lord Coke cites this as a rule of grammatical construction, not always applying in law.

Negatio duplex est affirmatio. A double negative is an affirmative.

NEGATIVE. A denial; a proposition by which something is denied; a statement in the form of denial. Two negatives do not make a good issue. Steph. Pl. 386, 387.

—Negative averment. As opposed to the traverse or simple denial of an affirmative allegation, a negative averment is an allegation of some substantive fact, e. g., that premises are not in repair, which, although negative in form, is really affirmative in substance, and the party alleging the fact of non-repair must prove
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NEGLECT

It is conceded by all the authorities that the standard by which to determine whether a person has been guilty of negligence is the conduct of the prudent or diligent man. Bigelow, Torts, 261.

The failure to observe, for the protection of the interest of another person, the duty of care, precaution, and vigilance which the circumstances justly demand, whereby such other person suffers injury. Cooley, Torts, 363.

The failure to do what a reasonable and prudent person would ordinarily have done under the circumstances of the situation, or the doing what such a person under the circumstances would not have done. Baltimore & P. R. Co. v. Jones, 95 U. S. 441, 24 L. Ed. 506.

The opposite of care and prudence; the omission to use the means reasonably necessary to avoid injury to others. Great Western R. Co. v. Hawes, 19 Ind. 232, 333.

Negligence or carelessness signifies want of care, caution, attention, diligence, or discretion in one having no positive intention to injure the party complaining, the words "reckless," "indifferent," "careless," and "wanton" are never understood to signify positive will or intent, unless when used with other words which show that they are to receive an artificial or unusual, if not an unnatural, interpretation. Lexington v. Lewis, 10 Bush (Ky.) 67.

Negligence is any culpable omission of a positive duty. It differs from heedlessness, in that heedlessness is the doing of an act in violation of a negative duty, without adverting to its possible consequences. In both cases there is inadvertence, and there is breach of duty. Aust. Jur. 682, 683.

—Actionable negligence. See ACTIONABLE.

—Collateral negligence. In the law relating to the responsibility of an employer or principal for the negligent acts or omissions of his employé, the term "collateral" negligence is sometimes used to describe negligence attributable to a contractor or employer of the principal and in which the latter is not responsible, though he would be responsible for the same thing if done by his servant. Weber v. Railway Div. 290, 47 N. Y. Supp. 11. See COMPARATIVE—Contributory negligence. See CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE. Contributory negligence, where the defense to an action for injuries alleged to have been caused by the defendant's negligence, means any want of ordinary care on the part of the person injured, (or on the part of any other whose negligence is imputable to him,) which combined and concurred with the defendant's negligence, and contributed to the injury as a proximate cause thereof, and as an element without which the injury would not have occurred. Railroad Co. v. Young, 153 Ind. 500, 54 N. E. 781; Del. v. Glass Co., 109 Pa. 549, 32 Atl. 601; Barton v. Railroad Co., 62 Mo. 253, 14 Am. Rep. 418; Plant Inv. Co. v. Cook, 74 Fed. 503, 20 C. C. 621; DeGarmo v. Electric Light Co., 100 Ky. 173, 27 S. W. 831, 34 L. R. A. 812; Riley v. Railway Co., 27 W. Va. 104. See CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE. Negligence of such a character, or occurring under such circumstances, as to be punishable as a crime by statute; or (at common law) such a flagrant disregard of the safety of others, or wilful indifference to the injury liable to follow, as to convert an act otherwise lawful into a crime when it is done in personal or public interests. 4 Bl. Comm. 192, note; Cook v. Railroad Co., 72 Ga. 48; Rankin v. Transportation Co., 73 Ga. 229, 29 Am. Rep. 874; Gall v. Chollette, 33 Neb. 143, 40 N. W. 1114. See CULPABLE NEGLIGENCE. Failure to exercise that degree of care rendered appropriate by the particular circumstances, and which a man of—

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The omission to do something which a reasonable man, guided by those considerations which ordinarily regulate the conduct of human affairs, would do, or doing something which a prudent and reasonable man would not do. It must be determined in all cases by reference to the situation and knowledge of the parties and all the attendant circumstances. Nitro-Glycerin Case, 15 Wall. 536, 21 L. Ed. 206; Blythe v. Birmingham Waterworks Co., 11 Exch. 784.

Negligence, in its civil relation, is such an inadvertent Imperfection, by a responsible human agent, in the discharge of a legal duty, as immediately produces, in an ordinary and natural sequence, a damage to another. Whart. Neg. § 3.
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Dinary prudence in the same situation and with equal experience would not have omitted. Carter v. Lumber Co., 120 N. C. 203, 39 S. E. 427; Railroad v. Co. v. Newman, 39 Ark. 611; Woodburn & Co. v. Garrett, 90 N. J. L. 458; Rail- way Co. v. Brown, 43 Kan. 347, 24 Pac. 497; Railroad v. Flanagan, 41 Kan. 107, 26 Pac. 401.—*Gross negligence.* In the law of bailment. The want of slight diligence. The want of that care which every merchant, reasonable, expects the owner takes of his own property. The omission of that care which even inattentive and thoughtless persons take of their own property. Litchfield v. White, 7 N. Y. 442, 57 Am. Dec. 534; Locy v. Insu. Co. v. Barringer, 73 Ill. 235; S. Belt v. National Currency Bank, 54 N. Y. 260, 13 Am. Rep. 383; Hannon v. Balti- more & O. R. R. Co., 24 Md. 124; Briggs v. Spaulding, 141 U. S. 132, 11 Sup. Ct. 925, 35 L. Ed. 602; Preston v. Fathe, 137 U. S. 604, 11 Sup. Ct. 162, 34 L. Ed. 788. In the law of torts (and especially with reference to personal injury cases), the term means such negligence, or such reckless disregard of human life, or of the safety of persons exposed to its dangerous effects, or that entire want of prudence which would raise the presumption of a conscious indifference to the rights of others which is equivalent to an intentional violation of them. Railroad v. Co. (Tex. Civ. App. 1921) 21 S. W. 775; Harrison v. Railroad v. Robinson, 4 Bus. (Ky.) 509; Railroad Co. v. Bodemer, 130 Ill. 506, 29 N. E. 602, 32 Am. St. Rep. 214; Tylor v. Milton, 2 Scott Mich. 387, 48 N. W. 563; Railroad Co. v. Orr, 121 Ala. 483, 28 South. 35; Coit v. West- ern Union Co., 206 Va. 58, 63 L. R. A. 678, 80 Am. St. Rep. 133.—*Hazardous negligence.* Such careless or reckless conduct as exposes one to very great dan- ger, the want of which is deemed to be imminently hazardous. See Briggs v. Standard Oil Co. (C. C.) 130 Fed. 204.—*Legal negligence.* Negligence per se; the omission of such care that ordinary prudent persons exercise and deemed adequate to the circumstances of the case. In cases where the common experience of mankind and the common judgment of prudent persons have recognized that to do or omit certain acts is prolific of danger, the doing or omission of them is *legal negligence.* See Roberts v. Va., 389, 14 S. E. 12; Drake v. Wild, 70 Ont. 52, 3 Atl. 248; Johnson v. Railroad Co., 49 Wis. 529, 6 N. W. 886.—*Negligence per se.* Conduct obviously inconsistent with a duty which may be declared and treated as negligence without any argument or proof as to the particular substance of the circumstances, because it is in violation of a statute or valid municipal ordi- nance, or because it is so palpably opposed to the dictates of common prudence that it can be said without hesitation or doubt that no careful person would have been guilty of it. See Missouri Pac. Ry. Co. v. Lee, 70 Tex. 496; 7 S. W. 807; Central R. R. Co. v. Smith, 76 Ga. 694, 3 S. E. 307; Murray v. Missouri Pac. R. Co., 101 Mo. 236, 33 S. W. 817, 20 Am. St. Rep. 211; Moser v. Union Traction Co., 120 Kan. 481, 5 Atl. 13.—*Ordinary negli- gence.* The omission of that care which a man of common prudence usually takes of his own concern. Odecker v. Central Nat. Bank, 110 N. Y. 263, 23 N. E. 585; Scott v. Depeyerster, 1 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 543; Tyler v. Nelson, 108 Mich. 37, 66 N. W. 101; Tonsor v. Co., 49 Conn. 202; 11 N. Y. 263, 23 N. E. 435; Briggs v. Spaulding, 141 U. S. 132, 11 Sup. Ct. 925, 35 L. Ed. 602; Lake Shore, etc., Ry. v. Murphy, 50 Ohio St. 133, 33 N. E. 403.—*Slight negligence.* Slight negligence is not slight want of ordinary care contributing to the injury, which would defeat an action for negligence. Negligence can exist without the presence of a gross negligence. Slight negligence is not slight want of ordinary care contributing to the injury, which would defeat an action for negligence. Negligence can exist without the presence of a gross negligence. Slight negligence is not slight want of ordinary care contributing to the injury, which would defeat an action for negligence. Negligence can exist without the presence of a gross negligence.

NEGOCIABLE. An instrument embody- ing an obligation for the payment of money is called *negociable* when the legal title to the instrument itself and to the whole
NEGOTIABLE

NEGRO. The word "negro" means a black man, one descended from the African race, and does not commonly include a mulatto. Felix v. State, 18 Ala. 720. But the laws of the different states are not uniform in this respect, some including in the description "negro" one who has one-eighth or more of African blood.

NEIF. In old English law. A woman who was born a villicula, or a bondwoman.

NEIGHBORHOOD. A place near; an adjoining or surrounding district; a more immediate vicinity; vicinage. See Langley v. Barnstead, 63 N. H. 246; Madison v. Morrístown Gaslight Co., 05 N. J. Eq. 356, 54 Atl. 439; Rice v. Slus, 3 Hill (S. C.) 5; Lindsay Irr. Co. v. Mehrten, 97 Cal. 676, 32 Pac. 802; State v. Henderson, 29 W. Va. 147, 1 S. E. 225; Peters v. Bourneau, 22 Ill. App. 177.

NEITHER PARTY. An abbreviated form of docket entry, meaning that, by agreement, neither of the parties will further appear in court in that suit. Gendron v. Hovey, 58 Me. 139, 56 Atl. 533.

NEMBDÁ. In Swedish and Gothic law. A jury. 3 Bl. Comm. 349, 359.

NEMINE CONTRADICENTE. Lat. No one dissenting; no one voting in the negative. A phrase used to indicate the unanimous consent of a court or legislative body to a judgment, resolution, vote, or motion. Commonly abbreviated "nem. con."

Neminem operet esse sapientiorum legibus. Co. Litt. 97b. No man ought to be wiser than the laws.

NEMO. Lat. No one; no man. The initial word of many Latin phrases and maxims, among which are the following:

Nemo admissendus est inabilitare seipsum. Jenk. Cent. 40. No man is to be admitted to incapacitate himself.


Nemo, aliena rei, sine satisfatione, defensor idoneus intelligitur. No man is considered a competent defender of another's property, without security. A rule of the Roman law, applied in part in admiralty cases. 1 Curt. 202.

Nemo alieno nomine lege agere potest. No one can sue in the name of another. Dig. 50, 17, 123.

Nemo allegans sana turpitudinem est audiendus. No one alleging his own base-ness is to be heard. The courts of law have
properly rejected this as a rule of evidence. 7 Term R. 691.

Nemo bis punitur pro eodem delito. No man is punished twice for the same offense. 4 Bl. Comm. 315; 2 Hawk. P. C. 377.

Nemo cogitationis puemam patitur. No one suffers punishment on account of his thoughts. Tray. Lat. Max. 362.

Nemo cogitatur rem suam vendere, etiam justo pretio. No man is compelled to sell his own property, even for a just price. 4 Inst. 275.

Nemo contra factum suam venire potest. No man can contravene or contradict his own deed. 2 Inst. 66. The principle of estoppel by deed. Best, Ev. p. 408, § 370.

Nemo dare potest quod non habet. No man can give that which he has not. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 15, § 8.

Nemo dat qui non habet. He who hath not cannot give. Jenk. Cent. 250; Broom, Max. 496n.; 6 C. B. (N. S.) 478.

Nemo de domo sua extrahi potest. No one can be dragged out of his own house. In other words, every man's house is his castle. Dig. 50, 17, 103.

Nemo debet bis puniri pro uno delicto. No man ought to be punished twice for one offense. 4 Coke, 43a; 11 Coke, 59b. No man shall be placed in peril of legal penalties more than once upon the same accusation. Broom, Max. 348.

Nemo debet bis vexari [si constet curia quod sit] pro una et eadem causa. No man ought to be twice troubled or harassed [if it appear to the court that it is] for one and the same cause. 5 Coke, 61a. No man can be sued a second time for the same cause of action, if once judgment has been rendered. See Broom, Max. 327, 348. No man can be held to ball a second time at the suit of the same plaintiff for the same cause of action. 1 Chit. Archb. Pr. 476.

Nemo debet esse judex in propria causa. No man may be a judge in his own cause. 12 Coke, 114a. A maxim derived from the civil law. Cod. 3, 5. Called a "fundamental rule of reason and of natural justice." Burrows,sett. Cas. 194, 197.

Nemo debet immissore se rei ad se nihil pertinenti. No one should intermeddle with a thing that in no respect concerns him. Jenk. Cent. p. 18, case 32.

Nemo debet in communione invitus teneri. No one should be retained in a partnership against his will. Seiden v. Verulamia, 2 Sandf. (N. Y.) 568, 583; United Ins. Co. v. Scott, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 106, 114.

Nemo debet locupletari aliena jactura. No one ought to be enriched by another's loss. Dig. 6, 1, 48, 65; 2 Kent, Comm. 336; 1 Kames, Eq. 331.

Nemo debet locupletari ex alterius in commodo. No one ought to be made rich out of another's loss. Jenk. Cent. 4; Taylor v. Baldwin, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 626, 633.

Nemo debet rem suam sine facto aut defectu suo amittere. No man ought to lose his property without his own act or default. Co. Litt. 203a.

Nemo duobus utatur officiis. 4 Inst. 106. No one should hold two offices, &c., at the same time.

Nemo ejudem tenementi simul potest esse heres et dominus. No one can at the same time be the heir and the owner of the same tenement. See 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 106.

Nemo enim aliquam partem recte intelligere possit aequaliter totum istum atque istum perigerat. No one is able rightly to understand one part before he has again and again read through the whole. Broom, Max. 593.

Nemo est heres viventis. No one is the heir of a living person. Co. Litt. 8a, 22a. No one can be heir during the life of his ancestor. Broom, Max. 522, 523. No person can be the actual complete heir of another till the ancestor is previously dead. 2 Bl. Comm. 208.

Nemo est supra leges. No one is above the law. Loft. 142.

Nemo ex alterius facto praegravari debet. No man ought to be burdened in consequence of another's act. 2 Kent, Comm. 646.

Nemo ex consilio obligatur. No man is bound in consequence of his advice. Mere advice will not create the obligation of a mandate. Story, Bailm. § 155.

Nemo ex dolo suo proprio relevatur, aut auxilium capiat. Let no one be relieved or gain an advantage by his own fraud. A civil law maxim.

Nemo ex proprio dolo consequitur actionem. No one maintains an action arising out of his own wrong. Broom, Max. 297.

Nemo ex suo delicto meliorum suam conditionem facere potest. No one can make his condition better by his own misdeed. Dig. 50, 17, 124, 1.
NEMO IN PROPIA CAUSA

Nemo in propria causa testis esse debet. No one ought to be a witness in his own cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 371.

Nemo inauditus condemnari debet si non sit contumax. No man ought to be condemned without being heard unless he be contumacious. Jenk. Cent. p. 18, case 12, in marg.

Nemo jus sibi dicere potest. No one can declare the law for himself. No one is entitled to take the law into his own hands. Tray. Lat. Max. 366.

Nemo militans Deo implicetur secularibus negotiis. No man who is warring for [in the service of] God should be involved in secular matters. Co. Litt. 706. A principle of the old law that men of religion were not bound to go in person with the king to war.

Nemo nascitur artifex. Co. Litt. 97. No one is born an artister.

Nemo patriam in qua natus est exuere, nec ligantem debilitum ejurare possit. No man can renounce the country in which he was born, nor abjure the obligation of his allegiance. Co. Litt. 129a; Broom, Max. 75; Post. Cr. Law, 184.

Nemo plus commodi hæredi suo relinququit quam ipse habuit. No one leaves a greater benefit to his heir than he had himself. Dig. 50, 17, 120.

Nemo plus juris ad alium transferre potest quam ipse habet. No one can transfer more right to another than he has himself. Dig. 50, 17, 54; Broom, Max. 467, 469.

Nemo potest contra recordum verificare per patriam. No one can verify by the country against a record. 2 Inst. 380. The issue upon matter of record cannot be to the Jury. A maxim of old practice.

Nemo potest esse dominus et hæres. No man can be both owner and heir. Hale, Com. Law, c. 7.

Nemo potest esse simul actor et judex. No one can be at once suitor and judge. Broom, Max. 117.

Nemo potest esse tenens et dominus. No man can be both tenant and lord [of the same tenement.] GIlb. Ten. 142.

Nemo potest facere per alium quod per se non potest. No one can do that by another which he cannot do of himself. Jenk. Cent. p. 237, case 14. A rule said to hold in original grants, but not in descents; as where an office descended to a woman, in which case, though she could not exercise the office in person, she might by deputy. Id.

Nemo potest facere per obligatum quod non potest facere per directum. No man can do that indirectly which he cannot do directly. 1 Eden, 512.

Nemo potest mutare consilium suum in alterius injuriam. No man can change his purpose to another's injury. Dig. 50, 17, 75; Broom, Max. 34.

Nemo potest plus juris ad alium, transferre quam ipse habet. Co. Litt. 309; Wing. Max. 56. No one can transfer a greater right to another than he himself has.

Nemo potest sibi debere. No one can owe to himself.

Nemo pressems nisi intelligat. One is not present unless he understands.

Nemo presumitur alienam posteritatem sua præstilisse. No man is presumed to have preferred another's posterity to his own. Wing. Max. p. 223, max. 79.


Nemo presumitur esse immemor suæ æternæ salutis, et maxime in articulo mortis. 6 Coke, 76. No one is presumed to be forgetful of his own eternal welfare, and particularly at the point of death.

Nemo presumitur indire in extremis. No one is presumed to tire at the point of death.

Nemo presumitur malus. No one is presumed to be bad.

Nemo prohibetur plures negotiaciones sine artes exercere. No one is prohibited from following several kinds of business or several arts. 11 Coke, 54a. The common law doth not prohibit any person from using several arts or mysteries at his pleasure. Id.

Nemo prohibetur pluribus defensionibus uti. Co. Litt. 304a. No one is prohibited from making use of several defenses.

Nemo prudens punit ut præterita revocentur, sed ut futura preventiatur. No wise man punishes in order that past things may be recalled, but that future wrongs may be prevented. 2 Boul. 173.

Nemo punitur pro alimo delicto. Wing. Max. 336. No one is punished for another's wrong.
NEMO PUNITUR SINE INJURIA

Nemo punitur sine injuria, facto, seu desulta. No one is punished unless for some wrong, act, or default. 2 Inst. 297.

Nemo qui condemnare potest, absolvare non potest. No one who may condemn is unable to acquit. Dig. 50, 17, 37.

Nemo sibi esse judex vel suis jus dicere debet. No one ought to be his own judge, or the tribunal in his own affairs. Broom, Max. 116, 121. See L. R. 1 C. P. 722, 747.

Nemo sine actio examination, et hoc non sine brevi se libello conventionali. No one goes to law without an action, and no one can bring an action without a writ or bill. Bract. fol. 112.

Nemo tenetur ad impossibile. No one is bound to an impossibility. Jenk. Cent. 7; Broom, Max. 244.

Nemo tenetur armare adversarium contra se. Wing. Max. 665. No one is bound to arm his adversary against himself.

Nemo tenetur divinare. No man is bound to divine, or to have foreknowledge of, a future event. 10 Coke, 55a.

Nemo tenetur edere instrumenta contra se. No man is bound to produce writings against himself. A rule of the Roman law, adhered to in criminal prosecutions, but departed from in civil questions. Bell.

Nemo tenetur informare qui nescit, sed quiescet siire quod informat. Branch, Princ. No one is bound to give information about things he is ignorant of, but every one is bound to know that which he gives information about.

Nemo tenetur jurare in suam turpitudinem. No one is bound to swear to the fact of his own criminality; no one can be forced to give his own oath in evidence of his guilt. Bell; Hals. 100.

Nemo tenetur proderce seipsum. No one is bound to betray himself. In other words, no one can be compelled to criminate himself. Broom, Max. 968.

Nemo tenetur seipsum accusare. Wing. Max. 496. No one is bound to accuse himself.

Nemo tenetur seipsum infortunis et periculis exponere. No one is bound to expose himself to misfortunes and dangers. Co. Litt. 253b.

Nemo unquam judicet in se. No one can ever be a judge in his own cause.

Nemo unquam vir magnus fuit, sine alque divino affluat. No one was ever a great man without some divine inspiration. Cicero.
NEURASTHENIA. In medical jurisprudence. A condition of weakness or exhaustion of the general nervous system, giving rise to various forms of mental and bodily inefficiency.

NEUTRAL. In international law. Indifferent; impartial; not engaged on either side; not taking an active part with either of the contending states. In an international war, the principal hostile powers are called "belligerents;" those actively co-operating with and assisting them, their "allies;" and those taking no part whatever, "neutrals."

Neutral property. Property which belongs to citizens of neutral powers, and is used, treated, and accompanied by proper insignia as such.

NEUTRALITY. The state of a nation which takes no part between two or more other nations at war. U. S. v. The Three Friends; 196 U. S. 1, 17 Sup. Ct. 465, 41 L. Ed. 667.

Neutral laws. Acts of congress which forbid the fitting out and equipping of armed vessels, or the enlisting of troops, for the aid of either of two belligerent powers with which the United States is at peace.—Neutralität proclamations. A proclamation by the president of the United States, issued on the outbreak of a war between two powers with both of which the United States is at peace, announcing the neutrality of the United States and warning all citizens to refrain from any breach of the neutrality laws.

NEVER INDEBTED, PLEA OF. A species of traverse which occurs in actions of debt on simple contract, and is resorted to when the defendant means to deny in point of fact the existence of any express contract to the effect alleged in the declaration, or to deny the matters of fact from which such contract would by law be implied. Steph. Pl. 153, 156; Wharton.

NEW. As an element in numerous compound terms and phrases of the law, this word may denote novelty, or the condition of being previously unknown or of recent or fresh origin, but ordinarily it is a purely relative term and is employed in contrasting the date, origin, or character of one thing with the corresponding attributes of another thing of the same kind or class.

New and useful. The phrase used in the patent laws to describe the two qualities of an invention or discovery which are essential to make it patentable, viz., novelty, or the condition of having been previously unknown, and practical utility. See In re School, 1 MacArthur (D. C.) 410; Adams v. Turner, 73 Conn. 38, 46 Atl. 247; Lowell v. Lewis, 1 Mason, 182; Fed. Cas. No. 8,548.—New assets. In the law relating to the administration of estates, this term denotes assets coming into the hands of an executor or administrator after the expiration of the time when, by statute, claims against the estate are barred so far as regards the recompense against the assets with which he was originally charged. See Littlefield v. Eaton, 74 Me. 145; Cheney v. Webster, 8 Allen (Mass.) 77; Robinson v. Hodge, 117 Mass.

222: Vesalius v. Marrett, 6 Allen (Mass.) 372. —New action. Under the old law practice, where the declaration in an action is ambiguous, and the defendant pleads facts which are literally an answer to it, but not to the real claim to the matter in dispute by the plaintiff, the case is met by the plea of new assignment; i.e., allege that he brought his action not for the cause supposed by the defendant, but for some other cause to which the plea has no application. 3 Steph. Comm. 507; Sweet. See Bishop v. Travis, 51 Minn. 163, 53 N. W. 461. —New case of action. With reference to the amendment of pleadings, this term may refer to a new state of facts out of which liability is claimed or tried, or it may refer to parties who are alleged to be entitled under the same state of facts, or it may embrace both features. Love v. Southern R. Co., 108 Tenn. 104, 65 S. W. 475, 55 L. R. A. 471. See Nelson v. First Nat. Bank, 139 Ala. 578, 36 South. 707, 101 Am. St. Rep. 32.—New for old. In making an adjustment of a partial loss under a policy of marine insurance, the rule is to apply the old materials towards the payment of the new, by deducting the value of them from the gross amount of the expenses for repairs, and to allow the deduction of one-third new for old upon the balance. 3 Kent, Comm. 339. —New Inns of Chancery. See Inns of CHANCERY.

New mortgage. In pleading, a mortgage not previously alleged by either party in the pleadings.—New promise. See PROMISE.—New style. The English system of government was introduced into Great Britain A. D. 1752, the 3d of September of that year being reckoned as the 14th.—New trial. See TRIAL.—New works. In the civil law. By a new work is understood every sort of edifice or other work which is newly commenced on any ground whatever. When there is a different form of work changed, either by an addition being made to it or by some part of the ancient work being taken away, it is styled also a "new work." Civ. Code La. art. 520.—New Year's Day. The first day of January. The 25th of March was the civil and legal New Year's Day, till the alteration of the style in 1702, when it was permanently fixed at the 1st of January. In Scotland the year was, by a proclamation, which bears date 21st of November, 1559, ordered thenceforth to commence in the kingdom on the 1st of January instead of the 25th of March. Enc. Lond.

NEWGATE. The name of a prison in London, said to have existed as early as 1207. It was three times destroyed and rebuilt. For centuries the condition of the place was horrible, but it has been greatly improved since 1806. Since 1815, debtors have not been committed to this prison.

NEWLY-DISCOVERED EVIDENCE. See EVIDENCE.


Official newspaper. One designated by a state or municipal legislative body, or agents
empowered by them, in which the public acts, resolves, advertisements, and notices are required to be published. Albany County v. Chaplin, 5 Wyo. 74, 37 Pac. 370.

nexi. Lat. In Roman law. Bound; bound persons. A term applied to such insolvent debtors as were delivered up to their creditors, by whom they might be held in bondage until their debts were discharged. Calvin.; Adams, Rom. Ant. 49.

next devisee. By the term "next devisee" is understood the person to whom the estate is first given by the will, while the term "next devisee" refers to the person to whom the remainder is given. Young v. Robinson, 5 N. J. Law. 686.—Next friend. The legal designation of the person by whom an infant or other person disabled from suing in his own name brings and prosecutes an action either at law or in equity. Strictly speaking, a next friend (or "prochein amby") is not appointed by the court to bring or maintain the suit, but is simply one who volunteers for that purpose, and is merely admitted or permitted to sue in behalf of the infant; but the practice of suing by a next friend has now been almost entirely superseded by the practice of appointing a guardian ad litem. See McKinney v. Jones, 55 Wis. 39, 11 N. W. 906; Guild v. Cranston, 8 Cush. (Mass.) 504; Tucker v. Dubbe, 12 H. H. (Tenn.) 159, 84 S. W. 420; 14 Philipp. Prac. (N. Y.) 40.—Next of kin. In the law of descent and distribution. This term properly denotes the persons next in line of kindred to the decedent, that is, those who are most nearly related to him by blood; but it is sometimes construed to mean only those who are entitled to take under the statute of distributions, and sometimes to include other persons. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1065a. The words "next of kin," used as a collective term in a deed, will, mean, not nearest of kindred, but those relatively who share in the estate according to the statute of distributions, including those claiming per stirpes or by representation. 4 How. 593; Story v. Holcomb, 43 Barb. (N. Y.) 147.—Next presentation. In the law of advowsons. The right of next presentation is the right to present to the first vacancy of a benefice.

nexum. Lat. In Roman law. In ancient times the nexum seems to have been a species of formal contract, involving a loan of money, and attended with peculiar consequences, solemnized with the "copper and balance." Later, it appears to have been used as a general term for any contract struck with those ceremonies, and hence to have included the special form of conveyance called "mancipatio." In a general sense it means the obligation or bond between contracting parties. See Maine, Anc. Law, 305, et seq.; Hadl. Rom. Law, 247.

In Roman law, this word expressed the tie or obligation involved in the old conveyance by mancipatio; and came latterly to be used interchangeably with (but less frequently than) the word "obligato" itself. Brown.

Nichols. In English practice. Debts due to the exchequer which the sheriff could

Night. Not levy, and as to which he returned nil. These sums were transcribed once a year by the clerk of the nichills, and sent to the treasurer's remembrancer's office, whence process was issued to recover the "nichill" debts. Both of these offices were abolished in 1833. Mozley & Whitley.

nickname. A short name; one nicked or cut off for the sake of brevity, without conveying an idea of opprobrium, and frequently evincing the strongest affection or the most perfect familiarity. North Carolina Inst. v. Norwood, 45 N. C. 74.

niderling, nidering, or nithing. A vile, base person, or sluggard; chicken-hearted. Speiman.

Niege. The daughter of one's brother or sister. Ambl. 514. See Nephew.


Nient. L. Fr. Nothing; not.

Next comprise. Not comprised; not included. A person cannot be taken to a petition because the thing desired is not contained in that deed or proceeding wherein the petition is founded. Tolima.—Nient culpable. Not guilty. The name in law French of the general issue in tort or in a criminal action.—Nient deside. To say nothing; to deny nothing; to suffer judgment by default.—Nient le faut. In pleading. Not the deed; not his deed. The same as the plea of non est factum.—Nient sais. In old pleading. Not seized. The general plea in the writ of annuity. Crabbe, Eng. Law, 424.

Niger liber. The black book or register in the exchequer; chartularies of abbeys, cathedrals, etc.

Night. As to what, by the common law, is reckoned night and what day, it seems to be the general opinion that, if there be daylight, or crepusculeum, enough begun or left to discern a man's face, that is considered day; and night is when it is so dark that the countenance of a man cannot be discerned. 1 Hale, P. C. 350. However, the limit of 9 P.M. to 6 A.M. has been fixed by statute, in England, as the period of night, in prosecutions for burglary and larceny. St. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 96, § 1; Brown. In American law, the common-law definition is still adhered to in some states, but in others "night" has been defined by statute as the period between sunset and sunrise.

Night magistrate. A constable of the night; the head of a watch-house.—Night walkers. Described in the statute 5 Edw. III. c. 14, as persons who sleep by day and walk by night. Persons who prowl about at night, and are of a suspicious appearance and behavior. Persons whose habit is to be abroad at night for the purpose of committing some crime or nuisance or to disturb the peace, not now generally subject to the criminal laws except in respect to misdemeanors actually committed, or in the character of vagrants or suspicious persons. See Thomas v. State, 55
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Ala. 260; State v. Dowern, 45 N. H. 543. In a narrower sense, a night walker is a prostitute who walks the streets at night for the purpose of soliciting men for lewd purposes. Stokes v. State, 92 Ala. 73, 9 South. 400, 25 Am. St. Rep. 22; Thomas v. State, 55 Ala. 200.

Nigrum nunquam excedere debet rubrum. The black should never go beyond the red. [i.e., the text of a statute should never be read in a sense more comprehensive than the rubric, or title.] Tray. Lat. Max. 373.

Nihil. Lat. Nothing. Often contracted to "nil." The word standing alone is the name of an abbreviated form of return to a writ made by a sheriff or constable, the fuller form of which would be "nihil est" or "nihil habet," according to circumstances.

Nihil capiat per breve. In practice. That he take nothing by his writ. The form of judgment against the plaintiff in an action, either in person or in abstemt. When the plaintiff has commenced his proceedings by bill, the judgment is nihil capiat per biliam. Co. Litt. 363. —Nihil diet. He says nothing. This is the name of the judgment which may be taken as of course against a defendant who omits to plead or answer the plaintiff's declaration or complaint within the time limited. In some jurisdictions it is otherwise known as judgment "for want of a plea." See Gilder v. McIntyre, 29 Tex. 91; Falken v. Houstanolic R. Co., 93 Colo. 227, 268; Wilbur v. Maynard, 9 Colo. 468. —Nihil est. There is nothing. A form of return made by a sheriff when he has been unable to serve the writ. "Although non est inventus is the more frequent return in such a case, yet it is by no means as full an answer to the command of the writ as is the return of nihil. That amounts to an averment that the defendant has nothing in the baillie, no dwelling-house, no family, no residence, and no personal presence to enable the officer to make the service required by the act of assembly. It is therefore a full answer to the exigency of the writ." Sherer v. Easton Bank, 33 Pa. 159.

—Nihil habet. He has nothing. The name of a return made by a sheriff to a scire facias or other writ which he has been unable to serve on the defendant.

Nihil alius potest rex quam quod de jure potest. 11 Coke, 74. The king can do nothing except what he can by law do.

Nihil consensui tam contrarium est quam vis atque motus. Nothing is so opposed to consent as force and fear. Dig. 50, 17, 116.

Nihil de re accessit et qui nihil in quo jure accesseret habet. Co. Litt. 188. Nothing of a matter accrues to him who, when the right accrues, has nothing in that matter.

Nihil dictum quod non dictum prius. Nothing is said which was not said before. Said of a case where former arguments were repeated. Hiradr. 464.

Nihil est enim liberale quod non idem justum. For there is nothing generous which is not at the same time just. 2 Kent, Comm. 441, note a.

Nihil est magis rationi consentaneum quam codem modo quodque dissolvere quod conflatum est. Nothing is more consonant to reason than that a thing should be dissolved or discharged in the same way in which it was created. Shep. Touch. 323.

Nihil facit error nominalis cum de corpore constat. 11 Coke, 21. An error as to a name is nothing when there is certainty as to the person.

Nihil habet forum ex scena. The court has nothing to do with what is not before it. Bac. Max.

Nihil in leges intolerabilius est [quam] sancet rem diverso jure consenti. Nothing is more intolerable in law than that the same matter, thing, or case should be subject to different views of law. 4 Coke, 933a. Applied to the difference of opinion entertained by different courts, as to the law of a particular case. Id.

Nihil infra regnum subditos magis conservat in tranquillitate et concordia quam debita legum administratio. Nothing preserves tranquillity and concord those who are subjected to the same government better than a due administration of the laws. 2 Inst. 168.

Nihil iniquus quam sequatur nimirum intendere. Nothing is more unjust than to extend equity too far. Halk. 106.

Nihil magis justum est quam quod necessarium est. Nothing is more just than that which is necessary. Dav. 1r. K. B. 12; Branch. Privce.

Nihil nequam est presumpendum. Nothing wicked is to be presumed. 2 P. Wms. 583.

Nihil perfectum est dum aliquid restat agendum. Nothing is perfect while anything remains to be done. 9 Coke, 9b.

Nihil petiti potest ante id tempus quo per rem naturam persolvit possit. Nothing can be demanded before the time when, by the nature of things, it can be paid. Dig. 50, 17, 186.

Nihil possimus contra veritatem. We can do nothing against truth. Doct. & Stud. dial. 2, c. 6.

Nihil prescrivitur nisi quod possideatur. There is no prescription for that which is not possessed. 5 Barn. & Ald. 277.

Nihil quod est contra rationem est lieitum. Nothing that is against reason is lawful. Co. Litt. 97b.

Nihil quod est inconvenient est lieitum. Nothing that is inconvenient is law-
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ful. Co. Litt. 66a, 97b. A maxim very frequently quoted by Lord Coke, but to be taken in modern law with some qualification. Broom, Max. 186, 366.

Nihil simul inventum est et perfectum. Co. Litt. 230. Nothing is invented and perfected at the same moment.

Nihil tam conveniens est naturali sequitati quam unum quoque dissolvit eo ligamine quo ligatum est. Nothing is so consonant to natural equity as that a thing should be dissolved by the same means by which it was bound. 2 Inst. 339; Broom, Max. 877.

Nihil tam conveniens est naturali sequitati quam voluntatem domini rem suam in alium transferre ratam habere. 1 Coke, 100. Nothing is so consonant to natural equity as to regard the intention of the owner in transferring his own property to another.

Nihil tam naturale est, quam eo generique dissolvere, quo colligatum est; idem verborum obligatio verbis totius; mali consensus obligatio contrarie consensu dissolvitur. Nothing is so natural as to dissolve anything in the way in which it was bound together; therefore the obligation of words is taken away by words; the obligation of mere consent is dissolved by the contrary consent. Dig. 50, 17, 35; Broom, Max. 887.

Nihil tam proprium imperio quam legibus vivere. Nothing is so becoming to authority as to live in accordance with the laws. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 17, § 11.

Nihilist. A member of a secret association, (especially in Russia,) which is devoted to the destruction of the present political, religious, and social institutions. Webster.

NIL. Lat. Nothing. A contracted form of "nihil," which see.

—NIL debet. He owes nothing. The form of the general issue in all actions of debt on simple contract.—NIL habitat in tenementis. He had nothing [no interest] in the tenements. A plea in debt on a lease indented, by which the defendant sets up that the person claiming to be landlord had no title or interest.—NIL ligatur. Nothing bound; that is, no obligation has been incurred. Tray. Lat. Max.

NIL agit exemplum item quod lite resolvit. An example does no good which settles one question by another. Hatch v. Mann, 15 Wend. (N. Y.) 44, 49.

NIL consensus tam contrarium est quam vis atque metus. Nothing is so opposed to consent as force and fear. Dig. 50, 17, 116.

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Nihil facit error nominis cum de corpore vel persona constat. A mistake in the name does not matter when the body or person is manifest. 11 Coke, 21; Broom, Max. 634.

Nihil sine prudenti fecte ratione vetustas. Antiquity did nothing without a good reason. Co. Litt. 65.

Nihil temere novandum. Nothing should be rashly changed. Jenk. Cent. 103.

Nimia certitudo certitudinem ipsum destruit. Too great certainty destroys certainty itself. Loft. 244.

Nimia subtilitas in jure reprobatur. Wing. Max. 26. Too much subtlety in law is discomtented.

Nimium alterandi veritas amittitur. Hob. 344. By too much alteration truth is lost.

NIMMER. A thief; a plunderer.

NISI. Lat. Unless. The word is often affixed, as a kind of elliptical expression, to the words "rule," "order," "decree," "judgment," or "confirmation," to indicate that the adjudication spoken of is one which is to stand as valid and operative unless the party affected by it shall appear and show cause against it, or take some other appropriate step to avoid it or procure its revocation. Thus a "decree nisi" is one which will definitely conclude the defendant's rights unless, within the prescribed time, he shows cause to set it aside or successfully appeals. The word, in this sense, is opposed to "absolute." And when a rule nisi is finally confirmed, for the defendant's failure to show cause against it, it is said to be "made absolute."

—Nisi feceris. The name of a clause commonly occurring in the old manorial writs, commanding that, if the lords failed to do justice, the king's court or officer should do it. By virtue of this clause, the king's court usurped the jurisdiction of the private, manorial, or local courts. Stin. Law Gloss.—Nisi prius. The nisi prius courts are such as are held for the trial of issues of fact before a jury and one presiding judge. In America the phrase is familiarly used to denote the forum (whatever may be its statutory name) in which the cause was tried to a jury, as distinguished from the appellate court. See 3 Bl. Comm. 53. —Nisi prius clause. In practice. A clause entered on the record in an action at law, authorizing the trial of the cause at nisi prius in the particular county designated. It was first used by way of continuance.—Nisi prius roll. In practice. The roll or record containing the pleadings, issue, and jury process of an action, made up for trial in the nisi prius courts. —Nisi prius writ. The old name of the writ of venire, which originally, in pursuance of the statute of Westminster 2, continued the nisi prius clause. Reg. Jud. 28, 75; Cowell.

NIVICOLLINI BRITONES. In old English law. Welshmen, because they live
near high mountains covered with snow.
Du Cange.

NO AWARD. The name of a plea in an action on an award, by which the defendant traverses the allegation that an award was made.

NO BILL. This phrase, when indorsed by a grand jury on an indictment, is equivalent to "not found," "not a true bill," or "ignoramus."

NO FUNDS. See Fund.

NO GOODS. This is the English equivalent of the Latin term "nulla bona," being the form of the return made by a sheriff or constable, charged with an execution, when he has found no property of the debtor on which to levy.

No man can hold the same land immediately of two several landlords. Co. Litt. 152.

No man is presumed to do anything against nature. 22 Vin. Abr. 154.

No man shall set up his infamy as a defense. 2 W. Bl. 364.


NOBILE OFFICIO. In Scotch law. An equitable power of the court of session, to give relief where none is possible at law. Ersk. Inst. 1, 3, 22; Bell.

Nobiles magis plebibus pecunia; plebes sive in corpore. 3 Inst. 220. The higher classes are more punished in money; but the lower in person.

Nobiles sunt, qui arma gentilias antiquorum sibi opprimit eos. 2 Inst. 595. The gentry are those who are able to produce armorial bearings derived by descent from their own ancestors.

Nobiliores et benigniores presumptiones in dubibus sunt preferenda. In cases of doubt, the more generous and more benign presumptions are to be preferred. A civil-law maxim.

Nobilitas est duplex, superior et inferior. 2 Inst. 583. There are two sorts of nobility, the higher and the lower.

NOBILITY. In English law. A division of the people, comprehending dukes, marquises, earls, viscounts, and barons. These had anciently duties annexed to their respective honors. They are created either by writ, i.e., by royal summons to attend the house of peers, or by letters patent, i.e., by royal grant of any dignity and degree of peerage; and they enjoy many privileges, exclusive of their senatorial capacity. 1 Bl. Comm. 396.


NOCTANTER. By night. An abolished writ which issued out of chancery, and returned to the queen's bench, for the prostration of inclosures, etc.

NOCTES and NOCTEM DE FIRMA. Entertainment of meat and drink for so many nights. Domedoy.

NOCUMENTUM. Lat. In old English law. A nuisance. Nocumentum damnosum, a nuisance occasioning loss or damage. Nocumentum injuriosum, an injurious nuisance. For the latter only a remedy was given. Bract. fol. 221.

NOLENS VOLENS. Lat. Whether willing or unwilling; consenting or not.


NOLLE PROSEQUI. Lat. In practice. A formal entry upon the record, by the plaintiff in a civil suit or the prosecuting officer in a criminal action, by which he declares that he "will no further prosecute" the case, either as to some of the counts, or some of the defendants, or altogether. State v. Primm, 61 No. 171; Com. v. Casey, 12 Allen (Mass.) 214; Davenport v. Newton, 71 VT. 11, 42 Atl. 1087.

A solle prosequi is in the nature of an acknowledgment or undertaking by the plaintiff in an action to forbear to proceed any further either in the action altogether, or as to some part of it, or as to some of the defendants; and is different from a non prosequi, by which the plaintiff is put out of court with respect to all the defendants. Brown.

NOLO CONTENDERE. Lat. I will not contest it. The name of a plea in a criminal action, having the same legal effect as a plea of guilty, so far as regards all proceedings on the indictment, and on which the defendant may be sentenced. U. S. v. Hartwell, 3 Cliff. 221, Fed. Cas. No. 16,318. Like a demurrer this plea admits, for the purposes of the case, all the facts which are well pleaded, but is not to be used as an

NOMEN. Lat. In the civil law. A name; the name, style, or designation of a person. Properly, the name showing to what gens or tribe he belonged, as distinguished from his own individual name, (the praenomen,) from his surname or family name, (cognomen,) and from any name added by way of a descriptive title, (apponem.)

The name or style of a class or genus of persons or objects.

A debt or a debtor. Alnsworth; Calvin.

—Nomen collectivum. A collective name or term; a term expressive of a class; a term including several of the same kind; a term expressive of the plural, as well as singular, number.—Nomen general. A name to be used as a general name; the name of a genus. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 19, § 1—Nomen generalissimum. A name of the most general kind; a name or term of the most general meaning. By the name of "land," which is nomen generalissimum, everything terrestrial will pass. 2 Bl. Comm. 19; 3 Bl. Comm. 172.

—Nomen jurid. A name of the law; a technical legal term.—Nomen transcriptitum. See Nomina transcriptitum.

Nomen est quasi rei notamen. A name is, as it were, the note of a thing. 11 Coke, 29.

Nomen non sufficit, si res non sit de jure aut de facto. A name is not sufficient if there be not a thing [or subject for it] de jure or de facto. 4 Coke, 107b.

Nomina mutabilia sunt, res autem immobiles. Names are mutable, but things are immovable, [immutable.] A name may be true or false, or may change, but the thing itself always maintains its identity. 6 Coke, 93.

Nomina sese perit cognitio rerum; et nomina si perdas, certe distinctio rerum perditur. Co. Litt. 86. If you know not the names of things, the knowledge of things themselves perishes; and, if you lose the names, the distinction of the things is certainly lost.

Nomina sunt notae rerum. 11 Coke, 20. Names are the notes of things.

Nomina sunt symbola rerum. Godh. Names are the symbols of things.

NOMINA TRANSCRIPTITIA. In Roman law. Obligations contracted by literae (i. e., litteræ obligations) were so called because they arose from a peculiar transfer (transscriptio) from the creditor's day-book (adversaria) into his ledger, (codez.)

NOMINA VILLARUM. In English law. An account of the names of all the villages and the possessors thereof, in each county, drawn up by several sheriffs, (5 Edw. II,) and returned by them into the Exchequer, where it is still preserved. Wharton.

NOMINAL. Titular; existing in name only; not real or substantial; connected with the transaction or proceeding in name only, not in interest.

—Nominal consideration. See Consideration. —Nominal damages. See Damages.

—Nominal defendant. A person who is joined as defendant in an action, not because he is immediately liable in damages or because any specific relief is demanded as against him, but because his connection with the subject-matter is such that the plaintiff's action would be defective, under the technical rules of practice, if he were not joined.—Nominal partner. A person who appears to be a partner in a firm, or is so represented to persons dealing with the firm, or who allows his name to appear in the style of the firm or to be used in its business, in the character of a partner, but who has no actual interest in the firm or business. Story, Partn. § 80.—Nominal plaintiff. One who has no interest in the subject-matter of the action, having assigned the same to another, (the real plaintiff in interest, or "use plaintiff," ) but who must be joined as plaintiff because, under technical rules of practice, the suit cannot be brought directly in the name of the assignee.

NOMINATE. To propose for an appointment; to designate for an office, a privilege, a living, etc.

NOMINATE CONTRACTS. In the civil law. Contracts having a proper or peculiar name and form, and which were divided into four kinds, expressive of the ways in which they were formed, viz.: (1) Real, which arose ex re, from something done; (2) verbal, ex verbis, from something said; (3) literal, ex litteris, from something written; and (4) consensual, ex consensu, from something agreed to. Calvin.

NOMINATIM. Lat. By name; expressed one by one.

NOMINATING AND REDUCING. A mode of obtaining a panel of special jurors in England, from which to select the jury to try a particular action. The proceeding takes place before the under-sheriff or secondary, and in the presence of the parties' solicitors. Numbers denoting the persons on the sheriff's list are put into a box and drawn until forty-eight unchallenged persons have been nominated. Each party strikes off twelve, and the remaining twenty-four are returned as the "panel," (q. v.) This practice is now only employed by order of the court or judge. (Sm. Ac. 190; Juries Act 1870, § 17.) Sweet.

NOMINATIO AUCTORIS. Lat. In Roman law. A form of plea or defense in an action for the recovery of real estate, by which the defendant, sued as the person apparently in possession, alleges that he
holds only in the name or for the benefit of another, whose name he discloses by the plea, in order that the plaintiff may bring his action against such other. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 207.

**NOMINATION.** An appointment or designation of a person to fill an office or discharge a duty. The act of suggesting or proposing a person by name as a candidate for an office.

**Nomination to a living.** In English ecclesiastical law. The rights of nominating and of presenting to a living are distinct, and may reside in different persons. Presentation is the offering a clerk to the bishop. Nomination is the offering a clerk to the person who has the right of presentation. Brown.

**NOMINATIVUS PENDENS.** Lat. A nominative case grammatically unconnected with the rest of the sentence in which it stands. The opening words in the ordinary form of a deed si et profite, "This indenture," etc., down to "whereas," though an intelligible and convenient part of the deed, are of this kind. Wharton.

**Nomine.** Lat. By name; by the name of; under the name or designation of.

**Nomine poene.** In the name of a penalty. In the civil law, a legacy was said to be left nomine poene where it was left for the purpose of coercing the heir to do or not to do something. Inst. 2, 20, 26.

The term has also been applied, in English law, to some kinds of covenants, such as a covenant inserted in a lease that the lessee shall forfeit a certain sum on non-payment of rent, or on doing certain things, as plowing up ancient meadow, and the like. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 171, § 155.

**Nominee.** One who has been nominated or proposed for an office.

**Nomocanon.** (1) A collection of canons and imperial laws relative or conformable thereto. The first nomocanon was made by Johannes Scholasticus in 554. Photius, patriarch of Constantinople, in 883, compiled another nomocanon, or collation of the civil laws with the canons; this is the most celebrated. Balsamon wrote a commentary upon it in 1180. (2) A collection of the ancient canons of the apostles, councils, and fathers, without any regard to Imperial constitutions. Such is the nomocanon by M. Coteler. Enc. Lond.

**Nomographer.** One who writes on the subject of laws.

**Nomography.** A treatise or description of laws.

**Nomotheta.** A lawgiver; such as Solon and Lycurgus among the Greeks, and Caesar, Pompey, and Sylla among the Romans. Calvin.

**Non-assessable.** This word, placed upon a certificate of stock, does not cancel or impair the obligation to pay the amount due upon the shares created by the acceptance.

**Non-acceptance.** The refusal to accept anything.

**Non acceptavit.** In pleading. The name of a plea to an action of assumpsit brought against the drawers of a bill of exchange by which he denies that he accepted the same.

**Non-access.** In legal parlance, this term denotes the absence of opportunities for sexual intercourse between husband and wife; or the absence of such intercourse.

Non accipi debent verba in demonstrationem falsam, que competunt in limitationem veram. Words ought not to be taken to import a false demonstration which may have effect by way of true limitation. Bac. Max. p. 59, reg. 18; Broom, Max. 642.

**Non accretit infra sex annos.** It did not accrue within six years. The name of a plea by which the defendant sets up the statute of limitations against a cause of action which is barred after six years.

**Non-act.** A forbearance from action; the contrary to act.

**Non-admission.** The refusal of admission.

**Non-age.** Lack of requisite legal age. The condition of a person who is under twenty-one years of age, in some cases, and under fourteen or twelve in others; minority.

Non alto modo puniatur aliquis quam secundum quod se habet condemnatio. & Inst. 217. A person may not be punished differently than according to what the sentence enjoins.

Non alter a significatius verborum recedit oportet quam cum manifestum est, alius sensisse testatorem. We must never depart from the significance of words, unless it is evident that they are not conformable to the will of the testator. Dig. 32, 69, pr.; Broom, Max. 568.

**Non-apparent easement.** A noncontinuous or discontinuous easement. Fetter v. Humphreys, 18 N. J. Eq. 202. See EASEMENT.

**Non-appearance.** A failure of appearance; the omission of the defendant to appear within the time limited.

**Non-assessable.**
and holding of such certificate. At most its legal effect is a stipulation against liability from further assessment or taxation after the entire subscription of one hundred per cent. shall have been paid. Upton v. Tribilcock, 91 U. S. 45, 23 L. Ed. 203.

NON ASSUMPSIT. The general issue in the action of assumpsit; being a plea by which the defendant avers that he did not undertake or promise as alleged.

NON ASSUMPSIT INFRA SEX ANOS. He did not undertake within six years. The name of the plea of the statute of limitations, in the action of assumpsit.

Non auditur perire volens. He who is desirous to perish is not heard. Best. Ev. 423, § 385. He who confesses himself guilty of a crime, with the view of meeting death, will not be heard. A maxim of the foreign law of evidence. Id.

NON-BAILABLE. Not admitting of bail; not requiring bail.

NON BIS IN IDEM. Not twice for the same; that is, a man shall not be twice tried for the same crime. This maxim of the civil law (Code, 9, 2, 9, 11) expresses the same principle as the familiar rule of our law that a man shall not be twice "put in jeopardy" for the same offense.

NON CEPI. He did not take. The general issue in replevin, where the action is for the wrongful taking of the property; putting in issue not only the taking, but the place in which the taking is stated to have been made. Steph. Pl. 157, 167.

NON-CLAIM. The omission or neglect of him who ought to claim his right within the time limited by law; as within a year and a day where a continuant claim was required, or within five years after a fine had been levied. Termes de la Ley. See COVENANT.

—Covenant of non-claim. See COVENANT.

NON-COMBATANT. A person connected with an army or navy, but for purposes other than fighting; such as the surgeons and chaplains. Also a neutral.

NON-COMMISSIONED. A non-commissioned officer of the army or militia is a subordinate officer who holds his rank, not by commission from the executive authority of the state or nation, but by appointment by a superior officer.

NON COMPOS MENTIS. Lat. Not sound of mind; insane. This is a very general term, embracing all varieties of mental derangement. See INSANITY.

Coke has enumerated four different classes of persons who are deemed in law to be non com-poses mentis: First, an idiot, or fool natural; second, he who was of good and sound mind and memory, but by the act of God has lost it; third, an lunatic, lunaticus qui gaudet lucidus intellectus, who sometimes is of good sound mind and memory, and sometimes non compos mentis; fourth, one who is non compos mentis by his own act, as a drunkard. Co. Litt. 247 a; 2 Coke, 154.

Non concedatur citationes priscum exprimatur super qua re fieri debet cita- tio. 12 Coke, 47. Summonses should not be granted before it is expressed on what matter the summons ought to be made.

NON CONCESSIT. Lat. He did not grant. The name of a plea denying a grant, which could be made only by a stranger.

NON-CONFORMITY. In English law. One who refuses to comply with others; one who refuses to join in the established forms of worship.

Non-conformists are of two sorts: (1) Such as absent themselves from divine worship in the Established Church through total irreligion, and attend the service of no other persuasion; (2) such as attend the religious service of another persuasion. Wharton.

Non consentit qui errat. Bract. fol. 44. He who mistakes does not consent.

NON CONSTAT. Lat. It does not appear; it is not clear or evident. A phrase used in general to state some conclusion as not necessarily following although it may appear on its face to follow.

NON-CONTINUOUS EASEMENT. A non-apparent or discontinuous easement. Fetters v. Humphreys, 18 N. J. Eq. 202. See EASEMENT.

NON CULPABILIS. Lat. In pleading. Not guilty. It is usually abbreviated "non cul".

NON DAMNIFICATUS. Lat. Not injured. This is a plea in an action of debt on an indemnity bond, or bond conditioned "to keep the plaintiff harmless and indemnif- sed," etc. It is in the nature of a plea of performance, being used where the defendant means to allege that the plaintiff has been kept harmless and indemnified, according to the tenor of the condition. Steph. Pl. (7th Ed.) 300, 301. State Bank v. Chetwood, 8 N. J. Law, 25.

Non dat qui non habet. He who has not does not give. Lofft, 238; Broom, Max. 467.

Non debeo melioris conditionis esse, quam auctorem meum quo judicium transfer. I ought not to be in better condition than he to whose rights I succeed. Dig. 50, 17, 175, 1.
NON DEBIT ACTORI LICERE 824.

Non debet actori licere quod reo non permittitur. A plaintiff ought not to be allowed what is not permitted to a defendant. A rule of the civil law. Dig. 50, 17, 41.

Non debet adsum exceptio ejus rei caus a petitor dissolvatur. A plea of the same matter the dissolution of which is sought [by the action] ought not to be brought forward. Broom, Max. 166.

Non debet ali noncre, quod inter alias actum est. A person ought not to be prejudiced by what has been done between others. Dig. 12, 2, 10.

Non debet alteri per alterum iniqua conditio inferri. A burdensome condition ought not to be brought upon one man by the act of another. Dig. 50, 17, 74.

Non debet cui plus licet, quod minus est non licere. He to whom the greater is lawful ought not to be debared from the less as unlawful. Dig. 50, 17, 21; Broom, Max. 176.

Non debet dicendi tendere in prejudicium ecclesiasticum liberatissim quod pro rege et republica necessarium videtur. 2 Inst. 425. That which seems necessary for the king and the state ought not to be said to tend to the prejudice of religious liberty.

Non decet homines dedere causa non cognita. It is unbecoming to surrender men when no cause is shown. In re Washburn, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 106, 114, 8 Am. Dec. 548; 1d., 3 Wheeler, Cr. Cas. (N. Y.) 473, 482.

NON DECIMANDO. See DE NON DECIMANDO.

Non decipitur qui sibi se decipit. 5 Coke, 60. He is not deceived who knows himself to be deceived.

NON DEDIT. Lat. In pleading. He did not grant. The general issue in formesdon.

NON DELIVERY. Neglect, failure, or refusal to deliver goods, on the part of a carrier, vendor, ballee, etc.

NON DEDIT. Lat. He does not detain. The name of the general issue in the action of detinue. 1 Tidd, Pr. 645; Berlin Mach. Works v. Alabama City Furniture Co., 112 Ala. 488, 20 South. 418. The general issue in the action of replevin, where the action is for the wrongful detention only. 2 Burrill, Pr. 14.

Non differunt qua concordant re, tametsi non in verbis idem. Those things do not differ which agree in substance, though not in the same words. Jenk. Cent. p. 78, case 32.

NON DIMISIT. L. Lat. He did not demise. A plea resorted to where a plaintiff declared upon a demise without stating the indenture in an action of debt for rent. Also, a plea in bar, in replevin, to an avowry for arrears of rent, that the avowant did not demise.

NON-DIRECTION. Omission on the part of a judge to properly instruct the jury upon a necessary conclusion of law.

NON DISTRINGENDO. A writ not to distrain.

Non dubitat, eti specialiter venditor evicit non promiserit, re evicta, ex empto competit actionem. It is certain that, although the vendor has not given a special guaranty, an action ex empto lies against him, if the purchaser is evicted. Code, 8, 45, 6; Broom, Max. 768.

Non efficit effectus nisi sequatur effectus. The intention amounts to nothing unless the effect follow. 1 Rolle, 226.

Non erit alia lex Rome, alia Athenis; alia nun, alia posthæ; sed et omnes gentes, en omni tempore, una lex, et semper eadem, et immortale continetur. There will not be one law at Rome, another at Athens; one law now, another hereafter; but one eternal and immortal law shall bind together all nations throughout all time. Cce. Frag. de Repub. lib. 3; 3 Kent, Comm. 1.

Non est arctius vinculum inter homines quam jusjurandum. There is no closer [or firmer] bond between men than an oath. Jenk. Cent. p. 126, case 54.

Non est certandum de regulis juris. There is no disputing about rules of law.

Non est consonum rationi, quod cognito accessorii in curis christianarum impediatur, ubi cognitio causa principalis ad forum ecclesiasticum noscitur pertinere. 12 Coke, 65. It is unreasonable that the cognizance of an accessory matter should be impeded in an ecclesiastical court, when the cognizance of the principal cause is admitted to appertain to an ecclesiastical court.

Non est disputandum contra principis negantium. Co. Litt. 343. We cannot dispute against a man who denies first principles.

NON EST FACTUM. Lat. A plea by way of traverse, which occurs in debt on bond or other specialty, and also in covenant. It denies that the deed mentioned in the declaration is the defendant's deed. Under this, the defendant may contend at the trial that the deed was never executed in point of fact; but he cannot deny its validity in

The plea of non est factum is a denial of the execution of the instrument sued upon, and applies to notes or other instruments, as well as deeds, and applies only when the execution of the instrument is alleged to be the act of the party filling the plea, or adopted by him. Code Ga. 1882, § 3472.

Special non est factum. A form of the plea of non est factum, in debt on a specialty, by which the defendant alleges that, although he executed the deed, yet it is in law "not his deed," because of certain special circumstances which he proceeds to set out; as, where he delivered the deed as an escrow, and it was turned over to the plaintiff prematurely or without performance of the condition.

NON EST INVENTUS. Lat. He is not found. The sheriff's return to process requiring him to arrest the body of the defendant, when the latter is not found within his jurisdiction. It is often abbreviated "n. e. i.," or written, in English, "not found." The Bremena v. Card (D. C.) 38 Fed. 144.

Non est justum aliquem antenatum post mortem facere bastardum qui toto tempore vitae sum pro legitimo habebatur. It is not just to make an elder-born a bastard after his death, who during his lifetime was accounted legitimate. 12 Coke, 44.

Non est novum ut prior res leges ad posteriores trabantur. There is no new thing that prior statutes should give place to later ones. Dig. 1, 8, 38; Broom, Max. 28.

Non est regula quae fallet. There is no rule but what may fall. Off. Exec. 212.

Non est singulis concedendum, quod per magistratum publice possit fieri, ne occasio sit majoris tumultus faciendi. That is not to be conceded to private persons which can be publicly done by the magistrate, lest it be the occasion of greater tumults. Dig. 50, 17, 170.

Non ex opinionibus singularum, sed ex communi usi, nomina exaudiri debent. The names of things ought to be understood, not according to the opinions of individuals, but according to common usage. Dig. 33, 10, 7, 2.

Non facias malum, ut inde fiat bonum. You are not to do evil, that good may be or result therefrom. 11 Coke, 74a; 5 Coke, 309.

NON FECIT. Lat. He did not make it. A plea in an action of assumptui on a promissory note. 3 Man. & G. 446.

NON FECIT VASTUM CONTRA PROHIBITIONEM. He did not commit waste against the prohibition. A plea to an action founded on a writ of estreemptum for waste. 3 Bl. Comm. 226, 227.

NON HEC IN FEDERA VENI. I did not agree to these terms.

Non impedit clausula derogatoria quo minus ad eadem potestate res dissolvantur qua constituantur. A derogatory clause does not impede things from being dissolved by the same power by which they are created. Broom, Max. 27.

NON IMPEDIVIT. Lat. He did not impede. The plea of the general issue in quaere impedit. The Latin form of the law French "ne disturba pas."

NON IMPLICATANDO ALIQUEM DE LIBERO TENEMENTO SINE BREVI. A writ to prohibit bailiffs, etc., from distraining or impounding any man touching his freehold without the king's writ. Reg. Orig. 171.

Non in legendo sed in intelligendo legis consistant. The laws consist not in being read, but in being understood. 8 Coke, 167a.

NON INFREGIT CONVENTIONEM. Lat. He did not break the contract. The name of a plea sometimes pleaded in the action of covenant, and intended as a general issue, but held to be a bad plea; there being, properly speaking, no general issue in that action. 1 Tidd, Pr. 356.

NON-INTERCOURSE. 1. The refusal of one state or nation to have commercial dealings with another; similar to an embargo. (q. v.)

2. The absence of access, communication, or sexual relations between husband and wife.

NON INTERFULD. I was not present. A reporter's note. T. Jones, 10.

NON-INTERVENTION WILL. A term sometimes applied to a will which authorizes the executor to settle and distribute the estate without the intervention of the court and without giving bond. In re Macdonald's Estate, 29 Wash. 422, 69 Pac. 1111.

NON. Lat. Not. The common particle of negation.

NON-ABILITY. Want of ability to do an act in law, as to sue. A plea founded upon such cause. Cowell.

NON INTROMITTANT CLAUSE. In English law. A clause of a charter of a municipal borough, whereby the borough is
exempted from the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace for the county.

NON INTROMITTENDO, QUANDO BREVE PRECIPE IN CAPITE SUBDOLLE IMPETRATURE. A writ addressed to the justices of the bench, or in eyre, commanding them not to give one who, under color of entitling the king to land, etc., as holding of him in capite, had deceitfully obtained the writ called "praeipe in capite," any benefit thereof, but to put him to his writ of right. Reg. Orig. 4.

NON-ISSUABLE PLEAS. Those upon which a decision would not determine the action upon the merits, as a plen in abatement. 1 Chit. Archib. Pr. (12th Ed.) 249.

NON-JOINDER. See JOINER.

NON JURIDICUS. Not judicial; not legal. Dies non juridicus is a day on which legal proceedings cannot be had.

NON-JURORS. In English law. Persons who refuse to take the oaths, required by law, to support the government.

Non jus ex regula, sed regula ex jure. The law does not arise from the rule (or maxim), but the rule from the law. Tray. Lat. Max. 384.

Non jus, sed seisin, facit stipitem. Not right, but seisin, makes a stock. Fleta lib. 6. c. 2, § 2. It is not a mere right to enter on lands, but actual seisin, which makes a person the root or stock from which all future inheritance by right of blood must be derived. 2 Bl. Comm. 209, 312. See Broom, Max. 523, 527.

NON-LEVIABLE. Not subject to be levied upon. Non-leviable assets are assets upon which an execution cannot be levied. Fowle v. F. Ins. Co. v. Conrad, 102 Wis. 387, 75 N. W. 592.

Non licet quod dispensio licet. That which may be [done only] at a loss is not allowed [to be done.] The law does not permit or require the doing of an act which will result only in loss. The law forbids such recoveries whose ends are vain, chargeable, and unjustifiable. Co. Litt. 127b.

NON LIQUET. Lat. It is not clear. In the Roman courts, when any of the judges, after the hearing of a cause, were not satisfied that the case was made clear enough for them to pronounce a verdict, they were privileged to signify this opinion by casting a ballot inscribed with the letters "N. L.," the abbreviated form of the phrase "non liquet."

NON-MAILABLE. A term applied to all letters and parcels which are by law excluded from transportation in the United States mails, whether on account of the size of the package, the nature of its contents, its obscene character, or for other reasons. See U. S. v. Nathan (D. C.) 61 Fed. 936.

NON MERCHANDIZANDA VICTUALIA. An ancient writ addressed to justices of assize, to inquire whether the magistrates of a town sold victuals in gross or by retail during the time of their being in office, which was contrary to an obsolete statute; and to punish them if they did. Reg. Orig. 184.

NON MOLESTANDO. A writ that lay for a person who was molested contrary to the king's protection granted to him. Reg. Orig. 184.

Non nasci, et natum mori, parla' sunt. Not to be born, and to be dead-born, are the same.

NON-NEGOTIABLE. Not negotiable; not capable of passing title or property by indorsement and delivery.

Non obligat lex nisi promulgata. A law is not obligatory unless it be promulgated.

Non observata forma, infertur adulat alium actus. Where form is not observed, annulling the act is inferred or follows. 12 Coke, 7.

NON OBLÓANTE. Lat. Notwithstanding. Words customarily used in public and private instruments, intended to preclude, in advance, any interpretation contrary to certain declared objects or purposes. Burill. A clause frequent in old English statutes and letters patent, (so termed from its initial words,) importing a license from the crown to do a thing which otherwise a person would be restrained by act of parliament from doing. Crabb., Com. Law, 570; Pibw. 501; Cowell. A power in the crown to dispense with the laws in any particular case. This was abolished by the bill of rights at the Revolution. 1 Bl. Comm. 342.

—Non obstante veredicto. Notwithstanding the verdict. A judgment entered by order of court for the plaintiff, although there has been a verdict for the defendant, is so called. German Ins. Co. v. Frederick, 58 Fed. 144, 7 C. C. A. 122; Wentworth v. Wentworth, 2 Minn. 282 (Gib. 288), 72 Am. Dec. 97; Hill v. Ragland, 114 Ky. 209, 70 S. W. 634.

Non officit conatus nisi sequatur effectus. An attempt does not harm unless a consequence follow. 11 Coke, 98.

NON OMITTAS. A clause usually inserted in writs of execution, in England, directing the sheriff "not to omit" to execute
the writ by reason of any liberty, because
there are many liberties or districts in which
the sheriff has no power to execute process
unless he has special authority. 2 Steph.
Comm. 680.

Non omne damnum inducit injuriam.
It is not every loss that produces an injury.
Bract. fol. 453.

Non omne quod licet honestum est.
It is not everything that is permitted that
is honorable. Dig. 50, 17, 144; Howell v.
Baker, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 121.

Non omnium quae majoribus nostris
constituta sunt ratio reddi potest.
There cannot be given a reason for all the
things which have been established by our
ancestors. Branch, Princ.; 4 Coke, 78;
Broom, Max. 157.

NONPAYMENT. The neglect, failure, or
refusal of payment of a debt or evidence
of debt when due.

NON-PERFORMANCE. Neglect, fall-
ure, or refusal to do or perform an act stipu-
lated to be done. Failure to keep the terms
of a contract or covenant, in respect to acts
or doings agreed upon.

Non pertinent ad iudicem secularem
cognoscere de lis que sunt mere spiri-
tualiter annexa. 2 Inst. 488. It belongs
not to the secular judge to take cognizance
of things which are merely spiritual.

NON-PLEVIN. In old English law. De-
fault in not replying land in due time,
when the same was taken by the king upon
a default. The consequence thereof (loss of
seisin) was abrogated by St. 9 Edw. III. c. 2.

NON PONENDIS IN ASSISI ET
JURATIS. A writ formerly granted for
freemen and discharging persons from serv-
165.

Non possessori incumbunt necessitas
probandi possessiones ad se pertinere.
A person in possession is not bound to prove
that the possessions belong to him. Broom,
Max. 714.

Non potest adduci exceptio a\jus rel
enutius tempit dissolutio. An exception
of the same thing whose avoidance is sought
cannot be made. Broom, Max. 106.

Non potest probari quod probatum
non relevat. 1 Exch. 91, 92. That cannot
be proved which, if proved, is immaterial.

Non potest quas sine brevi agere. No
one can sue without a writ. Fleta. lib. 2. c.
18, § 4. A fundamental rule of old practice.

Non potest rex gratiam facere cum
injuria et damno aliorum. The king can-
not confer a favor on one subject which
occasions injury and loss to others. 3 Inst.
236; Broom, Max. 63.

Non potest rex subditum renseatem
onere impositionsibus. The king cannot
load a subject with imposition against his
consent. 2 Inst. 61.

Non potest videri desuisse habere qui
nunquam habuit. He cannot be considered
as having ceased to have a thing who never
had it. Dig. 50, 17, 208.

NON PROSEQUITUR. Lat. If, in the
proceedings in an action at law, the plain-
tiff neglects to take any of those steps which
he ought to take within the time prescribed
by the practice of the court for that purpose,
the defendant may enter judgment of non
pros. against him, whereby it is adjudged
that the plaintiff does not follow up (non
prosequitur) his suit as he ought to do, and
therefore the defendant ought to have judg-
ment against him. Smith, Act. 96; Com.
v. Case, 12 Allen (Mass.) 218; Davenport
v. Newton, 71 Vt. 11, 42 Atl. 1087; Buena
Vista Freestone Co. v. Parrish, 34 W. Va.
652, 12 S. E. 817.

NON QUIETA MOVERE. Lat. Not to
disturb what is settled. A rule expressing
the same principle as that of stare decisis,
(q. v.)

Non quod dictum est, sed quod factum
est inscitur. Not what is said, but what
is done, is regarded. Co. Litt. 36a.

Non referat an quis assessment sum
prehort verbis, ant rebus ipsis et factis.
10 Coke, 82. It matters not whether a man
gives his assent by his words or by his acts
and deeds.

Non referat quid ex equipollentibus
stat. 5 Coke, 122. It matters not which of
[two] equivalents happen.

Non referat quid notum sit judicd, si
notum non sit in forma judicd. It mat-
ters not what is known to a judge, if it be
not known in judicial form. 3 Buist. 115.
A leading maxim of modern law and prac-

Non referat verbis an factis fit revo-
catio. Cro. Car. 49. It matters not whether
a revocation is made by words or deeds.

NON-RESIDENCE. Residence beyond
the limits of the particular jurisdiction.

In ecclesiastical law. The absence of
spiritual persons from their benefits.
NON-RESIDENT. One who is not a dweller within some jurisdiction in question; not an inhabitant of the state of the forum. Gardner v. Meeker, 169 Ill. 40, 48 N. E. 307; Nagel v. Loomis, 33 Neb. 490, 50 N. W. 441; Morgan v. Nunes, 54 Miss. 310. For the distinction between "residence" and "domicile," see DOMICILE.

NON-RESIDENTIO PRO CLERICO REGIS. A writ, addressed to a bishop, charging him not to molest a clerk employed in the royal service, by reason of his non-residence; in which case he is to be discharged. Reg. Orig. 58.

Non respondebit minor nisi in causa dottis, et hoc pro favore dotti. 4 Coke, 71. A minor shall not answer unless in a case of dower, and this in favor of dower.

NON SANE MENTIS. Lat. Of unsound mind. Fleta, lib. 6, c. 40, § 1.

NON-SANE. As "sane," when applied to the mind, means whole, sound, in a healthful state, "non-sane" must mean not whole, not sound, not in a healthful state; that is, broken, impaired, shattered, infirm, weake, diseased, unable, either from nature or accident, to perform the rational functions common to man upon the objects presented to it. Den v. Vancleve, 5 N. J. Law, 589, 661.


NON SEQUITUR. Lat. It does not follow.

Non solent quae abundant vitiare scripturas. Supereritquies [things which abound] do not usually vitiate writings. Dig. 50, 17, 94.

Non solum quid licet, sed quid est conveniens, est considerandum; quia nihil quod est inconvenienti est licetum. Not only what is lawful, but what is proper or convenient, is to be considered; because nothing that is inconvenient is lawful. Co. Litt. 60a.

NON SOLVENDO PECUNIAM AD QUAM CLERICUS MULCIATUR PRO NON-RESIDENTIA. A writ prohibiting an ordinary to take a pecuniary mulct imposed on a clerk of the sovereign for non-residence. Reg. Writ. 59.

NON SUBMISSIT. Lat. He did not submit. A plea to an action of debt. on a bond to perform an award, to the effect that the defendant did not submit to the arbitration.

NON SUI JURIS. Lat. Not his own master. The opposite of sui juris, (q. v.)

NON SUM INFORMATUS. Lat. I am not informed; I have not been instructed. The name of a species of judgment by default, which is entered when the defendant's attorney announces that he is not informed of any answer to be given by him; usually in pursuance of a previous arrangement between the parties.

NON-SUMMONS, WAGER OF LAW. The mode in which a tenant or defendant in a real action pleaded, when the summons which followed the original was not served within the proper time.

Non temere credere est nervus sapientiae. 5 Coke, 114. Not to believe rashly is the nerve of wisdom.

NON TENENT INSIMUL. Lat. In pleading. A plea to an action in partition, by which the defendant denies that he and the plaintiff are joint tenants of the estate in question.

NON TENUIT. Lat. He did not hold. This is the name of a plea in bar in replevin, by which the plaintiff alleges that he did not hold in manner and form as averred, being given in answer to an avowry for rent in arrear. See Rosc. Real Act. 638.

NON-TENURE. A plea in a real action, by which the defendant asserts, either as to the whole or as to some part of the land mentioned in the plaintiff's declaration, that he does not hold it. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1203.

NON-TERM. The vacation between two terms of a court.

NON-TERMINUS. The vacation between term and term, formerly called the time or days of the king's peace.

NON-USER. Neglect to use. Neglect to use a franchise; neglect to exercise an office. 2 Bl. Comm. 153. Neglect or omission to use an easement or other right. 3 Kent, Comm. 448. A right acquired by use may be lost by non-user.

NON USURPAVIT. Lat. He has not usurped. A form of traverse. In an action or proceeding against one alleged to have usurped an office or franchise, denying the usurpation charged. See Com. v. Cross Cut R. Co., 53 Pa. 62.

Non valbit feloniam generatio, nec ad hereditatem paternam vel materiam; si autem ante feloniam generationem fecerit, tallis generatio sucedeit in hereditate patris vel matris a quo non facerit feloniam perpetrata. 3 Coke, 41. The offspring of a felon cannot succeed either to
a maternal or paternal inheritance; but, if he had offspring before the felony, such offspring may succeed as to the inheritance of the father or mother by whom the felony was not committed.

**NON VALENTIA AGERE**. Inability to sue. 5 Bell, App. Cas. 172.

*Non valet confirmare, nisi ille, qui confirmat, sit in possessione rei vel juris unde fieri debet confirmatio; et eodem modo, nisi ille cui confirmatio sit in possessione.* Co. Litt. 295. Confirmation is not valid unless he who confirms is either in possession of the thing itself or of the right of which confirmation is to be made, and, in like manner, unless he to whom confirmation is made is in possession.

*Non valet exceptio ejusdem rei cujus petitur dissolutum.* A plea of the same matter the dissolution of which is sought, is not valid. Called a "maxim of law and common sense." 2 Eden, 134.

*Non valet impedimentum quod de jure non sortitur effectum.* 4 Coke, 31a. An impediment which does not derive its effect from law is of no force.

*Non verbis, sed ipsis rebus, leges imponimus.* Cod. 6, 45, 2. We impose laws, not upon words, but upon things themselves.

*Non videtur qui errant consentire.* They are not considered to consent who commit a mistake. Dlg. 50, 17, 116, § 2; Broom, Max. 262.

*Non videtur consensum retinuisse si quis ex prescripto minantia aliquid immutavit.* He does not appear to have retained consent, who has changed anything through menaces. Broom, Max. 278.

*Non videtur perfecte cunctasse id esse, quod ex casu surneri potest.* That does not seem to be completely one's own which can be taken from him on occasion. Dlg. 50, 17, 139, 1.

*Non videtur quisquam id capere quod ei necesse est alli restitutione.* Dlg. 50, 17, 51. No one is considered entitled to recover that which he must give up to another.

*Non videtur vim facere, qui jus subunitur et ordinaria actione excitetur.* He is not deemed to use force who exercises his own right, and proceeds by ordinary action. Dlg. 50, 17, 355, 1.

**NON VULT CONTENDERE.** Lat. He (the defendant in a criminal case) will not contest it. A plea legally equivalent to that of guilty, being a variation of the form "nolo contendere," (q. e.) and sometimes abbreviated "non vult."

**NONÆ ET DECIMÆ.** Payments made to the church, by those who were tenants of church-farm, the first was a rent or duty for things belonging to husbandry; the second was claimed in right of the church. Wharton.

**NONAGIUM, or NONAGE.** A nenth part of moveables which was paid to the clergy on the death of persons in their parish, and claimed on pretense of being distributed to theos uses. Blount.

*NONES.* In the Roman calendar. The fifth and, in March, May, July, and October, the seventh day of the month. So called because, counting inclusively, they were nine days from the Ides. Adams, Rom. Ant. 355, 357.

**NONFEASANCE.** The neglect or failure of a person to do some act which he ought to do. The term is not generally used to denote a breach of contract, but rather the failure to perform a duty towards the public whereby some individual sustains special damage, as where a sheriff fails to execute a writ. See Coite v. Lines, 33 Conn. 115; Gregor v. Cady, 82 Me. 311, 19 Atl. 108, 17 Am. St. Rep. 466; Carr v. Kansas City (C. C.) 87 Fed. 1; Minkler v. State, 14 Neb. 181, 15 N. W. 330; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Fouika, 191 Ill. 57, 60 N. E. 890.

**NONNA.** In old ecclesiastical law. A nun. *Nonna,* a monk. Spelman.

**NONESENSE.** Unintelligible matter in a written agreement or will.

**NONSUITE.** Not following up the cause; failure on the part of a plaintiff to continue the prosecution of his suit. An abandonment or renunciation of his suit, by a plaintiff, either by omitting to take the next necessary steps, or voluntarily relinquishing the action, or pursuant to an order of the court. An order or judgment, granted upon the trial of a cause, that the plaintiff has abandoned, or shall abandon, the further prosecution of his suit.

A voluntary nonsuit is one incurred by the plaintiff's own act or omission, and is a judgment entered against him as a consequence of his abandoning or not following up his cause, or being absent when his presence is required. Sandoval v. Rosser, 86 Tex. 682, 26 S. W. 933; Seeley v. Heintz, 160 N. Y. 129, 82 N. E. 193; Boyce v. Snow, 88 Ill. App. 405.

An involuntary nonsuit is one which takes place when the plaintiff fails to appear when his case is before the court for trial or at the time when the jury are to deliver their verdict, or when he has given no evidence on which a jury may find a verdict, or when
his case is put out of court by some adverse ruling which precludes a recovery. Boyce v. Snow, 187 Ill. 381, 59 N. E. 403; Deely v. Helutz, 160 N. Y. 129, 52 N. E. 158; Sturts v. Forst, 135 Ind. 297, 34 N. E. 1125; Williams v. Finks, 156 Mo. 597, 57 S. W. 732. A peremptory nonsuit is a compulsory or involuntary nonsuit, ordered by the court upon a total failure of the plaintiff to substantiate his claim by evidence. Jacques v. Fourthman, 137 Pa. 428, 20 Atl. 802.

NOOK OF LAND. In English law. Twelve acres and a half.

NORMAL. Opposed to exceptional; that state wherein any body most exactly comport in all its parts with the abstract idea thereof, and is most exactly fitted to perform its proper functions, is entitled "normal."

—Normal law. A term employed by modern writers on jurisprudence to denote the law as it affects persons who are in a normal condition; i. e., sui juris and sound in mind.—Normal school. See School.

NORMAN FRENCH. The tongue in which several formal proceedings of state in England are still carried on. The language, having remained the same since the date of the Conquest, at which it was introduced into England, is very different from the French of this day, retaining all the peculiarities which at that time distinguished every province from the rest. A peculiar mode of pronunciation (considered authentic) is handed down and preserved by the officials who have, on particular occasions, to speak the tongue. Norman French was the language of English legal procedure till the 36 Edw. III. (A. D. 1352). Wharton.

NORROY. In English law. The title of the third of the three kings-at-arms, or provincial heralds.

NORTHAMPTON TABLES. Longevity and annuity tables compiled from bills of mortality kept in All Saints parish, England, in 1735-1750.

Nosceitur a sociis. It is known from its associates. 1 Vent. 225. The meaning of a word is or may be known from the accompanying words. 3 Term R. 87; Broom, Max. 588.

Nosceitur ex socio, qui non cognosceitur ex se. Moore, 817. He who cannot be known from himself may be known from his associate.

NOSOOMICI. In the civil law. Persons who have the management and care of hospitals for paupers.

NOT FOUND. These words, indorsed on a bill of indictment by a grand jury, have the same effect as the indorsement "Not a true bill" or "Ignoramus."

NOT GUILTY. A plea of the general issue in the actions of trespass and case and in criminal prosecutions.

The form of the verdict in criminal cases, where the jury acquit the prisoner. 4 Bl. Comm. 361.

NOT GUILTY BY STATUTE. In English practice. A plea of the general issue by a defendant in a civil action, when he intends to give special matter in evidence by virtue of some act or acts of parliament, in which case he must add the reference to such act or acts, and state whether such acts are public or otherwise. But, if a defendant so plead, he will not be allowed to plead any other defense, without the leave of the court or a judge. Mosley & Whitley.

NOT POSSESSED. A special traverse used in an action of trover, alleging that defendant was not possessed, at the time of action brought, of the chattels alleged to have been converted by him.

NOT PROVEN. A verdict in a Scotch criminal trial, to the effect that the guilt of the accused is not made out, though his innocence is not clear.

NOT SATISFIED. A return sometimes made by sheriffs or constables to a writ of execution; but it is not a technical formula, and is condemned by the courts as ambiguous and insufficient. See Martin v. Martin, 60 N. C. 361; Langford v. Few, 146 Mo. 142, 47 S. W. 927, 89 Am. St. Rep. 606; Merrick v. Carter, 205 Ill. 73, 68 N. E. 750.

NOT TRANSFERABLE. These words, when written across the face of a negotiable instrument, operate to destroy its negotiability. Durr v. State, 59 Ala. 24.

NOTA. Lat. In the civil law. A mark or brand put upon a person by the law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 135.

NOTE. In civil and old European law. Short-hand characters or marks of contraction, in which the emperors' secretaries took down what they dictated. Spelman; Calvin.

NOTARIAL. Taken by a notary; performed by a notary in his official capacity; belonging to a notary and evidencing his official character, as, a notarial seal.

NOTARIUS. Lat. In Roman law. A draughtsman; an amanuensis; a short-hand writer; one who took notes of the proceedings in the senate or a court, or of what was
dictated to him by another; one who prepared drafts of wills, conveyances, etc.

In old English law. A scribe or scrivener who made short drafts of writings and other instruments; a notary. Cowell.

NOTARY PUBLIC. A public officer whose function is to attest and certify, by his hand and official seal, certain classes of documents, in order to give them credit and authenticity in foreign jurisdictions; to take acknowledgments of deeds and other conveyances, and certify the same; and to perform certain official acts, chiefly in commercial matters, such as the protesting of notes and bills, the noting of foreign drafts, and marine protests in cases of loss or damage. See Kirksey v. Bates, 7 Port. (Ala.) 531, 31 Am. Dec. 722; First Nat. Bank v. German Bank, 107 Iowa, 543, 78 N. W. 195, 44 L. R. A. 133, 70 Am. St. Rep. 216; In re Huron, 58 Kan. 152, 48 Pac. 574, 38 L. R. A. 822, 62 Am. St. Rep. 614; Bettman v. Warwick, 108 Fed. 46, 47 C. C. A. 185.

NOTATION. In English probate practice, notation is the act of making a memorandum of some special circumstance on a probate or letters of administration. Thus, where a grant is made for the whole personal estate of the deceased within the United Kingdom, which can only be done in the case of a person dying domiciled in England, the fact of his having been so domiciled is noted on the grant. Coote, Prob. Pr. 36; Sweet.

NOTE, v. To make a brief written statement; to enter a memorandum; as to note an exception.

—Note a bill. When a foreign bill has been dishonored, it is usual for a notary public to present it again on the same day, and, if it be not then paid, to make a minute, consisting of his initials, the day, month, and year, and reasons, if any, assigned, of non-payment. The making of this minute is called "noting the bill." Wharton.

NOTE, n. An abstract, a memorandum; an informal statement in writing. Also a negotiable promissory note. See Bought Note; Notes; Judgment Note; Promissory Note; Sold Note.

—Note of a fine. In old conveyancing. One of the parts of a fine of lands, being an abstract of the writ of covenant, and the concord; naming the parties, the parcels of land, and the agreement. 2 Bl. Comm. 351.—Note of allowance. In English practice. This was a note delivered by a master to a party to a cause, who alleged that there was error in law in the record and proceedings, allowing him to bring error.—Note of hand. A popular name for a promissory note. Perry v. Maxwell, 17 N. C. 28; Holt v. Holt, 230.—Note of protest. A memorandum of the fact of protest, indorsed by the notary upon the bill, at the time, to be afterwards written out at length.—Note or memorandum. The statute of frauds requires a "note or memorandum" of the particular transaction to be made in writing and signed, etc. By this is generally understood an informal minute or memorandum made on the spot. See Clason v. Bailey, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 492.

NOTES. In practice. Memoranda made by a judge on a trial, as to the evidence adduced, and the points reserved, etc. A copy of the judge's notes may be obtained from his clerk.

NOTUS, Lat. In Roman law. A natural child or a person, of spurious birth.

NOTICE. Knowledge; information; the result of observation, whether by the senses or the mind; knowledge of the existence of a fact or state of affairs; the means of knowledge. Used in this sense in such phrases as "A had notice of the conversion," "a purchaser without notice of fraud," etc.

Notice is either (1) statutory, i.e., made so by legislative enactment; (2) actual, which brings the knowledge of a fact directly home to the party; (3) constructive or inferred, which is no more than evidence of facts which raise such a strong presumption of notice that equity will not allow the presumption to be rebutted. Constructive notice may be subdivided into: (a) Where there exists actual notice of matter, to which equity has added constructive notice of facts, which an inquiry after the matter would have elicited; and (b) where there has been a designed abstinence from inquiry for the very purpose of escaping notice. Wharton.

In another sense, "notice" means information of an act to be done or required to be done; as of a motion to be made, a trial to be had, a plea or answer to be put in, costs to be taxed, etc. In this sense, "notice" means an advice, or written warning, in more or less formal shape, intended to apprise a person of some proceeding in which his interests are involved, or informing him of some fact which it is his right to know and the duty of the notifying party to communicate.

Classification. Notice is actual or constructive. Actual notice is notice expressly and actually given, and brought home to the party directly, in distinction from notice inferred or imputed to him on account of the existence of means of knowledge. Jordan v. Pollock, 14 Ga. 145; Johnson v. Dooly, 72 Ga. 297; Morey v. Milliken, 80 Me. 464, 30 Atl. 102; McCray v. Clark, 82 Pa. 407; Brinkman v. Jones, 44 Wis. 498; White v. Fisher, 77 Ind. 65, 46 Am. Rep. 287; Clark v. Lambert, 55 W. Va. 512, 47 S. E. 312. Constructive notice is information or knowledge of a fact imputed by law to a person, (although he may not actually have it,) because he could have discovered the fact by proper diligence, and it is, such as to cast upon him the duty of inquiring into it. Baltimore v. Whittington, 78 Md. 231, 27 Atl. 984; W. Ils v. Sheehan, 28 Atl. 112; Jordan v. Pollock, 14 Ga. 145; Jackson v. Waldstein (Tex. Civ. App.) 27 S. W. 26; Acer v. Westcott, 46 N. Y. 384, 7 Am. Rep. 355. Further as to the distinction between actual and constructive notice, see Baltimore v. Whittington, 78 Md. 231, 27 Atl. 984; Thomas v. Flint, 125 Mich. 10, 81 N. W. 938, 47 L. R. A. 499; Vaughn v. Tracy, 22 Mo. 420.

Notice is also further classified as express or implied. Express notice embraces not only knowledge, but also that which is communicated.
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by direct information, either written or oral, from those who are cognizant of the fact complained of; or in accordance with Wills, Whiting, 78 Md. 231, 27 Atl. 984. Implied notice is one of the varieties of actual notice (not constructive) and is distinguished from "express" actual notice. It is notice which is or in fact is imparted to a party by reason of his knowledge of facts or circumstances collateral to the main fact, of such a character as to cause the party to inquire into them, and which, if the inquiry were followed up with due diligence, would lead him definitely to the knowledge of the main fact. Gales v. Outcalt, 48 Md. 10; Baltimore v. Whittington, 78 Md. 231, 27 Atl. 984; Wells v. Sherrill, 78 Ala. 147. Or as otherwise defined, implied notice may be said to exist where the fact in question lies open to the knowledge of the party, so that the exercise of reasonable observation and watchfulness would not fail to apprise him of it, although no one has told him of it in so many words. See Philadelphia v. Smith (Pa.) 16 Atl. 493.

Other compound and descriptive terms.

Judicial notice. The act by which a court, in conducting a trial, or framing its decision, will, of its own motion, and without the production of evidence, recognizes the existence and truth of certain facts, having a bearing on the controversy at bar, and which, from their nature, are not properly the subject of testimony, or which are universally admitted or established by common notoriety, e.g., the laws of the state, international law, historical events, the constitution and course of public, main geographical features, etc. North Hampstead v. Gregory, 53 App. Div. 350, 65 N. Y. Supp. 907; State v. Main, 69 Conn. 127, 57 Atl. 90, 36 L. R. A. 678, 61 Am. St. Rep. 590. Legal notice. Such notice as is adequate in point of law; such notice as the law requires to be given for the specific purpose or in the particular case. See, in general, Piper, 64 N. H. 335, 10 Atl. 699; People's Bank v. Fitting, 17 Phila. (Pa.) 235. Notice, averment of. In pleading. The allegation in a pleading that notice has been given. Notice in lieu of service. In lieu of personally serving a writ of summons (or other legal process). In English practice, the court occasionally allows the plaintiff (or other party) to give notice in lieu of service, such notice being such as will in all probability reach the party to whom it is addressed; and such notice will be considered as sufficient, and served for the purpose of the action, at the time before which the party is required to appear in the case of a foreigner outer the jurisdiction, whom it is desired to serve with a writ of summons. Sweet. Notice of action. When it is intended to prosecute certain particular individuals, as in the case of actions against justices of the peace, it is necessary in some jurisdictions to give them notice of the action at some time before. Notice of appearance. See Appearance. Notice of dishonor. See Dishonor. Notice of pendente lite. See Pendente. Notice of protest. See Protest. Notice of judgment. It is required by statute in several of the states that the party for whom the verdict in an action has been given shall serve upon the other party or his attorney a written notice of the time when judgment is entered. The time allowed for taking an appeal from such notice—Notice of motion. A notice in writing, entitled in a cause, stating, that on a certain day designated, a motion will be made on the part of the party or object stated. Field v. Park, 20 Johns. (N. Y.) 140. Notice of trial. A notice given by one of the parties in an action to the other, after an issue has been joined, that he intends to bring the cause forward for trial at the next term of the court. Notice to admit. In the practice of some states, when high court or other party to an action may call on the other party by notice to admit the existence and execution of any document, in order to save the expense of proving it; and the party refusing to admit must bear the costs of proving it unless the judge certifies that the refusal to admit was reasonable. No costs of proving a document will in general be allowed, unless such a notice is given. Rules of Court, xxxii. 2; Sweet. Notice to plead. This is a notice which, in the practice of some states, prejudices the right to the taking judgment by default. It proceeds from the plaintiff, and warns the defendant that he must plead to the declaration or complaint within a prescribed time. Notice to personal. A notice in writing, given in an action at law, requiring the opposite party to produce a certain described paper or document at the trial. Chirch v. Rimb. 230; 3 Chit. G. K. 584. Notice to quit. A written notice given by a landlord to his tenant, stating that the former desires to repossess himself of the demised premises, and that the latter is required to quit and remove from the same at a time designated, either at the expiration of the term, if the tenant is in arrears, or, immediately, if the tenancy is at will or by sufferance. The term is also sometimes applied to a written notice given by the tenant to the landlord, to the effect that he intends to quit the demised premises and deliver possession of the same on a day named. Garner v. Hannah, 6 Duer (N. Y.) 270; Oakes v. Higginson, 69 Mass. 1. Notice to personal. Communication of notice orally or in writing (according to the circumstances) directly to the person against whom proceedings are charged, as distinguished from constructive or implied notice, and also from notice imparted to him because given to his agent or representative. See Loeb v. Huddleston, 105 Ala. 260, 16 South. 714; Pearson v. Lovejoy, 53 Barb. (N. Y.) 407. Presumptive notice. The implied actual notice derived from the circumstances. The difference between "presumptive" and "constructive" notice is that the former is an inference of fact which is capable of being explained or contradicted, while the latter is conclusive of law and cannot be contradicted. Brown v. Baldwin, 121 Mo. 151, 25 S. W. 583; Drey v. Doyle, 99 Mo. 459, 12 S. W. 287; Brush v. Ware, 15 Pet. 95, 10 L. Ed. 47. Public notice. Notice given to the public generally, or to the entire community, or to all whom it may concern. See Pennsylvania Training School v. Independent Mut. F. Ins. Co., 127 Pa. 559, 18 Atl. 392. Reasonable notice. Such notice or information of a fact as may fairly and properly be expected to be required in the particular circumstances. Sterling Mfrs. Co. v. Houch, 49 Neb. 618, 88 N. W. 1019; Mallory v. Leedy, 1 Kan. 102.

NOTIFY. In legal proceedings, and in respect to public matters, this word is generally, if not universally, used as importing a notice pircm by some person, whose duty it was to give it, in some manner prescribed, and to some person entitled to receive it, or be notified. Appeal of Potwine, 31 Conn. 384.

NOTING. As soon as a notary has made presentment and demand of a bill of exchange, or at some seasonable hour of the same day, he makes a minute on the bill, or on a ticket attached thereto, or in his book of registry, consisting of its initials, the month, day, and year, the refusal of acceptance or payment, the reason, if any, assigned for such refusal, and his charges of protest. This is the preliminary step towards the protest, and is called "noting." 2 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 839.

NOTIO. Lat. In the civil law. The power of hearing and trying a matter of
fact; the power or authority of a judge; the power of hearing causes and of pronouncing sentence, without any degree of jurisdiction. Calvin.

NOTITIÀ. Lat. Knowledge; information; intelligence; notice.

Notitia dictata a nuncio et notitia non debet clandestine. Notice is named from a knowledge being had; and notice ought not to halt, [i.e., be imperfect.] 6 Coke, 29.

NOTORIAL. The Scotch form of "notarial." (q. v.) Bell.

NOTORIETY. The state of being notorious or universally well known.

—Proof by notoriety. In Scotch law, dispensing with positive testimony as to matters of common knowledge or general notoriety, the same as the "judicial notice" of English and American law. See Notice.

NOTORIOUS. In the law of evidence, matters deemed notorious do not require to be proved. There does not seem to be any recognized rule as to what matters are deemed notorious. Cases have occurred in which the state of society or public feeling has been treated as notorious; e.g., during times of sedition. Best, Ev. 334; Sweet.

—Notorious insolvent. A condition of insolvency which is generally known throughout the community or known to the general class of persons with whom the insolvent has business relations.—Notorious possession. In the rule that a prescriptive title must be founded on open and "notorious" adverse possession, this term means that the possession or character of the holding must in its nature possess such elements of notoriety that the owner may be presumed to have notice of it and of its extent. Watrous v. Morrison, 23 Fla. 261, 14 South. 805, 39 Am. St. Rep. 129.

NOTOUR. In Scotch law. Open; notorious. A notour bankrupt is a debtor who, being under diligence by horning and caption of his creditor, retires to sanctuary or absconds or defends by force, and is afterwards found insolvent by the court of session. Bell.

Nova constitutio faturis formam impensa debet non praetextarit. A new state of the law ought to affect the future, not the past. 2 Inst. 292; Broom, Max. 34, 37.

NOVA CUSTUMA. The name of an imposition or duty. See Antiqua Custuma.

NOVA STATUTA. New statutes. An appellation sometimes given to the statutes which have been passed since the beginning of the reign of Edward III. 1 Steph. Comm. 68.

NOVÆ NARRATIONES. New counts. The collection called "Nova Narrationes" contains pleadings in actions during the reign BL. LAW DICT. (2d Ed.)—53

of Edward III. It consists principally of declarations, as the title imports; but there are sometimes pleas and subsequent pleadings. The Articuli ad Novas Narrationes is usually subjoined to this little book, and is a small treatise on the method of pleading. It first treats of actions and courts, and then goes through each particular writ, and the declaration upon it, accompanied with directions, and illustrated by precedents. 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 152; Wharton.

NOVALE. Land newly plowed and converted into tillage, and which has not been tilled before within the memory of man; also fallow land.

NOVALIS. In the civil law. Land that rested a year after the first plowing. Dig. 50, 16, 30, 2.


Novation is a contract, consisting of two stipulations,—one to extinguish an existing obligation; the other to substitute a new one in its place. Civ. Code La. art. 2185.

The term was originally a technical term of the civil law, but is now in very general use in English and American jurisprudence.

In the civil law, there are three kinds of novation: (1) Where the debtor and creditor remain the same, but a new debt takes the place of the old one; (2) where the debt remains the same, but a new debtor is substituted; (3) where the debt and debtor remain, but a new creditor is substituted. Adams v. Power, 48 Miss. 451.

NOVEL ASSIGNMENT. See New Assignment.

NOVEL DISSEISIN. See Assise of Novel Disseisin.

NOVELLE, (or NOVELLE CONSTITUTIONES.) New constitutions; generally translated in English, "Novels." The Latin name of those constitutions which were issued by Justinian after the publication of his Code; most of them being originally written in Greek. After his death, a collection of 108 Novels was made, 154 of which had been issued by Justinian, and the rest by his successors. These were afterwards included in the Corpus Juris Civilis, (q. v.) and now constitute one of its four principal divisions. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 80; 1 Kent, Comm. 541.

NOVELLE LEONIS. The ordinances of the Emperor Leo, which were made from
NOVELLS. The title given in English to the New Constitutions (Novellae Constitutiones) of Justinian and his successors, now forming a part of the Corpus Juris Civilis. See NOVELLE.

NOVELTY. An objection to a patent or claim for a patent on the ground that the invention is not new or original is called an objection "for want of novelty."

NOVERCA. Lat. In the civil law. A step-mother.

NOVERINT UNIVERSI PER PRESENTES. Know all men by these presents. Formal words used at the commencement of deeds of release in the Latin forms.

NOVI OPERIS NUNCIAE. Lat. Denunciation of, or protest against, a new work. This was a species of remedy in the civil law, available to a person who thought his rights or his property were threatened with injury by the act of his neighbor in erecting or demolishing any structure, (which was called a "new work."

NOVICIUS. Lat. Novitius; newness; a new thing.


NOVITAS. Lat. Novelty; newness; a new thing.


NOVITER PERVENTA, or NOVITER AD NOTITIAM PERVENTA. In ecclesiastical procedure. Facts "newly come" to the knowledge of a party to a cause. Leave to plead facts noviter perventa is generally given, in a proper case, even after the pleadings are closed. Philim. Ecc. Law, 1237; Rog. Ecc. Law, 723.

NUCES COLLIGERE. Lat. To collect nuts. This was formerly one of the works...
or services imposed by lords upon their inferior tenants. Paroch. Antiq. 495.

**Nuda pactio obligationem non parit.** A naked agreement [i.e., without consideration] does not beget an obligation. Dig. 2, 14, 7, 4; Broom, Max. 766.

**Nuda PATIENTIA.** Lat. Mere suffrance.

**Nuda POSSESSIO.** Lat. Bare or mere possession.

*Nuda ratio et nuda pactio non ligant aliquem debitorum.* Naked reason and naked promise do not bind any debtor. Fleta, l. 2, c. 60, § 25.

**NUDE.** Naked. This word is applied metaphorically to a variety of subjects to indicate that they are lacking in some essential legal requisite.

—*Nude contract.* One made without any consideration; upon which no action will lie, in conformity with the maxim "*ex nudo pacto non oritur actio.*" 2 Bl. Comm. 445.—Nude matter. A bare allegation of a thing done, unsupported by evidence.


**Nudum pactum est ubi nulla subest causa praeter conventionem; sed ubi subest causa, it obligatio, et parit actionem.** A naked contract is where there is no consideration except the agreement; but, where there is a consideration. It becomes an obligation and gives a right of action. Plowd. 300; Broom, Max. 745, 750.

**Nudum pactum ex quo non oritur actio. Nudum pactum** is that upon which no action arises. Cod. 2, 3, 10; Id. 5, 14, 1; Broom, Max. 676.

**NUEVA RECOLPILACION.** (New Compilation.) The title of a code of Spanish law, promulgated in the year 1557. Schu. Civil Law, Intro. 79-81.

**NUGATORY.** Futile; ineffectual; invalid; destitute of constraining force or vitality. A legislative act may be "nugatory" because unconstitutional.

**NUISANCE.** Anything that unlawfully worketh hurt, inconvenience, or damage. 3 Bl. Comm. 218.

That class of wrongs that arise from the unreasonable, unwarrantable, or unlawful use by a person of his own property, either real or personal, or from his own improper, indecent, or unlawful personal conduct, working an obstruction of or injury to the right of another or of the public, and producing such material annoyance, inconvenience, discomfort, or hurt that the law will presume a consequent damage. Wood, Nuis. § 1.

Anything which is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, or unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use, in the customary manner, of any navigable lake or river, bay, stream, canal, or basin, or any public park, square, street, or highway, is a nuisance. Civ. Code Cal. § 3478. And see Vezalis v. Dwinell, 50 N. Y. 360; People v. Metropolitan Tel. Co., 11 Abb. N. C. (N. Y.) 304; Bohan v. Port Jervis Gaslight Co., 122 N. Y. 215, 26 N. E. 246, 9 L. R. A. 711; Baltimore & P. R. Co. v. Fifth Baptist Church, 137 U. S. 508, 11 Sup. Ct. 185, 84 L. Ed. 762; 102 U. S. 317, 2 Sup. Ct. 719, 27 L. Ed. 738; Cardigan v. Frederick, 46 Ohio St. 544, 21 N. E. 766; Gifford v. Hulett, 62 Vt. 342, 19 Atl. 230; Ex parte Fouts, 70 Vt. 126, 46 Vt. 743, 17 Atl. Rep. 63; Carthage v. Munsell, 293 Ill. 374, 57 N. E. 851; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Whalen, 149 U. S. 867, 24 Sup. Ct. 822, 37 L. Ed. 183; Phinney v. City Council of Augusta, 47 Ga. 266; Allen v. Union Oil Co., 59 S. C. 371, 33 S. E. 274.

**Classification.** Nuisances are commonly classified as public and private, to which is sometimes added a third class called mixed. A public nuisance is one which affects an indefinite number of persons, or all of a particular species, or all people coming within the extent of its range or operation, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal; and hence, though only a few persons may be actually injured or annoyed at any given time, it is none the less a public nuisance if of such a character that it must or will injure or annoy all that portion of the general public which may be compelled to come into contact with it, or within the range of its influence. See Burnham v. Hotelkiss, 14 Conn. 317; Chesterbrook v. Comrs., 37 Ohio St. 508; Lansing v. Smith, 4 Wend. (N. Y.) 30, 21 Am. Dec. 89; Nolan v. New Bridge Co., 20 Conn. 68; 53 Conn. 116; Kelley v. New York, 6 Misc. Rep. 510, 27 N. Y. Supp. 164; Kissing v. Lewis, 106 Ind. 223, 50 N. E. 472; Burlington v. Stockwell, 5 Kan. App. 569, 47 Pac. 958; Jones v. Chanan, 63 Kan. 243, 65 Pac. 243; Civ. Code Cal. § 3480. A private nuisance was originally defined as anything done to the hurt or harm of the land, tenements, or hedges of another. 3 Bl. Comm. 216. But the modern definition includes any wrongful act which destroys or deteriorates the property of another or interferes with his lawful use or enjoyment thereof, or any act which unlawfully hinders him in the enjoyment of a common or public right and causes him a special injury. Therefore, although the ground of distinction between public and private nuisances is still the injury to the community at large, or, on the other hand, to a single individual, it is evident that the same thing or act may constitute a public nuisance and at the same time a private nuisance, being the latter as to any person who sustains from it, in his person or property, a special injury different from that of the general public. See Hart v. Stet, 80 N. Y. 654; Backeberger v. Carolina Midland R. Co., 54 S. C. 242, 32 S. E. 358, 71 Am. St. Rep. 759; Ash v. Barlow, 103 Pa. 211, 30 N. E. 235, 15 L. R. A. 689; Hagan v. Stehlin, 137 Ind. 43, 35 N. E. 697, 22 L. R. A. 577; Dorman v. Ames, 12 Minn. 461 (Gill 347); Ackerman v. Tran, 175 N. Y. 433, 37 N. E. 311.
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629. Kissel v. Lewis, 158 Ind. 233, 36 N. E. 477; 2 Peck, 100 Tenn. 538, 46 S. W. 297, 41 L. R. A. 273, 66 Am. St. Rep. 770. A mixed nuisance is of the kind last described; that is, it is one which is both public and private in its effects—public because it injures many persons or all the community, and private in that it also produces special injuries to the respective rights. Kelley v. New York, 6 Misc. Rep. 516, 27 N. Y. Supp. 164.

Other compound and descriptive terms.

—Actionable nuisance. See ACTIONABLE.
—Assize of nuisance. In old practice, this was a writ directed to the sheriff of the county in which a nuisance existed, in which it was stated that the party injured complained of some particular fact done ad nocuementum libri fenestrari sui, (to the nuisance of his window,) and commanding the sheriff to summon an assize that is, a jury) to view the premises, and have them at the next commission of assizes, that justice might be done, etc. 3 Bl. Comm. 221. —Common nuisance. One which affects the public in general, and not merely some particular person; a public nuisance. 1 Hawk. P. C. 197. —Continuing nuisance. An uninterrupted or periodically recurrent injury; not necessarily constant or unceasing injury, but a nuisance which occurs so often and is so necessary an incident of the use of property complained of that it is fairly to be said to be continuous. Farley v. Galsight Co., 105 Ga. 323, 31 S. E. 193. —Nuisance per se. One which constitutes a nuisance at all times and under all circumstances, irrespective of locality or surroundings, as things prejudice to public morals or dangerous to life or inconvenient to public rights; distinguished from things declared to be nuisances by statute, and also from things which constitute nuisances only when considered with reference to their particular local circumstances. Hundle v. Harrison, 123 Ala. 292, 26 South. 294; Whitmore v. Paper Co., 91 Me. 297, 38 Atl. 1039, 40 L. R. A. 377, 84 Am. St. Rep. 220; Windfall Mfg. Co. v. Patterson, 148 Ind. 414, 47 N. E. 2. 2. L. R. A. 381, 62 Am. St. Rep. 532.

NUL. No; none. A law French negative particle, commencing many phrases.

—Nul agard. No award. The name of a plea in law arising from an arbitration by a judge where the defendant traverses the making of any legal award. —Nul dissaisin. In pleading. A plea of the general issue in a real action, by which the defendant denies that there was any dissaisin. —Nul tiali corporation. No such corporation [exists]. The form of a plea denying the existence of an alleged corporation. —Nul tiali record. No such record. A plea denying the existence of any such record as that alleged by the plaintiff. It is the general plea in an action on a judgment. Hoffheimer v. Stiefel, 17 Misc. Rep. 236, 39 N. Y. Supp. 714. —Nul tort. In pleading. A plea of the general issue in a real action, by which the defendant denies that he committed any wrong. —Nul waste. No waste. The name of a plea in an action of waste, denying the committing of waste, and forming the general issue.

Nul charter, nul vente, no nul done vault perpetuament, si le donor n'est seise al temps de contracts de deux droits, so. del droit de possession et del droit de propriete. Co. Litt. 293. No grant, no sale, no gift, is valid forever, unless the donor, at the time of the contract, is seised of two rights, namely, the right of possession, and the right of property.

Nul ne doit s'enrichir aux despens des autres. No one ought to enrich himself at the expense of others.

Nul prendra advantage de son tort demene. No one shall take advantage of his own wrong. 2 Inst. 713; Broom, Max. 290.

Nul sans damage avera error au attaint. Jenk. Cent. 323. No one shall have error or attain unless he has sustained damage.

NUL. Naught; of no validity or effect. Usually coupled with the word "void," as "null and void." Forrester v. Boston, etc., Min. Co. 29 Mont. 397, 74 Pac. 1088; Humm v. Eagon, 73 Mo. App. 276.

NULLA BONA. Lat. No goods. The name of the return made by the sheriff to a writ of execution, when he has not found any goods of the defendant within his jurisdiction on which he could levy. Woodward v. Harbin, 1 Ala. 108; Reed v. Lowe, 163 Mo. 519, 63 S. W. 687, 85 Am. St. Rep. 578; Langford v. Few, 146 Mo. 142, 47 S. W. 927, 69 Am. St. Rep. 606.

Nulla curia qua recordum non habet potest imponereinem neque aliquid mandare carceri; quia nulla spectat tamen modo ad curias de recordo. 8 Coke, 69. No court which has not a record can impose a fine or commit any person to prison; because those powers belong only to courts of record.

Nulla emptio sine pretio esse potest. There can be no sale without a price. Brown v. Bellows, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 189.

Nulla impossibilita ant inimonestea sunt presumenda; versa autem et honesta et possibilita. No things that are impossible or dishonestable are to be presumed; but things that are true and honorable and possible. Co. Litt. 789.

Nulla pactione effici potest ut dolus premetitur. By no agreement can it be effected that a fraud shall be practiced. Fraud will not be upheld, though it may seem to be authorized by express agreement. 5 Maule & S. 468; Broom, Max. 696.

Nulla virtus, nulla scientia, locum suum et dignitatem conservare potest sine modestia. Co. Litt. 394. Without modesty, no virtue, no knowledge, can preserve its place and dignity.


Nullo caim res sua servit iure servitutis. No one can have a servitude over his
NULLITY. Nothing; no proceeding; an act or proceeding in a cause which the opposite party may treat as though it had not taken place, or which has absolutely no legal force or effect. Sailer v. Hilgen, 40 Wis. 383; Jenness v. Lapee County Circuit Judge, 42 Mich. 469, 4 N. W. 220; Johnson v. Hines, 61 Md. 122.

Absolute nullity. In Spanish law, nullity is either absolute or relative. The former is that which arises from the law, whether civil or criminal, the principal motive for which is the public interest, while the latter is that which affects one certain individual. Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 231. No such distinction, however, is recognized in American law, and the term “absolute nullity” is used more for emphasis than as indicating a degree of invalidity. As to the ratification or subsequent validation of “absolute nullities,” see Means v. Robinson, 7 Tex. 502, 516.

Nullity of marriage. The entire invalidity of a supposed, pretended, or attempted marriage, by reason of relationship or incapacity of the parties or other diriment impediments. An action seeking a decree declaring such an assumed marriage to be null and void is called a suit of “nullity of marriage.” It differs from an action for divorce, because the latter supposes the existence of a valid and lawful marriage. See 2 Bish. Mar. & Div. §§ 228-234.

NULLUS FILIUS. Lat. The son of nobody; a bastard.

Nullus hominis auctoritas apud nos valere debet, ut melliora non sequere-mur si quis attulerit. The authority of no man ought to prevail with us, so far as to prevent our following better [opinions] if any one should present them. Co. Litt. 3833a.

NULLUS IN BONIS. Lat. Among the property of no person.


NULLUM ARBITRIUM. L. Lat. No award. The name of a plea in an action on an arbitration bond, for not fulfilling the award, by which the defendant traverses the allegation that there was an award made.


Nullum exemplum est idem omnibus. No example is the same for all purposes. Co. Litt. 212a. No one precedent is adapted to all cases. A maxim in conveyancing.

NULLUM FECERUNT ARBITRIUM. L. Lat. In pleading. The name of a plea to an action of debt upon an obligation for the performance of an award, by which the defendant denies that he submitted to arbitration, etc. Bac. Abr. “Arbitr.” etc., G.

Nullum iniquum est presumendum in jure. 7 Coke, 71. No iniquity is to be presumed in law.


Nullum simile est idem nisi quatuor pedibus currit. Co. Litt. 3. No like is identical, unless it run on all fours.

Nullum simile quatuor pedibus currit. No simile runs upon four feet, (or all fours, as it is otherwise expressed.) No simile holds in everything. Co. Litt. 3a.; Ex parte Foster, 2 Story, 143, Fed. Cas. No. 4960.

NULLUM TEMPSUS ACT. In English law. A name given to the statute 3 Geo. III. c. 16, because that act, in contravention of the maxim “Nullum tempus occurrit regi,” (no lapse of time bars the king) limited the crown’s right to sue, etc., to the period of sixty years.

Nullum tempus aut locus occurrit regi. No time or place affects the king. 2 Inst. 273; Jenk. Cent. 83; Broom, Max. 63.

Nullum tempus occurrit reipublicae. No time runs [time does not run] against the commonwealth or state. Levasser v. Washburn, 11 Grat. (Va.) 572.

Nullus alias quam rex possit episcopo demandare inquisitionem faciendam. Co. Litt. 134. No other than the king can command the bishop to make an inquisition.

Nullus commodum capere potest de injuria sua propri. No one can obtain an advantage by his own wrong. Co. Litt. 148; Broom, Max. 279.

Nullus debet agere de dolo, ubi alia actio subest. Where another form of action is given, no one ought to sue in the action de dolo. 7 Coke, 92.

Nullus dicetur accessorius post feloniam, sed ille qui nevit principalem feloniam factisse, et illum recepitavit et confortavit. 3 Inst. 138. No one is called an “accessory” after the fact but he who knew the principal to have committed a felony, and received and comforted him.

Nullus dicetur felo principali qui presens est, abettans aut auxilians ad feloniam faciendam. No one is called a “principal felon” except the party actually committing the felony, or the
Nullus idoneus testis in re sua intelligi. No person is understood to be a competent witness in his own cause. Dig. 25, 5, 10.

Nullus jus alienum foris facere potest. No man can forfeit another's right. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 28, § 11.

Nullus recedat e curia cancellaria sine remedio. No person should depart from the court of chancery without a remedy. 4 Hen. VII. 4; Branch, Prin.

Nullus simile est idem, nisi quattuor sedulus currit. No like is exactly identical unless it runs on all fours.

Nullus videtur dolo facere qui suo jure utitur. No one is considered to act with guile who uses his own right. Dig. 50, 17, 55; Broom, Max. 150.

NUMERATA PECUNIA. Lat. In the civil law. Money told or counted; money paid by tale. Inst. 3, 24, 2; Bract. fol. 35.

NUMMATA. The price of anything in money, as demarata is the price of a thing by computation of pence, and libras of pounds.

NUMMATA TERRÆ. An acre of land. Speijman.

NUNC PRO TUNC. Lat. Now for then. A phrase applied to acts allowed to be done after the time when they should be done, with a retroactive effect, e. e., with the same effect as if regularly done. Perkins v. Hayward, 182 Ind. 35, 31 N. E. 670; Secou v. Leroux, 1 N. M. 388.

NUNCIATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A solemn declaration, usually in prohibition of a thing; a protest.

NUNCIO. The permanent official representative of the pope at a foreign court or seat of government. Webster. They are called "ordinary" or "extraordinary," according as they are sent for general purposes or on a special mission.

NUNCIUS. In international law. A messenger; a minister; the pope's legate, commonly called a "nuncio."

NUCUPARE. Lat. In the civil law. To name; to pronounce orally or in words without writing.

NUCUPATE. To declare publicly and solemnly.

NUCUPATIVE WILL. A will which depends merely upon oral evidence, having been declared or dictated by the testator in his last sickness before a sufficient number of witnesses, and afterwareds reduced to writing. Ex parte Thompson, 4 Bradf. Sur. (N. Y.) 154; Sykes v. Sykes, 2 Stew. (Ala.) 307, 20 Am. Dec. 40; Tally v. Butterworth, 10 Yerg. (Tenn.) 502; Ellington v. Dillard, 42 Ga. 373; Succession of Morales, 16 La. Ann. 268.


NUDINATION. Traffic at fairs and markets; any buying and selling.

Nuquam crescit ex postfacto pretii delicti matematici. The character of a past offense is never aggravated by a subsequent act or matter. Dig. 50, 17, 159, 1; Bac. Max. p. 88, reg. 8; Broom, Max. 42.

Nuquam decurratur ad extraordinium sed ubi deficit ordinarium. We are never to resort to what is extraordinary, but until what is ordinary fails. 4 Inst. 84.

Nuquam rettio sine lege. There is no fiction without law.

NUQUAM INDEBITATUS. Lat. Never indebted. The name of a plea in an action of indebitatus assumpti, by which the defendant alleges that he is not indebted to the plaintiff.

Nuquam nimissime dicitur quod nuquam satis dicitur. What is never sufficiently said is never said too much. Co. Litt. 375.

Nuquam prescribitur in false. There is never a prescription in case of falsehood or forgery. A maxim in Scotch law. Bell.

Nuquam res humanae prosperae sequuntur ubi neglegitur divinae. Co. Litt. 15. Human things never prosper where divine things are neglected.

NUTIUS. In old English practice. A messenger. One who was sent to make an excuse for a party summoned, or one who explained as for a friend the reason of a party's absence. Bract. fol. 345. An officer of a court; a summoner, appraisor, or beadle. Cowell.

UPER OBIIT. Lat. In practice. The name of a writ (now abolished) which, in the English law, lay for a sister co-heiress dispossessed by her co-pecceiver of lands and tenements whereof their father, brother, or any common ancestor died seized of an estate in fee-simple. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 197.
NUPTIAE SECUNDAE. Lat. A second marriage. In the canon law, this term included any marriage subsequent to the first.

NUPTIAL. Pertaining to marriage; constituting marriage; used or done in marriage.

Nuptias non concubitus sed consensus factit. Co. Litt. 33. Not cohabitation but consent makes the marriage.

NUTURE. The act of taking care of children, bringing them up, and educating them. Regina v. Clarke, 7 El. & Bl. 193.

NURUS. Lat. In the civil law. A son's wife; a daughter-in-law. Calvin.

NYCTHEMERON. The whole natural day, or day and night, consisting of twenty-four hours. Enc. Lond.
An abbreviation, in the civil law, for "ope consilio," (q. v.) In American law, these letters are used as an abbreviation for "Orphans' Court."

A conventional symbol, of obscure origin, much used in commercial practice and occasionally in indorsements on documents, signifying "correct," "approved," "accepted," "satisfactory," or "assented to."


An abbreviation for "Old Naturalis Brevium." See NATURA BREVIUM.

It was the course of the English exchequer, as soon as the sheriff entered into and made up his account for issues, amercements, etc., to mark upon each head: "O. N."

which denoted oneratur, nisi habeas sufficientem exconcribatur, and presently he became the king's debtor, and a debt was set upon his head, whereupon the parties parvisa became debtors to the sheriff, and were discharged against the king, etc. 4 Inst. 116; Wharton.

An abbreviation for "Old Style." or "Old Series."

An external pledge or assurance, made in verification of statements made or to be made, coupled with an appeal to a sacred or venerated object, in evidence of the serious and reverent state of mind of the party, or with an invocation to a supreme being to witness the words of the party and to visit him with punishment if they be false. See O'Reilly v. People, 86 N. Y. 154, 40 Am. Rep. 525; Atwood v. Welton, 7 Conn. 70; Clinton v. State, 33 Ohio St. 32; Brock v. Milligan, 10 Ohio, 123; Blocker v. Burnese, 2 Ala. 354.

A religious assurance, by which a person renounces the mercy and imprecated the vengeance of heaven, if he do not speak the truth. 1 Leach. 430.

One relating to a past or present fact or state of facts, as distinguished from a "promissory oath" which relates to future conduct: particularly, any oath required by law other than in judicial proceedings and upon induction to office, such, for example, as an oath to be made at the custom-house relative to goods imported. Corporal oath. See Corpo-

Decisory oath. In the civil law. An oath which one of the parties defers or refers back to the other for the decision of the cause. Extrajudicial oath. One not taken in any judicial proceeding, or without any authority or requirement of law, though taken formally before a proper person.

One taken in some judicial proceeding or in relation to some matter connected with judicial proceedings. 

Against bribery. One which could have been administered to a voter at an election for members of parliament. Abolished in 1854. Wharton. 

Ex officio. The oath by which a clergyman charged with any offense was required to swear to himself to be innocent; also the oath by which the compurgators swore that they believed the defendant to be innocent. 3 Bl. Comm. 101, 447; Mozley & Whitley. 

Oath in item. In the civil law. An oath permitted to be taken by the plaintiff, for the purpose of proving the value of the subject-matter in controversy, when there was no other evidence on that point, or when the defendant fraudulently suppressed evidence which might have been available.

Of allegiance. An oath by which a person promises and binds himself to bear true allegiance to a particular sovereign or government, e. g., the United States; administered generally to high public officers and to soldiers and sailors, also to aliens applying for naturalization, and, occasionally, to citizens generally as a prerequisite to voting in the courts or prosecuting claims before government bureaus. See Rev. St. U. S. §§ 1765, 2109; U. S. Comp. 1292, 1329, 2521; and section 3018—Oath of almanum. In the civil law, an oath which a plaintiff was obliged to take that he was not prompted by malice or trickery which concerned his action, but that he had bona fide a good cause of action. Poth. Pand. lib. 5, tit. 16, 17, § 124.—Official oath. The taking of an oath. See Official oath. One taken by an officer when he assumes charge of his office, whereby he declares that he will faithfully discharge the duties of the same, or whatever else may be required by statute in the particular case. Poor debtor's oath. See that title.

Promissory oaths. Oaths by which the party to observe a certain course of conduct, or to fulfill certain duties in the future, or to demean himself thereafter in a stated manner with reference to specified concerns or transactions; such, for example, as the oath taken by a high executive officer, a legislator, a judge, a person seeking naturalization, an attorney at law. Case v. People, 6 Abb. N. C. (N. Y.) 151.

Purgatory oath. An oath by which a person purges or clears himself from suspicions or suspicions of being guilty of guilt or of being guilty of guilt, or from a contempt. Qualified oath. One the force of which as an affirmation or denial may be qualified or modified by the circumstances under which it is taken or which necessarily enter into it and constitute a part of it; especially thus used in Scotch law. Solomon oath. A corporal oath. Jackson v. State, 1 Ind. 184. 

Supplementary oath. In the civil and ecclesiastical law. The testimony of a single witness to a fact is called "half-proof," on which no sentence can be founded; in order to supply the other half of proof, the party himself (plaintiff or defendant) is admitted to be examined in his own behalf, and the oath administered to him for that purpose is called the "supplementary oath," because it supplies the necessary qualification of the sentence. 3 Bl. Comm. 370. This term, although without application in American law in its original sense, is sometimes used as a designation of any oath required either in authentication or support of some piece of documentary evidence which he offers, for example, his bond. Such a person may take in extrajudicial matters, and not regularly in a court of justice, or before an officer invested with authority to administer the same. Brown.
OB. Lat. On account of; for. Several Latin phrases and maxims, commencing with this word, are more commonly introduced by "in" (q. v.)

OB CAUSAM ALIQVAM A RE MARITIME ORTAM. For some cause arising out of a maritime matter. 1 Pet. Adm. 92. Said to be Selden's translation of the French definition of admiralty jurisdiction, "pour le fait de la mer." Id.

OB CONTINENTIAM DEDITI. On account of contingency to the offense, i. e., being contaminated by conjunction with something illegal. For example, the cargo of a vessel, though not contraband or unlawful, may be condemned in admiralty, along with the vessel, when the vessel has been engaged in some service which renders her liable to seizure and confiscation. The cargo is then said to be condemned ob continentiam dediti, because found in company, with an unlawful service. See 1 Kent, Comm. 152.

OB CONTINGENTIAM. On account of connection; by reason of similarity. In Scotch law, this phrase expresses a ground for the consolidation of actions.

OB FAVOREM MERCATORUM. In favor of merchants. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 63, § 12.

Ob infamiam non solut juxta legem terre aliusque per legem apparentem se purgare, nisi prius convictus fuerit vel confessus in curia. Gian. lib. 14, c. 11. On account of evil report, it is not usual, according to the law of the land, for any person to purge himself, unless he have been previously convicted, or confessed in court.

OB TURPEM CAUSAM. For an immoral consideration. Dig. 12, 5.

OBERATUS. Lat. In Roman law. A debtor who was obliged to serve his creditor till his debt was discharged. Adams, Rom. Ant. 49.

OBEIDENCE. Compliance with a command, prohibition, or known law and rule of duty prescribed; the performance of what is required or enjoined by authority, or the abstaining from what is prohibited, in compliance with the command or prohibition. Webster.

OBEIDIENTIA. An office, or the administration of it; a kind of rent; submission; obedience.

Obedientia est leges essentia. 11 Coke, 100. Obedience is the essence of law.

OBEIDENTIARIUS. A monastic officer. Du Cange.


OBIT. In old English law. A funeral solemnity, or office for the dead. Cowell. The anniversary of a person's death; the anniversary office. Cro. Jac. 51.

OBITER. Lat. By the way; in passing; incidentally; collaterally.

Obiter dictum. A remark made, or opinion expressed, by a judge, in his decision upon a cause, "by the way," that is, incidentally or collaterally, and not directly upon the question before him, or upon a point not necessarily involved in the determination of the cause, or introduced by way of illustration, or analogy or argument.

OBJECT, v. In legal proceedings, to object (e. g., to the admission of evidence) is to interpose a declaration to the effect that the particular matter or thing under consideration is not done or admitted with the consent of the party objecting, but is by him considered improper or illegal, and referring the question of its propriety or legality to the court.

OBJECT, n. This term "includes whatever is presented to the mind, as well as what may be presented to the senses; whatever, also, is acted upon, or operated upon, affirmatively, or intentionally influenced by anything done, moved, or applied thereto." Woodruff, J., Wells v. Shook, 8 Blatchf. 257, Fed. Cas. No. 17,406.

Object of an action. The thing sought to be obtained by the action; the remedy demanded or the relief or recovery sought or prayed for; not the same thing as the cause of action or the subject of the action. Scarborough v. Smith, 18 Kan. 406; Lassiter v. Norfolk & C. R. Co., 136 N. C. 89, 48 S. E. 843.—Object of a statute. The "object" of a statute is the aim or purpose of the enactment, the end or design which it is meant to accomplish, while the "subject" is the matter to which it relates and with which it deals. Medical Examiners v. Powler, 50 La. Ann. 1358, 24 South. 809; McNeely v. South Penn Oil Co., 52 W. Va. 616, 44 S. E. 508; 62 L. R. A. 562; Day Land & Cattle Co. v. State, 68 Tex. 542, 4 S. W. 885.—Objects of a power. Where property is settled subject to a power given to any person or persons to appoint the same among a limited class, the members of the class are called the "objects" of the power. Thus, if a parent has a power to appoint a fund among his children, the children are called the "objects" of the power. Mozley & Whitley.

OBJECTION. The act of a party who objects to some matter or proceeding in the course of a trial, (see Object, v.) or an argument or reason urged by him in support of his contention that the matter or proceeding objected to is improper or illegal.

OBJURGATRICES. In old English law. Scolds or unquiet women, punished with the cucking-stool.

OBLATA. Gifts or offerings made to the king by any of his subjects; old debts,
brought, as it were, together from preceding years, and put on the present sheriff's charge. Wharton.

OBLATA TERRÆ. Half an acre, or, as some say, half a perch, of land. Spelman.

OBLATI. In old European law. Voluntary slaves of churches or monasteries.

OBLATI ACTIO. In the civil law. An action given to a party against another who had offered to him a stolen thing, which was found in his possession. Inst. 3, 1, 4.

OBLATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A tender of money in payment of a debt made by debtor to creditor. Whoever is offered to the church by the pious. Calvin.

Oblationes dictantur quemqueque a pluribus fidelibusque Christianis offeruntur Deo et ecclesiae, sine res solidissime sive mobiles. Inst. 339. Those things are called "oblations" which are offered to God and to the church by pious and faithful Christians, whether they are moveable or immovable.

OBLATIONS, or obventions, are offerings or customary payments made, in England, to the minister of a church, including fees on marriages, burials, mortuaries, etc. (q. v.) and Easter offerings. 2 Steph. Comm. 740; Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1566. They may be commuted by agreement.

OBLIGATE. To bind or constrait; to bind to the observance or performance of a duty; to place under an obligation. To bind one's self by an obligation or promise; to assume a duty; to execute a written promise or contract; to make a writing obligatory. Wachter v. Famachon, 62 Wis. 117, 22 N. W. 100; Maxwell v. Jacksonville Loan & Imp. Co., 45 Fla. 425, 34 South. 255.

OBLIGATIO. Lat. In Roman law. The legal relation existing between two certain persons whereby one (the creditor) is authorized to demand of the other (the debtor) a certain performance which has a money value. In this sense obligatio signifies not only the duty of the debtor, but also the right of the creditor. The fact establishing such claim and debt, as also the instrument evidencing it, is termed "obligation." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 360.

That legal relation subsisting between two persons by which one is bound to the other for a certain performance. The passive relation sustained by the debtor to the creditor is likewise called an "obligation." Sometimes, also, the term "obligatio" is used for the causa obligatoriana, and the contract itself is designated an "obligation." There are passages in which even the document which affords the proof of a contract is called an "obligation." Such applications, however, are but a loose extension of the term, which, according to its true ideas, is only properly employed when it is used to denote the debt relationship, in its totality, active and passive, subsisting between the creditor and the debtor. Tomk. & J. Mod. Rom. Law, 301.

Obligations, in the civil law, are of the several descriptions enumerated below.

Obligatio civilis is an obligation enforceable by action, whether it derives its origin from jus civilis, as the obligation engendered by formal contracts of which the obligation enforceable by bilaterally penal suits, or from such portion of the jus gentium as had been completely naturalized in the civil law and protected by all its remedies, such as the obligation engendered by formless contracts.

Obligatio naturalis is an obligation not immediately enforceable by action, or one imposed by that portion of the jus gentium which is only imperfectly recognized by civil law.

Obligatio ex contractu, an obligation arising from contract, or an antecedent jus in personam. In this there are two stages.—First, a primary or personal right to receive debt and interest; second, a secondary or sanctioning personal right consequent on a wrong. Poeste's Gaius Inst. 370.

Obligatio delicto, an obligation founded on wrong or tort, or arising from the invasion of a jus in rem. In this there is the second stage, a secondary or sanctioning personal right consequent on a wrong, but the first stage is not a personal right, (jus in personam,) but a real right, (jus in rem,) whether a primordial right, right of status, or of property. Poeste's Gaius Inst. 359.

Obligationes ex delicto are obligations arising from the commission of a wrongful injury to the person or property of another. "Delictum" is not exactly synonymous with "tort," for, while it includes most of the wrongs known to the common law as torts, it is also wide enough to cover some offenses (such as theft and robbery) primarily injurious to the individual, but now only punished as crimes. Such acts gave rise to an obligation, which constitutes the liability to pay damages.

Obligationes quasi ex contractu. Often persons have a right to recover under certain state of facts, are regarded by the Roman law as if they had actually concluded a convention between themselves. The legal relation which then takes place between these persons, which has always a similarity to a contract obligation, is therefore termed "obligatio quasi ex contractu." Such a relation arises from the conducting of affairs without authority, (negotiorum gestio;) from the management of property that is in common when the community arose from casuality, (communis incidentia;) from the payment of what was not due, (delicto indebiti;) from tutorship and curatorship; and from taking possession of an inheritance. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 491.

Obligationes quasi ex delicto. This class embraces all torts not coming under the denomination of "delictus" and not having a special form of action provided for them by law. They differ widely in character, and at common law would in some cases give rise to an action on the case; in others to an action on an implied contract. Ort. Inst. §§ 1781-1792.

OBLIGATION. An obligation is a legal duty, by which a person is bound to do or not to do a certain thing. Civ. Code Cal. § 2427; Code Iowa, § 798.

The binding power of a vow, promise, oath, or contract, or of law, civil, political, or mor-
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al, independent of a promise; that which constitutes legal or moral duty, and which renders a person liable to coercion and punishment for neglecting it. Webster.

"Obligation" is the correlative of "right." Taking the latter word in its politico-ethical sense, of free action lodged in a person, "obligation" is the corresponding duty, constraint, or binding force which should prevent all impeding, hindering, or obstructing such right, or interfering with its exercise. And the same is its meaning as the correlative of a "jus in rem." (Taking "right" as meaning "jus in rem," or, more generally, "a claim, or privilege inherent in one person, and incident upon another," the "obligation" is the coercive force or control imposed upon the person of incidence by the moral law and the positive law, (or the moral law as recognized and sanctioned by the positive law,) constraining him to accede to the demand, render up the thing claimed, pay the money due, or otherwise perform what is expected of him with respect to the subject-matter of the right.

In a limited and arbitrary sense, it means a penal bond or "writing obligatory," that is, a bond containing a penalty, with a condition annexed for the payment of money or performance of covenants. Co. Litt. 172.

Obligation is (1) legal or moral duty, as opposed to physical compulsion; (2) a duty incumbent upon a person, or a specific and limited number of individuals, as opposed to a duty imposed upon the world at large; (3) the right to enforce such a duty, "jus in rem," as opposed to such a right as that of property, "jus in rem," which arises against the world at large, and containing in it a penalty, with a condition annexed, for the payment of money, performance of covenants, or the like. Mosley & Whiteley.

In English expositions of the Roman law, and works upon general jurisprudence, "obligation" is used to translate the Latin "obligatio." In this sense its meaning is much wider than as a technical term of English law. See 3 Cl. Litt.

Classification. The various sorts of obligations may be classified and defined as follows: They are either perfect or imperfect. A perfect obligation is one recognized and sanctioned by positive law, and may be enforced by the aid of the law. Aycock v. Martin, 37 Ga. 124, 92 Am. Dec. 56. But if the duty created by the obligation operates only on the moral sense, without being enforced by any positive law, it is called an "imperfect obligation," and creates no right of action, nor has it any legal operation. The duty of exculsating gratitude, charity, and the other merely moral duties is an example of this kind of obligation. Civ. Code La. art. 1757; Edwards v. Kress, 94 La. 1014, 2 L. Ed. 837.

They are either natural or civil. A natural obligation is one which cannot be enforced by action, but which is binding on the party who makes it in conscience and according to natural justice. Blair v. Williams, 4 Litt. (Ky.) 41.

A civil obligation is a legal tie, which gives the party with whom it is contracted the right of enforcing its performance by law. Civ. Code La. art. 1757; Poth. Obl. 173, 101.

They are either express or implied; the former being those by which a person binds himself in express terms to perform his obligation; while the latter are such as are raised by the implications or inference of the law from the nature of the transaction.

They are determinate or indeterminate; the former being the case where the thing contract-
ed to be delivered is specified as an individual; the latter, where it may be any one of a particular class or species.

They are divisible or indivisible, according as the obligation may or may not be legally broken into several distinct obligations without the consent of the obligor.

They are joint or several; the former, where there are two or more obligors binding themselves jointly for the performance of the obligation; the latter, where each obligor binds himself for his own part and does not directly bind his property: the latter, where real estate, not the person of the obligor, is primarily liable for performance.

They are heritable or personal. The former is the case when the heirs and assigns of one party may enforce the performance against the heirs of the other; the latter, when the obligor binds himself only, not his heirs or representatives.

They are either principal or accessary. A principal obligation is one which is the most important object of the engagement of the contracting parties; while an accessory obligation depends upon the collateral to the primary one which is severally comprised in the contract. This contract creates as many different obligations as there are different objects; and the debtor, when he wishes to discharge himself, may force the creditor to receive them separately. But where the things which form the object of the contract are connected by a direct dependence, the obligation is alternative. A promise to deliver a certain thing or to pay a specified sum of money is an example of this kind of obligation. Civ. Code La. art. 2063.

They are either simple or conditional. Simple obligations are such as are not dependent for their execution on any event provided for by the parties, and which are not agreed to become void on the happening of any such event. Conditional obligations are such as are made to depend on an uncertain event. If the obligation is not to take effect until the event happens, it is a suspensive condition; if the obligation takes effect only after the event is foreseen, it is a conditional obligation. 26 Am. & Eng. 1261, 2678; Civ. Code La. arts. 2020, 2021; Moss v. Smoker, 2 La. Ann. 989.

They may (1) be in writing or (2) oral, (3) express or implied. If the latter, when a penal clause is attached to the undertaking, to be enforced in case the obligor fails to perform; the former, when no such penalty is added.

Other compound and descriptive terms.—Moral obligation. A duty which is valid and binding in the forum of the conscience but is not recognized by the law as adequate to set in motion the machinery of justice; that is, one which rests upon ethical considerations alone and is imposed or enforced by positive law. Taylor v. Hotchkiss, 61 Ga. 470; 80 N. Y. Supp. 1042; Goulding v. Davidson, 23 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 489; Bailey v. Philadelphia文字转写应用, 600 31 Am. Dec. 317; N. J. St. Rep. 691—Obligation of a contract. As used in Conat, U. S. art. 1, § 10, the term means the binding and coercive force which constrains parties to perform the engagements he has made: a force grounded in the ethical principle of fidelity to one's promises, but deriving its legal efficacy from the power of the law to enforce the performance of the promise by positive law, and sanctioned by the law's providing a remedy for the infracton of the duty to perform, as the research commission committee, 55, 133. See Oden v. Saunders, 12 Wheat. 213, 6 L. Ed. 606; Blair v. Williams, 4 Litt.
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(Ky.) 38; Sturges v. Crowninshield, 4 Wheat. 196; 4 L. Ed. 529; Wachter v. Faunachor, 32 Wis. 117, 22 N. W. 160.—Obligation solidaire. This, in French law, corresponds to joint and several liability in English law, but is applied also to the joint and several rights of the creditors parties to the obligation.—Primary obligation. An obligation which is the principal object of the contract. For example, the primary obligation of the seller is to deliver the thing sold, and to transfer the title to it. It is distinguished from the accessory or secondary obligation to pay damages for not doing so. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 702. The words “primary” and “direct,” contrasted with “secondary,” when spoken with reference to an obligation, refer to the remedy provided by law for enforcing the obligation, rather than to the character and limits of the obligation itself. Kilton v. Providence Tool Co., 22 R. I. 605, 48 Atl. 1039.—Principal obligation. That obligation which arises from the principal object of the engagement which has been contracted between the parties. Poth. Obl. no. 152. One to which is appended an accessory or subsidiary obligation.—Pure obligation. One which is not suspended by any condition, whether it has been contracted without any condition, or, when contracted, the condition has been accomplished. Poth. Obl. no. 170—Real obligation. In the civil law and in Louisiana. An obligation attached to immovable property, that is, real estate. Civ. Code La. art. 1995.—Simple obligation. In the civil law. An obligation which does not depend for its execution upon any event provided for by the parties, or which is not agreed to become void on the happening of any such event. Civ. Code La. art. 2015.—Solidary obligation. In the law of Louisiana, one which binds each of the obligees for the whole debt, as distinguished from a “joint” obligation, which binds the parties each for his separate proportion of the debt. Groves v. Sentell, 153 U. S. 465, 14 Sup. Ct. 399, 38 L. Ed. 785.

OBLIGATORY. The term “writing obligatory” is a technical term of the law, and means a written contract under seal. Watson v. Hoge, 7 Yerg. (Tenn.) 350.

OBLIGEE. The person in favor of whom some obligation is contracted, whether such obligation be to pay money or to do or not to do something. Code La. art. 3522, no. 11. The party to whom a bond is given.

OBLIGOR. The person who has engaged to perform some obligation. Code La. art. 3522, no. 12. One who makes a bond.

OBLIQUE. Lat. In the old law of descents. Oblique; cross; transverse; collateral. The opposite of rectus, right, or upright.

In the law of evidence. Indirect; circumstantial.

OBLITERRATION. Erasure or blotting out of written words. Obliteration is not limited to effacing the letters of a will or scratching them out or blotting them out completely that they cannot be read. A line drawn through the writing is obliteration, though it may leave it as legible as it was before. See Glass v. Scott, 14 Colo. App. 377, 60 Pac. 186; Evans' Appeal, 58 Pa. 244; Townsend v. Howard, 86 Me. 283, 29 Atl. 1077; State v. Knippa, 29 Tex. 293.

OBLOQUY. To expose one to “oblouqy” is to expose him to censure and reproach, as the latter terms are synonymous with “oblouqy.” Bettern v. Holt, 70 Cal. 275, 11 Pac. 170.

OBRAS. In Spanish law. Work. Obras, works or trades; those which men carry on in houses or covered places. White, New Rep. 1, tit. 5, c. 3, § 6.

OBRERTIO. Lat. The obtaining a thing by fraud or surprise. Calvin. Called, in Scotch law, “obreption.”

OBreption. Obtaining anything by fraud or surprise. Acquisition of escents, etc., from the sovereign, by making false representations. Bell.

OBRORAGE. Lat. In the civil law. To pass a law contrary to a former law, or to some clause of it; to change a former law in some part of it. Calvin.

OBRAGATION. In the civil law. The alteration of a law by the passage of one inconsistent with it. Calvin.


OBSCENTY. The character or quality of being obscene; conduct tending to corrupt the public moral by its indecency or lewdness. State v. Pfenninger, 76 Mo. App. 313; U. S. v. Loftis (D. C.) 12 Fed. 671.

OBSERVE. In the civil law. To perform that which has been prescribed by some law or usage. Dig. 1, 3, 32. See Marshall County v. Knoll, 102 Iowa, 575, 60 N. W. 1146.


OBSIGNARE. Lat. In the civil law. To seal up; as money that had been tendered and refused.

OBSIGNATORY. Ratifying and confirming.

OBSOLESCENT. Becoming obsolete; going out of use; not entirely disused, but gradually becoming so.

OBSOLETE. Disused; neglected; not observed. The term is applied to statutes.
which have become inoperative by lapse of
time, either because the reason for their en-
actment has passed away, or their subject-
matter no longer exists, or they are not ap-
plicable to changed circumstances, or are
tactly disregarded by all men, yet without
being expressly abrogated or repealed.

OBSTA PRINCIPII. Lat. Withstand
beginnings; resist the first approaches or
encroachments. "It is the duty of courts to
be watchful for the constitutional rights of
the citizen, and against any stealthy en-
encroachments thereon. Their motto should
be 'Obsta principii.'" Bradley, J., Boyd v.
U. S., 116 U. S. 635, 6 Sup. Ct. 535, 29 L.
Ed. 746.

OBSTANTE. Withstanding; hindering.
See Non Obstante.

OBSTRUCTION. Obligation; bond.

OBSTRUCT. 1. To block up; to inter-
pose obstacles; to render impassable; to
fill with barriers or impediments; as to ob-
stuct a road or way. U. S. v. Williams, 28
Fed. Cas. 633; Chase v. Oshekosh, 51 Wis.
313, 51 N. W. 560, 15 L. R. A. 533, 29 Am.
St. Rep. 898; Overhouser v. American Cere-
al Co., 118 Iowa, 417, 82 N. W. 74; Gor-
ham v. Withey, 52 Mich. 50, 17 N. W. 272.

2. To impede or hinder; to interpose ob-
stacles or impediments, to the hindrance or
frustration of some act or service; as to ob-
struct an officer in the execution of his duty.

3. As applied to navigable waters, to "ob-
struct" them is to interpose such imped-
iments in the way of free and open naviga-
tion that vessels are thereby prevented from
goings where ordinarily they have a right to
go or where they may find it necessary to go
in their maneuvers. See In re City of Rich-
mond (D. C.) 43 Fed. 88; Terre Haute Drow-
bridge Co. v. Halliday, 4 Ind. 30; The Van-
couver, 28 Fed. Cas. 960.

4. As applied to the operation of rail-
roads, an "obstruction" may be either that
which obstructs or hinders the free and safe
passage of a train, or that which may re-
cieve an injury or damage, such as it would
be unlawful to inflict, if run over or against
by the train, as in the case of cattle or a
man approaching on the track. Nashville
& C. R. Co. v. Carroll, 6 Helsk. (Tenn) 368;
Louisville N. & G. R. Co. v. Redmond, 11
Lea (Tenn) 205; South & North Alabama
R. Co. v. Williams, 65 Ala. 77.

OBSTRUCTING PROCESS. In crim-
nal law. The act by which one or more
persons attempt to prevent or do prevent
the execution of lawful process.

OBSTRUCTION. This is the word prop-
erly descriptive of an injury to any one's
incorporeal hereditament, e. g., his right to
an easement, or profit à prendre; an alter-
native word being "disturbance." On the
other hand, "infringement" is the word prop-
erly descriptive of an injury to any one's
patent-rights or to his copyright. But "ob-
struction" is also a very general word in
law, being applicable to every hindrance of
a man in the discharge of his duty, (whether
official, public, or private.) Brown.

OBTAIN. To acquire; to get hold of
by effort; to get and retain possession of;
as, in the offense of "obtaining" money or
property by false pretenses. See Com. v.
Schmunk, 207 Pa. 544, 56 Atl. 1068, 90 Am.
St. Rep. 801; People v. General Sessions, 13
Hun (N. Y.) 400; State v. Will, 49 La. Ann.
1337, 22 South. 375; Sundmacher v. Block.
38 Ill. App. 353.

Obtemperandum est consuetudini ra-
 tionabilis tunquam legit. 4 Coke, 38. A
reasonable custom is to be obeyed as a law.

OBTEMPERARE. Lat. To obey.
Hence the Scotch "obtemper," to obey or
comply with a judgment of a court.

OBTEST. To protest.

OBORTO COLLO. In Roman law.
Taking by the neck or collar; as a plaintiff
was allowed to drag a reluctant defendant

OBTULIT SE. (Offered himself.) In
old practice. The emphatic words of entry
on the record where one party offered him-
self in court against the other, and the lat-
ter did not appear. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 417.

OBVENTIO. Lat. In the civil law.
Rent; profits; income; the return from an
investment or thing owned; as the earnings
of a vessel.

In old English law. The revenue of a
spiritual living, so called. Also, in the plu-
ral, "offerings."

OCASION. In Spanish law. Accident.
Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 32, l. 21; White,
New Recop. b. 2, tit. 9, c. 2.

OCASIO. In feudal law. A tribute
which the lord imposed on his vassals or
tenants for his necessity. Hindrance; trou-
bles; vexation by suit.

OCASIONARI. To be charged or load-
ed with payments or occasional penalties.

OCASIONES. In old English law. As-
slays. Spelman.

Occulatatio thesauri inventi fraudu-
losa. 3 Inst. 133. The concealment of dis-
covered treasure is fraudulent.
OCCUPANCY. Occupancy is a mode of acquiring property by which a thing which belongs to nobody becomes the property of the person who took possession of it, with the intention of acquiring a right of ownership in it. Civ. Code La. art. 3412; Godfrey v. Wescull, 86 Iowa, 71, 52 N. W. 1124, 17 L. R. A. 788, 41 Am. St. Rep. 481.

The taking possession of things which before belonged to nobody, with an intention of appropriating them to one's own use.

"Possession" and "occupancy," when applied to land, are nearly synonymous terms, and may exist through a tenancy. Thus, occupancy of a homestead, such as will satisfy the statute, may be by means other than that of actual residence on the premises by the widow or child. Walters v. People, 21 Ill. 178.

There is a use of the word in public-land laws, homestead laws, "occupying-claimant" laws, cases of landlord and tenant, and like connections, which seems to require the broader sense of possession, but there is in a great part of these uses, a shade of meaning discarding any prior title as a foundation of right. Perhaps both uses are covered by the same usage may be harmless in saying that in jurisprudence occupancy or occupation is possession, presented independent of the idea of a chain of title, of any earlier owner. Or "occupancy" and "occupier" might be used for assuming property which has no owner, and "occupation" and "occupier" for the more general idea of possession. Judge Bouvier's definitions seem partly founded on such a distinction, and there are indications of it in English usage. It does not appear generally drawn in American books. Abbott.

In international law. The taking possession of a newly discovered or conquered country with the intention of holding and ruling it.

OCCUPANT. In a general sense. One who takes possession of a thing, of which there is no owner; one who has the actual possession or control of a thing.

In a special sense. One who takes possession of lands held par autre vie, after the death of the tenant, and during the life of the cestui que vie.

—General occupant. At common law where a man was tenant par autre vie, or had an estate granted to himself only (without mentioning his heirs) for the life of another man, and died without alienation during the life of cestui que vie, or him by whose life it was held, he that could first enter on the land might lawfully retain the possession, so long as cestui que vie lived, by right of occupancy, and was hence termed a "general" or common "occupant." 1 Steph. Comm. 415.—Special occupant. A person having a special right to enter upon and occupy lands granted par autre vie, on the death of the tenant, and during the life of cestui que vie. Where the grant is to a man and his heirs during the life of cestui que vie, the heir succeeds as special occupant, having a special exclusive right by the terms of the original grant. 2 Bl. Comm. 259; 1 Steph. Comm. 418.


OCCUPARE. Lat. In the civil law. To seize or take possession of; to enter upon a vacant possession; to take possession before another. Calvin.

OCCUPATILE. That which has been left by the right owner, and is now possessed by another.

OCCUPATION. 1. Possession; control; tenure; use.

In its usual sense "occupation" is where a person exercises physical control over land. Thus, the lessee of a house is in occupation of it so long as he has the power of entering into and staying there at pleasure, and of excluding all other persons (or at least one or more specified persons) from the use of it. Occupation is therefore the same thing as actual possession. Sweet.

The word "occupation," applied to real property, is, ordinarily, equivalent to "possession." In connection with other expressions, it may mean that the property should be living upon the premises; but, standing alone, it is satisfied by actual possession. Lawrence v. Fulton, 19 Cal. 653.

2. A trade; employment; profession; business; means of livelihood.

—Actual occupation. An open, visible occupation as distinguished from the constructive one which follows the legal title. Cutting v. Patterson, 82 Minn. 375, 55 N. W. 172; People v. Ambrecht, 11 Abb. Frac. (N. Y.) 97; Bennett v. Burton, 44 Iowa, 581.—Occupation tax. A tax imposed upon an occupation or the prosecution of a business, trade, or profession; not a tax on property, or even the capital employed in the business, but an excise tax on the business itself; to be distinguished from a "license tax," which is a fee or exaction for the privilege of engaging in the business, not for its prosecution. See Adler v. Whitbeck, 44 Ohio St. 539, 9 N. E. 672; Appeal of Banger, 100 Pa. 85; Pullman Palace Car Co. v. State, 64 Tex. 774, 83 Am. Rep. 768.

OCCUPATIVE. Possessed; used; employed.

OCCUPAVIT. Lat. In old English law. A writ that lay for one who was ejected out of his land or tenement in time of war. Cowell.

OCCUPIER. An occupant; one who is in the enjoyment of a thing.


OCCUPYING CLAIMANT ACTS. Statutes providing for the reimbursement of a bona fide occupant and claimant of land, on its recovery by the true owner, to the extent to which lasting improvements made by him have increased the value of the land, and generally giving him a lien therefor. Jones v. Great Southern Hotel Co., 86 Fed. 870, 30 C. C. A. 106.
OCEAN. The main or open sea; the high sea; that portion of the sea which does not lie within the body of any country and is not subject to the territorial jurisdiction or control of any country, but is open, free, and common to the use of all nations. See U. S. v. Rodgers, 150 U. S. 240, 14 Sup. Ct. 109, 37 L. Ed. 1071; U. S. v. New Bedford Bridge, 27 Fed. Cas. 120; De Lovio v. Bolt, 7 Fed. Cas. 428; U. S. v. Morel, 26 Fed. Cas. 1312.

OCHIERN. In old Scotch law. A name of dignity; a freeholder. Skene de Verb. Sigin.

OCHLOGRACY. Government by the multitude. A form of government wherein the populace has the whole power and administration in its own hands.

OCTAVE. In old English law. The eighth day inclusive after a feast; one of the return days of writs. 3 Bl. Comm. 278.

OCTO TALES. Eight such; eight such men; eight such jurors. The name of a writ, at common law, which issues when upon a trial at bar, eight more jurors are necessary to fill the panel, commanding the sheriff to summon the requisite number. 3 Bl. Comm. 364. See DECK TALES.

OCTROI. Fr. In French law. Originally, a duty, which, by the permission of the seigneur, any city was accustomed to collect on liquors and some other goods, brought within its precincts, for the consumption of the inhabitants. Afterwards appropriated to the use of the king. Steph. Lect. p. 361.

Oderant pecare boni, virtutis amore; oderant pecare malis, formidinis poenn. Good men hate sin through love of virtue; bad men, through fear of punishment.

ODHAL. Complete property, as opposed to feudal tenure. The transposition of the syllables of "odhal" makes it "allah," and hence, according to Blackstone, arises the word "allah" or "allah;" (q. v.) "Allah" is thus put in contradistinction to "jeconiah." Mosley & Whitely.

ODIO ET ATIA. A writ aneiently called "breve de bono et malo," addressed to the sheriff to inquire whether a man committed to prison upon suspicion of murder were committed on just cause of suspicion, or only upon malice and ill will; and if, upon the inquisition, it was found that he was not guilty, then there issued another writ to the sheriff to bail him. Reg. Orig. 133.

Odiosa et inhonesta non sunt in leges presumanda. Odious and dishonest acts are not presumed in law. Co. Litt. 78; Jackson v. Miller, 8 Wend. (N. Y.) 228, 231; 21 Am. Dec. 318; Nicholas v. Finner, 18 N. Y. 205, 300.


OECONOMICUS. L. Lat. In old English law. The executor of a last will and testament. Cowell.

OECONOMUS. Lat. In the civil law. A manager or administrator. Calvin.

OF COUNSEL. A phrase commonly applied in practice to the counsel employed by a party in a cause, and particularly to one employed to assist in the preparation or management of a cause, or its presentation on appeal, but who is not the principal attorney of record for the party.

OF COURSE. Any action or step taken in the course of judicial proceedings which will be allowed by the court upon mere application, without any inquiry or contest, or which may be effectually taken without even applying to the court for leave, is said to be "of course." Stoddard v. Treadwell, 29 Cal. 251; Merchants' Bank v. Crysler, 67 Fed. 300, 14 C. C. A. 444.

OF FORCE. In force; extant; not obsolete; existing as a binding or obligatory power.

OF GRACE. A term applied to any permission or license granted to a party in the course of a judicial proceeding which is not claimable as a matter of course or of right, but is allowed by the favor or indulgence of the court. See Walters v. McElroy, 151 Pa. 540, 25 Atl. 125.

OF NEW. A Scotch expression, closely translated from the Latin "de novo," (q. v.)

OF RECORD. Recorded; entered on the records; existing and remaining in or upon the appropriate records.

OFFA EXECRATA. In old English law. The morsel of execration; the cornered, (q. v.) 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 21.

OFFENSE. A crime or misdemeanor; a breach of the criminal laws. Moore v. Illinois, 14 How. 13, 14 L. Ed. 306; Illies v. Knight, 3 Tex. 312; People v. French, 102 N. Y. 583, 7 N. E. 913; State v. West, 42 Minn. 147, 43 N. W. 845.

It is used as a genus, comprehending every crime and misdemeanor, or as a species, signifying a crime not indelible, but punishable summarily or by the forfeiture of a penalty. In re Terry (C. C.) 37 Fed. 649.

—Continuing offense. A transaction or a series of acts set on foot by a single impulse,
OFFENSE. "Office" is defined to be a right to exercise a public or private employment, and to take the fees and emoluments thereunto belonging, whether public, as those of magistrate, or private, as of bailiffs, receivers, clerks, etc. See State v. Giron, 76 N. Y. 363; Cosburn v. New York, 83 N. Y. 372; Dalley v. State, 8 Blackf. (Ind.) 330; Blair v. Marye, 80 Va. 495; Worthy v. Barrett, 63 N. C. 202; People v. Duane, 121 N. Y. 307, 24 N. E. 845; U. S. v. Hartwell, 6 Wall. 393, 18 L. Ed. 830.

That function by virtue whereof a person has some employment in the affairs of another, whether judicial, ministerial, legislative, municipal, ecclesiastical, etc. Cowell.

An employment on behalf of the government in any station or public trust, not merely transient, occasional, or incidental. In re Attorneys' Oaths, 20 Johns. (N. Y.) 463.

The most frequent occasions to use the word arise with reference to a duty and power conferred on an individual by the government; and, when related to judicial office, "office" is used as an office of the law, the office of steward. Here the individual acts towards legates or towards tenants in performance of an act, and in every case the power is not derived from their consent, but devolved on him by an authority which quod hoc is superior. Abbott.

Offices may be classed as civil and military; and civil offices may be classed as political, judicial, and ministerial. Political offices are such as are not connected immediately with the administration of justice, or the execution of the mandates of a superior officer. Judicial are those which relate to the administration of justice. Ministerial are those which the officer has by virtue thereof. The latter are examples of a duty conferred by the state, the former by the executive, the latter by the legislative, and in each case the power dependent on the consent of the people, lived on him by an authority which quod hoc is superiour. Abbott.

"Office" is frequently used in the old books as an abbreviation for "inquest of office." (q. v.)

LUCRATIVE OFFICE. See Lucrative. Office book. Any book for the record of official or other transactions, kept under authority of the state, in public offices not connected with the courts. Office copy. A copy or transcript of a deed or record or any filed document made by the officer having it in custody or under his sanction, and by him sealed or certified. Office found. In English law. Inquest of office found; the finding of certain facts by an inquest or inquisition of office. 2 B. & C. 258, 259. This phrase has been adopted in American law. 2 Kent, Comm. 61. See Phillips v. Moore, 100 U. S. 217; L. ed. 209; Baker v. Stry, 9 Heisk. (Tenn.) 39. Office grant. A designation of a conveyance made by some office of the law to effect certain purposes, where the owner is either unwilling or unable to execute the requisite deeds to pass the title; such, for example, as a tax-deed. 3 Wash. Real Prop. 233; Office hour. The portion of the day during which public offices are usually open for the transaction of business. Office of honor. See Honor. Office of judge. A criminal suit in an ecclesiastical court, not being directed to the repairation of a

Officers judicialis non conceduntur an quum vacant. 11 Coke, 4. Judicial offices should not be granted before they are vacant.

Office magistratus non debet esse venalis. Co. Litt. 234. The offices of magistrates ought not to be sold.

OFFICIAL, n. An officer; a person invested with the authority of an office.

In the civil law. The minister or appurtenant of a magistrate or judge.

In canon law. A person to whom a bishop commits the charge of his spiritual jurisdiction.

In common and statute law. The person whom the archdeacon substitutes in the execution of his jurisdiction. Cowell.

OFFICIAL, adj. Pertaining to an office; invested with the character of an officer; proceeding from, sanctioned by, or done by, an officer.

-Demi-official. Partly official or authorized. Having color of an official right, but no real capacity. One done by an officer in his official capacity under color and by virtue of his office. Turner v. Simon, 197 Mass. 252; Lammon v. Feusier, 111 U. S. 17, 4 Sup. Ct. 268, 29 L. Ed. 357—Official assignee. In English practice. An assignee in bankruptcy appointed by the lord chancellor to co-operate with the other assignees in administering a bankrupt's estate.—Official managers. Persons formerly appointed, under English statutes now repealed, to superintend the winding up of insolvent companies under the control of the court of chancery. Wharton:—Official misconduct. Any unlawful behavior by any officer of a public nature in the discharge of the duties of his office, willful in its character, including any willful or corrupt failure, refusal, or neglect of an officer to perform any duty enjoined on him by law. Watson v. State, 9 Tex. App. 212; Brackenridge v. State, 27 Tex. App. 515, 11 S. W. 620, 4 L. R. A. 360—Official principal. An ecclesiastical officer whose duty it is to hear causes between party and party as the delegate of the bishop or archbishop by whom he is appointed. He generally also holds the office of vicar general and if (appointed by a bishop) that of chancellor. The official principal of the province of Canterbury is called the "dean of arches." Philam. Ec. Law. 1293, et seq.; Sweet:—Official solicitor to the court of chancery. An officer in England whose functions are to protect the suitors' fund and to administer, under the direction of the court, so much of it as now comes under the spending power of the court. He acts for persons suing to recover satisfaction, as sheriffs, constables, bailiffs, marshals, sequestrers, etc. When so directed by the judge, and for those who, through ignorance or forgetfulness, have been guilty of contempt of court by not obeying process. He also acts generally as solicitor in all cases in which the chancery division requires such services. The office is transferred to the high court of chancery jurisdiction in all cases in which its name appears to have been made.

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Sweet.—Official trustee of charity lands. The secretary of the English charity commissioners. He is a corporation sole for the purpose of taking and holding real property and leases folds upon trust for an endowed charity. In cases where it appears to the court desirable to vest them in him. He is a bare trustee, the possession and management of the land remaining in the persons acting in the administration of the charity. Sweet.


OFFICIALITY. The court or jurisdiction of which an official is head.

OFFICIARIS NON FACIENDIS VEL AMOVENDIS. A writ addressed to the magistrates of a corporation, requiring them not to make such a man an officer, or to put one out of the office he has, until inquiry is made of his manners, etc. Reg. Orig. 126.

OFFICINA JUSTITIE. The work shop or office of justice. The chancery was formerly so called. See 3 Bl. Comm. 273; Yates v. People, 6 Johns. (N. Y.) 363.

OFFICIO, EX, OATH. An oath whereby by a person may be obliged to make any presentation of any crime or offense, or to confess or accuse himself of any criminal matter or thing whereby he may be liable to any censure, penalty, or punishment. 3 Bl. Comm. 147.

OFFICIOUS WILL. A testament by which a testator leaves his property to his family. Sanders, Just. Inst. 207. See INFIDEL RITE, TESTAMENT.

Omissio conatus si effectus sequatur. The attempt becomes of consequence, if the effect follows. Jenk. Cent. 55.

Omissum nemini debet esse damnosum. Office ought not to be an occasion of loss to any one. A maxim in Scotch law. Bell.

OFFSET. A deduction; a counterclaim; a contrary claim or demand by which a given claim may be lessened or canceled. See Leonard v. Charter Oak L. Ins. Co., 65 Conn. 529, 33 Atl. 511; Cable Flax Mills v. Early, 72 App. Div. 213, 76 N. Y. Supp. 191. The more usual form of the word is "set-off." (q. v.)


OIR. In Spanish law. To hear; to take cognizance. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 1, c. 7.

OLD. In Scotch law. Usury; the taking of interest for money, contrary to law. Bell.

OLD NATURA BREVIUM. The title of a treatise written in the reign of Edward III. containing the writs which were then most in use, annexing to each a short comment concerning their nature and the application of them, with their various properties and effects. 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 152.

It is so called by way of distinction from the New Natura Brevis of Fitzherbert, and is generally cited as "G. N. B.," or as "Vet. Na. B.," using the abbreviated form of the Latin title.

OLD STYLE. The ancient calendar or method of reckoning time, whereby the year commenced on March 25th. It was superseded by the new style (that now in use) in most countries of Europe in 1582 and in England in 1752.

OLD TENURES. A treatise, so called to distinguish it from Littleton's book on the same subject, which gives an account of the various tenures by which land was held, the nature of estates, and some other incidents to landed property in the reign of Edward III. It is a very scanty tract, but has the merit of having laid the way to Littleton's famous work. 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 151.


OLIGARCHY. A form of government wherein the administration of affairs is lodged in the hands of a few persons.

OLOGRAPH. An instrument (e. g., a will) wholly written by the person from whom it emanates.

OLOGRAPHIC TESTAMENT. The olographic testament is that which is written
OLYMPIAD. A Greek era; the space of four years.

OMNE BUENO. In Spanish law. A good man; a substantial person. Las Partidas, pt. 5, tit. 13, 1, 38.

Omissio eorum que tacite insunt nihil operatur. The omission of those things which are tacitly implied is of no consequence. 2 Bulst. 131.

OMISSIS OMNIBUS ALIUS NEGOTIUS. Lat. Laying aside all other businesses. 9 East, 257.

OMITTANCE. Forbearance; omission.

Omne actum ab intentione agentis est judicandum. Every act is to be judged by the intention of the doer. Brach, Princ.

Omne crimen christiatis et incendii et detegit. Drunkenness both inflames (or aggravates) and reveals every crime. Co. Litt. 247a; 4 Bl. Comm. 26; Broom, Max. 17.

Omne jus aut consensus fecit, aut necessitas constituit aut firmavit consuetudo. Every right is either made by consent, or is constituted by necessity, or is established by custom. Dig. 1, 3, 49.

Omne magis dignum trahit ad se minus dignum, quamvis minus dignum sit antiquius. Every worthier thing draws to it the less worthy, though the less worthy be the more ancient. Co. Litt. 355b.

Omne magnum exemplum habet aliquid ex iniquo, quod publica utilitatis compensat. Hob. 279. Every great example has some portion of evil, which is compensated by the public utility.

Omne majus continet in se minus. Every greater contains in itself the less. 5 Coke, 115a. The greater always contains the less. Broom, Max. 174.

Omne majus continet in se minus dignum. Co. Litt. 43. The more worthy contains in itself the less worthy.

Omne majus minus in se complectitur. Every greater embraces in itself the less. Jenk. Cent. 208.


Omne quod solo insidificatur solo edicit. Everything which is built upon the soil belongs to the soil. Dig. 47, 3, 1; Broom, Max. 401.

Omne sacramentum debet esse de certa scientia. Every oath ought to be of certain knowledge. 4 Inst. 279.

Omne testamentum morte consummatum est. 3 Coke, 29. Every will is completed by death.

Omnes actiones in mundo infra certa tempora habent limitationem. All actions in the world are limited within certain periods. Bract. fol. 52.

Omnes homines aut liberi sunt aut servi. All men are freemen or slaves. Inst. 1, 3, 8; Fleta, l. 1, c. 1, § 2.

Omnes licentiam habere his quae se indulta sunt, renunclare. [It is a rule of the ancient law that] all persons shall have liberty to renounce those privileges which have been conferred for their benefit. Cod. 1, 5, 51; Id. 2, 3, 29; Broom, Max. 609.

Omnes prudentes illa admittere solent quae probantur hic in arte sua bene versati sunt. All prudent men are accustomed to admit those things which are approved by those who are well versed in the art. 7 Coke, 19.

Omnes soreores sunt quasi unus heres de una hereditate. Co. Litt. 67. All sisters are, as it were, one heir to one inheritance.

OMNI EXCEPTIONE MAJUS. 4 Inst. 262. Above all exception.

Omnia deleta in aperto leviora sunt. All crimes that are committed openly are lighter, [or have a less odious appearance than those committed secretly.] 8 Coke, 127a.

OMNIA PERFORMAVIT. He has done all. In pleading. A good plea in bar where all the covenants are in the affirmative. Bailey v. Rogers, 1 Me. 189.

Omnia presumuntur contra spoliatores. All things are presumed against a despoller or wrong-doer. A leading maxim in the law of evidence. Best, Ev. p. 340, § 303; Broom, Max. 338.

Omnia presumuntur legitem facta dono probatur in contraria. All things are presumed to be lawfully done, until proof
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be made to the contrary. Co. Litt. 222b; Best, Ev. p. 337, § 300.

Omnia presumuntur rite et solemniter esse acta donec probetur in contrario. All things are presumed to have been rightly and duly performed until it is proved to the contrary. Co. Litt. 222; Broom, Max. 944.

Omnia presumuntur solemniter esse acta. Co. Litt. 6. All things are presumed to have been done rightly.

Omnia quae jure contrahuntur contrarium jure perempt. Dig. 30, 17, 100. All things which are contracted by law perish by a contrary law.

Omnia quae sunt uxoribus sunt ipsius vivi. All things which are the wife's are the husband's. Bract. fol. 32; Co. Litt. 112a. See 2 Kent, Comm. 130-143.

Omnia rite acta presumuntur. All things are presumed to have been rightly done. Broom, Max. 944.

OMNIBUS AD QUOS PRESENTES LITERAE PERVENERINT, SALUTEM.
To all to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. A form of address with which charters and deeds were anciently commenced.

OMNIBUS BILL. 1. In legislative practice, a bill including in one act various separate and distinct matters, and particularly one joining a number of different subjects in one measure in such a way as to compel the executive authority to accept provisions which he does not approve or else defeat the whole enactment. See Com. v. Barnett, 199 Pa. 181, 48 Atl. 977, 55 L. R. A. 832; Yeager v. Weaver, 64 Pa. 425.

2. In equity pleading, a bill embracing the whole of a complex subject-matter by uniting all parties in interest having adverse or conflicting claims, thereby avoiding circuity or multiplicity of action.

Omnia actio est loquela. Every action is a plaint or complaint. Co. Litt. 222a.

Omnis conclusio beni et veri judicii sequitur ex bonis et veris premiis et dictis juratorum. Every conclusion of a good and true judgment follows from good and true premises, and the verdicts of jurors. Co. Litt. 226b.

Omnia consensus tollit errores. Every consent removes error. Consent always removes the effect of error. 2 Inst. 123.

Omnia definitio in jure civilii periculosa est, parum est enim ut non subverti possit. Dig. 50, 17, 202. All definition in the civil law is hazardous, for there is little that cannot be subverted.

Omnia definitio in lege periculosa. All definition in law is hazardous. 2 Wood. Lect. 196.

Omnis exceptio est ipse quoque regula. Every exception is itself also a rule.

Omnis indemnitatis pro innixiss legibus habetur. Every uncondemned person is held by the law as innocent. Lott, 121.

Omnis innovatio plus novitate perturbat quam utilitate prodest. Every innovation occasions more harm by its novelty than benefit by its utility. 2 Buist. 333; Broom, Max. 147.

Omnis interpretatio si fieri potest sitenda est in instrumentis, ut omnes contrarietates amovantur. Jenk. Cent. 96. Every interpretation, if it can be done, is to be so made in instruments that all contradictions may be removed.

Omnis interpretatio vel declarat, vel extendit, vel restringit. Every interpretation either declares, extends, or restrains.

Omnis nova constitutio futura formam imponere debet, non pretendit. Every new statute ought to prescribe a form to future, not to past, acts. Bract. fol. 228; 2 Inst. 95.

Omnis persona est homo, sed non viciissim. Every person is a man, but not every man a person. Calvin.


Omnis querela et omnis actio in uris limita est infra certa temporis. Co. Litt. 114b. Every plaint and every action for injuries is limited within certain times.

Omnis ratification retroadhibitur et mandato priori equiperatur. Every ratification relates back and is equivalent to a prior authority. Broom, Max. 737, 871; Chit. Cont. 196.

Omnis regula suas patitur exceptiones. Every rule is liable to its own exceptions.

OMNIIUM. In mercantile law. A term used to express the aggregate value of the different stock in which a loan is usually funded. Tonilts.

Omnium contributiones sacrifacior quod pro omnibus datum est. 4 Bing. 121. That which is given for all is recompened by
the contribution of all. A principle of the law of general average.

**Omnium rerum quarum unus est, po-
test case abusus, virtute solo excepta.** There may be an abuse of everything of which there is a use, virtue only excepted. Dav. Ir. K. B. 79.

**ON ACCOUNT.** In part payment; in partial satisfaction of the account. The phrase is usually contrasted with "in full."

**ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.** When a policy of insurance expresses that the insurance is made "on account of whom it may concern," it will cover all persons having an insurable interest in the subject-matter at the date of the policy and who were then contemplated by the party procuring the insurance. 2 Para. Mar. Law, 30.

**ON CALL.** There is no legal difference between an obligation payable "when demanded" or "on demand" and one payable "on call" or "at any time called for." In each case the debt is payable immediately. Bowman v. McChesney, 22 Grat. (Va.) 609.

**ON CONDITION.** These words may be construed to mean "on the terms," in order to effectuate the intention of parties. Meanor v. McKowan, 4 Watts & S. (Pa.) 302.

**ON DEFAULT.** In case of default; upon failure of stipulated action or performance; upon the occurrence of a failure, omission, or neglect of duty.

**ON DEMAND.** A promissory note payable "on demand" is a present debt, and is payable without any demand. Young v. Weston, 39 Me. 492; Appeal of Andress, 99 Pa. 421.

**ON FILE.** Filed; entered or placed upon the files; existing and remaining upon or among the proper files. Slosson v. Hall, 17 Minn. 95 (Gll. 71); Sulzer v. Metherin, 60 Tex. 487.

**ON OR ABOUT.** A phrase used in reciting the date of an occurrence or conveyance, to escape the necessity of being bound by the statement of an exact date.

**ON OR BEFORE.** These words, inserted in a stipulation to do an act or pay money, entitle the party stipulating to perform at any time before the day; and upon performance, or tender and refusal, he is immediately vested with all the rights which would have attached if performance were made on the day. Wall v. Simpson, 6 J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) 156, 22 Am. Dec. 72.

**ONEROUS.** Once a fraud, always a fraud. 13 Vin. Abr. 539.

**ONCE A MORTGAGE, ALWAYS A MORTGAGE.** This rule signifies that an instrument originally intended as a mortgage, and not a deed, cannot be converted into anything else than a mortgage by any subsequent clause or agreement.

**ONCE A RECOMPENSE, ALWAYS A RECOMPENSE.** 19 Vin. Abr. 277.

**ONCE IN JEOPARDY.** A phrase used to express the condition of a person charged with crime, who has once already, by legal proceedings, been put in danger of conviction and punishment for the same offense. See Com. v. Fitzpatrick, 121 Pa. 109, 15 Atl. 466, 1 L. R. A. 451, 6 Am. St. Rep. 737.

**Once quit and cleared, ever quit and cleared.** (Scotch, ans quit and clanged, ay quit and clanged.) Skene, de Verb. Sign. voc. "Iter.," ad fin.

**ONCUNNE.** L. Fr. Accused. Du Cange.

**ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS CLAUSE.** A precautionary stipulation inserted in a deed making a good tenant to the precipe in a common recovery. See 1 Prest. Conv. 110.

**ONE-THIRD NEW FOR OLD.** See New for Old.

**ONERANDO PRO RATA PORTIONIS.** A writ that lay for a joint tenant or tenant in common who was distracted for more rent than his proportion of the land comes to. Reg. Orig. 182.

**ONERARI NON.** In pleading. The name of a plea, in an action of debt, by which the defendant says that he ought not to be charged.

**ONERATIO.** Lat. A lading; a cargo.

**ONERATUR NISI.** See O. Nt.

**ONERIS FERENDI.** Lat. In the civil law. The servitude of support; a servitude by which the wall of a house is required to sustain the wall or beams of the adjoining house.

**ONEROUS.** A contract, lease, share, or other right is said to be "onerous" when the obligations attaching to it counter-balance or exceed the advantage to be derived from it, either absolutely or with reference to the particular possessor. Sweet.

As used in the civil law and in the systems derived from it, (French, Scotch, Spanish, Mexican,) the term also means based upon, supported by, or relating to a good and val-
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Onorous consideration, 1 c., one which imposes a burden or charge in return for the benefit conferred.

—Onorous cause. In Scotch law. A good and lien a consideration, it is an Onorous contract. See CONTRACT.—Onorous deed. In Scotch law. A deed given for a valuable consideration. Bell.—Onorous gift. A gift made subject to certain charges imposed by the donee on the donor. —Onorous title. A title acquired by the giving of a valuable consideration, as the payment of money or the deduction of services or the performance of conditions or assumption or discharge of liens or charges. Scott v. Ward, 13 Cal. 458; Kircher v. Murray (C. C.) 54 Fed. 617; Nes v. Card, 14 Cal. 570; Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 3556.

ONOMIC. A term applied to the signature of an instrument, the body which is in a different handwriting from that of the signature. Best. Ev. 815.

ONORENDE AND VAST STAAT. Dutch. Immovable and fast estate, that is, land or real estate. The phrase is used in Dutch wills, deeds, and antenuptial contracts of the early colonial period in New York. See Spraker v. Van Alstyne, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 208.

ONUS. Lat. A burden or load; a weight. The lading, burden, or cargo of a vessel. A charge; an incumbrance. Cum onere, (q. v.) with the incumbrance.

—Onus episcopalis. Ancient customary payments from the clergy to their diocesan bishop, of synodale, pentecostale, etc. —Onus importandia. The charge of importing merchandise, mentioned in St. 12 Car. II. c. 28. —Onus probandi. Burden of proving; the burden of proof. The strict meaning of the term "onus probandi" is that, if no evidence is adduced by the party on whom the burden is cast, the issue must be found against him. Davis v. Rogers, 1 Howst. (Del.) 44.

OPE CONSELIO. Lat. By aid and counsel. A civil law term applied to accessaries, similar in import to the "aiding and abetting" of the common law. Often written "ope et conselio." Burrell.

OPEN, c. To render accessible, visible, or available; to submit or subject to examination, inquiry, or review, by the removal of restrictions or impediments.

—Open a case. In practice. To open a case is to begin it; to make an initiatory explanation of its features to the court, jury, referee, etc., by outlining the nature of the transaction on which it is founded, the questions involved, and the character and general course of the evidence to be adduced.—Open a commission. To enter upon the duties under a commission; or commence to act under a commission, is so termed in English law. Thus, the judges of assize and nisi prius derive their authority to act under or by virtue of commission directed to them for that purpose; and, when they commence acting under the powers so committed to them, they are said to open the commissions; and the day on which they so commence their proceedings is thence termed the "commission day of the assizes." Brown.—Open a court. A court is to open by making a formal announcement, usually by the crier or bailiff, that its session has now begun and that the business before the court will be proceeded with. Open a credit. To accept or pay the draft of a correspondent who has not furnished funds. Parsons, no. 296.—Open a deposition. To break the silence as to the examination or testimony of the witness; or to permit the examination of the merits of the action in which it was rendered. This is done at the instance of a party showing good cause by examinability. The deposition would be inequitable. It is so far annuls the judgment as to prevent its enforcement until the final determination upon it, but does not in the mean time release its lien upon real estate. See Insurance Co. v. Beale, 110 Pa. 321, 1 Atl. 925.

—Open a rule. To restore or recall a rule which has been made absolute to its conditional state, as a rule nisi, so as to readmit of cause being shown against the rule. Thus, when a rule to show cause has been made absolute under a mind, or impression that no counsel had been instructed to show cause against it, it is unusual for the party at whose instance the rule was obtained to consent to have the proceeding sub judice, by which all the proceedings subsequent to the day when cause ought to have been shown against it are in effect nullified, and the rule is then argued as an ordinary rule nisi.

—Open a street or highway. To establish it by law and make it passable and available for public travel. See Reed v. Bolivia, 18 Ohio 161; Wilcoxon v. San Luis Obispo, 101 Cal. 508, 35 Pac. 988; Gaines v. Hudson County Ave. Co. In re, 57 N. J. L. 12. —Open bids. To open bids received on a foreclosure or other judicial sale is to reject or cancel them for fraud, mistake, or other cause, and order a resale of the property. Andrews v. Scottson, Bland (Md.) 644. —Open the pleadings. To state briefly at a trial before jury the substance of the pleadings. This is done by the junior counsel for the plaintiff at the commencement of the trial.

OPEN, adj. Patent; visible; apparent; notorious; not clandestine; not closed, settled, fixed, or determinate.

—Open bulk. In the mass; exposed to view; not tied or sealed up. In re Sanders (C. C.) 52 Fed. 502, 18 L. R. A. 459. —Open court. This term may mean either a court which has been formally opened and declared to be in the transaction of its proper judicial business, or a court which is freely open to the approach of all decent persons or the parties persons in interest, or the number of spectators. Hobart v. Hobart, 45 Iowa 501; Conover v. Bird, 56 N. J. L. 228, 28 Atl. 428; Ex parte Branch, 63 Ala. 383; Hays v. Railroad Co. 59 Md. 418, 48 Atl. 139. —Open doors. In Scotch law. "Letters of open doors" are process which empowers the messenger, or officer of the law, to break open doors of houses or rooms in which the debtor has placed his goods. Bell.—Open fields, or meadows. In English law. Fields which are unedited, but belong to separate owners; the part of each owner is marked off by boundaries until the crop has been carried off, when the pasture is shared proportionately by the joint herd of all the owners. Eliot, Commonw. 4, 52, 53.—Open law. The making or waging of law. Magna Charta, c. 21. —Open season. That portion of the year wherein the preservation of game and fish permit the killing of a particular species of game or the taking of a particular variety of fish. —Open theft. In Saxon law, a theft made with the Latin "fur tum manifestum," (q. v.)

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OPENING. In American practice. The beginning; the commencement; the first address of the counsel.

OPENEDURE. The time after corn is carried out of the fields.

OPERA. A composition of a dramatic kind, set to music and sung, accompanied with musical instruments, and enriched with appropriate costumes, scenery, etc. The house in which operas are represented is termed an “opera-house.” Rowland v. Kleber, 1 Pittab. R. (Pa.) 71.

OPERARI. Such tenants, under feudal tenures, as held some little portions of land by the duty of performing bodily labor and servile works for their lord.

OPERATIO. One day's work performed by a tenant for his lord.

OPERATION. In general, the exertion of power; the process of operating or mode of action; an effect brought about in accordance with a definite plan. See Little v. Polk, 36 Ark. 166; Fleming Oil Co. v. South Penn Oil Co., 37 W. Va. 833, 17 S. E. 206. In surgical practice, the term is of indefinite import, but may be approximately defined as an act or succession of acts performed upon the body of a patient, for his relief or restoration to normal conditions, either by manipulation or the use of surgical instruments or both, as distinguished from therapeutic treatment by the administration of drugs or other remedial agencies. See Akrig v. Noble, 114 Ga. 949, 41 S. E. 78.

-Criminal operation. In medical jurisprudence. An operation to procure an abortion. Miller v. Bayer, 94 Wis. 123, 65 N. W. 860.—Operation of law. This term expresses the manner in which rights, and sometimes liabilities, devolve upon a person by the mere application to the particular transaction of the established rules of law, without the act or cooperation of the party himself.

OPERATIVE. A workman; a laboring man; an artisan; particularly one employed in factories. Cocking v. Ward (Tenn. Ch. App.) 48 S. W. 287; In re City Trust Co., 121 Fed. 706, 58 C. C. A. 126; Rhodes v. Matthews, 67 Ind. 131.

OPERATIVE PART. That part of a conveyance, or of any instrument intended for the creation or transference of rights, by which the main object of the instrument is carried into effect. It is distinguished from introductory matter, recitals, formal conclusion, etc.

OPERATIVE WORDS, in a deed or lease, are the words which effect the transaction intended to be consummated by the instrument.

OPERNIS NOVI NUNTIAIO. Lat. In the civil law. A protest or warning against [off] a new work. Dig. 39, 1.

OPETIDE. The ancient time of marriage, from Epiphany to Ash-Wednesday.

Opinio est duplex, scilicet, opinio vulgaris, orta inter gravibus et discretos, et quae victum veritatis habet; et opinio tantum orta inter loves et vulgares homines, abaque specie veritatis. 4 Coke, 107. Opinion is of two kinds, namely, common opinion, which springs up among grave and discreet men, and which has the appearance of truth, and opinion which springs up only among light and foolish men, without the semblance of truth.

Opinio quae favet testamento est tenenda. The opinion which favors a will is to be followed. 1 W. Bl. 13, arg.

OPINION. 1. In the law of evidence, opinion is an inference or conclusion drawn by a witness from facts some of which are known to him and others assumed, or drawn from facts which, though lending probability to the inference, do not evolve it by a process of absolutely necessary reasoning. See Lipscomb v. State, 75 Miss. 559, 23 South. 210.

An inference necessarily involving certain facts may be stated without the facts, the inference being an equivalent to a specification of the facts; but, when the facts are not necessarily involved in the inference (e.g., when the inference may be sustained upon either of several distinct phases of fact, neither of which it necessarily involves,) then the facts must be stated. Whart. Ev. § 510.

2. A document prepared by an attorney for his client, embodying his understanding of the law as applicable to a state of facts submitted to him for that purpose.

3. The statement by a judge or court of the decision reached in regard to a cause tried or argued before them, expounding the law as applied to the case, and detailing the reasons upon which the judgment is based. See Craig v. Bennett, 158 Ind. 9, 62 N. E. 273; Coffey v. Gamble, 117 Iowa, 545, 91 N. W. 813; Houston v. Williams, 13 Cal. 24, 73 Am. Dec. 665; State v. Ramsburg, 43 Md. 333.

-Concurring opinion. An opinion, separate from that which embodies the views and decision of the majority of the court, prepared and filed by a judge who agrees in the general result of the decision, and which either reinforces the majority opinion by the expression of the particular judge's own views or reasoning, or (more commonly) voles his disapproval of the grounds of the decision or the arguments on which it was based, though approving the final result.—Dissenting opinion. A separate opinion in which a particular judge announces his dissent from the conclusion held by a majority of the court, and expounds his own views.—Per curiam opinion. One concurred in by the entire court, but expressed as being "per curiam" or "by the court," without disclosing the name of any particular judge as being its author.
Oportet quod certa res deducatur in donationem. It is necessary that a certain thing be brought into the gift, or made the subject of the conveyance. Bract. fol. 159.

Oportet quod certa res deducatur in judicium. Jenk. Cent. 84. A thing certain must be brought to judgment.

Oportet quod certa sit res quem venditum. It is necessary that there should be a certain thing which is sold. To make a valid sale, there must be certainty as to the thing which is sold. Bract. fol. 61b.

Oportet quod certa persone, terrae, et certi status comprehendarunt in declaratione usuam. 9 Coke, 9. It is necessary that given persons, lands, and estates should be comprehended in a declaration of uses.

OPPIGNERARE. Lat. In the civil law. To pledge. Calvin.

OPPOSER. An officer formerly belonging to the green-wax in the exchequer.

OPPOSITE. An old word for "opponent."

OPPOSITION. In bankruptcy practice. Opposition is the refusal of a creditor to assent to the debtor's discharge under the bankrupt law.

In French law. A motion to open a judgment by default and let the defendant in to a defense.

OPPRESSION. The misdemeanor committed by a public officer, who under color of his office, wrongfully inflicts upon any person any bodily harm, imprisonment, or other injury. 1 Russ. Crimes, 297; Steph. Dig. Crim. Law, 71. See U. S. v. Deaver (D. C.) 14 Fed. 597.

OPPRESSOR. A public officer who unlawfully uses his authority by way of oppression. (q. v.)

OPPROBRIUM. In the civil law. Ignominy; infamy; shame.

Optima statuti interpretatrix est (omnia particeps ejusdem inscriptis) ipsum statutum. The best interpreter of a statute is (all its parts being considered) the statute itself. Wing. Max. p. 239, max. 95; 8 Coke, 117b.

OPTIMACY. Nobility; men of the highest rank.

Optimam esse legem, quae minimum relinquit arbitrio judicis; id quod certitude ejus præstatur. That law is the best which leaves the least discretion to the judge; and this is an advantage which results from its certainty. Bac. Aphorisms, 8.

Optimus interpretes rerum usus. Use or usage is the best interpreter of things. 2 Inst. 282; Broom, Max. 917, 930, 931.

Optimus interpretandi modus est sic leges interpretari ut leges legibus concordant. 8 Coke, 163. The best mode of interpretation is so to interpret laws that they may accord with each other.

Optimus legum interpretes consuetudo. 4 Inst. 75. Custom is the best interpreter of the laws.

OPTION. In English ecclesiastical law. A customary prerogative of an archbishop, when a bishop is consecrated by him, to name a clerk or chaplain of his own to be provided for by such suffragan bishop; in lieu of which it is now usual for the bishop to make over by deed to the archbishop, his executors and assigns, the next presentation of such dignity or benefice in the bishop’s disposal within that see, as the archbishop himself shall choose, which is therefore called his “option.” 1 Bl. Comm. 381; 3 Steph. Comm. 63, 64; Cowell.

In contracts. An option is a privilege existing in one person, for which he has paid money, which gives him the right to buy certain merchandise or certain specified securities from another person, if he chooses, at any time within an agreed period, at a fixed price, or to sell such property to such other person at an agreed price and time. If the option gives the choice of buying or not buying, it is denominated a “call.” If it gives the choice of selling or not, it is called a “put.” If it is a combination of both these, and gives the privilege of either buying or selling or not, it is called a “straddle” or a “spread eagle.” These terms are used on the stock-exchange. See Tenney v. Foote, 95 Ill. 96; Plank v. Jackson, 125 Ind. 424, 29 N. E. 558; Osgood v. Bender, 73 Iowa, 550, 39 N. W. 857, 1 L. R. A. 655.

OPTIONAL WRIT. In old England practice. That species of original writ, otherwise called a “practicum,” which was framed in the alternative, commanding the defend-
ant to do the thing required, or show the rea-
sort wherefore he had not done it. 3 Bl. Comm. 274.

OPUS. Lat. Work; labor; the product
of work or labor.

—Opus locatum. The product of work let
for use to another; or the hiring out of work
or labor to be done upon a thing.—Opus man-
ifeatum. In old English law. Labor done by
the hands; manual labor; such as making a
hedge, digging a ditch. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 45, § 8.
—Opus novum. In the civil law. A new
work. By this term was meant something new-
ly built upon land, or taken from a work al-
ready erected. He was said opus novum facere
(to make a new work) who, either by building
or by taking anything away, changed the former
appearance of a work. Dig. 59, 1, 1, 11.

OR. A term used in heraldry, and signi-
fying gold; called "sol" by some heraldists
when it occurs in the arms of princes, and
"topaz" or "carbuncle" when borne by peers.
Engravers represent it by an indefinite num-
er of small points. Wharton.

ORA. A Saxon coin, valued at sixteen
pence, and sometimes at twenty pence.

ORACULUM. In the civil law. The
name of a kind of response or sentence given
by the Roman emperors.

ORAL. Uttered by the mouth or in
words; spoken, not written.

—Oral contract. One which is partly in writ-
ing and partly depends on spoken words, or none
of which is in writing; one which, in so far as
it has been reduced to writing, is incomplete or
expressed only a part of what is intended, but is
completed by spoken words; or one which, origi-
ally written, has afterwards been changed or
lost. See Snow v. Nelson (C. C.) 113 Fed. 353;
Railway Passenger, etc., Ass'n v. Loomis,
142 Ill. 560, 32 N. E. 424.—Oral pleading.
Pleading by word of mouth, in the actual pres-
ence of the court. This was the ancient mode
of pleading in England, and continued to the
reign of Edward III. Steph. Pl. 23–26.—Oral
testimony. That which is delivered from the
lips of the witness. Yates' Ann. St. Ohio 1904,
§ 5262; Rev. St. Wyo. 1890, § 3704.

ORANDO PRO REGE ET REGNO.
An ancient writ which issued, while there
was no standing collect for a sitting parlia-
ment, to pray for the peace and good govern-
ment of the realm.

ORANGEMEN. A party in Ireland who
keep alive the views of William of Orange.
Wharton.

ORATOR. The plaintiff in a cause or
matter in chancery, when addressing or pe-
titioning the court, used to style himself "or-
ator," and, when a woman, "oratrix." But
these terms have long gone into disuse, and
the customary phrases now are "plaintiff"
or "petitioner."

In Roman law, the term denoted an advo-
cate.

ORATRIX. A female petitioner; a fe-
male plaintiff in a bill in chancery was for-
merly so called.

ORBATION. Deprivation of one's pa-
rents or children, or privation in general.
Little used.

ORCINUS LIBERTUS. Lat. In Ro-
man law. A freedman who obtained his lib-
erty by the direct operation of the will or
testament of his deceased master was so
called, being the freedman of the deceased,
(orcinus) not of the hases. Brown.

ORDAIN. To institute or establish; to
make an ordinance; to enact a constitution or
v. Smith, 4 N. J. Law, 38.

ORDEAL. The most ancient species of
trial, in Saxon and old English law, being
peculiarly distinguished by the appellation of
"judicium Dei," or "judgment of God." It
being supposed that supernatural interven-
tion would rescue an innocent person from
the danger of physical harm to which he
was exposed in this species of trial. The or-
deal was of two sorts,—either fire ordeal or
water ordeal; the former being confined to
persons of higher rank, the latter to the com-
mon people. 4 Bl. Comm. 342.

—Fire ordeal. The ordeal by fire or red-hot
iron, which was performed either by taking up
in the hand a piece of red-hot iron, of one, two,
or three pounds weight, or by walking barefoot
and blindfolded over nine red-hot plowshares,
laid lengthwise at unequal distances 4 Bl.
Comm. 343; Cowell.

ORDEFFE, or ORDELFE. A liberty
whereby a man claims the ore found in his
own land; also, the ore lying under land.
Cowell.

ORDELS. In old English law. The right
of administering oaths and adjudging trials
by ordeal within a precinct or liberty. COW.

ORDENAMIENTO. In Spanish law.
An order emanating from the sovereign, and
differing from a cedula only in form and in
the mode of its promulgation. Schm. Civil
Law, Introd. 93, note.

ORDENAMIENTO DE ALCALA. A
collection of Spanish law promulgated by
the Cortes in the year 1343. Schm. Civil
Law, Introd. 75.

ORDER. In a general sense. A man-
date, precept; a command or direction au-
thoritatively given; a rule or regulation.
The distinction between "order" and "requisi-
tion" is that the former is a mandatory act, the

In practice. Every direction of a court or
judge made or entered in writing, and not
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 included In a judgment, is denominated an "order." An application for an order is a motion. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1063; Code N. Y. § 400.

 Orders are also issued by subordinate legislative authorities. Such are the English orders in council, or orders issued by the privy council in the name of the king, either in exercise of the executive, legislative, or judicial powers of an act of parliament. The rules of court under the judicature act are grouped together in the form of orders for dealing with a particular subject-matter. Sweet.

 An order is also an informal bill of exchange or letter of request whereby the party to whom it is addressed is directed to pay or deliver to a person therein named the whole or part of a fund or other property of the person making the order, and which is in the possession of the drawee. See Carr v. Summerfield, 47 W. Va. 155, 34 S. E. 804; People v. Smith, 112 Mich. 192, 70 N. W. 406, 67 Am. St. Rep. 392; State v. Nevins, 23 Vt. 521.

 It is further a designation of the person to whom a bill of exchange or negotiable promissory note is to be paid.

 It is also used to denote a rank, class, or division of men; as the order of nobles, order of knights, order of priests, etc.

 In French law, the name order (ordre) is given to the operation which has for its object to fix the rank of the preferences claimed by the creditors in the distribution of the price [arising from the sale] of an immovable affected by their liens. Dallois, mot "Ordre."

—Agreed order. See AGREED.—Charging order. The name bestowed, in English practice, upon an order allowed by St. 1 & 2 Vict. c. 110, § 14, and 3 & 4 Vict. c. 82, to be granted to a judgment creditor, that the property of a judgment debtor in government stock, or in the hands of any public company in England, corporate or otherwise, shall (whether standing in his own name or in the name of any person in trust for him) stand charged with the payment of the amount for which judgment shall have been recovered, with interest. 3 Steph. Comm. 537, 538.—Declaratory or in chancery, in the nature of a decree, upon a motion or petition. Thompson v. McKinn, 6 Har. & J. Md. 319; Bissell Carpet Sweeper Co. v. Gooden Sweeper Co., 72 Fed. 543, 19 C. C. A. 25. An order in a chancery suit made on motion or otherwise not at the regular hearing of a cause, and yet not of an interlocutory nature, but finally disposing of the cause, so far as a decree could then have disposed of it. M'Clintock v. Watson.—Final order. One which either terminates the action itself, or decides some matter litigated by the parties, or operates to divest some right; or one which completely disposes of the subject-matter and the rights of the parties. Hibbs v. Beckwith, 6 Ohio St. 254; Entrop v. Williams, 11 Minn. 382 (Gib. 276); Struven v. Louisville & N. R. Co. (Ky.) 76 S. W. 109. General orders. These are rules of court, promulgated for the guidance of practitioners and the regulation of procedure in general, and in some general branch of its jurisdiction; as opposed to a rule or an order made in an individual case; the rules of court.—Interior or interlocutory order. "An order which decides not the main controversy but settles an intermediate matter relating to it; as when an order is made, on a motion in chancery, for the plaintiff to have an injunction to quiet his possession till the hearing of the cause. This is or any such order, not being final, is interlocutory." Termes de la Ley, Vol. 1, p. 288.

—Order nisi. A provisional or conditional order, allowing a certain time within which to do some required act, or on failure of which the order will be made absolute.—Order of discharge. In England, an order made under the bankruptcy act of 1869, by a court of bankruptcy, the validity of which is anathema to a bankrupt from all debts, claims, or demands provable under the bankruptcy.—Order of attachment. An order made by a court or judge having jurisdiction, fixing the paternity of a bastard child upon a given man, and requiring him to provide for its support.—Order of receivers. In English practice, any order as of course for the continuance of an abated suit. It superseded the bill of revivor.—Restraining order. In equity practice, any order which may issue upon the filing of an application for an injunction forbidding the defendant to do the threatened act until a hearing on the application has been had. Those terms are sometimes used as a synonym of "injunction," a restraining order is properly distinguishable from an injunction, in that the former is intended only to restrain the commission of the act until the propriety of granting an injunction, temporary or perpetual, can be determined, and it does no more than restrain the proceedings until such determination. Wetzstein v. Boston, etc., Min. Co. 25 Mont. 135, 63 Pac. 1043; State v. Lichtenberg, 4 Wash. 2d, 30 Pac. 2d 716; Rees v. Thompson, 96 Tex. 854, 78 W. 14. In English law, the term is specially applied to an order restraining the Bank of England, or any public company, from allowing any dealing with some stock or shares specified in the order. It is granted on motion or petition. Hunt, Eq. p. 210.—Speaking order. An order which contains matter which is explanatory or illustrative of the mere direction which is given by it is sometimes thus called. Duff v. Duff, 101 Cal. 1, 35 Pac. 437.—Stop order. The meaning of a stop order given to a broker is to wait until the market price of the particular security reaches a specific figure, and then buy or sell for the customer, by his selling or buying, as the case may be, as well as possible. Porter v. Wormser, 94 N. Y. 431.

 ORDERS. The directions as to the course and purpose of a voyage given by the owner of the vessel to the captain or master. For other meanings, see ORDER.

 ORDERS OF THE DAY. Any member of the English house of commons who wishes to propose any question, or to "move the house," as it is termed, must in order to give the house due notice of his intention, state the form or nature of his motion on a previous day, and have it entered in a book termed the "order-book;" and the motions so entered, the house arranges, shall be considered on particular days, and such motions or matters, when the day arrives for their being considered, are then termed the "orders of the day." Brown. A similar practice obtains in the legislative bodies of this country.

 ORDINANCE. A rule established by authority; a permanent rule of action; a
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law or statute. In a more limited sense, the term is used to designate the enactments of the legislative body of a municipal corporation. Citizens' Gas Co. v. Elwood, 114 Ind. 322, 16 N. E. 624; State v. Swindell, 146 Ind. 527, 45 N. E. 700, 55 Am. St. Rep. 375; Bills v. Goosen, 117 Ind. 221, 20 N. E. 115, 3 L. R. A. 261; State v. Lee, 29 Minn. 445, 15 N. W. 913.

Strictly a bill or law which might stand with the old law, and did not alter any statute in force at the time, and which became complete by the royal assent on the parliament's roll, without any entry on the statute roll. A bill or law which might at any time be amended by the parliament, without any statute, Hale, Com. Law. An ordinance was otherwise distinguished from a statute by the circumstance that the latter required the threefold assent of king, lords, and commons, while an ordinance might be ordained by one or two of these constituent bodies. See 4 Inst. 23.

The name has also been given to certain enactments, more general in their character than ordinary statutes, and serving as organic laws, yet not exactly to be called "constitutions." Such was the "ordinance for the government of the North-West Territory," enacted by congress in 1787.

ORDINANCE OF THE FOREST. In English law. A statute made touching matters and causes of the forest. 33 & 34 Edw. I.

ORDINANDI LEX. Lat. The law of procedure, as distinguished from the substantial part of the law.

Ordinisus, tis dictor quis habet ordinarium jurisdictionem, in iure proprium, et non propter deputationem. Co. Litt. 26. The ordinary is so called because he has an ordinary jurisdiction in his own right, and not a deputed one.

ORDINARY, n. At common law. One who has exempt and immediate jurisdiction in causes ecclesiastical. Also a bishop; and an archbishop is the ordinary of the whole province, to visit and receive appeals from inferior jurisdictions. Also a commissary or official of a bishop or other ecclesiastical judge having judicial power; an archdeacon; officer of the royal household. Wharton.

In American law. A judicial officer, in several of the states, clothed by statute with powers in regard to wills, probate, administration, guardianship, etc.

In Scotch law. A single judge of the court of session, who decides with or without a jury, as the case may be. Brande.

In the civil law. A judge who has authority to take cognizance of causes in his own right, and not by deputation. Murden v. Beath, 1 Mill. Const. (S. C.) 269.

—Ordinary of Newgate. The clergyman who is attendant upon condemned malefactors in that prison to prepare them for death; he records the behavior of such persons. Formerly it was the custom of the ordinary to publish a small pamphlet upon the execution of any remarkable criminal. Wharton. —Ordinary of assize and sessions. In old English law. A deputy of the bishop of the diocese, annually appointed to give malefactors their neck-verges, and judge whether they read or not; also to perform divine services for them, and assist in preparing them for death. Wharton.

ORDINARY, adj. Regular; usual; common; not characterized by peculiar or unusual circumstances; belonging to, exercised by, or characteristic of, the normal or average individual. See Zulich v. Bowman, 42 Pa. 88; Chicago & A. R. Co. v. House, 172 Ill. 601, 50 N. E. 151; Jones v. Angell, 95 Ind. 376.

—Ordinary conveyances. Those deeds of transfer which are entered into between two or more persons, without an assurance, a superior court of justice. Wharton. —Ordinary course of business. The transaction of business according to the usages and customs of the commercial world generally or of the particular community or (in some cases) of the particular individual whose acts are under consideration. Nelson v. Knapp, 20 Fed. Cas. 835; Christianson v. Farmers' Warehouse Ass'n, 5 N. D. 438, 67 N. W. 300, 32 L. R. A. 730; in re Dibbles, 7 Fed. Cas. 694. —Ordinary repairs. Such as are necessary to make good the usual wear and tear or natural and unavoidable decay and keep the property in good condition. See Abell v. Ready, 70 Mo. 94, 28 Atl. 817; Brenn v. Troy, 60 Barb. (N. Y.) 421; Clark Civil Tp. v. Brookshire, 114 Ind. 437, 16 L. R. A. 1193. —Ordinary seaman. An able sailor who is capable of performing the ordinary or routine duties of a seaman, but who is not yet so proficient in the knowledge and practice of all the various duties of a sailor at sea as to be rated as an "able" seaman. —Ordinary skill in an art, means that degree of skill which men engaged in that particular art usually employ; not that which belongs to a few men only, of extraordinary endowments and capacities. Baltimore & Ohio R. Co. v. Pettit, 78 Md. 377, 17 Atl. 279, 52 L. R. A. (N. Y.) 44 Am. St. Rep. 304; Waugh v. Shunk, 20 Pa. 130.

As to ordinary "Care," "Diligence," "Negligence," see those titles.

ORDINATION is the ceremony by which a bishop confers on a person the privileges and powers necessary for the execution of sacerdotal functions in the church. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 110.

ORDINATIONES CONTRA SERVIENTES. A writ that lay against a servant for leaving his master contrary to the ordinance of St. 23 & 24 Edw. III. Reg. Orig. 180.

ORDINATUM EST. In old practice. It is ordered. The initial words of rules of court when entered in Latin.

Ordine placitaand i servato, servatur et ius. When the order of pleading is observed, the law also is observed. Co. Litt. 303a; Broom, Max. 188.

ORDINES. A general chapter or other solemn convention of the religious of a particular order.
ORDINES MAJORES ET MINORES. In ecclesiastical law. The holy orders of priest, deacon, and subdeacon, any of which qualified for presbytery and admission to an ecclesiastical dignity or cure were called "ordines maiores;" and the inferior orders of chanters, psalmists, ostiary, reader, exorcist, and acolyte were called "ordines minores." Persons ordained to the ordines minores had their prima tonsura, different from the tonsura clericalis. Cowell.

ORDINIS BENEFICIUM. Lat. In the civil law. The benefit or privilege of order; the privilege which a surety for a debtor had of requiring that his principal should be discussed, or thoroughly prosecuted, before the creditor could resort to him. Nov. 4, c. 1; Helnec. Elem. lib. 3, tit. 21, § 833.

ORDINUM FUGITIVI. In old English law. Those of the religious who deserted their houses, and, throwing off the habits, renounced their particular order in contempt of their oath and other obligations. Paroch. Antiq. 388.

ORDO. Lat. That rule which monks were obliged to observe. Order; regular succession. An order of a court.
---Ordo judiciorum. In the canon law. The order of judgments; the rule by which the due course of hearing each cause was prescribed. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 17.---Ordo niger. The black friars, or Benedictines. The Cilinics likewise wore black. Du Cange.

ORDONNANCE. Fr. In French law, an ordinance; an order of a court; a compilation or systematized body of law relating to a particular subject-matter, as, commercial law or maritime law. Particularly, a compilation of the law relating to prizes and captures at sea. See Coolidge v. Inglee, 13 Mass. 43.

ORE-LEAVE. A license or right to dig and take ore from land. Ege v. Kille, 84 Pa. 340.

ORE TENUS. Lat. By word of mouth; orally. Pleading was anciently carried on ore tenus, at the bar of the court. 3 Bl. Comm. 295.

ORFGILD. In Saxon law. The price or value of a beast. A payment for a beast. The payment or forfeiture of a beast. A penalty for taking away cattle. Spelman.

ORGANIC ACT. An act of congress conferring powers of government upon a territory. In re Lane, 135 U. S. 443, 10 Sup. Ct. 760, 34 L. Ed. 219.

ORGANIC LAW. The fundamental law, or constitution, of a state or nation, written or unwritten; that law or system of laws or principles which defines and establishes the organization of its government. St. Louis v. Dorr, 145 Mo. 466, 46 S. W. 976, 42 L. R. A. 680, 68 Am. St. Rep. 575.

ORGANIZE. To establish or furnish with organs; to systematize; to put into working order; to arrange in order for the normal exercise of its appropriate functions.

The word "organize," as used in railroad and other charters, ordinarily signifies the choice and qualification of all necessary officers for the transaction of the business of the corporation. This is usually done after all the capital stock has been subscribed for. New Haven & D. R. Co. v. Chapman, 38 Conn. 66.

ORGANIZED COUNTY. A county which has its lawful officers, legal machinery, and means for carrying out the powers and performing the duties pertaining to it as a quasi municipal corporation. In re Section No. 6, 66 Minn. 32, 68 N. W. 323.

ORGILD. In Saxon law. Without recompense; as where no satisfaction was to be made for the death of a man killed, so that he was judged lawfully slain. Spelman.

ORIGINAL. Primitive; first in order; bearing its own authority, and not deriving authority from an outside source; as original jurisdiction, original writ, etc. As applied to documents, the original is the first copy or archetype; that from which another instrument is transcribed, copied, or imitated.
---Original bill. In equity pleading. A bill which relates to some matter not before litigated in the court by the same persons standing in the same interests. Mitt. Eq. Pl. 33; Longworth v. Ohio, 14 Wash. 50; Ohio St. 44; Thomas v. Russell, 14 Wall. 69, 20 L. Ed. 762. In old practice. The ancient mode of commencing actions in the English court of king's bench. See BILL---Original clerk. In Search law. One by which the first grant of land is made. On the other hand, a charter by progress is one renewing the grant in favor of the heir or singular successor of the first or succeeding vassals. Bell---Original conveyances. Those conveyances at common law, otherwise termed "primary," by which a benefit or estate is created or first arises; comprising feoffments, gifts, grants, leases, exchanges, and partitions. 2 Bl. Comm. 309---Original entry. The first entry of an item of an account made by a trader or other person in his account-books, as distinguished from entries posted into the ledger or copied from other books of original estates. See ESTATE---Original evidence. See EVIDENCE---Original inventor. In patent law, a pioneer in the art; one who executes the original idea and brings it to some successful, useful and tangible result; as distinguished from an improver. Norton v. Jensen, 90 Fed. 415, 35 S. C. 141---Original record. See JURISDICTION---Original package. A package prepared for interstate or foreign transportation, and remaining in the same condition as shipped, that is, unbroken and undivided; a package of such form.
and size as is used by producers or shippers for the purpose of securing both convenience in handling and security in transportation of merchandise between dealers in the ordinary course of actual commerce. Austin v. Tennessee, 170 U. S. 343, 21 Sup. Ct. 322, 45 L. Ed. 234; Haley v. State, 42 Neb. 536, 60 N. W. 362; 47 Am. St. Rep. 718; State v. Winters, 44 Kan. 723, 23 Pac. 233, 10 L. R. A. 616—Original process. See Process—Original writ. See Wait—Single original. An original instrument which is executed singly, and not in duplicate.

ORIGINALIA. In English law. Transcripts sent to the remembrancer's office in the exchequer out of the chancery, distinguished from recorda, which contain the judgments and pleadings in actions tried before the barons.

Origine propria nominem posse voluntate sua eximii manifestum est. It is evident that no one is able of his own pleasure, to do away with his proper origin. Code 10, 38, 4; Broom, Max. 77.

Origo rei insipient debet. The origin of a thing ought to be regarded. Co. Litt. 248a.

ORNEST. In old English law. The trial by battle, which does not seem to have been usual in England before the time of the Conqueror, though originating in the kingdoms of the north, where it was practiced under the name of "holmgang," from the custom of fighting duels on a small island or holm. Wharton.

ORPHAN. Any person (but particularly a minor or infant) who has lost both (or one) of his or her parents. More particularly, a fatherless child. Soohan v. Philadelphia, 33 Pa. 24; Poston v. Young, 7 J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) 501; Chicago Guaranty Fund Life Soc. v. Wheeler, 79 Ill. App. 241; Stewart v. Morrison, 88 Miss. 419; Downing v. Shoenerberger, 9 Watts (Pa.) 299.

ORPHANAGE PART. That portion of an intestate's effects which his children were entitled to by the custom of London. This custom appears to have been a remnant of what was once a general law all over England, namely, that a father should not by his will bequeath the entirety of his personal estate away from his family, but should leave them a third part at least, called the "children's part," corresponding to the "haires' part" or legitim of Scotch law, and also (although not in amount) to the legitima quarta of Roman law. (Inet. 2, 18.) This custom of London was abolished by St. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 94. Brown.

ORPHANOTROPHI. In the civil law. Managers of houses for orphans.

ORPHANS' COURT. In American law. Courts of probate jurisdiction, in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

ORTELLI. The claws of a dog's foot. Kitch.

ORTOLAGIUM. A garden plot or horticulture.

ORWIGE, SINE WITTA. In old English law. Without war or feud, such security being provided by the laws, for homicides under certain circumstances, against the feoth, or deadly feud, on the part of the family of the slain. Anc. Inst. Eng.

OSTENDIT VOBIS. Lat. In old pleading. Shows to you. Formal words with which a defendant began his count. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 38, § 2.

OSTENSIBLE AGENCY. An implied or presumptive agency, which exists where one, either intentionally or from want of ordinary care, induces another to believe that a third person is his agent, though he never in fact employed him. Bibb v. Bancroft (Cal.) 22 Pac. 454; First Nat. Bank v. Elevator Co., 11 N. D. 280, 91 N. W. 457.

OSTENSIBLE PARTNER. A partner whose name is made known and appears to the world as a partner, and who is in reality such. Story, Partn. § 80.

OSTENSIO. A tax annually paid by merchants, etc., for leave to show or expose their goods for sale in markets. Du Cange.

OSTENTUM. Lat. In the civil law. A monstrous or prodigious birth. Dig. 50, 16, 38.

OSTEOPATHY. A method or system of treating various diseases of the human body without the use of drugs, by manipulation applied to various nerve centers, rubbing, pulling, and kneading parts of the body, flexing and manipulating the limbs, and the mechanical readjustment of any bones, muscles, or ligaments not in the normal position, with a view to removing the cause of the disorder and aiding the restorative force of nature in cases where the trouble originated in misplacement of parts, irregular nerve action, or defective circulation. Whether the practice of osteopathy is "practiced medicine," and whether a school of osteopathy is a "medical college," within the meaning of statutes, the courts have not determined. See Little v. State 60 Neb. 749, 84 N. W. 248, 51 L. R. A. 717; Nelson v. State Board of Health, 108 Ky. 709, 57 S. W. 501, 50 L. R. A. 383; State v. Littlerug, 61 Ohio St. 39, 56 N. E. 168, 76 Am. St. Rep. 358; Parks v. State 150 Ind. 211, 64 N. E. 802, 59 L. R. A. 190.

OSTIUM ECCLESIE. Lat. In old English law. The door or porch of the church, where dower was ancienly conferred.

OSWALD'S LAW. The law by which was effected the ejection of married priests, and the introduction of monks into churches, by Oswald, bishop of Worcester, about A. D. 594. Wharton.

OSWALD'S LAW HUNDRED. An ancient hundred in Worcestershire, so called from Bishop Oswald, who obtained it from King Edgar, to be given to St. Mary's Church in Worcester. It was exempt from the sheriff's jurisdiction, and comprehends 300 hides of land. Camden, Brit.

OTER LA TOUAILLE. In the laws of Oleron. To deny a seaman his mess. Literally, to deny the table-cloth or victuals for three meals.

OTES WORTHIE. In Saxon law. Oathworth; oathworthy; worthy or entitled to make oath. Bract. folia. 185, 292b.

OUGHT. This word, though generally directory only, will be taken as mandatory if the context requires it. Life Ass'n v. St. Louis County Assessors, 49 Mo. 518.

OUNCE. The twelfth part; the twelfth part of a pound troy or the sixteenth part of a pound avoirdupois.

OUNCE LANDS. Certain districts or tracts of lands in the Orkney Islands were formerly so called, because each paid an annual tax of one ounce of silver.

OURLOP. The lervrite or fine paid to the lord by the infernog tenant when his daughter was debauched. Cowell.

OUST. To put out; to eject; to remove or deprive; to deprive of the possession or enjoyment of an estate or franchise.


—Actual ouster. By "actual ouster" is not meant a physical eviction, but a possession attended with such circumstances as to evince a claim of exclusive right and title, and a denial of the right of the other tenants to participate in the profits. Burns v. Byrne, 45 Iowa, 257.

OUSTER LE MAIN. L. Fr. Literally, out of the hand.

1. A delivery of lands out of the king's hands by judgment given in favor of the petitioner in a monstans de droit.

2. A delivery of the ward's lands out of the hands of the guardian, on the former arriving at the proper age, which was twenty-one in males, and sixteen in females. Abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24. Mozley & Whitley.

OUST EL ME. L. Fr. Beyond the sea; a cause of excuse if a person, being summoned, did not appear in court. Cowell.

OUT-BOUNDARIES. A term used in early Mexican land laws to designate certain boundaries within which grants of a smaller tract, which designated such out-boundaries, might be located by the grantee. U. S. v. Maxwell Land Grant Co., 121 U. S. 323, 7 Sup. Ct. 1015, 30 L. Ed. 949.

OUT OF COURT. He who has no legal status in court is said to be "out of court." 4. e., he is not before the court. Thus, when the plaintiff in an action, by some act of omission or commission, shows that he is unable to maintain his action, he is frequently said to put himself out of court. Brown.

The phrase is also used with reference to agreements and transactions in regard to a pending suit which are arranged or take place between the parties or their counsel privately and without being referred to the judge or court for authorization or approval. Thus, a case which is compromised, settled, and withdrawn by private agreement of the parties, after its institution, is said to be settled "out of court." So attorneys may make agreements with reference to the conduct of a suit or the course of proceedings therein; but if these are made "out of court," that is, not made in open court or with the approval of the judge, it is a general rule that they will not be noticed by the court unless reduced to writing. See Welsh v. Blackwell, 14 N. J. Law, 345.

OUT OF TERM. At a time when no term of the court is being held; in the vacation or interval which elapses between terms of the court. See McNell v. Hodges, 90 N. C. 245, 6 S. E. 127.

OUT OF THE STATE. In reference to rights, liabilities, or jurisdictions arising out of the common law, this phrase is equivalent to "beyond sea," which see. In other connections, it means physically beyond the territorial limits of the particular state in question, or constructively so, as in the case of a foreign corporation. See Faw v. Robeau, 3 Cranch, 177, 2 L. Ed. 492; Foster v. Givens, 67 Fed. 684, 14 C. C. A. 625; Meyer v. Roth, 51 Cal. 562; Yoast v. Willis, 9 Ind. 550; Larson v. Aultman & Taylor Co., 80 Wis. 281, 50 N. W. 915, 39 Am. St. Rep. 803.

OUT OF TIME. A mercantile phrase applied to a ship or vessel that has been so long at sea as to justify the belief of her total loss.

In another sense, a vessel is said to be
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out of time when, computed from her known day of sailing, the time that has elapsed exceeds the average duration of similar voyages at the same season of the year. The phrase is identical with "missing ship." 2 Duer, Ins. 403.


OUTCROP. In mining law. The edge of a stratum which appears at the surface of the ground; that portion of a vein or lode which appears at the surface or immediately under the soil and surface debris. See Duggan v. Davey, 4 Dak. 110, 26 N. W. 887; Stevens v. Williams, 23 Fed. Cas. 40.

OUTER BAR. In the English courts, barristers at law have been divided into two classes, viz., king's counsel, who are admitted within the bar of the courts, in seats specially reserved for themselves, and junior counsel, who sit without the bar; and the latter are thence frequently termed barristers of the "outer bar," or "utter bar," in contradistinction to the former class. Brown.

OUTER HOUSE. The name given to the great hall of the parliament house in Edinburgh, in which the lords ordinary of the court of session sit as single judges to hear causes. The term is used colloquially as expressive of the business done there in contradistinction to the "Inner House," the name given to the chambers in which the first and second divisions of the court of session hold their sittings. Bell.

OUTFANGTHEF. A liberty or privilege in the ancient common law, whereby a lord was enabled to call any man dwelling in his manor, and taken for felony in another place out of his fee, to judgment in his own court. Du Cange.

OUTFIT. 1. An allowance made by the United States government to one of its diplomatic representatives going abroad, for the expense of his equipment.

2. This term, in its original use, as applying to ships, embraced those objects connected with a ship which were necessary for the sailing of her, and without which she would not in fact be navigable. But in ships engaged in whaling voyages the word has acquired a much more extended significance. Macy v. Whaling Ins. Co., 9 Mete. (Mass.) 364.

OUTHEST, or OUTHOM. A calling men out to the army by sound of horn. Jacob.

OUTHOURSE. Any house necessary for the purposes of life, in which the owner does not make his constant or principal residence, is an outhouse. State v. O'Brien, 2 Root (Conn.) 516.

A smaller or subordinate building connected with a dwelling, usually detached from it and standing at a little distance from it, not intended for persons to live in, but to serve some purpose of convenience or necessity; as a barn, a dairy, a toolhouse, and the like.

OUTLAND. The Saxon thanes divided their hereditary lands into inland, such as lay nearest their dwelling, which they kept to their own use, and outland, which lay beyond the demesnes, and was granted out to tenants, at the will of the lord, like copyhold estates. This outland they subdivided into two parts. One part they disposed among those who attended their persons, called "thedana," or lesser thanes; the other part they allotted to their husbandsmen, or curials. Jacob.

OUTLAW. In English law. One who is put out of the protection or aid of the law.

OUTLAWED, when applied to a promissory note, means barred by the statute of limitations. Drew v. Drew, 37 Me. 359.

OUTLAWRY. In English law. A process by which a defendant or person in contempt on a civil or criminal process was declared an outlaw. If for treason or felony, it amounted to conviction, and attainsder. Stin. Law Gloss. See Res publica v. Doan, 1 Dall. (Pa.) 86, 1 L. Ed. 47; Dale County v. Gunter, 46 Ala. 138; Drew v. Drew, 37 Me. 391.

OUTLOT. In early American land law, (particularly in Missouri,) a lot or parcel of land lying outside the corporate limits of a town or village but subject to its municipal jurisdiction or control. See Kissell v. St. Louis Public Schools, 16 Mo. 392; St. Louis v. Toney, 24 Mo. 243; Eberle v. St. Louis Public Schools, 11 Mo. 265; Vasquez v. Ewing, 42 Mo. 256.

OUTPARTERS. Stealers of cattle. Cowell.

OUTPUTERS. Such as set watches for the robbing any manor-house. Cowell.

OUTRAGE. Injurious violence, or, in general, any species of serious wrong offered to the person, feelings, or rights of another. See McKinley v. Railroad Co., 44 Iowa, 314, 24 Am. Rep. 748; Aldrich v. Howard, 8 R. I. 246; Mosmat v. Snyder, 105 Iowa, 500, 75 N. W. 356.

OUTRIDERS. In English law. Bible errant employed by sheriffs or their deputies to ride to the extremities of their counties or hundreds to summon men to the county or hundred court. Wharton.
OUTROPER. A person to whom the business of selling by auction was confined by statute. 2 H. Bl. 557.

OUTSETTER. In Scotch law. Publisher. 3 How. State Tr. 603.

OUTSTANDING. 1. Remaining undischarged; unpaid; uncollected; as an outstanding debt.
   2. Existing as an adverse claim or pretension; not united with, or merged in, the title or claim of the party; as an outstanding title.

- Outstanding term. A term in gross at law, which, in equity, may be made attendant upon the inheritance, either by express declaration or by implication.

OUTSUCKEN MULTURES. In Scotch law. Out-town multures; multures, duties, or tolls paid by persons voluntarily grinding corn at any mill to which they are not thirled, or bound by tenure. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 140.

OUVERTURE DES SUCCESSIONS. In French law. The right of succession which arises to one upon the death, whether natural or civil, of another.

OVE. L. Fr. With. Modern French avec.

OVELL. L. Fr. Equal.

OVELTY. In old English law. Equality.

OVER. In conveyancing, the word “over” is used to denote a contingent limitation intended to take effect on the failure of a prior estate. Thus, in what is commonly called the “name and arms clause” in a will or settlement there is generally a proviso that if the devisee fails to comply with the condition the estate is to go to some one else. This is a limitation or gift over. Wats. Comp. Eq. 1110; Sweet.

OVER SEA. Beyond the sea; outside the limits of the state or country. See Guzlin v. Brattle, Kirby (Conn.) 300. See Beyond Sea.

OVERCYTED, or OVERCYHSED. Proved guilty or convicted. Blount.

OVERDRAW. To draw upon a person or a bank, by bills or checks, to an amount in excess of the funds remaining to the drawer’s credit with the drawer, or to an amount greater than what is due.

The term “overdraw” has a definite and well-understood meaning. Money is drawn from the bank by him who draws the check, not by him who receives the money; and it is drawn upon the account of the individual by whose check it is drawn, though it be paid to and for the benefit of another. No one can draw money from bank upon his own account, except by means of his own check or draft, nor can he overdraw his account with the bank in any other manner. State v. Stimson, 24 N. J. Law, 478, 484.

OVERDUE. A negotiable instrument or other evidence of debt is overdue when the day of its maturity is past and it remains unpaid. Camp v. Scott, 14 VT. 387; La Due v. First Nat. Bank, 31 Minn. 33, 16 N. W. 426. A vessel is said to be overdue when she has not reached her destination at the time when she might ordinarily have been expected to arrive.

OVERHAUL. To inquire into; to review; to disturb. “The merits of a judgment can never be overhauled by an original suit.” 2 H. Bl. 414.

OVERHERNISSA. In Saxon law. Contumacy or contempt of court. Leg. Ethel. c. 25.

OVERISSUE. To issue in excessive quantity; to issue in excess of fixed legal limits. Thus, “overissued stock” of a private corporation is capital stock issued in excess of the amount limited and prescribed by the charter or certificate of incorporation. See Hayden v. Charter Oak Driving Park, 63 Conn. 142, 27 Atl. 232.

OVERLIVE. To survive; to live longer than another. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 58; 1 Leon. 1.

OVERPLUS. What is left beyond a certain amount; the residue; the remainder of a thing. Lyon v. Toukies, 1 Mees. & W. 603; Page v. Leapingwell, 18 Ves. 466.

OVERREACHING CLAUSE. In a re-settlement, a clause which saves the powers of sale and leasing annexed to the estate for life created by the original settlement, when it is desired to give the tenant for life the same estate and powers under the re-settlement. The clause is so called because it provides that the re-settlement shall be overreached by the exercise of the old powers. If the re-settlement were executed without a provision to this effect, the estate of the tenant for life and the annexed powers would be subject to any charges for portions, etc., created under the original settlement. 3 Dav Conv. 489; Sweet.

OVERRULE. To supersede; annul; reject by subsequent action or decision. A judicial decision is said to be overruled when a later decision, rendered by the same court or by a superior court in the same system, expresses a judgment upon the same question of law directly opposite to that which was before given, thereby depriving the earlier opinion of all authority as a precedent. The term is not properly applied to conflicting decisions on the same point by coordinate or independent tribunals.
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In another sense, "overrule" is spoken of the action of a court in refusing to sustain, or recognize as sufficient, an objection made in the course of a trial, as to the introduction of particular evidence, etc.

OVERSAMESSA. In old English law. A forfeiture for contempt or neglect in not pursuing a malefactor. 3 Inst. 116.

OVERSEE. A superintendent or supervisor; a public officer whose duties involve general superintendence of routine affairs.

—Overseers of highways. The name given, in some of the states, to a board of officers of a city, township, or county, whose special function is the construction and repair of the public roads or highways.—Overseers of the poor. Persons appointed or elected to take care of the poor with moneys furnished to them by the public authority.

OVERMAN. In Scotch law. An umpire appointed by a submission to decide where two arbiters have differed in opinion, or he is named by the arbiters themselves, under powers given them by the submission. Bell.

OVERT. Open; manifest; public; issuing in action, as distinguished from that which rests merely in intention or design.

—Market overt. See Market.—Overt act. In criminal law. An open, manifest act from which criminality may be implied. An open act, which must be manifestly proved. 3 Inst. 12. An overt act a trial to establish an attempt to commit a crime is an act done to carry out the intention, and it must be such as would naturally effect that result unless prevented by some extraneous cause. People v. Mills, 178 N. Y. 274, 70 N. E. 786, 67 L. R. A. 131. In reference to the crime of treason, and the provision of the federal constitution that a person shall not be convicted thereof unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act essential to establish an attempt to commit a crime is an act done to carry out the intention, and it must be such as would naturally effect that result unless prevented by some extraneous cause.

—Overt word. An open, plain word, not to be misunderstood. Cowell.

OVERTURE. An opening; a proposal.

OWELTY. Equality. This word is used in law in several compound phrases, as follows:

1. Owelty of partition is a sum of money paid by one of two coparceners or co-tenants to the other, when a partition has been effected between them, but, the land not being susceptible of division into exactly equal shares, such payment is required to make the portions respectively assigned to them of equal value.

2. In the feudal law, when there is lord, mesne, and tenant, and the tenant holds the mesne by the same service that the mesne holds over the lord above him, this was called "owelty of services." Tomlins.

3. Owelty of exchange is a sum of money given, when two persons have exchanged

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lands, by the owner of the less valuable estate to the owner of the more valuable, to equalize the exchange.

OWING. Something unpaid. A debt, for example, is owing while it is unpaid, and whether it be due or not. Conquard v. Bank of Kansas City, 12 Mo. App. 261; Muselman v. Wise, 84 Ind. 248; Jones v. Thompson, 1 El., Bl. & E1. 64.

OWLERS. In English law. Persons who carried wool, etc., to the sea-side by night, in order that it might be shipped off contrary to law. Jacob.

OWLING. In English law. The offense of transporting wool or sheep out of the kingdom; so called from its being usually carried on in the night. 4 Bl. Comm. 154.


He who has dominion of a thing, real or personal, corporeal or incorporeal, which he has a right to enjoy and do with as he pleases, even to spoil or destroy it, as far as the law permits, unless he be prevented by some agreement or covenant which restrains his right. Boy v. Bank of Logan, 74 N. Y. 581. —Joint owners. Two or more persons who jointly own and hold title to property, e. g., joint tenants.—Legal owner. One who is recognized and held responsible by the law as the owner of property. In a more particular sense, one in whom the legal title to real estate is vested, but who holds it in trust for the benefit of another, the latter being called the "equitable" owner.—Part owners. Joint owners; co-owners; those who have shares of ownership in the same thing, particularly a vessel.—Reputed owner. He who has the general credit or reputation of being the owner or proprietor of goods is said to be the reputed owner. See Santa Cruz Rock Pav. Co. v. Lyons (Cal.) 43 Pac. 601. This phrase is chiefly used in English bankruptcy practice, where the bankrupt is styled the "reputed owner" of goods lawfully in his possession, though the real owner may be another person.

The word "reputed" has a much weaker sense than its derivation would appear to warrant; importing merely a supposition or opinion derived or made up from outward appearances, and often used improperly by fact. The word "reputed owner" is frequently employed in this sense. 2 Steph. Comm. 206.—Riparian owners. See Water law.—Special owner. One who has a special interest in an article of property, amounting to a qualified ownership of it, such, for example, as a bailee's lien; as distinguished from a general owner, who has the primary or residiary title to the same thing. Frazier v. State, 18 Tex. App. 441.
OWNERSHIP. The complete dominion, title, or proprietary right in a thing or claim. See Property.

The ownership of a thing is the right of one or more persons to possess and use it to the exclusion of others. In this Code, the thing of which there may be ownership is called "property." Civ. Code Cal. § 654.

Ownership is the right by which a thing belongs to some one in particular, to the exclusion of all other persons. Civ. Code La. art. 488.

Ownership is divided into perfect and imperfect. Ownership is perfect when it is perpetual, and when the thing is unencumbered with any real right towards any other person than the owner. On the contrary, ownership is imperfect when it is to terminate at a certain time or on a condition, or if the thing which is the object of it, being an immovable, is charged with any real right towards a third person; as a usufruct, use, or servitude. When an immovable is subject to a usufruct, the owner of it is said to possess the naked ownership. Civ. Code La. art. 490; Maestri v. Board of Assessors, 110 La. 517, 34 South. 658.

OXYFILD. A restitution anciently made by a hundred or county for any wrong done by one that was within the same. Lamb. Arch. 125.


OYER. In old practice. Hearing; the hearing a deed read, which a party sued on a bond, etc., might pray or demand, and it was then read to him by the other party; the entry on the record being, "et et legitur in hae versba," (and it is read to him in those words.) Steph. Pl. 67, 68; 3 Bl. Comm. 299; 3 Saik. 119.

In modern practice. A copy of a bond or specialty sued upon, given to the opposite party, in lieu of the old practice of reading it.

OYER AND TERMINER. A half French phrase applied in England to the assizes, which are so called from the commission of oyer and terminer directed to the judges, empowering them to "inquire, hear, and determine" all treasons, felonies, and misdemeanors. This commission is now issued regularly, but was formerly used only on particular occasions, as upon sudden outrage or insurrection in any place. In the United States, the higher criminal courts are called "courts of oyer and terminer." Burrill.

OYER DE RECORD. A petition made in court that the judges, for better proof's sake, will hear or look upon any record. Cowell.

OYEZ. Hear ye. A word used in courts by the public crier to command attention when a proclamation is about to be made. Commonly corrupted into "O yes."
P. An abbreviation for "page;" also for "Faschalls," (Easter term,) in the Year Books, and for numerous other words of which it is the initial.


P. H. V. An abbreviation for "pro hac vice," for this turn, for this purpose or occasion.

P. J. An abbreviation for "president" (or presiding) "judge," (or justice.)

P. L. An abbreviation for "Pamphlet Laws" or "Public Laws."

P. M. An abbreviation for "postmaster;" also for "post-meridian," afternoon.

P. O. An abbreviation for "public officer;" also of "post-office."

P. P. An abbreviation for "propría persona," in his proper person, in his own person.

P. S. An abbreviation for "Public Statutes;" also for "postscript."

PAAGE. In old English law. A toll for passage through another's land. The same as "pedage."

PACARE. L. Lat. To pay.

PACATIO. Payment. Mat. Par. A. D. 1248.

PACE. A measure of length containing two feet and a half, being the ordinary length of a step.

PACEATUR. Lat. Let him be freed or discharged.

Paes sunt maxime contraaria vis et injuría. Co. Litt. 161. Violence and injury are the things chiefly hostile to peace.

PACIFICATION. The act of making peace between two hostile or belligerent states; re-establishment of public tranquility.

PACK. To put together in sorts with a fraudulent design. To pack a jury is to use unlawful, improper, or deceitful means to have the jury made up of persons favorably disposed to the party so contriving, or who have been or can be improperly influenced to give the verdict he seeks. The term imports the improper and corrupt selection of a jury sworn and impaneled for the trial of a cause. Mix v. Woodward, 12 Conn. 250.

PACK OF WOOL. A horse load, which consists of seventeen stone and two pounds, or two hundred and forty pounds weight. Fleta, l. 2, c. 12; Cowell.

PACKAGE. A package means a bundle put up for transportation or commercial handling; a thing in form to become, as such, an article of merchandise or delivery from hand to hand. A parcel is a small package; "parcel" being the diminutive of "package." Each of the words denotes a thing in form suitable for transportation or handling, or sale from hand to hand. U. S. v. Goldback, 1 Hughes, 529, Fed. Cas. No. 18,222; Hail v. State, 42 Neb. 884, 60 N. W. 962, 47 Am. St. Rep. 718; State v. Parsons, 124 Mo. 458, 27 S. W. 1102, 46 Am. St. Rep. 457.

"Package," in old English law, signifies one of various duties charged in the port of London on the goods imported and exported by aliens, or by denizens the sons of aliens. Tomlins.

—Original package. See ORIGINAL.

PACKED PARCELS. The name for a consignment of goods, consisting of one large parcel made up of several small ones, (each bearing a different address,) collected from different persons by the immediate consignor, (a carrier,) who unites them into one for his own profit, at the expense of the railway by which they are sent, since the railway company would have been paid more for the carriage of the parcels singly than together. Wharton.

PACT. A bargain; compact; agreement. This word is used in writings on Roman law and on general jurisprudence as the English form of the Latin "pactum," (which see.)

—Nuda pacta. A translation of the Latin "nudum pactum," a bare or naked pact, that is, a promise or agreement made without any consideration on the other side, which is therefore not enforceable.—Pactum de non alienando. An agreement not to alienate incumbered (particularly mortgaged) property. This stipulation, sometimes found in mortgages made in Louisiana, and derived from the Spanish law, binds the mortgagor not to sell or incumber the mortgaged premises to the prejudice of the mortgagee; it does not avoid a sale made to a third person, but enables the mortgagee to proceed directly against the mortgaged property in a proceeding against the mortgagee alone and without notice to the purchaser. See Dohda v. Landau, 45 La. Ann. 287, 12 South. 345.

Pacta conventa que neque contra leges neque dolio malo inita sunt omni modo observanda sunt. Agreements which are not contrary to the laws nor entered lu-
to with a fraudulent design are in all respects to be observed. Cod. 2, 3, 39; Broom, Max. 698, 732.

**Pacta dant legem contractui.** Hob. 118. The stipulations of parties constitute the law of the contract.

**Pacta privata juris publico derogare non possunt.** 7 Coke, 23. Private compacts cannot derogate from public right.

**Pacta que contra leges constitutionesque, vel contra bonos mores sunt, nullam vim habere, indubitati juris est.** That contracts which are made against law or against good morals have no force is a principle of undefined law. Cod. 2, 3, 6.

**Pacta que turpem causam continuer non sunt observanda.** Agreements founded upon an immoral consideration are not to be observed. Dig. 2, 14, 27, 4; Broom, Max. 732.

**PACTIO.** Lat. In the civil law. A bargaining or agreeing of which pactum (the agreement itself) was the result. Calvin. It is used, however, as the synonym of "pactum."

**PACTIO.** Relating to or generating an agreement; by way of bargain or covenant.

**PACTIONS.** In international law. Contracts between nations which are to be performed by a single act, and of which execution is at an end at once. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 100.

**Pactis privatorum juris publico non derogatur.** Private contracts do not derogate from public law. Broom, Max. 695.

**PACTITIOUS.** Settled by covenant.

**Pacto aliquod licitum est, quod sine pacto non admissitur.** Co. Litt. 166. By special agreement things are allowed which are not otherwise permitted.

**PACTUM.** Lat. In the civil law. A pact. An agreement or convention without specific name, and without consideration, which, however, might, in its nature, produce a civil obligation. Hinsie. Elem. Lib. 3, tit. 14, § 775.

**In Roman law.** With some exceptions, those agreements that the law does not directly enforce, but which it recognizes only as a valid ground of defense, were called "pacta." Those agreements that are enforced, in other words, are supported by actions, are called "contractus." The exceptions are few, and belong to a late period. Hunter, Rom. Law, 546.

- *Nudum pactum.* A bare or naked pact or agreement; a promise or undertaking made without any consideration for it, and therefore not enforceable.—*Pactum constitutum pecuniae.* In the civil law. An agreement by which a person appointed to his creditor a certain day or a certain time at which he promised to pay; or an agreement by which a person promises to pay a creditor. Wharton.—*Pactum de non alienando.* A pact or agreement binding the owner of property not to alienate it, intended to protect the interests of another; particularly an agreement by the mortgagor of real estate that he will not transfer the title to a third person until after satisfaction of the mortgage. See Mackeil, Rom. Law, § 401.—*Pactum de non petendo.* In the civil law. An agreement not to sue. A simple convention whereby a creditor promises the debtor that he will not enforce his claim. Mackeil, Rom. Law, § 542.—*Pactum de quota litis.* In the civil law. An agreement by which a creditor promised to pay a portion of a debt difficult to recover to a person who undertook to recover it. Wharton.

**PADDER.** A robber; a foot highwayman; a foot-pad.

**PADDOCK.** A small inclosure for deer or other animals.


**PAGARCHUS.** A petty magistrate of a *pagus* or little district in the country.

**PAGODA.** A gold or silver coin, of several kinds and values, formerly current in India. It was valued, at the United States custom-house, at $1.94.

**PAGUS.** A county. Jacob.

**PAINE FORTE ET DURE.** See PEINTE FORTE ET DURE.

**PAINES AND PENALTIES, BILLS OF.** The name given to acts of parliament to attain particular persons of treason or felony, or to inflict pains and penalties beyond or contrary to the common law, to serve a special purpose. They are in fact new laws, made *pro re nata.*

**PAINTINGS.** It is held that colored imitations of rugs and carpets and colored working designs, each of them valuable and designed by skilled persons and hand painted, but having no value as works of art, are not "paintings," within the meaning of that term as used in a statute on the liability of carriers. 3 Ex. Div. 121.

**PAIRING-OFF.** In the practice of legislative bodies, this is the name given to a species of negative proxies, by which two members, who belong to opposite parties or are on opposite sides with regard to a given question, mutually agree that they will both be absent from voting, either for a specified period or when a division is had on the particular question. By this mutual agreement a vote is neutralized on each side of the
PAIS, PAYS. Fr. The country; the neighborhood. A trial per pais signifies a trial by the country; that is, by jury. An assurance by matter in pais is an assurance transacted between two or more private persons "in the country;" that is, upon the very spot to be transferred. Matter in pais signifies matter of fact, probably because matters of fact are triable by the country; i.e., by jury; estoppels in pais are estoppels by conduct, as distinguished from estoppels by deed or by record.

PAIS, CONVEYANCES IN. Ordinary conveyances between two or more persons in the country; i.e., upon the land to be transferred.

PALACE COURT. A court formerly existing in England. It was created by Charles I, and abolished in 1849. It was held in the borough of Southwark, and had jurisdiction of all personal actions arising within twelve miles of the royal palace of Whitehall, exclusive of London.

PALAGIUM. A duty to lords of manors for exporting and importing vessels of wine at any of their ports. Jacob.

PALAM. Lat. In the civil law. Openly; in the presence of many. Dig. 50, 16, 33.

PALATINE. Possessing royal privileges. See COUNTY PALATINE.

PALATINE COURTS formerly were the court of common pleas at Lancaster, the chancery court of Lancaster, and the court of pleas at Durham, the second of which alone now exists. (See the respective titles.) Sweet.

PALATIUM. Lat. A palace. The emperor's house in Rome was so called from the Mona Palatinus on which it was built. Adams, Rom. Ant. 613.

PALFRIDUS. A palfrey; a horse to travel on.

PALINGMAN. In old English law. A merchant deulzen; one born within the English pale. Blount.

PALLIO COOPERIRE. In old English law. An ancient custom, where children were born out of wedlock, and their parents afterwards intermarried. The children, together with the father and mother, stood under a cloth extended while the marriage was solemnized. It was in the nature of adoption. The children were legitimate by the civil, but not by the common, law. Jacob.

PALMER ACT. A name given to the English statute 19 & 20 Vict. c. 16, enabling a person accused of a crime committed out of the jurisdiction of the central criminal court, to be tried in that court.


PAMPHLET LAWS. The name given in Pennsylvania to the publication, in pamphlet or book form, containing the acts passed by the state legislature at each of its biennial sessions.

PANDECTS. A compilation of Roman law, consisting of selected passages from the writings of the most authoritative of the older jurists, methodically arranged, prepared by Tribonian with the assistance of sixteen associates, under a commission from the emperor Justinian. This work, which is otherwise called the "Digest," comprises fifty books, and is one of the four great works composing the Corpus Juris Civilis. It was first published in A. D. 533.

PANDOXATOR. In old records. A brewer.

PANDOXATRIX. An ale-wife; a woman that both brewed and sold ale and beer.

PANEL. The roll or slip of parchment returned by the sheriff in obedience to a venire facias, containing the names of the persons whom he has summoned to attend the court as jurymen. Beasly v. People, 89 Ill. 571; People v. Coyodo, 40 Cal. 592.

The panel is a list of jurors returned by a sheriff, to serve at a particular court or for the trial of a particular action. Pen. Code Cal. § 1057.

The word is also used to denote the whole body of persons summoned as jurors for a particular term of court.

In Scotch law. The prisoner at the bar, or person who takes his trial before the court of justiciary for any crime. This name is given to him after his appearance. Bell.

PANIER, in the parlance of the English bar societies, is an attendant or domestic who waits at table and gives bread, (panis,) wine, and other necessary things to those who are dining. The phrase was in familiar use among the knights templar, and from them has been handed down to the learned societies of the inner and middle temples, who at the present day occupy the halls and buildings once belonging to that distinguished order, and who have retained a few of their customs and phrases. Brown.


**PANIS.** Lat. In old English law. Bread; a loaf. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 9.

**PANNAGE.** A common of pannage is the right of feeding swine on mast and acorns at certain seasons in a commonsable wood or forest. Elton, Commons, 25; Williams, Common, 168.

A pannanum est pastus pororum, in memoribus et in silvis, ut pata, de glandibus, etc. 1 Bulst. 7. A pannage is a pasture of hogs, in woods and forests, upon acorns, and so forth.

**PANNELLATION.** The act of impaneling a jury.

**PANTOMIME.** A dramatic performance in which gestures take the place of words. See 3 C. B. 871.

**PAPER.** A written or printed document or instrument. A document filed or introduced in evidence in a suit at law, as, in the phrase "papers in the case" and in "papers on appeal." Any written or printed document, including letters, memoranda, legal or business documents, and books of account, as in the constitutional provision which protects the people from unreasonable searches and seizures in respect to their "papers" as well as their houses and persons. A written or printed evidence of debt, particularly a promissory note or a bill of exchange, as in the phrases "accommodation paper" and "commercial paper."

In English practice. The list of causes or cases intended for argument, called "the paper of causes." 1 Tlld. Pr. 504.

—Accommodation paper. See that title. Commercial paper. See COMMERCIAL—Paper blockade. See BLOCKADE—Paper book. In practice. A printed collection or abstract, in methodical order, of the pleadings, evidence, exhibits, and proceedings in a case, or whatever else may be necessary to a full understanding of it, prepared for the use of the judges upon a hearing or argument on appeal. Copies of the proceedings on an issue in law or demurrer, of cases, and of the proceedings on error, prepared for the use of the judges, and delivered to them previous to bringing the cause to argument. 3 Bl. Comm. 317; Archib. New Pr. 353; 5 Man. & G. 98. In proceedings on appeal or error in a criminal case, copies of the proceedings with a note of the points intended to be argued, delivered to the judges by the parties before the argument. Archib. Crim. Pl. 285; Swett. Paper credit. Credit given on the security of any written obligation purporting to represent property.—Paper days. In English law. Certain days in term-time appointed by the courts for hearings or arguments in the cases set down in the various special papers.

—Paper money. Bills drawn by a government legislature on its own credit, engaging to pay money, but which do not profess to be immediately convertible into specie, and which are put into compulsory circulation as a substitute for coined money.—Paper office. In English law. An ancient office in the palace of Whitehall, where all the public writings, matters of state and council, proclamations, letters, intelligence, negotiations of the queen's ministers abroad, and generally all the papers and dispatches that pass through the offices of the secretaries of state, are deposited. Also an office or room in the court of queen's bench where the records belonging to that court are deposited; sometimes called "paper-mill." Wharton.—Paper title. See TITLE.

**PAPIST.** One who adheres to the communion of the Church of Rome. The word seems to be considered by the Roman Catholics themselves as a nickname of reprobates, originating in their maintaining the supreme ecclesiastical power of the pope. Wharton.

**PAR.** In commercial law. Equal; equality. An equality subsisting between the nominal or face value of a bill of exchange, share of stock, etc., and its actual selling value. When the values are thus equal, the instrument or share is said to be "at par;" if it can be sold for more than its nominal worth, it is "above par;" if for less, it is "below par." Ft. Edward v. Fish, 156 N. Y. 383, 50 N. E. 572; Evans v. Tillman, 38 S. C. 223, 44 49.

—Par of exchange. In mercantile law. The precise equality or equivalency of any given sum or quantity of money in the coin of one country, and the like sum or quantity of money in the coin of any other foreign country into which it is to be exchanged, supposing the money of such country to be of the precise weight and purity fixed by the mint standard of the respective countries. Story, Bills, § 30. Murphy v. Kastner, 50 N. J. Eq. 230, 24 Atl. 564; Blue Star S. S. Co. v. Keyser (D. C.) 81 Fed. 510. The par of the currencies of any two countries means the equivalence of a certain amount of the currency of the one in the currency of the other, supposing the currency of both to be of the precise weight and purity fixed by their respective mints. The exchange between the two countries is said to be at par when bills are negotiated on this footing; i.e., when a bill for £100 drawn on London sells in Paris for 2,530 francs, and vice versa. Bowen, Pol. Econ. 254.

**PARE.** Lat. Equal.

—Par delictum. Equal guilt. "This is not a case of par delictum. It is oppression on one side and submission on the other. It never can be predicated as par delictum when one holds the rod and the other bows to it." 6 Maule & S. 165.—Par oner. Equal to the burden or charge; equal to the detriment or damage.

**PAR in peregrin imperium non habet.** Jenk. Cent. 174. An equal has no dominion over an equal.

**PARACHRONISM.** Error in the computation of time.

**PARACAIM.** The tenure between parencers, viz., that which the youngest owes to the eldest without homage or service. Domestay.

**PARAGE, or PARAGUM.** An equality of blood or dignity, but more especially of land, in the partition of an inheritance between co-heirs: more properly, however, an equality of condition among nobles, or
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PERSONS holding by a noble tenure. Thus, when a fief is divided among brothers, the younger hold their part of the elder by parage; i.e., without any homage or service. Also the portion which a woman may obtain on her marriage. Cowell.

PARAGRAPH. A part or section of a statute, pleading, affidavit, etc., which contains one article, the sense of which is complete. McClellan v. Hein, 56 Neb. 600, 77 N. W. 120; Hill v. Fairhaven & W. R. Co., 75 Conn. 177, 52 Atl. 725; Marine v. Packham, 52 Fed. 579, 3 C. C. A. 210; Bailey v. Mosher, 63 Fed. 488, 11 C. C. A. 304.

PARALLEL. For two lines of street railway to be "parallel," within the meaning of a statute, it may not be necessary that the two lines should be parallel for the whole length of each or either route. Except parallelism is not contemplated. Crowin v. Highland St. Ry. Co., 144 Mass. 254, 10 N. E. 833. And see East St. Louis Connecting Ry. Co. v. Jarvis, 92 Fed. 735, 34 C. C. A. 639; Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Kentucky, 161 U. S. 677, 18 Sup. Ct. 714, 40 L. Ed. 849.

PARAMOUNT. Above; upwards. That which is superior; usually applied to the highest lord of the fee of lands, tenements, or hereditaments, as distinguished from the mesne (or intermediate) lord. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 125.

In the law of real property, the term "paramount title" properly denotes one which is superior to the title with which it is compared, in the sense that the former is the source or origin of the latter. It is, however, frequently used to denote a title which is simply better or stronger than another, or will prevail over it. But this use is scarcely correct, unless the superiority consists in the seniority of the title spoken of as "paramount." See Hoopes v. Meyer, 1 Nev. 444.

-Paramount equity. An equitable right or claim which is prior, superior, or preferable to that with which it is compared.

PARAPHERNA. In the civil law. Goods brought by wife to husband over and above her dowry.

PARAPHERNAL PROPERTY. See PARAPHERNALIA.

PARAPHERNALIA. In the civil law. The separate property of a married woman, other than that which is included in her dowry, or dos.

The separate property of the wife is divided into dotal and extradotal. Dotal property is that which the wife brings to the husband to assist him in bearing the expenses of the marriage establishment. Extradotal property, otherwise called "paraphernal property," is that which forms no part of the dowry. Civ. Code La. art. 2335.

The wife's paraphernalia shall not be subject to the debts or contracts of the husband, and shall consist of the apparel of herself and her children, her watch, and ornaments suitable to her condition in life, and all such articles of personalty as have been given to her for her own use and comfort. Code Ga. 1882, § 1773.

In English law. Those goods which a woman is allowed to have, after the death of her husband, besides her doce, consisting of her apparel and ornaments, suitable to her rank and degree. 2 Bl. Comm. 436.

PARAPHERNAUX, BIENS. Fr. In French law. All the wife's property which is not subject to the régime dotal is called by this name; and of these articles the wife has the entire administration; but she may allow the husband to enjoy them, and in that case he is not liable to account. Brown.

PARASCEVE. The sixth day of the last week in Lent, particularly called "Good Friday." In English law, it is a dies non juridicus.

PARASYNEXIS. In the civil law. A conventicle, or unlawful meeting.

PARATITLA. In the civil law. Notes or abstracts prefixed to titles of law, giving a summary of their contents. Cod. 1, 17, 12.

PARATUM HABEO. Lat. I have him in readiness. The return by the sheriff to a capias ad respondendum, signifying that he has the defendant in readiness to be brought into court.

PARATUS EST VERIFICARE. Lat. He is ready to verify. The Latin form for concluding a pleading with a verification, (q. v.)

PARAVAL. Inferior; subordinate. Tenant paravali signified the lowest tenant of land, being the tenant of a mesne lord. He was so called because he was supposed to make "avail" or profit of the land for another. Cowell; 2 Bl. Comm. 60.

PARCEL. In the law of real property parcel signifies a part or portion of land. As used of chattels, it signifies a small package or bundle. See State v. Jordan, 36 Fla. 1, 17 South. 742; Miller v. Burke, 6 Daly (N. Y.) 174; Johnson v. Street, 153 N. Y. 51, 46 N. D. 1035.

-Parcel makers. Two officers in the exchequer who formerly made the parcels or items of the escheators' accounts, wherein they charged them with everything they had levied for the king during the term of their office. Cowell. Parcels. A description of property, formerly set forth in a conveyance, together with the
PARCELS. A parcel of land.

PARCELARY. The state or condition of holding title to lands jointly by parcelers or co-parcelers, before a division of the joint estate.

PARCENER. A joint heir; one who, with others, holds an estate in co-parcenary, (q. v.)

PARCHEMENT. Sheep-skins dressed for writing, so called from Pergamus, Asia Minor, where they were invented. Used for deeds, and used for writes of summons in England previous to the judicature act, 1875. Wharton.

PARCO FRACTO. Pound-breach; also the name of an old English writ against one chargeable with pound-breach.

PARCUS. A park, (q. v.) A pound for stray cattle. Spelman.


"Pardon" is to be distinguished from "amnestiya." The former applies only to the individual, releases him from the punishment fixed by law for his specific offense, but does not affect the criminality of the same or similar acts when performed by other persons or repeated by the same person. The latter term denotes an act of grace extended by the government to all persons who may come within its terms, and which obliterates the criminality of past acts done, and declares that they shall not be treated as punishable.

—Conditional pardon. A conditional pardon is one granted on the condition that it shall only endure until the voluntary doing of some act by the person pardoned, or that it shall be revoked by a subsequent act on his part, as, that he shall leave the state and never return. Ex parte Jukes, 1 Nev. 319; State v. Woffer, 22 Minn. 133, 54 N. W. 1063, 19 L. R. A. 785, 39 Am. St. Rep. 582; State v. Barnes, 32 S. C. 14, 10 S. E. 611, 6 L. R. A. 743, 17 Am. St. Rep. 882; People v. Burns, 77 Hun. 92, 23 N. Y. Supp. 650.—General pardon. One granted to all the persons participating in a given criminal or treasonable offense (generally political), or to all offenders of a given class or against a certain statute or within certain limits of time. But "amnesty" is the more appropriate term for this.

PARDONERS. In old English law. Persons who carried about the pope's indulgences, and sold them to any who would buy them.

PARENTS. Lat. In Roman law. A parent; originally and properly only the father or mother of the person spoken of; but also, by an extension of its meaning, any relative, male or female, in the line of direct ascent.

—PARENTES PATRIM. Parent of the country. In England, the king. In the United States, the state, as a sovereign, in the parentes patriae.

"PARENTES" est nomen generale ad omnes cognationes. Co. Litt. 80. "Parent" is a name general for every kind of relationship.

PARENT. The lawful father or the mother of a person. Appeal of Gibson, 154 Mass. 378, 25 N. E. 296. This word is distinguished from "ancestors" in including only the immediate progenitors of the person, while the latter embraces his more remote relatives in the ascending line.

PARENTELA, or de parentela se tollere, in old English law, signified a renunciation of one's kindred and family. This was, according to ancient custom, done in open court, before the judge, and in the presence of twelve men, who made oath that they believed it was done for a just cause. We read of it in the laws of Henry I. After such abjuration, the person was incapable of inheriting anything from any of his relations, etc. Enc. Lond.

PARENTHESES. Part of a sentence occurring in the middle thereof, and inclosed between marks like ( ), the omission of which part would not injure the grammatical construction of the rest of the sentence. Wharton: In re Schilling, 53 Fed. 81, 3 U. C. A. 440.

PARENTICIDE. One who murders a parent; also the crime so committed.

Parentum est liberum alere etiam moesos. It is the duty of parents to support their children even when illegitimate. Lofft, 222.

PAREGON. One work executed in the intervals of another; a subordinate task. Particularly, the name of a work on the Canons, in great repute, by Ayliffe.

PARES. Lat. A person's peers or equals; as the jury for the trial of causes, who were originally the vassals or tenants of the lord, being the equals or peers of the parties litigant; and, as the lord's vassals judged each other in the lord's courts, so the sovereign's vassals, or the lords themselves, judged each other in the sovereign's courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 340.

—Pares curiae. Peers of the court. Vassals who were bound to attend the lord's court.—Pares regni. Peers of the realm. Spelman.
PARESIS. In medical jurisprudence. Progressive general paralysis, involving or leading to the form of insanity known as "dementia paralytica." Popularly, but not very correctly, called "softening of the brain." See INSANITY.

PARI CAUSA. Lat. With equal right; upon an equal footing; equivalent in rights or claims.

PARI DELICTO. Lat. In equal fault. See IN PARI DELICTO.

PARI MATERIA. Lat. Of the same matter; on the same subject; as, laws pari materia must be construed with reference to each other. Bac. Abr. "Statute," I, 3.

PARI PASSU. Lat. By an equal progress; equably; ratably; without preference. Coote, Mortg. 56.

PARI RATIONE. Lat. For the like reason; by like mode of reasoning.

Paria copulansur paribus. Like things unite with like. Bac. Max.

Paribus sententitis reus absolvitur. Where the opinions are equal, [where the court is equally divided] the defendant is acquitted. 4 Inst. 64.

PARENTES. In Spanish law. Relations. White, New Recop. b. 1, ttt. 7, c. 5, § 2.

PARES. Lat. In the civil law. A wall. Partes est, sive murus, sive mactera est. Dig. 50, 16, 137.

=Pares communis. A common wall; a party-wall. Dig. 29, 2, 39.

PARI, DECLARATION OF. See DECLARATION.

PARIISH. In English law. A circuit of ground, committed to the charge of one parson or vicar, or other minister having cure of souls therein. 1 Bl. Comm. 111. Wilson v. State, 34 Ohio St. 199. The precinct of a parish church, and the particular charge of a secular priest. Cowell. An ecclesiastical division of a town or district, subject to the ministry of one pastor. Brande.

In New England. A corporation established for the maintenance of public worship, which may be coterminal with a town, or include only part of it. A precinct or parish is a corporation established solely for the purpose of maintaining public worship, and its powers are limited to that object. It may raise money for building and keeping in repair its meeting-house, and supporting its minister, but for no other purpose. A town is a civil and political corporation, established for municipal purposes. They may both subsist together in the same territory, and be composed of the same persons. Milford v. Godfrey, 1 Pick. (Mass.) 91.


Parish apprentice. In English law. The children of parents unable to maintain them may, by law, be apprenticed, by the guardians or overseers of their parish, to such persons as may be willing to receive them as apprentices. Such children are called "parish apprentices." 2 Steph. Comm. 220.—Parish church. This expression has various significations. It applied sometimes to a select body of Christians, forming a local spiritual association, and sometimes to the building in which the public worship of the inhabitants of a parish is celebrated; but the true legal notion of a parochial church is a consecrated place, having attached to it the rights of burial and the administration of the sacraments. Story, J. R. 48; Riley v. Clark, 7 Cush. 326, 3 L. Ed. 735.—Parish clerk. In English law. An officer, in former times often in holy orders, and appointed to officiate at the altar; now his duty consists chiefly in making responses in church to the minister. By common law he has a freehold in his office, but it seems now to be falling into desuetude. 2 Steph. Comm. 700; Molesby & Whitely.—Parish constable. A petty constable exercising his functions on the determination of the parish clerk. Whitely.—Parish court. The name of a court established in each parish in Louisiana, and corresponding to the county courts or common pleas courts in the other states. It has a limited civil jurisdiction, besides general probate powers.—Parish officers. Churchwardens, overseers, and constables.—Parish priest. In English law. The parson; a minister who holds a parish as a benefice. If the predial tithes are appropriated, he is called "rector;" if improprised, "vicar." Wharton.

PARISHIONERS. Members of a parish. In England, for many purposes they form a body politic.

PARITOR. A beadle; a summoner to the courts of civil law.

Parium cadem est ratio, idem jus. Of things equal, the reason is the same, and the, same is the law.

PARIUM JUDICIUM. The judgment of peers; trial by a jury of one's peers or equals.

PARK. In English law. A tract of inclosed ground privileged for keeping wild beasts of the chase, particularly deer; an inclosed chase extending only over a man's own grounds. 2 Bl. Comm. 38.

PARK-BOTE. To be quit of inclosing a park or any part thereof.

PARKES. A park-keeper.

PARKING. In municipal law and administration. A strip of land, lying either in the middle of the street or in the space between the building line and the sidewalk, or between the sidewalk and the driveway, intended to be kept as a park-like space, that is, not built upon, but beautified with turf, trees, flower-beds, etc. See Downing v. Des Moines, 124 Iowa, 259, 99 N. W. 1066.

PARLE HILL, or PARNING HILL. A hill where courts were antiently held. Cowell.

PARLIAMENT. The supreme legislative assembly of Great Britain and Ireland, consisting of the king or queen and the three estates of the realm, viz., the lords spiritual, the lords temporal, and the commons. 1 Bl. Comm. 183.

-High court of parliament. In English law. The body of parliament, as composed of the house of peers and house of commons; or the house of lords sitting in its judicial capacity.

PARLIAMENTARY. Relating or belonging to, connected with, enacted by or proceeding from, or characteristic of, the English parliament in particular, or any legislative body in general.

-Parliamentary agents. Persons who act as solicitors in promoting and carrying private bills through parliament. They are usually attorneys or solicitors, but they do not usually confine their practice to this particular department. Brown.—Parliamentary committee. A committee of members of the house of peers or the house of commons, appointed by either house for the purpose of making inquiries, by the examination of witnesses or otherwise, into matters which could not be conveniently inquired into by the whole house. Wharton.—Parliamentary law. The general body of enacted rules and recognized usages which governs the procedure of legislative assemblies and other deliberative bodies.—Parliamentary taxes. See Tax.

PARLIAMENTUM. L. Lat. A legislative body in general or the English parliament in particular.

-Parliamentum diabolism. A parliament held at Coventry, 36 Hen. VI., wherein Edward, Earl of March, (afterwards King Edward IV.,) and many of the chief nobility were attainted, so called; but the acts then made were annulled by the succeeding parliament. Jacob.—Parliamentum indoctum. Unlearned or lack-learning parliament. A name given to a parliament held at Coventry in the sixth year of Henry IV. under an ordinance requiring that no lawyer should be chosen knight, citizen, or burgess, "by reason whereof, says Sir Edward Coke, "this parliament was fruitless, and never a good law made thereat." 4 Inst. 48; 1 Bl. Comm. 177.—Parliamentum insanum. A parliament assembled at Oxford, 41 Hen. III., so styled from the madness of their proceedings, and because the lords came with armed men to it, and contentions grew very high between the king, lords, and commons, whereby many extraordinary things were done. Jacob.—Parliamentum religiosum. In most convents there has been a common room into which the brethren withdrew for conversation; conferences there being termed "parliamentum." Likewise, the societies of the two temples, or inns of court, call that assembly of the benchers or governors wherein they confer upon the common affairs of their several houses a "parliament." Jacob.

Parochia est locus quo deget populus alienus ecclesiam. 5 Coke, 67. A parish is a place in which the population of a certain church resides.

PAROCHIAL. Relating or belonging to a parish.

-Parochial chapel. In English law. Places of public worship in which the rites of sacrament and sepulture are performed.

PAROL. A word; speech; hence, oral or verbal; expressed or evidenced by speech only; not expressed by writing; not expressed by sealed instrument.

The pleadings in an action are also, in old law French, denominated the "parol," because they were formerly actual voces voces pleadings in court, and not mere written allegations, as at present. Brown.


PAROLE. In military law. A promise given by a prisoner of war, when he has leave to depart from custody, that he will return at the time appointed, unless discharged. Webster.

An engagement by a prisoner of war, upon being set at liberty, that he will not again take up arms against the government by whose forces he was captured, either for a limited period or while hostilities continue.

PAROLS DE LEY. L. Fr. Words of law; technical words.

Paroles font plea. Words make the plea. 5 Mod. 458.

PARQUET. In French law. 1. The magistrates who are charged with the conduct of proceedings in criminal cases and misdemeanors.

2. That part of the bourse which is reserved for stock-brokers.

PARRICIDE. The crime of killing one's father; also a person guilty of killing his father.

PARRICIDIUM. Lat. In the civil law. Parricide; the murder of a parent. Dig. 48, 9, 9.

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PARS. Lat. A part; a party to a deed, action, or legal proceeding.

PARS emittit. In old English law. The privilege or portion of the eldest daughter in the partition of lands by lot.—Pars gravata. In old practice, one party aggrieved; the party aggrieved. Hardr. 50; 3 Leon. 237.—Pars pro teto. Part for the whole; the name of a party to represent the whole; as the roof for the house, ten acres for ten armed men, etc.—Pars rationabilis. That part of a man's goods which the law gave to his widow and children. 2 Bl. Comm. 402.—Pars res. A party defendant. St. Marib. c. 13.—Pars viscerae matris. Part of the bowels of the mother; i.e., an unborn child.

PARSON. The rector of a church; one that has full possession of all the rights of a parochial church. The appellation of "parson," however it may be deprecated by familiar, clownish, and indiscriminate use, is the most legal, most beneficial, and most honorable title that a parish priest can enjoy, because such a one, Sir Edward Coke observes, and he only, is said vicem seu personam ecclesiae gerere. (to represent and bear the person of the church.) 1 Bl. Comm. 384.

PARSON imparson. In English law. A clerk or parson in full possession of a benefice. Cowell.—Parson mortal. A rector instituted and inducted for his own life. But any collegiate or ordinary body, to whom a church was forever appropriated, was termed "persona immortalis." Wharton.

PARSONAGE. A certain portion of lands, tithes, and offerings, established by law, for the maintenance of the minister who has the cure of souls. Tomlins.

The word is more generally used for the house set apart for the residence of the minister. Mosley & Whitley. See Wells' Estate v. Congregational Church, 63 Vt. 116, 21 Atl. 270; Everett v. First Presbyterian Church, 53 N. J. Eq. 500, 32 Atl. 747; Reeves v. Reeves, 5 Lea (Tenn.) 644.

PART. A portion, share, or purport. One of two duplicate originals of a conveyance or covenant, the other being called "counterpart." Also, in composition, partial or incomplete; as part payment, part performance. Cairo v. Brooks, 9 Ill. App. 406.

PART and pertinent. In the Scotch law of conveyancing. Formal words equivalent to the English "appurtenances." Bell.

As to part "Owner," "Payment," and "Performance," see those titles.

PARTAGE. In French law. A division made between co-proprietors of a particular estate held by them in common. It is the operation by means of which the goods of a succession are divided among the co-heirs; while lictation (q. v.) is an adjudication to the highest bidder of objects which are not divisible. Duverger.

PARTE INAUDITA. Lat. One side being unheard. Spoken of any action which is taken ex parte.

PARTE NON COMPARENTE. Lat. The party not having appeared. The condition of a cause called "default."

Pars quamunque integrante subjicit, tollitur totum. An integral part being taken away, the whole is taken away. 8 Coke, 41.

Partem aliquam recte intelligere ne-mo potest, antequam totam, iterum atque iterum, perlegirt. 3 Coke, 52. No one can rightly understand any part until he has read the whole again and again.

PARTES FINIS NIhil HABUERUNT. In old pleading. The parties to the fine had nothing; that is, had no estate which could be conveyed by it. A plea to a fine which had been levied by a stranger. 2 Bl. Comm. 357; 1 P. Wms. 520.

PARTIAL. Relating to or constituting a part; not complete; not entire or universal.

PARTIAL account. An account of an executor, administrator, guardian, etc., not exhibiting his entire dealings with the estate or fund from his appointment to final settlement, but covering only a portion of the time or of the estate. See Marshall v. Coleman, 187 Ill. 556, 63 N. E. 629.—Partial average. Another name for particular average. See AVERAGE. And see Peters v. Warren Ins. Co., 19 Fed. Cas. 370.—Partial evidence. See EVIDENCE.—Partial insanity. Mental unsoundness always existing, although only occasionally manifested; monomania. 3 Add. 70.—Partial loss. See LOSSES.—Partial verdict. See VERDICT.

PARTIARIUS. Lat. In Roman law. A legatee who was entitled, by the directions of the will, to receive a share or portion of the inheritance left to the heir.

PARTICEPS. Lat. A participant; a sharer; anciently, a part owner, or partner.

PARTICEPS criminalis. A participant in a crime; an accomplice. One who shares or co-operates in a criminal offense, tort, or fraud. Alberger v. White, 117 Mo. 347, 23 S. W. 92; State v. Fox, 70 N. J. Law, 353, 57 Atl. 270.

Participes plures sunt quasi unum corpus in eo quod unum jussabat, et opertet quod corpus sit integrum, et quod in nulla parte sit defectus. Co. Litt. 4. Many partners are as one body, inasmuch as they have one right, and it is necessary that the body be perfect, and that there be a defect in no part.

PARTICULA. A small piece of land.

PARTICULAR. This term, as used in law, is almost always opposed to "general," and means either individual, local, partial, special, or belonging to a single person, place, or thing.

PARTICULAR statement. This term, in use in Pennsylvania, denotes a statement which a plaintiff may be required to file, exhibiting in detail the items of his claim, for its nature, if
PARTICULAR. In a pleading, affidavit, or the like, is the detailed statement of particular.

PARTICULARS. The details of a claim, or the separate items of an account. When these are stated in an orderly form, for the information of a defendant, the statement is called a "bill of particularities." (q. v.)

—Particulars of breaches and objections. In an action brought, in England, for the infliction of a breach, in appeals, "accountant" is bound to deliver with his declaration (now with his statement of claim) particulars (i. e., details) of the breaches which he complains of. Sweet.—Particulars of criminal charges. A prosecutor, when a charge is general, is frequently ordered to give the defendant a statement of the particulars of his offenses in the indictment. In England, the "particulars" of the charges.—Particulars of sale. When property such as land, houses, ships, reversion, etc., is to be sold by auction, it is usually described in a document called the "particulars," copies of which are distributed among intending bidders. They should fairly and accurately describe the property. Dart, Vend. 113; 1 Day, Conv. 511.

PARTIDA. Span. Part; a part. See LAS PARTIDAS.

PARTIES. The persons who take part in the performance of any act, or who are directly interested in any affair, contract, or conveyance, or who are actively concerned in the prosecution or defense of any legal proceeding. U. S. v. Henderson (C. C.) 102 Fed. 2; Chicago, 45 U. S. 118, 14 L. Ed. 427; Green v. Bogue, 155 U. S. 478, 15 Sup. Ct. 975, 39 L. Ed. 1061; Hughes v. Jones, 116 N. Y. 67, 22 N. E. 446, 5 L. R. A. 637, 15 Am. St. Rep. 386. See also PARTY.

In the Roman civil law, the parties were designated as "actor" and "reus." In the common law, they are called "plaintiff" and "defendant," in real actions, "demandant" and "tenant," in equity, "complainant" or "plaintiff," and "defendant," in Scotch law, "pursuer" and "defender," in admiralty practice, "libellant" and "respondent," in such a suit as a suit in error, and "respondent," sometimes, "plaintiff in error" and "defendant in error," in criminal proceedings, "prosecutor" and "party." Classification. Formal parties are those who have no interest in the controversy between the immediate litigants, but have an interest in the subject-matter which may be conveniently settled in the suit, and thereby prevent further litigation; they may be made parties or not, at the option of the complainant. Chadbourn v. Co., Fed. 479, 2 C. C. A. 327. Necessary parties are those parties who have such an interest in the subject-matter of a suit in equity, or whose rights are so involved in the controversy that no complete and effective decree can be made, disposing of the matters in issue and dispensing complete justice, unless there are before the court such parties or others to enable them to be heard in vindication or protection of their interests. See Chandler v. Ward, 188 Ill. 322, 58 N. E. 610; Phoenix Nat. Bank v. Cleveland & Rem. Bank, 71 Hun. 54, 14 N. Y. 787; Chadbourn v. Coe, 51 Fed. 490, 2 C. C. A. 327; Burrill v. Garst, 19 L. R. A. 38, 31 Atl. 430; Castle v. Maddison, 113 Wis. 109, 89 N. W. 156; Iowa County Sup'r v. Mineral Point R. Co., 24 Wis. 132. Nominal parties are those who are joined as plaintiffs or defendants, because they have some interest in the subject-matter or because any relief is demanded against them, but merely because of technical rules of practice to legalize their presence on the record. It should be noted that some courts make a further distinction between "necessary" parties and "indispensable" parties. Thus, it is said that the supreme court of the United States divides parties in equity suits into three different classes: (1) Formal parties, who have no interest in the controversy between the immediate litigants, but have such an interest in the subject-matter as may be conveniently settled in the suit, and thereby prevent further litigation; (2) Necessary parties, who have an interest in the controversy, but whose interests are separable from those of the parties before the court, and will not be directly affected by a decree, nor does it dispose of the whole controversy, the entire suit must be disposed of, and the relief of the parties must be concurrently determined, and may be wholly inconsistent with equity and good conscience. Hicken v. Marco, 56 Fed. 552, 6 C. C. A. 10, 17 Atl. 617; Barrow, 17 How. 139, 15 L. Ed. 158; Ribon v. Railroad Co., 16 Wall. 450, 21 L. Ed. 367; Williams v. Bankhead, 19 Wall. 571, 22 L. Ed. 184; Kendig v. Dean, 97 U. S. 425, 24 L. Ed. 1061.

—Parties and privity. Parties to a deed or contract are those with whom the deed or contract is made or entered into. The term "privity," as applied to contracts, is frequently meant those between whom the contract is mutually binding, although not literally parties to such contract. Thus, in the case of a lease, the lessor and lessee are both parties and privies, the contract being literally made between the two, and also being mutually binding; but a privity arises between the assignee and a third party, then a privity arises between the assignee and the original lessee, although such assignee is not literally a party to the original lease. Brown.

PARTITIO. Lat. In the civil law. Partition; division. This word did not always signify dimidium, a dividing into halves. Dig. 50, 16, 1641.

—Partitio legata. A testamentary partition. This took place where the testator, in his will, directed the heir to divide the inheritance and deliver a designated portion thereof to a named legatee. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 781, 785.

PARTITION. The dividing of lands held by joint tenants, coparceners, or tenants in common, into distinct portions, so that they may hold it in their own right, in a less technical sense, any division of real or personal property between co-owners or co-proprietors. Meacham v. Meacham, 91 Tenn. 532, 19 S. W. 757; Hudgins v. Sansom, 72 Tex. 229, 10 S. W. 104; Welser v. Welser, 5 Watts (Pa.) 279, 30 Am. Dec. 313; Gay v.
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-Gowtly of partnership. See OWEFLTY. Partition, deed of. In conveyancing. A species of primary or original conveyance between two or more joint tenants, coheirs, or tenants in common, by which they divide the lands so held among them in severalty, each taking a distinct part. 2 Bl. Comm. 323, 324.—Partition of a succession. The partition of the succession is the division of the effects of which the succession is composed, among all the co-heirs, according to their respective rights. Partition is voluntary or compulsory. It is voluntary when it is made among all the co-heirs present and of age, and by their mutual consent. It is judicial when it is made by the authority of the court, and according to the formalities prescribed by law. Every partition is either definitive or provisional. Provisional partition is that which is made provisionally, either of certain things before the rest can be divided, or even of everything that is to be divided, when the parties are not in a situation to make an irrevocable partition. Civ. Code La. art. 1293, et seq.

PARTNER. A member of a copartnership or firm; one who has united with others to form a partnership in business. See PARTNERSHIP.

-Dormant partners. Those whose names are not known or do not appear as partners, but who nevertheless are silent partners, and pass as such in the hands of third persons. 2 sweater in equity, in actions of accounting of money, language, mean those who are merely passive in the firm, whether known or unknown, in contradistinction to those who are active and conduct the business of the firm, as principals. See Story, Partn. § 80; Rowland v. Estes, 190 Pa. 111, 42 Atl. 528; National Bank of Salem v. Thomas, 17 N. Y. 15; Metcalf v. Officer (C. C.) 2 Fed. 640; Pooley v. Driver, 5 Ch. Div. 458; Jones v. Fegley, 4 Phila. (Pa.) 1.—Liquidating partner. The partner who, on the dissolution of the firm, is appointed to settle its accounts, collect assets, adjust claims, and pay debts.—Nominal partners. Those in connection with the business as a member of the firm, but who has no real interest in it.—Ostensible partner. One whose name appears to the world as such, or who is held out to all persons having dealings with the firm in the character of a partner, whether or not he has any real interest in the firm. Civ. Code Ga. § 1880.—Quasi partners. Partners of lands, goods, or chattels who are not actual partners are sometimes so called. Poth. de Société, App. no. 1.84.—Silent partner, sleeping partner. Popular names for dormant partners or special partners.—Special partners. A member of a limited partnership, who furnishes certain funds to the common stock, and whose liability extends no further than the fund furnished. The special partner whose responsibility is restricted to the amount of his investment is called 3 Kent, Comm. 34.—Surviving partner. The partner who, on the dissolution of the firm by the death of his copartner, occupies the position of a trustee to settle up its affairs.

PARTNERSHIP. A voluntary contract between two or more competent persons to place their money, effects, labor, and skill, or some or all of them, in lawful commerce or business, with the understanding that there shall be a proportional sharing of the profits and losses between them. Story, Partn. § 2; Colly. Partn. § 2; 3 Kent, Comm. 23.

Partnership is the association of two or more persons for the purpose of carrying on business together, and dividing its profits between them. Civ. Code Cal. § 2386.

Partnership is a synallagmatic and commutative contract made between two or more persons for the mutual participation in the profits which may accrue from property, credit, skill, or industry, furnished in determined proportions by the parties. Civ. Code La. art. 2801.


-General partnership. A partnership in which the parties carry on all their trade and business, whatever it may be, for the joint benefit and profit of all the parties concerned, whether the capital be contributed by one or more partners, or the contributions thereto be equal or unequal. Story, Partn. § 74; Bigelow v. Elliot, 8 Fed. 485; Crown v. Tressler, 8 Fed. 485; French v. Morgan, 19 N. Y. (F. & P.) 358; Princ. N. S. (N. Y.) 23.—Limited partnership. A partnership consisting of one or more general partners, jointly and severally responsible as ordinary partners, and by whom the business is conducted, and one or more special partners, contributing in cash payments a specified sum as capital to the continued firm, and who are not liable for the debts of the partnership beyond the fund so contributed. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. 764. And see Moorehead v. Seymour (City Ct. N. Y.) 77 N. Y. Supp. 1054; Taylor v. Webster, 39 N. J. Law. 104.—Mining partnership. See MINING.—Particular partnership. See individual partner, or partnership, in which the partners are united to share the benefits of a single individual transaction or enterprise. Spencer v. Jones (Tex. Civ. App.) 87 N. W. 694.—Joint assets. The property of any kind belonging to the firm as such (not the separate property of the individual partners) and available to the recourse of the creditors of the firm in the first instance.—Partnership at will. One designed to continue for no fixed period of time, but only during the pleasure of the parties, and which may be dissolved by any partner without previous notice.—Partnership debt. One due from the partnership or firm as such (not of a particular partner, or of an individual partner).—Partnership in commendam. Partnership in commendam is formed by a contract by which one person or partnership agrees to furnish another person or partnership a certain amount, either in property or money, to be employed by the person or partnership to whom it is furnished, in his own name or firm, on condition of receiving a share in the profits, in the proportion determined by the contract, of being liable for all the losses and expenses to the amount furnished and no more. Civ. Code La. art. 2839.—Secret partnership. One where the existence of certain persons as partners is not known to the world, or to the business of the partners. Dearin v. Flanders, 49 N. H. 255.—Special partnership. At common law. One formed for the prosecution of a special
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branch of business, as distinguished from the general business of the parties, or for one particular venture or subject. Bigelow v. Elliot, 3 Wash. 48, 15 Am. 431. Under statute. A limited partnership, (q. e.)—Subpartnership. One formed where one partner in a firm makes a stranger a partner with him in his share of the profits of that firm.—Universal partnership. One in which the partners jointly agree to contribute to the common fund of the partnership the whole of their property, of whatever character, and future, as well as present. Poth. Société, 29; Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 2820.

PARTURITION. The act of giving birth to a child.

PARTUS. Lat. Child; offspring; the child just before it is born, or immediately after its birth.

Partus ex legitotho non certius nescit matrem quam genitorum suum. Fortes. 42. The offspring of a legitimate bed knows not his mother more certainly than his father.

Partus sequitur ventrem. The offspring follows the mother; the brood of an animal belongs to the owner of the dam; the offspring of a slave belongs to the owner of the mother, or follow the condition of the mother. A maxim of the civil law, which has been adopted in the law of England in regard to animals, though never allowed in the case of human beings. 2 Bl. Comm. 390, 94; Fortes. 42.

PARTY. A person concerned or having or taking part in any affair, matter, transaction, or proceeding, considered individually. See Parties.

The term “parties” includes all persons who are directly interested in the subject-matter in issue, who have a right to make defense, control the process, or appeal from the judgment. Strangers are persons who do not possess these rights. Hunt v. Haven, 52 N. H. 162.

“Party” is a technical word, and has a precise meaning in legal parlance. By it is understood he or they or by or against whom a suit is brought, whether in law or equity; the party plaintiff or defendant, whether composed of one or more individuals, and whether natural or legal persons, (they are parties in the writ, and parties on the record,) and all others who may be affected by the suit, indirectly or consequentially, are persons interested, but not parties. Merchants’ Bank v. Cook, 4 Pick. 405.

—Party and party. This phrase signifies the contending parties in an action; i. e., the plaintiff and defendant, as distinguished from the attorney and his client. It is used in connection with the subject of costs, which are differently taxed between party and party and between attorney and client. Brown.—Real party. In statutes requiring suits to be brought in the name of the “real party in interest,” this term means the person who is actually and substantially interested in the subject-matter, as distinguished from one who has only a nominal, formal, or technical interest in it or connection with it. Hoagland v. Van Etten, 22 Neb. 681, 35 N. W. 870; Gruber v. Baker, 20 Nev. 463, 23 Pac. 926; B. R. 452; New v. Brumagen, 15 Wash. 504, 20 L. Ed. 683.—Third party.

PARTY, adj. Relating or belonging to, or composed of, two or more parts or portions, or two or more persons or classes of persons.

—Party jury. A jury de moditate linguis; (which little see.)—Party structure is a structure separating buildings, stories, or rooms which belong to different owners, or which are approached by distinct staircases or separate entrances from without, whether the same be a partition, arch, floor, or other structure. (St. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 122, § 3.) Mosley & Whitley.

—Party-wall. A wall built partly on the land of one owner, and partly on the land of another, for the common benefit of both in supporting timbers used in the construction of contiguous buildings. Brown v. Werner, 40 Md. 19. In the primary and most ordinary meaning of the term, a party-wall is (1) a wall of which the two adjoining owners are tenants in common. But it may also mean (2) a wall divided longitudinally into two strips, one belonging to each of the neighboring owners; (3) a wall which belongs entirely to one of the adjoining owners, but is subject to an easement or right in the other to have it maintained as a dividing wall between the two tenements, (the term is so used in some of the English building acts,) or (4) a wall divided longitudinally into two moieties, each moiety being subject to a cross-easement in favor of the owner of the other moiety. Sweet.

PARUM. Lat. Little; but little.


PARUM CAVISSE VIDETUR. Lat. In Roman law. He seems to have taken too little care; he seems to have been incautious, or not sufficiently upon his guard. A form of expression used by the judge or magistrate in pronouncing sentence of death upon a criminal. Festus, 325; Taul. Civil Law, 81; 4 Bl. Comm. 362, note.

Parum dierunt quae re concordant. 2 Bulst. 56. Things which agree in substance differ but little.

Parum est latam esse sententiam nisi mandetur executione. It is little [or to little purpose] that judgment be given unless it be committed to execution. Co. Litt. 280.

Parum proficit scire quid fieri debet, si non cognoscas quomodo sit facturum. 2 Inst. 503. It profits little to know what ought to be done, if you do not know how it is to be done.

PARVA SERJEANTIA. Petty serjeanty. (q. e.)

PARVISE. An afternoon’s exercise or moot for the instruction of young students, bearing the same name originally with the Parvisæ (little-go) of Oxford. Wharton.
PARVUM CAPE. See Petit Cape.

PAS. In French. Precedence; right of going foremost.

PASSCH. The passover; Easter.


--Pasache clausum. The octave of Easter, or Low-Sunday, which closes that solemnity.--Pascha solidum. The Sunday before Easter, called "Palm-Sunday."--Pascha renta. English ecclesiastical law. Yearly tributes paid by the clergy to the bishop or archdeacon at their Easter visitations.

PASCUA. A particular meadow or pasture land set apart to feed cattle.

PASCUA SILVA. In the civil law. A feeding wood; a wood devoted to the feeding of cattle. Dig. 50, 16, 30, 5.

PASCUAGE. The grazing or pasturage of cattle.

PASS, v. 1. In practice. To utter or pronounce; as when the court passes sentence upon a prisoner. Also to proceed; to be rendered or given; as when judgment is said to pass for the plaintiff in a suit.

2. In legislative parlance, a bill or resolution is said to pass when it is agreed to or enacted by the house, or when the body has sanctioned its adoption by the requisite majority of votes; in the same circumstances, the body is said to pass the bill or motion.

3. When an auditor appointed to examine into any accounts certifies to their correctness, he is said to pass them; i.e., they pass through the examination without being detained or sent back for inaccuracy or imperfection. Brown.

4. The term also means to examine into anything and then authoritatively determine the disputed questions which it involves. In this sense a jury is said to pass upon the rights or issues in litigation before them.

5. In the language of conveyancing, the term means to move from one person to another; to be transferred or conveyed from one owner to another; as in the phrase "the word 'beirs' will pass the fee."

6. To publish; utter; transfer; circulate; impose fraudulently. This is the meaning of the word when the offense of passing counterfeited money or a forged paper is spoken of.

"Pass," "utter," "publish," and "sell" are in some respects convertible terms, and, in a given case, "pass" may include utter, publish, and sell. The words "uttering" and "passing," used of notes, do not import that they are transferred as genuine. The words include any delivery of a note to another for value, with intent that it shall be put into circulation as money. U. S. v. Nelson, 1 Abb. (U. S.) 135, Fed. Cas. No. 15,801.

Passing a paper is putting it off in payment or exchange. Uttering it is a declaration that it is good, with an intention to pass, or an offer to pass it.

PASS, n. Permission to pass; a license to go or come; a certificate, emanating from authority, wherein it is declared that a designated person is permitted to go beyond certain boundaries which, without such authority, he could not lawfully pass. Also a ticket issued by a railroad or other transportation company, authorizing a designated person to travel free on its lines, between certain points or for a limited time.

PASS-BOOK. A book in which a bank or banker enters the deposits made by a customer, and which is retained by the latter. Also a book in which a merchant enters the items of sales on credit to a customer, and which the latter carries or keeps with him.

PASSAGE. A way over water; an easement giving the right to pass over a piece of private water.

Travel by sea; a voyage over water; the carriage of passengers by water; money paid for such carriage.

Enactment; the act of carrying a bill or resolution through a legislative or deliberative body in accordance with the prescribed forms and requisites; the emergence of the bill in the form of a law, or the motion in the form of a resolution.

PASSAGE COURT. An ancient court of record in Liverpool, once called the "mayor's court of pays sage," but now usually called the "court of the passage of the borough of Liverpool." This court was formerly held before the mayor and two bailiffs of the borough, and had jurisdiction in actions where the amount in question exceeded forty shillings. Monley & Whitley.

PASSAGE MONEY. The fare of a passenger by sea; money paid for the transportation of persons in a ship or vessel; as distinguished from "freight" or "freight-money," which is paid for the transportation of goods and merchandise.

PASSAGIO. An ancient writ addressed to the keepers of the ports to permit a man who had the king's leave to pass over sea. Reg. Ortg. 193.

PASSAGIUM REGIS. A voyage or expedition to the Holy Land made by the kings of England in person. Cowell.

PASSATOR. He who has the interest or command of the passage of a river; or a lord to whom a duty is paid for passage. Warthon.

PASSENGER. A person whom a common carrier has contracted to carry from one place to another, and has, in the course of

PASSEIGIARIUS. A ferryman. Jacob.

PASSING-TICKET. In English law. A kind of permit, being a note or check which the toll-clerks on some canals give to the boatmen, specifying the lading for which they have paid toll. Wharton.

PASSIO. Pannage; a liberty for hogs to run in forests or woods to feed upon mast. Mon. Angl. 1, 682.

PASSION. In the definition of manslaughter as homicide committed without premeditation but under the influence of sudden "passion," this term means any intense and vehement emotional excitement of the kind prompting to violent and aggressive action, as, rage, anger, hatred, furious resentment, or terror. See Stell v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 58 S. W. 75; State v. Johnson, 23 N. C. 312, 35 Am. Dec. 742.

PASSIVE. As used in law, this term means inactive; permissible; consisting in endurance or submission, rather than action; and in some connections it carries the implication of being subjected to a burden or charge.

As to passive "Debt," "Title," "Trust," and "Use," see those titles.

PASSPORT. In international law. A document issued to a neutral merchant vessel, by her own government, during the progress of a war, and to be carried on the voyage, containing a sufficient description of the vessel, master, voyage, and cargo to evidence her nationality and protect her against the cruisers of the belligerent powers. This paper is otherwise called a "pass," "sea-pass," "sea-letter," "sea-brief."

A license or safe-conduct, issued during the progress of a war, authorizing a person to remove himself or his effects from the territory of one of the belligerent nations to another country, or to travel from country to country without arrest or detention on account of the war.


In modern European law. A warrant of protection and authority to travel, granted to persons moving from place to place, by the competent officer. Brande.

PASTO. In Spanish law. Feeding; pasture; a right of pasture. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 1, c. 6, § 4.

PASTOR. Lat. A shepherd. Applied to a minister of the Christian religion, who has charge of a congregation, hence called his "flock." See First Presbyterian Church v. Myers, 5 Okl. 809, 50 Pac. 70, 38 L. R. A. 687.

PASTURE. Land on which cattle are fed; also the right of pasture. Co. Litt. 4b.

PASTUS. In feudal law. The procuracy or provision which tenants were bound to make for their lords at certain times, or as often as they made a progress to their lands. It was often converted into money.

PATEAT UNIVERSIS PER PRESENTES. Know all men by these presents. Words with which letters of attorney anciently commenced. Reg. Orig. 305b, 306.

PATENT, adj. Open; manifest; evident; unsealed. Used in this sense in such phrases as "patent ambiguity," "patent writ," "letters patent."

—Letters patent. Open letters, as distinguished from letters close. An instrument proceeding from the government, and conveying a right, authority, or grant to an individual, as a patent for a tract of land, or for the exclusive right to make and sell a new invention. Familiarly termed a "patent." See International Tooth Crown Co. v. Hanks Dental Ass'n (C. C.) 111 Fed. 212.—Patent ambiguity. See Ambiguity.—Patent defect. In sales of personal property, one which is plainly visible or which can be discovered by such an inspection as would be made in the exercise of ordinary care and prudence. See Lawton v. Baer, 52 N. C. 461.—Patent writ. In old practice. An open writ; one not closed or sealed up. See Close Writs.

PATENT, n. A grant of some privilege, property, or authority, made by the government or sovereign of a country to one or more individuals. Phil. Pat. 1.

In English law. A grant by the sovereign to a subject or subjects, under the great seal, conferring some authority, title, franchise, or property; termed "letters patent" from being delivered open, and not closed up from inspection.

In American law. The instrument by which a state or government grants public lands to an individual.

PATENT

PATRIA POTESTAS.

PATERFAMILIAS. The father of a family.

In Roman law. The head or master of a family.

This word is sometimes employed, in a wide sense, as equivalent to sui iuris. A person sui iuris is called "paterfamilias" even when under the age of puberty. In the narrower and more common use, a paterfamilias is any one invested with potestas over any person. It is thus as applicable to a grandfather as to a father.

HUNTER, ROM. LAW, 49.

PATERA PATERNIS. Lat. Paternal estates to paternal heirs. A rule of the French law, signifying that such portion of a decedent's estate as came to him from his father must descend to his heirs on the father's side.

PATERAL. That which belongs to the father or comes from him.

-Paternal power. The authority lawfully exercised by parents over their children. This phrase is also used to translate the Latin "paterfamilias." (q. c.)—PATERAL property. That which descends or comes to one from his father, grandfather, or other ascendant or collateral on the paternal side of the house.

PATERNTY. The fact of being a father; the relationship of a father.

The Latin "paterntitas" is used in the canon law to denote a kind of spiritual relationship contracted by baptism. H hätte. Elem. lib. 1, tit. 10, § 161, note.


PATIBULARY. Belonging to the gallows.

PATIBULATED. Hanged on a gibbet.


PATIENS. Lat. One who suffers or permits; one to whom an act is done; the passive party in a transaction.

PATRIA. Lat. The country, neighborhood, or vicinage; the men of the neighborhood; a jury of the vicinage. Synonymous, in this sense, with "patea."

Patria laboribus et expensis non debet fatigari. A jury ought not to be harassed by labors and expenses. Jenk. Cent. 6.

PATRIA POTESTAS. Lat. In Roman law. Paternal authority; the paternal power. This term denotes the aggregate of those peculiar powers and rights which, by the civil law of Rome, belonged to the head of a
family in respect to his wife, children, (natural or adopted,) and any more remote descendants who sprang from him through males only. Anciendy, it was of very extensive reach, embracing even the power of life and death, but was gradually curtailed, until finally it amounted to little more than a right in the paterfamilias to hold as his own any property or acquisitions of one under his power. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 589.

Patricia potestas in pletate debet, non in atrocitate, consistere. Paternal power should consist [or be exercised] in affection, not in atrocity.

Patriarch. The chief bishop over several countries or provinces, as an archbishop is of several dioceses. Godh. 20.

Patricide. One who has killed his father. As to the punishment of that offense by the Roman law, see Sanders’ Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 496.

Patricius. In the civil law. A title of the highest honor, conferred on those who enjoyed the chief place in the emperor’s esteem.

Patrimonial. Pertaining to a patrimony: inherited from ancestors, but strictly from the direct male ancestors.

Patrimonium. In the civil law. The private and exclusive ownership or dominion of an individual. Things capable of being possessed by a single person to the exclusion of all others (or which are actually so possessed) are said to be in patrimonio; if not capable of being so possessed, (or not actually so possessed,) they are said to be extra patrimonium. See Galus, bk. 2, § 1.

Patrimony. A right or estate inherited from one’s ancestors, particularly from direct male ancestors.


Patritius. An honor conferred on men of the first quality in the time of the English Saxon kings.

Patrociniunm. In Roman law. Patronage; protection; defense. The business or duty of a patron or advocate.

Patrolman. A policeman assigned to duty in patrolling a certain beat or district; also the designation of a grade or rank in the organized police force of large cities, a patrolman being generally a private in the ranks, as distinguished from roundsmen, sergeants, lieutenants, etc. See State v. Walbridge, 153 Mo. 194, 54 S. W. 447.

Patron. In ecclesiastical law. He who has the right, title, power, or privilege of presenting to an ecclesiastical benefice.

In Roman law. The former master of an emancipated slave.

In French marine law. The captain or master of a vessel.

Patronage. In English ecclesiastical law. The right of presentation to a church or ecclesiastical benefice; the same with advowson, (q. v.) 2 Bl. Comm. 21.

The right of appointing to office, considered as a perquisite, or personal right; not in the aspect of a public trust.

Patronatus. Lat. In Roman law. The condition, relation, right, or duty of a patron.

In ecclesiastical law. Patronage, (q. v.)


Patronus. Lat. In Roman law. A person who stood in the relation of protector to another who was called his “client.” One who advised his client in matters of law, and advocated his causes in court. Gilb. Forum Rom. 25.

Patroon. The proprietors of certain manors created in New York in colonial times were so called.

Patruelis. Lat. In the civil law. A cousin-german by the father’s side; the son or daughter of a father’s brother. Wharton.

Patruus. Lat. An uncle by the father’s side; a father’s brother.

—Patruus magnus. A grandfather’s brother; granduncle.—Patruus major. A great-grandfather’s brother.—Patruus maximus. A great-grandfather’s brother.

Pauper. A person so poor that he must be supported at public expense; also a suitor who, on account of poverty, is allowed to sue or defend without being chargeable with costs. In re Hoffman’s Estate, 70 Wis. 522, 36 N. W. 407; Hutchings v. Thompson, 10 Cush. (Mass.) 228; Charleston v. Groveland, 15 Gray (Mass.) 15; Lee County v. Lackie, 30 Ark. 764.

—Dispauuer. To deprive one of the status of a pauper and of any benefits incidental thereto: particularly, to take away the right to sue in formu pauperis because the person so suing, during the progress of the suit, has acquired money or property which would enable him to sustain the costs of the action.

Pauperies. Lat. In Roman law. Damage or injury done by an irrational animal, without active fault on the part of the owner, but for which the latter was bound
PAVAGE. Money paid towards paving the streets or highways.

PAVE. To pave is to cover with stones or brick, or other suitable material, so as to make a level or convenient surface for horses, carriages, or foot-passengers, and a sidewalk is paved when it is laid or flagged with flat stones, as well as when paved with brick, as is frequently done. In re Phillips, 60 N. Y. 22; Buell v. Ball, 20 Iowa, 262; Harrisburg v. Segelbaum, 151 Pa. 172, 24 Atl. 1070, 20 L. R. A. 584.

PAWN, n. To deliver personal property to another in pledge, or as security for a debt or sum borrowed.

PAWN, n. A bailment of goods to a creditor, as security for some debt or engagement; a pledge. Story, Bailm. § 7; Coggins v. Bernard, 2 La. Raym. 913; Barrett v. Cole, 49 N. C. 40; Surber v. McClintic, 10 W. Va. 242; Commercial Bank v. Flowers, 116 Ga. 219, 42 S. E. 474.

Paw, or pledge, is a bailment of goods by a debtor to his creditor, to keep till the debt is discharged. Wharton.

Also the specific chattel delivered to the creditor in this contract.

In the law of Louisiana, pase is known as one species of the contract of pledge, the other being antichresis; but the word "paw" is sometimes used as synonymous with "pledge," thus including both species. Civ. Code La. art. 3101.

PAWNBROKER. A person whose business is to lend money, usually in small sums, on security of personal property deposited with him or left in pawn. Little Rock v. Barton, 33 Ark. 444; Schaul v. Charlotte, 118 N. C. 733, 24 S. E. 526; Chicago v. Hubert, 118 Ill. 632, 8 N. E. 812, 59 Am. Rep. 400.

Whoever loans money on deposit or pledges of personal property, or who purchases personal property or choses in action, on condition of selling the same back again at a stipulated price, is hereby defined and declared to be a pawnbroker. Rev. St. Ohio 1880, § 4387. See, also, 14 U. S. St. at Large, 110.

PAWNEE. The person receiving a pawn, or to whom a pawn is made; the person to whom goods are delivered by another in pledge.

PAWNOR. The person pawning goods or delivering goods to another in pledge.

PAX ECCLESIE. Lat. In old English law. The peace of the church. A particular privilege attached to a church; sanctuary, (q. v.) Crabb, Eng. Law, 41; Cowell.

PAX REGIS. Lat. The peace of the king; that is, the peace, good order, and security for life and property which it is one of the objects of government to maintain, and which the king, as the personification of the power of the state, is supposed to guaranty to all persons within the protection of the law.

This name was also given, in ancient times, to a certain privileged district or sanctuary. The pax regis, or verge of the court, as it was afterwards called, extended from the palace to the distance of three miles, three furlongs, three acres, nine feet, nine palms, and nine barleycorns. Crabb, Eng. Law, 41.

PAY. To pay is to deliver to a creditor the value of a debt, either in money or in goods, for his acceptance, by which the debt is discharged. Beals v. Home Ins. Co., 38 N. Y. 622.

PAYABLE. A sum of money is said to be payable when a person is under an obligation to pay it. "Payable" may therefore signify an obligation to pay at a future time, but, when used without qualification, "payable" means that the debt is payable at once, as opposed to "owing." Sweet. And see First Nat. Bank v. Greenville Nat. Bank, 84 Tex. 46, 19 S. W. 334; Easton v. Hyde, 13 Minn. 91 (Gill. 83).

PAYEE. In mercantile law. The person in whose favor a bill of exchange, promissory note, or check is made or drawn; the person to whom or to whose order a bill, note, or check is made payable. 3 Kent, Comm. 75.

PAYOR. One who pays, or who is to make a payment; particularly the person who is to make payment of a bill or note. Correlative to "payee."

PAYMASTER. An officer of the army or navy whose duty is to keep the pay-accounts and pay the wages of the officers and men. Any official charged with the disbursement of public money.

—Paymaster general. In English law. The officer who makes the various payments out of the public money required for the different departments of the state by issuing drafts on the Bank of England. Sweet. In American law, the officer at the head of the pay corps of the army is so called, also the naval officer holding corresponding office and rank with reference to the pay department of the navy.

PAYMENT


By "payment" is meant not only the delivery of a sum of money, when such is the obligation of the contract, but the performance of that which the parties respectively undertook, whether it be to give or to do. Clv. Code La. art. 2131.

Performance of an obligation for the delivery of money only is called "payment." Clv. Code Cal. § 1478.

In pleading. When the defendant alleges that he has paid the debt or claim laid in the declaration, this is called a "plea of payment."

—Part payment. The reduction of any debt or demand by the payment of a sum less than the whole amount originally due. Young v. Perkins, 29 Minn. 173, 12 N. W. 515; Moffitt v. Carr, 45 Neb. 463, 67 N. W. 150, 38 Am. St. Rep. 696. —Payment into court. In practice. The act of a defendant in depositing the amount which he admits to be due, with the proper officer of the court, for the benefit of the plaintiff and in answer to his claim.—Voluntary payment. A payment made by a debtor of his own will and choice, as distinguished from one exacted from him by process of execution or other compulsion. Redmond v. New York, 125 N. Y. 632, 26 N. E. 727; Rumford Chemical Works v. Ray, 19 R. I. 456, 34 Atl. 814; Taggart v. Rice, 37 Vt. 47; Maxwell v. Griswold, 10 How. 256, 13 L. Ed. 405.

PAYMENTS. Fr. Country. Trial per pays, trial by jury, (the country.) See PAIS.

PEACE. As applied to the affairs of a state or nation peace may be either external or internal. In the former case, the term denotes the prevalence of amicable relations and mutual good will between the particular society and all foreign powers. In the latter case, it means the tranquillity, security, and freedom from commotion or disturbance which is the sign of good order and harmony and obedience to the laws among all the members of the society. In a somewhat technical sense, peace denotes the quiet, security, good order, and decorum which is guaranteed by the constitution of civil society and by the laws. People v. Rounds, 67 Mich. 452, 35 N. W. 77; Corvallis v. Carille, 10 Or. 138, 45 Am. Rep. 134.

The concord or final agreement in a fine of lands. 18 Edw. I. "Modus Levandi Finsis."

—Articles of the peace. See ARTICLES.—Bill of peace. See BILL.—Peace of the church. See BREACH.—Breach of the peace. See BREACH.—Conservator of the peace. See CONSERVATOR.—Justice of the peace. See that title.—Peace of God and the church. In old English law. That rest and cessation which the king's subjects had from trouble and suit of law between the terms and on Sundays and holidays. Cowell; Spelman.

—Peace of the state. The protection, security, and immunity from violence which the state undertakes to secure and extend to all persons within its jurisdiction and entitled to the benefit of its laws. This is part of the definition of murder. It being necessary that the victim should be "in the peace of the state," which now practically includes all persons except armed public enemies. See MURDER. And see State v. Dunkley, 25 N. C. 121.—Peace officers. This term is variously defined by statute in the different states; but generally it includes sheriffs and their deputies, constables, marshals, members of the police force of cities, and other officers whose duty is to enforce and preserve the public peace. See People v. Clinton, 28 App. Div. 419, 51 N. Y. Supp. 115; Jones v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 65 S. W. 92.—Public peace. The peace or tranquillity of the community in general; the good order and repose of the people composing a state or municipality. See Newendorf v. Duryea, 6 Daly (N. Y.) 280; State v. Benedict, 11 Vt. 236, 34 Am. Dec. 688.

PEACEABLE. Free from the character of force, violence, or trespass; as, a "peaceable entry" on lands. "Peaceable possession" of real estate is such as is acquiesced in by all other persons, including rival claimants, and not disturbed by any forcible attempt at ouster nor by adverse suits to recover the possession or the estate. See Stanley v. Schwalby, 147 U. S. 508, 13 Sup. Ct. 418, 37 L. Ed. 250; Allaire v. Ketcham, 55 N. J. Eq. 108, 35 Atl. 900; Bowers v. Cherokee Bob, 45 Cal. 504; Gitten v. Lowry, 15 Ga. 336.

Pecunia contra naturam sunt gravisima. 3 Inst. 20. Crimes against nature are the most heinous.

Pecatum pecato addit qui pulsil quam facit patrocinia defensionis adiungat. 5 Coke, 48. He adds fault to fault who sets up a defense of a wrong committed by him.

PECIA. A piece or small quantity of ground. Paroch. Antig. 240.

PECK. A measure of two gallons; a dry measure.

PECORA. Lat. In Roman law. Cattle; beasts. The term included all quadrupeds that fed in flocks. Dig. 32, 63, 4.

PECULATION. In the civil law. The unlawful appropriation, by a depositary of public funds, of the property of the government intrusted to his care, to his own use, or that of others. Domat. Supp. au Droit Public, 1, 3, tit. 5. See Bork v. People, 61 N. Y. 10.

PECULIATUS. Lat. In the civil law. The offense of stealing or embezzeing the public money. Hence the common English word "peculation," but "embezzlement" is the proper legal term. 4 Bl. Comm. 121, 122.

PECULIAR. In ecclesiastical law. A parish or church in England which has jurisdiction of ecclesiastical matters within itself, and independent of the ordinary, and is subject only to the metropolitan.

PECULIARS, COURT OF. In English law. A branch of and annexed to the court of arches. It has a jurisdiction over all those
PECULIUM. Lat. In Roman law. Such private property as might be held by a slave, wife, or son who was under the patria potestas, separate from the property of the father or master, and in the personal disposal of the owner.

-Peculium castrense. In Roman law. That kind of peculium which a son acquired in war. or from his connection with the camp (castrum). Heinecc. Elem. lib. 2, tit. 9, § 474.

PECUNIA. Lat. Originally and radically, property in cattle, or cattle themselves. So called because the wealth of the ancients consisted in cattle. Co. Litt. 207b.

In the civil law. Property in general, real or personal; anything that is actually the subject of private property. In a narrower sense, personal property; fungible things. In the strictest sense, money. This has become the prevalent, and almost the exclusive, meaning of the word.


-Pecunia constituta. In Roman law. Money owing (even upon a moral obligation) upon a day being fixed (constituta) for its payment, became recoverable upon the implied promise to pay on that day, in an action called "de pecunia constituta," the implied promise not amounting (of course) to a stipulatio. Brown.

-Pecunia non numerata. In the civil law. Money not paid. The subject of an exception or plea in certain cases. Inst. 4, 13, 2.-Pecunia numerata. Money numbered or counted out; i.e., given in payment of a debt.-Pecunia sepycharkis. Money anciently paid to the priest at the opening of a grave for the good of the deceased's soul.-Pecunia trajectitia. In the civil law. A loan in money, or in wares which the debtor purchases with the money to be sent by sea, and whereby the creditor, according to the contract, assumes the risk of the loss from the day of the departure of the vessel till the day of her arrival at her port of destination. Interest does not necessarily arise from this loan, but when is stipulated for it is termed "nauticum forus," (maritime interest,) and, because of the risk which the creditor assumes, he is permitted to receive a higher interest than usual. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 433.

Pecunia dictur a pecus, omne enim veterum divitie in animalibus consistebant. Co. Litt. 207. Money (pecunia) is so called from cattle, (pecus) because all the wealth of our ancestors consisted in cattle.

PECUNIARY. Monetary; relating to money; consisting of money.

-Pecuniary causes. In English ecclesiastical practice. Causes arising from the withholding of ecclesiastical dues, or the doing or neglecting duties relating to the church, whereby some damage accrues to the plaintiff. 3 Bl.Comm. 88.-Pecuniary consideration. See Consideration.-Pecuniary damages. See Damage.-Pecuniary legacy. See Legacy.

-Pecuniary loss. A pecuniary loss is a loss of money, or of something by which money, or something of money value, may be acquired. Green v. Hudson River R. Co., 32 Barb. (N. Y.) 33.

PECUS. Lat. In Roman law. Cattle; a beast. Under a bequest of pecudes were included oxen and other beasts of burden. Dig. 32, 31, 2.

PEDAGE. In old English law. A toll or tax paid by travelers for the privilege of passing, on foot or mounted, through a forest or other protected place. Spelman.

PEDAGIUM. L. Lat. Pedage, (q. v.)

PEDANEUS. Lat. In Roman law. At the foot; in a lower position; on the ground. See Judex Pedaneus.

PEDELLERS. Itinerant traders; persons who sell small wares, which they carry with them in traveling about from place to place. In re Wilson, 19 D. C. 341, 12 L. R. A. 624; Com. v. Farquah, 114 Mass. 270; Hall v. State, 39 Fla. 637, 23 South. 119; Graffty v. Rushville, 197 Ind. 502, 6 N. E. 909, 57 Am. Rep. 128; In re Pringle, 67 Kan. 364, 72 Pac. 864.

Persons, except those peddling newspapers, Bibles, or religious tracts, who sell, or offer to sell, at retail, goods, wares, or other commodities, traveling from place to place, in the street, or through different parts of the country. 12 U. S. St. at Large, p. 456, § 27.

PEDE PULVEROSUS. In old English and Scotch law. Dusty-foot. A term applied to itinerant merchants, chapmen, or peddlers who attended fairs.

PEDERASTY. In criminal law. The unnatural carnal copulation of male with male, particularly of a man with a boy; a form of sodomy, (q. v.)


PEDIS ABSCESSIO. Lat. In old criminal law. The cutting off a foot; a punishment ancienfly inflicted instead of death. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 38.

PEDIS POSITIO. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A putting or placing of the foot. A term used to denote the possession of lands by actual corporal entry upon them. Waggoner v. Hastings, 5 Pa. 303.

PEDIS POSSESSIO. Lat. A foothold; an actual possession. To constitute adverse possession there must be pedis possesso, or a substantial inclosure. 2 Bouv. Inst. no.
PEDONES. Foot-soldiers.

PEERAGE. The rank or dignity of a peer or nobleman. Also the body of nobles taken collectively.

PEERESS. A woman who belongs to the nobility, which may be either in her own right or by right of marriage.

PEERS. In feudal law. The vassals of a lord who sat in his court as judges of their co-vassals, and were called "peers," as being each other's equals, or of the same condition.

The nobility of Great Britain, being the lords temporal having seats in parliament, and including dukes, marquises, earls, viscounts, and barons.

Equals; those who are a man's equals in rank and station; this being the meaning in the phrase "trial by a jury of his peers."

PEERS OF FEES. Vassals or tenants of the same lord, who were obliged to serve and attend him in his courts, being equal in function. These were termed "peers of fees," because holding fees of the lord, or because their business in court was to sit and judge, under their lords, of disputes arising upon fees; but, if there were too many in one lordship, the lord usually chose twelve, who had the title of peers, by way of distinction; whence, it is said, we derive our common juries and other peers. Cowell.

PEINE FORTE ET DURE. L. Fr. In old English law. A special form of punishment for those who, being arraigned for felony, obstinately "stood mute," that is, refused to plead or to put themselves upon trial. It is described as a combination of solitary confinement, slow starvation, and crushing the naked body with a great load of iron. This atrocious punishment was vulgarly called "pressing to death." See 4 Bl. Comm. 324-328; Britt. cc. 4, 22; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 134; Cowell.

PELA. A peal, ple, or fort. Cowell.

PELES. Issues arising from or out of a thing. Jacob.

PELFE, or PELFRE. Booty; also the personal effects of a felon convict. Cowell.

PELLAGE. The custom or duty paid for skins of leather.

PELLEX. Lat. In Roman law. A con-cubine. Dig. 50, 16, 144.

PELLICIA. A plich or surplice. Spelman.

PELLIPARIUS. A leather-seller or skinner. Jacob.

PELLOTA. The ball of a foot. 4 Inst. 308.

PELLS. CLERK OF THE. An officer in the English exchequer, who entered every seller's bill on the parchment rolls, the roll of receipts, and the roll of disbursements.

PELT-WOOL. The wool pulled off the skin or pelt of dead sheep. 8 Hen. VI. c. 22.

PENAL. Punishable; inflicting a punishment; containing a penalty, or relating to a penalty.

—Penal action. In practice. An action upon a penal statute; an action for the recovery of a penalty given by statute. 3 Steph. 535, 536. Distinguished from a popular or qui tam action, in which the action is brought by the informer, to whom part of the penalty goes. A penal action or information is brought by an officer, and the penalty goes to the king. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 25, note; 2 Archb. Pr. 188.

But in American laws, the term penal action brought by informers or other private persons, as well as those instituted by governments or public officers. In a broad sense, the term has been made to include all actions in which there may be a recovery of exemplary or vindictive damages, as suits for libel and slander, or in which specific relief, or treble damages, are given by statute, such as actions to recover money paid as usury or lost in gaming. See Bailey v. Dean, 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 305; Ashley v. Frame, 4 Kan. App. 206, 45 Pac.; Cole v. Groves, 134 Mass. 472. But in a more particular sense it means (1) an action on a statute which gives a certain penalty to be paid by any person who will sue for it. (In re Barker, 56 Vt. 20,) or (2) an action in which the judgment against the defendant is in the nature of a fine or is intended as a punishment, actions in which the recovery is to be compensatory in its purpose and effect not being penal actions but civil suits, though they may carry special damages by statute. See Moller v. U. S., 57 Fed. 590; 6 C. C. A. 459; Atlanta v. Chattanooga Foundry & Pipe Works, 127 Fed. 25, 61 C. C. 472; 64 L. R. A. 427.—Penal bill. An instrument formerly in use, by which a party bound himself to pay a certain sum or sums of money, or to do certain acts, or, in default thereof, to pay a certain specified sum by way of penalty: thence termed a "penal sum." These instruments have been superseded by the use of a bond in a penal sum, with conditions. Brown.—Penal bond. A bond promising to pay a named sum of money (the penalty) with a condition underwritten that, if a stipulated collateral thing, other than the payment of money, be done or forborne, as the case may be, the obligation shall be void. Burside v. Wand, 170 Mo. 331, 71 S. W. 337, 62 L. R. A. 427.—Penal clause. A penal clause is a secondary obligation, entered into for the purpose of enforcing the performance of a primary obligation. Cl. Code La. 2117. Also a clause in a statute declaring a penalty for a violation of the preceding clauses.—Penal laws. Those which prohibit an act, and impose a penalty for the commission of it. 2 Cro. Jac. 415. Strictly and properly speaking, a penal law is one imposing a penalty or punishment (and properly a pecuniary fine or mutily) for some offense of a public nature or wrong committed against the state. Sackett v. Sackett, 8 Pick. (Mass.) 320; Kilton v. Providence Tool Co., 22 R. I. 605, 48 Atl. 1039; Drew v. Russell, 47 Vt. 252; Nebraska Nat. Bank v. Walsh, 68 Ark. 433, 60 S. W. 532, 62 Am. St. Rep. 301. Strictly speaking, statutes giving a private action against a wrongdoer are not penal in their nature, neither the liability imposed nor the remedy given being penal. If the wrong
done is to the individual, the law giving him a right of action is remedial, rather than penal, though the sum to be recovered may be called a "penalty" or may consist in double or treble damages. See Huntington v. Attrill, 146 U. S. 657, 13 Sup. Ct. 224, 36 L. Ed. 1123; Diversay v. Smith, 103 Ill. 390, 42 Am. Rep. 14; Guilingan v. Parkhard, 41 Misc. Rep. 321, 84 N. Y. Supp. 225; People v. Common Council, of Bay City, 36 Mich. 180—Penal servitude, in English criminal law, is a punishment which consists in keeping an offender in confinement, and compelling him to labor. Steph. Crim. Dig. 2—Penal statutes. See "penal law," supra.—Penal sum. A sum agreed upon in a bond, to be forfeited if the condition of the bond is not fulfilled.

**PENALTY.** 1. The sum of money which the obligor of a bond undertakes to pay by way of penalty, in the event of his omitting to perform or carry out the terms imposed upon him by the conditions of the bond. Brown; Tayloe v. Sandiford, 7 Wheat. 13, 5 L. Ed. 384; Watt v. Sheppard, 2 Ala. 445.

A penalty is an agreement to pay a greater sum, to secure the payment of a less sum. It is conditional, and can be avoided by the payment of the less sum before the contingency agreed upon shall happen. By what name it is called is immaterial. Henry v. Thompson, Minor (Ala.) 209, 227.


The terms "fine," "forfeiture," and "penalty" are often used loosely, and even confusedly; but, when a discrimination is made, the word "penalty" is found to be generic in its character, including both fine and forfeiture. A "fine" is a pecuniary penalty, and is common (perhaps always) to be collected by suit in some form. A "forfeiture" is a penalty by which one loses his rights and interest in his property. Gosselin v. Campbell, 4 Iowa, 300.

3. The term also denotes money recoverable by virtue of a statute imposing a payment by way of punishment.

**PENANCE.** In ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical punishment inflicted by an ecclesiastical court for some spiritual offense. Ayl. Par. 420.

**PENDENCY.** Suspense; the state of being pendent or undecided; the state of an action, etc., after it has been begun, and before the final disposition of it.

**PENDENS.** Lat. Pending; an *iic pendens*, a pending suit.

**PENDENTE LITE.** Lat. Pending the suit; during the actual progress of a suit; during litigation.

Pendente lite nihil innovetur. Co. Litt. 344. During a litigation nothing new should be introduced.

**PENDENTES.** In the civil law. The fruits of the earth not yet separated from the ground; the fruits hanging by the roots. Ersk. Inst. 2, 2, 4.

**PENDICILE.** In Scotch law. A piece or parcel of ground.

**PENDING.** Begun, but not yet completed; unsettled; undetermined; in process of settlement or adjustment. Thus, an action or suit is said to be "pending" from its inception until the rendition of final judgment. Wentworth v. Farmington, 48 N. H. 210; Mauney v. Pemberton, 75 N. C. 221; Ex parte Munford, 57 Mo. 605.

**PENETRATION.** A term used in criminal law, and denoting (in cases of alleged rape) the insertion of the male part into the female part, to however slight an extent; and by which insertion the offense is complete without proof of emission. Brown.

**PENITENTIARY.** A prison or place of punishment; the place of punishment in which convicts sentenced to confinement and hard labor are confined by the authority of the law. Millar v. State, 2 Kan. 175.

**PENN.** A standard, banner, or ensign carried in war.

**PENNY.** An English coin, being the twelfth part of a shilling. It was also used in America during the colonial period.

**PENNYWEIGHT.** A Troy weight, equal to twenty-four grains, or one-twentieth part of an ounce.

**PENSAM.** The full weight of twenty ounces.

**PENSIO.** Lat. In the civil law. A payment, properly, for the use of a thing. A rent; a payment for the use and occupation of another's house.

**PENSION.** A stated allowance out of the public treasury granted by government to an individual, or to his representatives, for his valuable services to the country, or in compensation for loss or damage sustained by him in the public service. Price v. Society for Savings, 64 Conn. 362, 80 Atl. 139, 42 Am. St. Rep. 198; Manning v. Spry, 121 Iowa, 191, 96 N. W. 873; Friesbe v. U. S., 157 U. S. 160, 15 Sup. Ct. 588, 39 L. Ed. 657.

In English practice. An annual payment made by each member of the Inn of court. Cowell; Holthouse.

Also an assembly of the members of the society of Gray's Inn, to consult of their affairs.

In the civil, Scotch, and Spanish law. A rent; an annual rent.

---PENSION of churches. In English ecclesiastical law. Certain sums of money paid to
clergymen in lieu of tithe. A spiritual person may sue in the spiritual court for a pension originally granted and confirmed by the ordinary, but, where it is granted by a temporal person to a clerk, he cannot; as, if one grant an annuity to a person, he must sue for it in the temporal courts. Cro. Eliis. 675.—Pension writ. A peremptory order against a member of a dean of a court who is in arrear for his pensions, (that is, for his periodical dues,) or for other duties. Cowell.

PENSIONER. One who is supported by an allowance at the will of another; a dependent. It is usually applied (in a public sense) to those who receive pensions or annuities from government, who are chiefly such as have retired from places of honor and emolument. Jacob.

Persons making periodical payments are sometimes so called. Thus, resident undergraduates of the university of Cambridge, who are not on the foundation of any college, are spoken of as "pensioners." Mozley & Whitley.

PENT-ROAD. A road shut up or closed at its terminal points. Wolcott v. Whitcomb, 40 Vt. 41.

PENTECOSTALS. In ecclesiastical law. Pious oblations made at the feast of Pentecost by parishioners to their priests, and sometimes by inferior churches or parishes to the principal mother churches. They are also called "Whitsun farthings." Wharton.

PEON. In Mexico. A debtor held by his creditor in a qualified servitude to work out the debt; a serf. Webster.

In India. A footman; a soldier; an inferior officer; a servant employed in the business of the revenue, police, or judicature.

PEONAGE. The state or condition of a peon as above defined; a condition of enforced servitude, by which the servitor is restrained of his liberty and compelled to labor in liquidation of some debt or obligation, real or pretended, against his will. Peonage Cases (D. C.) 123 Fed. 671; In re Lewis (C. C.) 114 Fed. 693; U. S. v. McClelan (D. C.) 127 Fed. 971; Rev. St. U. S. § 5520 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3712).

PEONIA. In Spanish-American law. A lot of land of fifty feet front, and one hundred feet deep. Originally the portion granted to foot-soldiers of spolias taken or lands conquered in war.

PEOPLE. A state; as the people of the state of New York. A nation in its collective and political capacity. Nesbitt v. Lushington, 4 Term. R. 783; U. S. v. Quincy, 6 Pet. 407, 8 L. Ed. 458; U. S. v. Trumbull (D. C.) 48 Fed. 99. In a more restricted sense, as and generally used in constitutional law, the entire body of those citizens of a state or nation who are invested with political power for political purposes, that is, the qualified voters or electors. See Koehler v. Hill, 90 Iowa, 543, 15 N. W. 609; Dred Scott v. Sandford, 19 How. 404, 15 L. Ed. 691; Boyd v. Nebraska, 143 U. S. 135, 12 Sup. Ct. 375, 36 L. Ed. 103; Rogers v. Jacob, 88 Ky. 502, 11 S. W. 513; People v. Counts, 89 Cal. 15, 26 Pac. 612; Blair v. Ridgely, 41 Mo. 63, 97 Am. Dec. 248; Beverley v. Sabin, 20 Ill. 357; In re Incurring of State Debts, 19 R. I. 610, 37 Atl. 14.

The word "people" may have various significations according to the connection in which it is used. When we speak of the rights of the people, or of the government of the people by law, or of the people as a non-political aggregate, we mean all the inhabitants of the state or nation, without distinction as to sex, age, or otherwise. But when reference is made to the people as the repository of sovereignty, or as the source of governmental power, or to popular government, we are in fact speaking of that selected and limited class of citizens to whom the constitution accords the elective franchise and the right of participation in the offices of government. Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 30.

PEPPERCORN. A dried berry of the black pepper. In English law, the reservation of a merely nominal rent, on a lease, is sometimes expressed by a stipulation for the payment of a peppercorn.

PER. Lat. By. When a writ of entry is sued out against the alienage of the original intruder or disseisor, or against his heir to whom the land has descended, it is said to be brought "in the per," because the writ then states that the tenant had not entry but by (per) the original wrong-doer. 3 Bl. Comm. 161.

PER AS ET LIBRAM. Lat. In Roman law. The sale per as et libram (with copper and scales) was a ceremony used in transferring res mancipi, in the emancipation of a son or slave, and in one of the forms of making a will. The parties having assembled, with a number of witnesses, and one who held a balance or scales, the purchaser struck the scales with a copper coin, repeating a formula by which he claimed the subject-matter of the transaction as his property, and handed the coin to the vendor.

PER ALLUVIONEM. Lat. In the civil law. By alluvion, or the gradual and imperceptible increase arising from deposit by water.

Per alluvionem id videtur adici quod sita paulatim adijicitur ut intelligere non possumus quantum quoque momentis temporis adijiciatur. That is said to be added by alluvion which is so added little by little that we cannot tell how much is added at any one moment of time. Dig. 41, 1, 7, 1; Fieta, 1, 3, c. 2, § 6.

PER AND CUI. When a writ of entry is brought against a second alienage or de-
scendant from the disseisor, it is said to be in the per and cui, because the form of the writ is that the tenant had not entry but by and under a prior alienor, to whom the intruder himself demised it. 3 Bl. Comm. 161.

PER AND POST. To come in in the per is to claim by or through the person last entitled to an estate; as the heirs or assigns of the grantee. To come in in the post is to claim by a paramount and prior title; as the lord by escheat.

PER ANNULUM ET BACULUM. L. Lat. In old English law. By ring and staff, or crozier. The symbolical mode of conferring an ecclesiastical investiture. 1 Bl. Comm. 378, 379.


PER AUTRE VIE. L. Fr. For or during another's life; for such period as another person shall live.

PER AVERSIONEM. Lat. In the civil law. By turning away. A term applied to that kind of sale where the goods are taken in bulk, and not by weight or measure, and for a single price; or where a piece of land is sold as containing in gross, by estimation, a certain number of acres. Poth. Cont. Sale, n. 256, 300. So called because the buyer acts without particular examination or discrimination, turning his face, as it were, away. Calvin.

PER BOUCHE. L. Fr. By the mouth; orally. 3 How. State Tr. 1024.

PER CAPITA. Lat. By the heads or polls; according to the number of individuals: share and share alike. This term, derived from the civil law, is much used in the law of descent and distribution, and denotes that method of dividing an intestate estate by which an equal share is given to each of a number of persons, all of whom stand in equal degree to the decedent, without reference to their stocks or the right of representation. It is the antithesis of per stirpes, (q. v.)

PER CENT. An abbreviation of the Latin "per centum," meaning by the hundred, or so many parts in the hundred, or so many hundredths. See Blakeslee v. Mansfield, 66 Ill. App. 119; Code Va. 1887, § 5 (Code 1804, p. 7).


PER CURIAM. Lat. By the court. A phrase used in the reports to distinguish an opinion of the whole court from an opinion written by any one judge. Sometimes it denotes an opinion written by the chief justice or presiding judge. See Clarke v. Western Assur. Co., 466 Pa. 501, 23 Atl. 245, 15 L. R. A. 127, 28 Am. St. Rep. 821.

PER EUNDEM. Lat. By the same. This phrase is commonly used to express "by, or from the mouth of, the same judge." So "per eundem in cadem" means "by the same judge in the same case."

PER EXTENSUM. Lat. In old practice. At length.

PER FORMAM DONI. L. Lat. In English law. By the form of the gift; by the designation of the giver, and not by the operation of law. 2 Bl. Comm. 113, 191.

PER FRAUDEM. Lat. By fraud. Where a plea alleges matter of discharge, and the replication avers that the discharge was fraudulently obtained and is therefore invalid, it is called a "replication per fraudem."

PER INCURIAM. Lat. Through inadvertence. 35 Eng. Law & Eq. 302.

PER INDUSTRIAM HOMINIS. Lat. In old English law. By human industry. A term applied to the reclaiming or taming of wild animals by art, industry, and education. 2 Bl. Comm. 391.

PER INFortunium. Lat. By misadventure. In criminal law, homicide per infortunium is committed where a man, doing a lawful act, without any intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another. 4 Bl. Comm. 182.

PER LEGEM ANGLIÆ. Lat. By the law of England; by the curtesy. Flcta, lib. 2; c. 54, § 18.


PER METAS ET BUNDAS. L. Lat. In old English law. By metes and bounds.

PER MINAS. Lat. By threats. See Duress.

PER MISADVENTURE. In old English law. By mischance. 4 Bl. Comm. 182. The same with per infortunium, (q. v.)
PER MITTER LE DROIT. L. Fr. By passing the right. One of the modes by which releases at common law were said to inure was "per mitter le droit," as where a person who had been dispossessed released to the disseisor or his heir or feoffee. In such case, by the release, the right which was in the releasor was added to the possession of the releasee, and the two combined perfected the estate. Miller v. Emans, 19 N. Y. 387.

PER MITTER L'ESTATE. L. Fr. By passing the estate. At common law, where two or more are seized, either by deed, devise, or descent, as joint tenants or coparceners of the same estate, and one of them releases to the other, this is said to inure by way of "per mitter l'estate." Miller v. Emans, 19 N. Y. 388.

PER MY ET PER TOUT. L. Fr. By the half and by the whole. A phrase descriptive of the mode in which joint tenants hold the joint estate, the effect of which, technically considered, is that for purposes of tenure and survivorship each is the holder of the whole, but for purposes of alienation each has only his own share, which is presumed in law to be equal. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 406.

PER PAIS, TRIAL. Trial by the country; i.e., by jury.

PER PROCURATION. By proxy; by one acting as an agent with special powers; as under a letter of attorney. These words "give notice to all persons that the agent is acting under a special and limited authority." 10 C. B. 689. The phrase is commonly abbreviated to "per proc.," or "p. p.," and is more used in the civil law and in England than in American law.

PER QUE SERVITIA. Lat. A real action by which the grantee of a seigniory could compel the tenants of the grantor to attend to himself. It was abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27, § 33.

PER QUOD. Lat. Whereby. When the declaration in an action of tort, after stating the acts complained of, goes on to allege the consequences of those acts as a ground of special damage to the plaintiff, the recital of such consequences is prefaced by these words, "per quod," whereby; and sometimes the phrase is used as the name of that clause of the declaration.

PER QUOD CONSORTIUM AMISIT. Lat. In old pleading. Whereby he lost the company [of his wife.] A phrase used in the old declarations in actions of trespass by a husband, for beating or ill using his wife, descriptive of the special damage he had sustained. 3 Bl. Comm. 140; Cro. Jac. 501, 538; Crocker v. Crocker (C. C.) 98 Fed. 703.

PER QUOD SERVITIUM AMISIT. Lat. In old pleading. Whereby he lost the service [of his servant.] A phrase used in the old declarations in actions of trespass by a master, for beating or ill using his servant, descriptive of the special damage he had himself sustained. 3 Bl. Comm. 142; 9 Coke, 113a; Callaghan v. Lake Hopatcong Ice Co., 69 N. J. Law, 100, 54 Atl. 223.

Per rationes pervenitur ad legitimam rationem. Litt. § 386. By reasoning we come to true reason.

Per rerum naturam factum negantis nulla probatio est. It is in the nature of things that he who denies a fact is not bound to give proof.

PER SALTUM. Lat. By a leap or bound; by a sudden movement; passing over certain proceedings. 8 East, 511.

PER SE. Lat. By himself or itself; in itself; taken alone; inherently; in isolation; unconnected with other matters.

PER STIRPES. Lat. By roots or stocks; by representation. This term, derived from the civil law, is much used in the law of descent and distribution, and denotes that method of dividing an intestate estate where a class or group of distributees take the share which their stock (a deceased ancestor) would have been entitled to, taking thus by their right of representing such ancestor, and not as so many individuals; while other heirs, who stand in equal degree with such ancestor to the decedent, take each a share equal to his. See Rotmansky v. Heiss, 86 Md. 653, 39 Atl. 415.

PER TOTAM CURIAM. L. Lat. By the whole court. A common phrase in the old reports.

PER TOUT ET NON PER MY. L. Fr. By the whole, and not by the molety. Where an estate in fee is given to a man and his wife, they cannot take the estate by moieties, but both are seised of the entirety, per tout et non per my. 2 Bl. Comm. 182.

PER UNIVERSITATEM. Lat. In the civil law. By an aggregate or whole; as an entirety. The term described the acquisition of an entire estate by one act or fact, as distinguished from the acquisition of single or detached things.


Per varios actus legem experimentis facta. By various acts experience frames the law. 4 Inst. 50.
PER VERBA DE FUTURO. Lat. By words of the future [tense.] A phrase applied to contracts of marriage. 1 Bl. Comm. 439; 2 Kent, Comm. 97.

PER VERBA DE PRESENTI. Lat. By words of the present [tense.] A phrase applied to contracts of marriage. 1 Bl. Comm. 439.

PER VISUM ECCLESIE. Lat. In old English law. By view of the church; under the supervision of the church. The disposition of intestate's goods per visum ecclesie was one of the articles confirmed to the prelates by King John's Magna Charta. 3 Bl. Comm. 96.

PER VIVAM VOCEM. Lat. In old English law. By the living voice; the same with viva voce. Bract. fol. 93.

PER YEAR, in a contract, is equivalent to the word "annually." Curtiss v. Howell, 39 N. Y. 211.

PERAMBULATION. The act of walking over the boundaries of a district or piece of land, either for the purpose of determining them or of preserving evidence of them. Thus, in many parishes in England, it is the custom for the parishioners to perambulate the boundaries of the parish in rotation each year. Such a custom entitles them to enter any man's land and abate nuisances in his way. Phllim. Ecc. Law, 1807; Hunt, Bound. 103; Sweet. See Greenville v. Mason, 57 N. H. 385.

PERAMBULATIONS FACIENDA, WRIT DE. In English law. The name of a writ which is sued by consent of both parties when they are in doubt as to the bounds of their respective estates. It is directed to the sheriff to make perambulation, and to set the bounds and limits between them incertainty. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 133.

PERCA. A perch of land; sixteen and one-half feet. See Peach.

PERCEPTION. Taking into possession. Thus, perception of crops or of profits is reducing them to possession.

PERCEPTURA. In old records. A wear; a place in a river made up with banks, dams, etc., for the better convenience of preserving and taking fish. Cowell.

PERCH. A measure of land containing five yards and a half, or sixteen feet and a half in length; otherwise called a "rod" or "pole." Cowell.

PERCH. As a unit of solid measure, a perch of masonry or stone or brick work contains, according to some authorities and in some localities, sixteen and one-half cubic feet, but elsewhere, or according to others, twenty-five. Unless defined by statute, it is a very indefinite term and must be explained by evidence. See Baldwin v. Quarby Co. v. Clements, 38 Ohio St. 567; Harris v. Rutledge, 19 Iowa, 389, 87 Am. Dec. 441; Sullivan v. Richardson, 83 Fla. 1, 14 South. 692; Wood v. Wood, 47 N. H. 308.

PERCOLATE, as used in the cases relating to the right of land-owners to use water on their premises, designates any flowage of sub-surface water other than that of a running stream, open, visible, clearly to be traced. Mosler v. Caldwell, 7 Nev. 363.

—Percolating waters. See Water.

PERDONATIO UTLAGARIE. L. Lat. A pardon for a man who, for contempt in not yielding obedience to the process of a court, is outlawed, and afterwards of his own accord surrenders. Reg. Orig. 28.

PERDUELLIO. Lat. In Roman law. Hostility or enmity towards the Roman republic; traitorous conduct on the part of a citizen, subversive of the authority of the laws or tending to overthrow the government. Calvin; Viscat.

PERDURABLE. As applied to an estate, perdurable signifies lasting long or forever. Thus, a disseisor or tenant in fee upon condition has as high and great an estate as the rightful owner or tenant in fee-simple absolute, but not so perdurable. The term is chiefly used with reference to the extinguishment of rights by unity of seisin, which does not take place unless both the right and the land out of which it issues are held for equally high and perdurable estates. Co. Litt. 313a, 313b; Gale, Easem. 582; Sweet.

PEREGRINUS. Lat. In Roman law. The class of peregrini embraced at the same time both those who had no capacity in law, (capacity for rights or jural relations,) namely, the slaves, and the members of those nations which had not established amicable relations with the Roman people. Sav. Dr. Rom. § 60.

PEREMPT. In ecclesiastical procedure an appeal is said to be perempted when the appellant has by his own act waived or barred his right of appeal; as where he partially complies with or acquiesces in the sentence of the court. Phllim. Ecc. Law, 1275.

PEREMPTION. A nonsuit; also a quashing or killing.

PEREMPTORIUS. Lat. In the civil law. That which takes away or destroys forever; hence, exceptio peremptoria, a plea which is a perpetual bar. Calvin.

PEREMPTORY. Imperative; absolute; not admitting of question, delay, or recon-
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PEREMPTORY. A day assigned for trial or hearing in court, absolutely and without further opportunity for postponement.—Peremptory exception. In the civil law. Any defense which denies entirely the ground of action.—Peremptory paper. A list of the causes which were enlarged at the request of the parties, or which stood over from press of business in court.—Peremptory rule. In practice. An absolute rule; a rule without any condition or alternative of showing cause.—Peremptory undertaking. An undertaking by a plaintiff to bring on a cause for trial at the next sittings or assizes. Lush, Pr. 649.


PERFECT. Complete; finished; executed; enforceable.

—Perfect condition. In a statement of the rule that, when two claims exist in "perfect condition" between two persons, either may insist on a set-off, this term means that state of a demand when it is of right demandable by its terms. Taylor v. New York, 52 N. Y. 17.

—Perfect instrument. An instrument such as a deed or mortgage is said to become perfect when recorded (or registered) and filed for record, because it then becomes good as to all the world. See Wilkins v. McCorkie, 112 Tenn. 688, 80 S. W. 834.—Perfect trust. An executed trust, (q. v.)


PERFECTION BAIL. Certain qualifications of a property character being required of persons who tender themselves as bail, when such persons have justified, i. e., established, the sufficiency by satisfying the court that they possess the requisite qualifications, a rule or order of court is made for their allowance, and the bail is then said to be perfected, i. e., the process of giving bail is finished or completed. Brown.

Perfectum est cui nihil deest secundum sum perfectionis vel naturae modum. That is perfect to which nothing is wanting, according to the measure of its perfection or nature. Hob. 151.

PERFIDY. The act of one who has engaged his faith to do a thing, and does not do it, but does the contrary. Wolff, Inst. § 390.

PERFORM. To perform an obligation or contract is to execute, fulfill, or accomplish it according to its terms. This may consist either in action on the part of the person bound by the contract or in omission to act, according to the nature of the subject-matter: but the term is usually applied to any action in discharge of a contract other than payment.

PERINDE VALERE. A dispensation granted to a clerk, who, being defective in capacity for a benefice or other ecclesiastical function, is de facto admitted to it. Cowell.

PERIOD. Any point, space, or division of time. "The word 'period' has its etymological meaning, but it also has a distinctive significance, according to the subject with which it may be used in connection. It may mean any portion of complete time, from a thousand years or less to the period of a day; and when used to designate an act to be done or to be begun, though its completion may take an uncertain time, as, for instance, the act of exportation, it must mean the day on which the exportation commences, or it would be an unmeaning and useless word in its connection in the statute." Sampson v. Peaslee, 20 How. 579; 15 L. Ed. 1022.

PERIODICAL. Recurring at fixed intervals; to be made or done, or to happen, at successive periods separated by determined intervals of time; as periodical payments of interest on a bond.

PERIPHRASIS. Circumlocution; use of many words to express the sense of one.

PERISH. To come to an end; to cease to be; to die.

PERISHABLE ordinarily means subject to speedy and natural decay. But, where the time contemplated is necessarily long, the term may embrace property liable merely to material depreciation in value from other causes than such decay. Webster v. Peck, 31 Conn. 495.

Perishable goods. Goods which decay and lose their value if not speedily put to their intended use.

Perjur aliis qui servatis verbis juris- menti decipilum aures sororum qui accipi- plant. 3 Inst. 186. They are perjured, who, preserving the words of an oath, deceive the ears of those who receive it.

PERJURY. In criminal law. The willful assertion as to a matter of fact, opinion, belief, or knowledge, made by a witness in a judicial proceeding as part of his evidence, either upon oath or in any form allowed by law to be substituted for an oath, whether such evidence is given in open court, or in an affidavit, or otherwise, such assertion being known to such witness to be false, and being intended by him to mislead the court, jury, or person holding the proceeding. 2 Whart. Crim. Law, § 1244; Herring v. State, 119 Ga. 700; 40 S. E. 876; Beecher v. Anderson, 45 Mich. 543; 8 N. W. 539; Schmidt v. Witherick, 29 Minn. 156; 12 N. W. 448; State v. Simons, 30 Vt. 620; Miller v. State, 15 Fla. 585; Clark v. Clark, 51 N. J. Eq. 404; 26 Atl. 1012; Hood v. State, 44 Ala. 81.

Perjury shall consist in willfully, knowingly, absolutely and falsely swearing, either with or without laying the hand on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, or affirming, in a matter material to the issue or point in question, in some judicial proceeding, by a person to whom a lawful oath or affirmation is administered. Code Ga. 1882, § 4460.

Every person who, having taken an oath that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly before any competent tribunal, officer, or person, in any of the cases in which such an oath may be law be administered, willfully, and contrary to such oath, states as true any material matter which he knows to be false, is guilty of perjury. Pen. Code Cal. § 118.

The willful giving, under oath, in a judicial proceeding or course of justice, of false testimony, to the issue or point of inquiry. 2 Bisbee Crim. Law, § 1015.

Perjury, at common law, is the "taking of a willful false oath by one who, being lawfully sworn by a competent court to depose the truth in any judicial proceeding, swears absolutely and falsely in a matter material to the point in issue, whether he believed or not." Comm. v. Powell, 2 Metc. (K.Y.) 10; Cothran v. State, 39 Miss. 541.

It will be observed that, at common law, the crime of perjury can be committed only in the course of a suit or judicial proceeding. But statutes have very generally extended both the definition and the punishment of this offense to willful false swearing in many different kinds of affidavits and depositions, such as those required to be made in tax returns, pension proceedings, transactions at the custom house, and various other administrative or non-judicial proceedings.

PERMANENT. Fixed, enduring, abiding, not subject to change. Generally opposed in law to "temporary."

—Permanent abode. A domicile or fixed home, which the party may leave as his interest or whim may dictate, but which he has no present intention of abandoning. Dale v. Irwin, 78 Ill. 173; Moffett v. Hill, 131 Ill. 222; 25 N. W. 249; 48 Am. St. Rep. 706.—Permanent building and loan association. One which issues its stock, not all at once or in series, but at any time when application is made therefor. Cook v. Equitable B. & L. Ass'n, 104 Ga. 514, 30 S. E. 811.

As to permanent "Allmony," "Injunction," and "Trespass," see those titles.

PERMISSION. A license to do a thing; an authority to do an act which, without such authority, would have been unlawful.

PERMISSIONS. Negations of law, arising either from the law's silence or its express declaration. Ruth. Inst. b. 1, c. 1.

PERMISSIVE. Allowed; allowable; that which may be done.

Permissive use. See USE.—Permissive waste. See WASTE.

PERMIT. A license or instrument granted by the officers of excise, (or customs), certifying that the duties on certain goods
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have been paid, or secured, and permitting their removal from some specified place to another. Wharton.

A written license or warrant, issued by a person in authority, empowering the grantee to do some act not forbidden by law, but not allowable without such authority.

PERMUTATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Exchange; barter. Dig. 19, 4.

PERMUTATION. The exchange of one movable subject for another; barter.

PERMUTATIONE. A writ to an ordinary, commanding him to admit a clerk to a benefit upon exchange made with another. Reg. Orig. 307.

PERNANCY. Taking; a taking or receiving; as of the profits of an estate. Actual perrancy of the profits of an estate is the taking, perception, or receipt of the rents and other advantages arising therefrom. 2 Bl. Comm. 163.

PERNOR OF PROFITS. He who receives the profits of lands, etc.; he who has the actual perrancy of the profits.

PERNOUR. L. Fr. A taker. Le pernour ou le detenour, the taker or the detainer. Britt. c. 27.

PERFARS. L. Lat. A purpart; a part of the inheritance.

PERPETRATOR. Generally, this term denotes the person who actually commits a crime or delict, or by whose immediate agency it occurs. But, where a servant of a railroad company is killed through the negligence of a co-employee, the company itself may be regarded as the "perpetrator" of the act, within the meaning of a statute giving an action against the perpetrator. Philo v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 33 Iowa, 47.

Perpetua lex est nullam legem humanae ac positivam perpetuum esse, et clauses que abrogationem exclusit ad initio non valet. It is a perpetual law that no human and positive law can be perpetual, and a clause [in a law] which precludes the power of abrogation is void ab initio. Bac. Max. p. 77, in reg. 10.

PERPETUAL. Never ceasing; continuous; enduring; lasting; unlimited in respect of time; continuing without intermission or interval. See Scanlan v. Crawshaw, 5 Mo. App. 337.

—Perpetual edict. In Roman law. Originally the term "perpetual" was merely opposed to "occasional" and was used to distinguish the general edicts of the prators from the special edicts or orders which they issued in their judicial capacity. But under Hadrian the edict was revised by the jurist Julianus, and was re-published as a permanent act of legislation. It was then styled "perpetual," in the sense of being calculated to endure in perpetuum, or until abrogated by competent authority. Aust. Jur. 505—Perpetual succession. That continuous existence which enables a corporation to manage its affairs, and hold property without the necessity of perpetual conveyances, for the purpose of transmitting it. By reason of this quality, this ideal and artificial person remains, in its legal entity and personality, the same, though frequent changes may be made of its members. Field, Corp. § 58; Scanlan v. Crawshaw, 5 Mo. App. 340.

As to perpetual "Curacy," "Injunction," "Lease," and "Statute," see those titles.

PERPETUATING TESTIMONY. A proceeding for taking and preserving the testimony of witnesses, which otherwise might be lost before the trial in which it is intended to be used. It is usually allowed where the witnesses are aged and infirm or are about to remove from the state. 3 Bl. Comm. 450.

PERPETUITY. A future limitation, whether executory or by way of remainder, and of either real or personal property, which is not to vest until after the expiration of or will not necessarily vest within the period fixed and prescribed by law for the creation of future estates and interests, and which is not destructible by the persons for the time being entitled to the property subject to the future limitation, except with the concurrence of the individual interested under that limitation. Lewis, Perp. 164; 52 Law Lib. 139.

Any limitation tending to take the subject of it out of commerce for a longer period than a life or lives in being, and twenty-one years beyond, and, in case of a posthumous child, a few months more, allowing for the term of gestation. Rand. Perp. 48.


PERPETUITY OF THE KING. That fiction of the English law which for certain political purposes ascribes to the king in his political capacity the attribute of immortality; for, though the reigning monarch may die, yet by this fiction the king never dies, i. e., the office is supposed to be re-occupied for all political purposes immediately on his death. Brown.

PERQUISITES. In its most extensive sense, "perquisites" signifies anything obtained by industry or purchased with money, dif-
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ferent from that which descends from a father or ancestor. Bract. 1. 2, c. 30, n. 3.

Profits accruing to a lord of a manor by virtue of his court-baron, over and above the yearly profits of his land; also other things that come casually and not yearly. Mozley & Whitley.

In modern use. Emoluments or incidentail profits attaching to an office or official position, beyond the salary or regular fees. Delaplane v. Crenshaw, 15 Grat. (Va.) 468; Vansant v. State, 96 Md. 110, 53 Atl. 711; Wren v. Luzerne County, 6 Kulp (Pa.) 37.

PERQUISITIO. Purchase. Acquisition by one's own act or agreement, and not by descent.

PERQUISITOR. In old English law. A purchaser; one who first acquired an estate to his family; one who acquired an estate by sale, by gift, or by any other method, except only that of descent. 2 Bl. Comm. 220.

PERSECUTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A following after; a pursuing at law; a suit or prosecution. Properly that kind of judicial proceeding before the pretor which was called "extraordinary." In a general sense, any judicial proceeding, including not only "actions," (actioeas) properly so called, but other proceedings also. Calvin.

PERSEQUI. Lat. In the civil law. To follow after; to pursue or claim in form of law. An action is called a "jus successive."

PERSON. A man considered according to the rank he holds in society, with all the rights to which the place he holds entitles him, and the duties which it imposes. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 137.

A human being considered as capable of having rights and of being charged with duties; while a "thing" is the object over which rights may be exercised.

-Artificial persons. Such as are created and devised by law for the purposes of society and government, called "corporations" or "bodies politic."-Natural persons. Such as are formed by nature, as distinguished from artificial persons, or corporations.-Private person. An individual who is not the incumbent of an office.

PERSONA. Lat. In the civil law. Character, in virtue of which certain rights belong to a man and certain duties are imposed upon him. Thus one man may unite many characters, (personae), as, for example, the characters of father and son, of master and servant. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 120.

In ecclesiastical law. The rector of a church instituted and inducted, for his own life, was called "persona mortalis," and any collegiate or conventual body, to whom the church was forever appropriated, was termed "persona immortalis." Jacob.

-Persona designata. A person pointed out or described as an individual, as opposed to a person ascertained as a member of a class, or as filling a particular character.-Persona ecclesia. The person or personation of the church.-Persona non grata. In international law and diplomatic usage, a person not acceptable (for reasons peculiar to himself) to the court or government to which it is proposed to accredit him in the character of an ambassador or minister.-Persona standi in judic. Ca-

Capacity of standing in court or in judgment; capacity to be a party to an action; capacity or ability to sue.

Persona conjuncta equi paratur interesse propria. A personal connection (literally, a united person, union with a person) is equivalent to one's own interest; nearness of blood is as good a consideration as one's own interest. Bac. Max. 72, reg.

Persona est homo sum status quodam consideratus. A person is a man considered with reference to a certain status. Helmecc. Elem. 1. 1, tit. 3, § 75.


PERSONABLE. Having the rights and powers of a person; able to hold or maintain a plea in court; also capacity to take anything granted or given.


PERSONAL. Appertaining to the person; belonging to an individual; limited to the person; having the nature or partaking of the qualities of human beings, or of movable property.


Personal things cannot be done by another. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 14.

Personal things cannot be granted over. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 15.

Personal things die with the person. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 16.

Personalia personam sequuntur. Personal things follow the person. Flanders v. Cross, 10 Cush. (Mass.) 516.

PERSONALIS ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A personal action; an action
against the person, (in personam.) Dig. 50, 16, 178, 2.

In old English law. A personal action. In this sense, the term was borrowed from the civil law by Bracton. The English form is constantly used as the designation of one of the chief divisions of civil actions.

PERSONALITER. In old English law. Personally; in person.

PERSONALITY. In modern civil law. The incidence of a law or statute upon persons, or that quality which makes it a personal law rather than a real law. “By the personality of laws, foreign jurists generally mean all laws which concern the condition, state, and capacity of persons.” Story, Conf. Laws, § 16.

PERSONALITY. Personal property; movable property; chattels.

An abstract of personal. In old practice, an action was said to be in the personality, where it was brought against the right person or the person against whom in law it lay. Old Nat. Brev. 92; Cowell.

—Quasi personalitas. Things which are movable in point of law, though fixed to things real, either actually, as emblements, (fructus industriales) fixtures, etc.; or fictitiously, as chattels-real, leases for years, etc.

PERSONATE. In criminal law. To assume the person (character) of another, without his consent or knowledge. In order to deceive others, and, in such feigned character, to fraudulently do some act or gain some advantage, to the harm or prejudice of the person counterfeited. See 2 East, P. C. 1010.

PERSONEREO. In Spanish law. An attorney. So called because he represents the person of another, either in or out of court. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 5, l. 1.

PERSONNE. Fr. A person. This term is applicable to men and women, or to either. Civ. Code Lat. art. 3522, § 25.

Perspicua vera non sunt probanda. Co. Litt. 16. Plain truths need not be proved.


PERSUASION. The act of persuading; the act of influencing the mind by arguments or reasons offered, or by anything that moves the mind or passions, or inclines the will to a determination. See Marx v. Threet, 131 Ala. 540, 30 South. 831.

PERTAIN. To belong or relate to, whether by nature, appointment, or custom. See People v. Chicago Theological Seminary, 174 Ill. 177, 61 N. E. 198.

PERTENENCIA. In Spanish law. The claim or right which one has to the property in anything; the territory which belongs to any one by way of jurisdiction or property; that which is accessory or consequent to a principal thing, and goes with the ownership of it, as when it is said that such an one buys such an estate with all its appurtenances, (pertenencias.) Escríche. See Castillo v. United States, 2 Black. 17, 17 L. Ed. 360.

PERTICATA TERRA. The fourth part of an acre. Cowell.

PERTICULAS. A pittance; a small portion of alms or victuals. Also certain poor scholars of the Isle of Man. Cowell.

PERTINENT. Applicable; relevant. Evidence is called “pertinent” when it is directed to the issue or matters in dispute, and legitimately tends to prove the allegations of the party offering it; otherwise it is called “impertinent.” A pertinent hypothesis is one which, if sustained, would logically influence the issue. Whitaker v. State, 105 Ala. 30, 17 South. 456.

PERTINENTS. In Scotch law. Appurtenances. “Parts and pertinents” are formal words in old deeds and charters. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, pp. 112, 118.

PERTURBATION. In the English ecclesiastical courts, a “suit for perturbation of seat” is the technical name for an action growing out of a disturbance or infringement of one’s right to a pew or seat in a church. 2 Phillm. Ecc. Law, 1813.

PERTURBATRIX. A woman who breaks the peace.

PERVERSE VERDICT. A verdict whereby the jury refuse to follow the direction of the judge on a point of law.

PERWISE, PARWISE. In old English law. The court or yard of the king’s palace at Westminster. Also an afternoon exercise or moot for the instruction of students. Cowell; Blount.

PESA. A weight of two hundred and fifty-six pounds. Cowell.

PESAGE. In England. A toll charged for weighing avoirdupois goods other than wool. 2 Chit. Com. Law, 10.

PESQUISIDOR. In Spanish law. Coroner. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 1, § 3.

PESSIMI EXEMPLI. Lat. Of the worst example.
PESSONA. Mast of oaks, etc., or money taken for mast, or feeding hogs. Cowell.

PESSURABLE WARES. Merchandise which takes up a good deal of room in a ship. Cowell.

PETENS. Lat. In old English law. A demandant; the plaintiff in a real action. Bract. fols. 102, 106b.

PETER-PENCE. An ancient levy or tax of a penny on each house throughout England, paid to the pope. It was called "Peter-pence," because collected on the day of St. Peter, in vincula; by the Saxons it was called "Rome-foeh," "Rome-scoit," and "Rome-penny," because collected and sent to Rome; and, lastly, it was called "hearth money," because every dwelling-house was liable to it, and every religious house, the abbey of St. Albans alone excepted. Wharton.

PETIT. Fr. Small; minor; inconsiderable. Used in several compounds, and sometimes written "petty."

-Petit capa. A judicial writ, issued in the old actions for the recovery of land, requiring the sheriff to take possession of the estate, where the tenant, after having appeared in answer to the summons, made default in a subsequent stage of the proceedings.


PETITE ASSIZE. Used in contradistinction from the grand assize, which was a jury to decide on questions of property. Petit assize, a jury to decide on questions of possession. Britt. c. 42; Glan. lib. 2, cc. 6, 7.

PETITIO. Lat. In the civil law. The plaintiff's statement of his cause of action in an action in rem. Calvin.

In old English law. Petition or demand; the count in a real action; the form of words in which a title to land was stated by the demandant, and which commenced with the word "peto." 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 176.

PETITIO PRINCIPII. In logic. Begging the question, which is the taking of a thing for true or for granted, and drawing conclusions from it as such, when it is really dubious, perhaps false, or at least wants to be proved, before any inferences ought to be drawn from it.

PETITION. A written address, embodying an application or prayer from the person or persons preferring it, to the power, body, or person to whom it is presented, for the exercise of his or their authority in the redress of some wrong, or the grant of some favor, privilege, or license.

In practice. An application made to a court ex parte, or where there are no parties

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PETITORY ACTION. In opposition, praying for the exercise of the judicial powers of the court in relation to some matter which is not the subject for a suit or action, or for authority to do some act which requires the sanction of the court; as for the appointment of a guardian, for leave to sell trust property, etc.

The word "petition" is generally used in judicial proceedings to describe an application in writing, in contradistinction to a motion, which may be made "in rem." Bergen v. Jones, 4 Metc. (Mass.) 371.

In the practice of some of the states, the word "petition" is adopted as the name of that initiatory pleading in an action which is elsewhere called a "declaration" or "complaint." See Code Ga. 1882, § 3332.

In equity practice. An application in writing for an order of the court, stating the circumstances upon which it is founded; a proceeding resorted to whenever the nature of the application to the court requires a fuller statement than can be conveniently made in a notice of motion. 1 Barb. Ch. Pr. 578.

-Petition de droit. L Fr. In English practice. A petition of right; a form of proceeding to obtain restitution from the crown of either real or personal property, being of use where the crown is in possession of any hereitaments or chattels, and the petitioner suggests such a right as controverts the title of the crown, grounded on facts disclosed in the petition itself. 3 Bl. Comm. 250.-Petition in bankruptcy. A paper filed in a court of bankruptcy, or with the clerk, by a debtor praying for the benefits of the bankruptcy act, or by creditors alleging the commission of an act of bankruptcy by their debtor and praying an adjudication of bankruptcy against him.—Petition of right. In English law. A proceeding in chancery by which a subject may recover property in the possession of the king. See Petition de Droit.—Petition of rights. A parliamentary declaration of the liberties of the people, assoiated to by King Charles L in 1629. It is to be distinguished from the bill of rights, (1688) which has passed into a permanent constitutional statute. Brown.

PETITIONER. One who presents a petition to a court, officer, or legislative body.

In legal proceedings begun by petition, the person against whom action or relief is prayed, or who opposes the prayer of the petition, is called the "respondent."

PETITIONING CREDITOR. The creditor at whose instance an adjudication of bankruptcy is made against a bankrupt.

PETITORY ACTION. A droutral action; that is, one in which the plaintiff seeks to establish and enforce, by an appropriate legal proceeding, his right of property, or his title, to the subject-matter of dispute; an action distinguished from a possessor action, where the right to the possession is the point in litigation, and not the mere right of property.

The term is chiefly used in admiralty. 1 Kent. Comm. 371; The Tilton, 5 Mason, 465, Fed. Cas. No. 14,054.

In Scotch law. Actions in which damages are sought.
PETO. Lat. In Roman law, I request. A common word by which a fiduciamissum, or trust, was created in a will. Inst. 2, 24, 3.

PETRA. A stone weight. Cowell.

PETTIFOGGER. A lawyer who is employed in a small or mean business, or who carries on a disreputable business by unprincipled or dishonorable means.

"We think that the term 'pettifogging shyster' needed no definition by witnesses before the jury. This combination of epithets, every lawyer and citizen knows, belongs to none but unscrupulous practitioners who disgrace their profession by doing mean work, and resort to sharp practice to do it." Bailey v. Kalamazoo Pub. Co., 40 Mich. 256.

PETTY. Small, minor, of less or inconceivable importance. The English form of "petit" and sometimes used instead of that word in such compounds as "petty jury," "petty larceny," and "petty treason." See Petit.


As to petty "Average," "Constable," and "Sessions," see those titles.


PHAROS. A watch-tower, light-house, or sea-mark.

PHLEBITIS. In medical jurisprudence. An inflammation of the veins, which may originate in septicemia (bacterial blood-poisoning) or pyemia (poisoning from pus), and is capable of being transmitted to other tissues, as, the brain or the muscular tissue of the heart. In the latter case, an inflammation of the heart is produced which is called "endocarditis" and which may result fatally. See Succession of Bidwell, 52 La. Ann. 744, 27 South. 261.

PHOTOGRAPHER. Any person who makes for sale photographs, ambrotypes, daguerrotypes, or pictures, by the action of light. Act Cong. July 13, 1866, § 9; 14 St. at Large, 120.

PHYSIATR. A jaller.

PHYSICAL. Relating or pertaining to the body, as distinguished from the mind or soul or the emotions; material, substantive, having an objective existence, as distinguish-
ed from imaginary or fictitious; real, having relation to facts, as distinguished from moral or constructive.

—Physical disability. See Disability.—Physical fact. In the law of evidence. A fact having a physical existence, as distinguished from a mere conception of the mind; one which is visible, audible, or palpable; such as the sound of a pistol shot, a man running, impressions of human feet on the ground. Burris, Circ. Ev. 130. A fact considered to have its seat in some inanimate being, or, if in an animate being, by virtue, not of the qualities by which it is constituted animate, but of those which it has in common with the class of inanimate beings. 1 Benth. Jud. Ev. 45.—Physical force. Force applied to the body; actual violence. State v. Wells, 31 Conn. 212.—Physical incapacity. In the law of marriage and divorce, impotence, inability to accomplish sexual coition, arising from incurable physical imperfection or malformation. Anonymous, 89 Ala. 291, 7 South. 100, 7 L. R. A. 425, 15 Am. St. Rep. 116; Franke v. Franke (Cal.) 31 Pac. 574, 18 L. R. A. 375.—Physical injury. Bodily harm or hurt, excluding mental distress, fright, or emotional disturbance. Hord v. Chicago, etc., R. Co., 80 Mo. App. 157.—Physical necessity. A condition in which a person is legally compelled to act in a particular way by overwhelming superior forces; as distinguished from moral necessity, which arises where there is a duty incumbent upon a rational being to perform, which he ought at the time to perform. The Fortitude, 3 Suma. 245, Fed. Cas. No. 4,863.


PIA FRAUD. Lat. A pious fraud; a subterfuge or evasion considered morally justifiable on account of the ends sought to be promoted. Particularly applied to an evasion or disregard of the laws in the interests of religion or religious institutions, such as circumventing the statutes of mortmain.

PIACLE. An obsolete term for an enormous crime.

PICARON. A robber; a plunderer.

PICK-LOCK. An instrument by which locks are opened without a key.

PICK OF LAND. A narrow slip of land running into a corner.

PACKING. Money paid at fair for breaking ground for booths.

PICKERY. In Scotish law. Petty theft; stealing of trifles, punishable arbitrarily. Bell.

PICKETING, by members of a trade union on strike, consists in posting members
at all the approaches to the works struck against, for the purpose of observing and reporting the workmen going to or coming from the works, and of using such influence as may be in their power to prevent the workmen from accepting 'work there. See Beck v. Railway Teamsters' Protective Union, 118 Mich. 497, 77 N. W. 13, 42 L. R. A. 407, 74 Am. St. Rep. 421; Cumberland Glass Mfg. Co. v. Glass Bottle Blowers’ Ass’n, 59 N. J. Eq. 49, 46 Atl. 208.

**PICKLE, PYCLE, OR PIGHTEL.** A small parcel of land inclosed with a hedge, which, in some countries, is called a “pingle.” Enc. Lond.

**PICKPOCKET.** A thief who secretly steals money or other property from the person of another.

**PIEPYDRE.** See COURT OF PIEPYDRE.

**PIER.** A structure extending from the solid land out into the water of a river, lake, harbor, etc., to afford convenient passage for persons and property to and from vessels along the sides of the pier. Seabright v. Allgor, 69 N. J. Law, 641; 56 Atl. 287.

**PIERAGE.** The duty for maintaining piers and harbors.

**PIGNORATIO.** Lat. In the civil law. The contract of pledge; and also the obligation of such contract.

**PIGNORATITIA ACTIO.** Lat. In the civil law. An action of pledge, or founded on a pledge, which was either *directa*, for the debtor, after payment of the debt, or *contraria*, for the creditor. Helnec. Elem. lib. 3, tit. 13, §§ 824–826.

**PIGNORATIVE CONTRACT.** In the civil law. A contract of pledge, hypothecation, or mortgage of realty.

**PIGNORIS CAPIO.** Lat. In Roman law. This was the name of one of the *legis auctiones*. It was employed only in certain particular kinds of pecuniary cases, and consisted in that the creditor, without preliminary suit and without the co-operation of the magistrate, by reciting a prescribed formula, took an article of property from the debtor to be treated as a pledge or security. The proceeding bears a marked analogy to distress at common law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 203; Gatus, bk. 4, §§ 20–29.

**PIGNUS.** Lat. In the civil law. A pledge or pawn; a delivery of a thing to a creditor, as security for a debt. Also a thing delivered to a creditor as security for a debt.

**PILA.** In old English law. That side of coined money which was called “pile,” because it was the side on which there was an impression of a church built on piles. Fletn. lib. 1, c. 39.

**PILETUS.** In the ancient forest laws. An arrow which had a round knob a little above the head, to hinder it from going far into the mark. Cowell.

**PILFER.** To pilfer, in the plain and popular sense, means to steal. To charge another with pilfering is to charge him with stealing, and is slander. Becket v. Sterrett, 4 Blackfr. (Ind.) 490.

**PILFERER.** One who steals petty things.

**PILLAGE.** Plunder; the forcible taking of private property by an invading or conquering army from the enemy’s subjects. American Ins. Co. v. Bryan, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 673, 37 Am. Dec. 278.

**PILLORY.** A frame erected on a pillar, and made with holes and movable boards, through which the heads and hands of criminals were put.

**PILOT.** A particular officer serving on board a ship during the course of a voyage, and having the charge of the helm and the ship’s route; or a person taken on board at any particular place for the purpose of conducting a ship through a river, road, or channel, or from or into a port. People v. Francisco, 10 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 32; State v. Turner, 34 Or. 175, 55 Pac. 92; Chapman v. Jackson, 9 Rich. Law (S. C.) 212; State v. Jones, 16 Fla. 306.


**PILOTAGE.** The navigation of a vessel by a pilot; the duty of a pilot. The charge or compensation allowed for piloting a vessel.

**PILOTAGE AUTHORITIES.** In English law. Boards of commissioners appointed and authorized for the regulation and appointment of pilots, each board having jurisdiction within a prescribed district.

**PIMP-TENURE.** A very singular and odious kind of tenure mentioned by the old writers. “Wilhelmus Hoppebert tenet disodium virgatum terrae per servitium custodiendis sex damiscellas, scil. meretricibus ad usum domini regia.” Wharton.

**PIN-MONEY.** An allowance set apart by a husband for the personal expenses of his wife, for her dress and pocket money.
PINCERNA. In old English law, butler; the king's butler, whose office it was to select out of the cargo of every vessel laden with wine, one cask at the prow and another at the stern, for the king's use. Pieta, lib. 2, c. 22.

PIONEER PATENT. See Patent.

PIOUS USES. See Charitable Uses.

PIRATE. "Where the act uses the word 'piratical,' it does so in a general sense; importing that the aggression is unauthorized by the law of nations, hostile in its character, wanton and criminal in its commission, and utterly without any sanction from any public authority or sovereign power. In short, it means that the act belongs to the class of offenses which pirates are in the habit of perpetrating, whether they do it for purposes of plunder, or for purposes of hatred, revenge, or wanton abuse of power." U. S. v. The Malek Adhel, 2 How. 232, 11 L. Ed. 239

PIRACY. In criminal law. A robbery or forcible depredation on the high seas, without lawful authority, done *amino furanti*, in the spirit and intention of universal hostility. United States v. Palmer, 3 Wheat. 610, 4 L. Ed. 471. This is the definition of this offense by the law of nations. 1 Kent, Comm. 183. And see Talbot v. Janson, 3 Dell. 152, 1 L. Ed. 540; Dole v. Insurance Co., 51 Me. 407; U. S. v. Smith, 5 Wheat. 161, 5 L. Ed. 57; U. S. v. The Ambrose Light (D. C.) 25 Fed. 408; Davison v. Seal-skins, 7 Fed. Cas. 192.

There is a distinction between the offense of piracy, as known to the law of nations, which is justiciable everywhere, and offenses created by statutes of particular nations, cognizable only before the municipal tribunals of such nations. Dole v. Insurance Co., 2 Cliff. 384, 418, Fed. Cas. No. 3,966.

The term is also applied to the illicit reprinting or reproduction of a copyrighted book or print or to unlawful plagiarism from it.

Pirate est hostis humani generis. 3 Inst. 113. A pirate is an enemy of the human race.

PIT. In old Scotch law. An excavation or cavity in the earth in which women who were under sentence of death were drowned.

PIT AND GALLOWS. In Scotch law. A privilege of inflicting capital punishment for theft, given by King Malcolm, by which a woman could be drowned in a pit, (fossea,) or a man hanged on a gallows, (furca,) Bell.

PITCHING-FENCE. In old English law. Money, commonly a penny, paid for pitching or setting down every bag of corn or pack of goods in a fair or market. Cowell.

PITIHATISM. In medical jurisprudence. A term of recent introduction to medical science, signifying curability by means of persuasion, and used as synonymous with "hysteria," in effect limiting the scope of the latter term to the description of psychic or nervous disorders which may be cured uniquely by psychotherapy or persuasion. Babinski.

PITTANCE. A slight repast or refection of fish or flesh more than the common allowance; and the pittancer was the officer who distributed this at certain appointed festivals. Cowell.

PIX. A mode of testing coin. The ascertaining whether coin is of the proper standard is in England called "pixing" it;
and there are occasions on which resort is had for this purpose to an ancient mode of
inquisition called the "trial of the pix," be-
fore a jury of members of the Goldsmiths' 
Company. 2 Steph. Comm. 540, note.
—Pix jury. A jury consisting of the members
of the corporation of the goldsmiths of the city 
of London assembled upon an inquisition of
very ancient date, called the "trial of the pix."

PLACARD. An edict; a declaration; a
manifesto. Also an advertisement or public
notification.

PLACE. An old form of the word
"pleas." Thus the "Court of Common Pleas"
was sometimes called the "Court of Common
Place."

PLACE. This word is a very indefinite
term. It is applied to any locality, limited by
boundaries, however large or however
small. It may be used to designate a coun-
try, state, county, town, or a very small por-
tion of a town. The extent of the locality
designated by it must generally be deter-
mined by the connection in which it is used.
Law v. Fairfield, 49 Vt. 432.

—Place of contract. The place (country
or state) in which a contract is made, and
whose law must determine questions affect-
ing the execution, validity, and construc-
tion of the contract. Scudder v. Union Nat. 
Bank, 91 U. S. 412, 23 L. Ed. 245.—Place of de-

delivery. The place where delivery is to be made
of goods sold. If no place is specified in the
contract, the articles sold must, in general, be
delivered at the place where they are at the
time of the sale. Hatch v. Standard Oil Co.,
100 U. S. 154, 25 L. Ed. 504.—Place where.
A phrase used in the older reports, being a
literal translation of locus in quo, (q. e.)

PLACEMAN. One who exercises a pub-
clic employment, or fills a public station.

PLACER. In mining law. A superficial
deposit of sand, gravel, or disintegrated
rock, carrying one or more of the precious
metals, along the course or under the bed of
a water-course, ancient or current, or along
the shore of the sea. Under the acts of con-
gress, the term includes all forms of mineral
deposits, except veins of quartz or other
rock in place. Rev. St. U. S. § 2329 (U. S.
Comp. St. 1901, p. 1432). See Montana Coal
& Coke Co. v. Livingston, 21 Mont. 59, 52
Pac. 793; Gregory v. Pershbacker, 78 Cal. 109,
14 Pac. 401; Freese v. Sweeney, 8 Monten.
558, 21 Pac. 20.

—Placer claim. A mining claim located on
the public domain for the purpose of placer
mining, that is, ground within the defined
boundaries which contains mineral in its earth,
sand, or gravel; ground which includes valua-
able deposits not "in place," that is, not fixed
in rock, or which are in a loose state. U. S.
v. Tom Silver Mine Co., 128 U. S. 673, 9 Sup.
Ct. 195, 32 L. Ed. 571; Clipper Min. Co. v.
Ell Min. Co., 194 U. S. 220, 24 Sup. Ct. 632,
43 L. Ed. 244; Wheler v. Smith, 5 Wash.
704, 32 Pac. 784.—Placer location. A placer
claim located and occupied on the public do-
main.

PLACIT, or PLACITUM. Decree; de-
termination.

PLACITA. In old English law. The
public assemblies of all degrees of men
where the sovereign presided, who usually
consulted upon the great affairs of the king-
dom. Also pleas, pleadings, or debates, and
trials at law; sometimes penalties, fines,
nuicis, or emendations; also the style of the
court at the beginning of the record at
nisi prius, but this is now omitted. Cowell.

In the civil law. The decrees or consti-
tutions of the emperor; being the expres-
sions of his will and pleasure. Calvin.

—Placita communia. Common pleas. All
civil actions between subject and subject. 3
Bl. Comm. 38, 40.—Placita coronae. Pleas
of the crown. All trials for crimes and mis-
demeanors, wherein the king is plaintiff, on
behalf of the people. 3 Bl. Comm. 40.—Pla-
cita juria. Pleas or rules of law; "par
cular and positive learnings of laws;" "Grounds
and positive learnings received with the law
and set down;" as distinguished from maxims
or the formulated conclusions of legal reason.
Bac. Max. pref., and reg. 12.

Placita de transgressione contra pa-
cem regis, in regno Anglia vi et armis
facta, secundum legem et consuetudinem Anglie sine brevi regis placitari
non debit. 2 Inst. 511. Pleas of trespass
against the peace of the king in the
kingdom of England, made with force and
arms, ought not, by the law and custom of
England, to be pleaded without the king's
writ.

Placita negativa duo extum non fact-
unt. Two negative pleas do not form an
issue. Lofft, 415.

PLACITABLE. In old English law.
Pleadable. Spelman.

PLACITAMENTUM. In old records.
The pleading of a cause. Spelman.

PLACITARE. To plead.

PLACITATOR. In old records. A plead-
er. Cowell; Spelman.

PLACITORY. Relating to pleas or
pleading.

PLACITUM. In old English law. A
public assembly at which the king presided,
and which comprised men of all degrees, met
for consultation about the great affairs of
the kingdom. Cowell.
A court; a judicial tribunal; a lord's
court. Placita was the style or title of the
courts at the beginning of the old nisi prius
record.
A suit or cause in court; a judicial pro-
ceeding; a trial. Placita were divided into
placita coronae (crown cases or pleas of the
crown, & c. criminal actions) and placita
communia, (common cases or common pleas, i.e., private civil actions.)

A fine, mulct, or pecuniary punishment.

A pleading or plea. In this sense, the term was not confined to the defendant's answer to the declaration, but included all the pleadings in the cause, being nomen generalissimum. 1 Saund. 388, n. 6.

In the old reports and abridgments, "placitum" was the name of a paragraph or subdivision of a title or page where the point decided in a cause was set out separately. It is commonly abbreviated "pl."

In the civil law. An agreement of parties; that which is their pleasure to arrange between them.

An imperial ordinance or constitution; literally, the prince's pleasure. Inst. 1, 2, 6.

A judicial decision; the judgment, decree, or sentence of a court. Calvin.

Placitum alius personale, alius reale, alius mixtum. Co. Litt. 284. Pleas [i.e., actions] are personal, real, and mixed.

**PLACITUM FRACTUM.** A day past or lost to the defendant. 1 Ham. I. c. 39.

**PLACITUM NOMINATUM.** The day appointed for a criminal to appear and plead and make his defense. Cowell.

**PLAGIARISM.** The act of appropriating the literary composition of another, or parts or passages of his writings, or the ideas or language of the same, and passing them off as the product of one's own mind.

**PLAGIARIST, or PLAGIARY.** One who publishes the thoughts and writings of another as his own.

**PLAGIARIUS.** Lat. In the civil law. A man-stealer; a kidnapper. Dig. 48, 15, 1; 4 Bl. Comm. 219.

**PLAGIUM.** Lat. In the civil law. Man-stealing; kidnapping. The offense of enticing away and stealing men, children, and slaves. Calvin. The persuading a slave to escape from his master, or the concealing or harboring him without the knowledge of his master. Dig. 48, 15, 6.

**PLAGUE.** Pestilence; a contagious and malignant fever.

**PLAIDEUR.** Fr. An obsolete term for an attorney who pleaded the cause of his client; an advocate.

**PLAIN STATEMENT** is one that may be readily understood, not merely by lawyers, but by all who are sufficiently acquainted with the language in which it is written. Mann v. Morewood, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 557, 564.

**PLAINT.** In English practice. A private memorial tendered in open court to the judge, wherein the party injured sets forth his cause of action. A proceeding in inferior courts by which an action is commenced without original writ. 3 Bl. Comm. 573. This mode of proceeding is commonly adopted in cases of reprieve. 3 Steph. Comm. 606.

In the civil law. A complaint; a form of action, particularly one for setting aside a testament alleged to be invalid. This word is the English equivalent of the Latin "querela."

**PLAINTIFF.** A person who brings an action; the party who complains or sues in a personal action and is so named on the record. Gulf, etc., R. Co. v. Scott (Tex. Civ. App.) 28 S. W. 458; Canaan v. Greenwoods Turnpike Co., 1 Conn. 1.

—Plaintiff in error. The party who sues out a writ of error to review a judgment or other proceeding at law. Use plaintiff. One for whose use (benefit) an action is brought in the name of another. Thus, where the assignee of a cause in action is not allowed to sue in his own name, the action would be entitled "A. B. (the assignor) for the use of C. D. (the assignee) against E. F." In this case, C. D. is called the "use plaintiff."

**PLAN.** A map, chart, or design; being a delineation or projection on a plane surface of the ground lines of a house, farm, street, city, etc., reduced in absolute length, but preserving their relative positions and proportion. Jenney v. Des Moines, 103 Iowa, 347, 72 N. W. 550; Wetherill v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 195 Pa. 156, 45 Atl. 653.

**PLANT.** The fixtures, tools, machinery, and apparatus which are necessary to carry on a trade or business. Wharton. Southern Bell Tel. Co. v. D'Alemberte, 99 Fla. 25, 1 South. 570; Sloss-Sheffield Steel Co. v. Mobley, 139 Ala. 425, 36 South. 181; Maxwell v. Wilmington Dental Mfg. Co. (C. C.) 77 Fed. 941.

**PLANTATION.** In English law. A colony; an original settlement in a new country. See 1 Bl. Comm. 107.

In American law. A farm; a large cultivated estate. Used chiefly in the southern states.

In North Carolina, "plantation" signifies the land a man owns which he is cultivating more or less in annual crops. Strictly, it designates the place planted; but in wills it is generally used to denote more than the inclosed and cultivated fields, and to take in the necessary woodland, and, indeed, commonly all the land forming the parcel or parcels under culture as one farm, or even what is worked by one set of hands. Stowe v. Davis, 32 N. C. 431.

**PLAT, or PLOT.** A map, or representation on paper, of a piece of land subdivided into lots, with streets, alleys, etc., usually drawn to a scale. McDaniel v. Mace, 47
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Iowa, 510; Burke v. McCown, 115 Cal. 481, 47 Pac. 367.

PLAY-DEBT. Debt contracted by gaming.

PLAZA. A Spanish word, meaning a public square in a city or town. Sachis v. Towanda, 79 Ill. App. 441.

PLEA. In old English law. A suit or action. Thus, the power to "hold pleas" is the power to take cognizance of actions or suits; so "common pleas" are actions or suits between private persons. And this meaning of the word still appears in the modern declarations, where it is stated, e.g., that the defendant "has been summoned to answer the plaintiff in a plea of debt."

In common-law practice. A pleading; any one in the series of pleadings. More particularly, the first pleading on the part of the defendent. In the strictest sense, the answer which the defendant makes to an action at law makes to the plaintiff's declaration, and in which he sets up matter of fact as defense, thus distinguished from a demurrer, which interposes objections on grounds of law.

In equity. A special answer showing or relying upon one or more things as a cause why the suit should be either dismissed or delayed or barred. Mtif. Eq. Pl. 219; Coop. Eq. Pl. 223.

A short statement, in response to a bill in equity, of facts which, if inserted in the bill, would render it demurrable; while an answer is a complete statement of the defendant's case, and contains answers to any interrogatories the plaintiff may have administered. Hunt, Eq. pt. 2, 18.

AFFIRMATIVE PLEA. One which sets up a single fact, not appearing in the bill, or sets up a number of circumstances all tending to establish a single fact, which if existing, destroys the complainant's case. Pot v. Potts (N. J. Ch.) 42 Atl. 1055. -ANOMALOUS PLEA. One which is partly affirmative and partly negative. Baldwin v. Elizabeth, 42 N. J. Eq. 11, 6 Atl. 275; Potts v. Potts (N. J. Ch.) 42 Atl. 1055. -BAD PLEA. One which is unsound or insufficient in form or substance, or which does not technically answer or correspond with the pleading which preceded it in the action. -COMMON PLEAS. Common causes or suits; civil actions brought and prosecuted between subjects or citizens, as distinguished from pleas of the crown or criminal cases. -COUNTER-PLEA. A plea to some matter incidental to the main object of the suit, and out of the direct line of pleadings. In the more ancient system of pleading, counter-plea was applied to what we should now call "counter-joinder." (q. c.) that is, where a tenant for life or other limited interest in land, having an action brought against him, falsifies to the title to such land, prayed in aid of the lord or revisor for his better defense, that which the demandant alleged against either request was called a "counter-plea." Cowell -DILATORY PLEAS. See DILATORY. -DOUBLE PLEA. One having the technical fault of duplicity; one consisting of several distinct and independent matters alleged to the same point and requiring different answers. -FALSE PLEA. A sham plea. See infra. And see People v. McCum-
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as courts should listen to, they are not "sham,"
in the sense of the statute. When it needs argument to prove that an answer or demurrer is frivolous, it is not a plea for relief, and should not be struck off. To warrant this summary mode of disposing of a defense, the mere reading of objections should be sufficient to dispel
close, without deliberation and without a doubt, that the defense is sham or irrelevant. *Cottrell v. Cramer, 40 Wis. 559.* Special plea. A special plea of the bar, distinguished by
the name from the general issue, and consisting
usually of some new affirmative matter, though
it frequently also is in the form of a general or
defense. See Steph. Pl. 52, 102; Allen v. New
Haven & N. Co., 49 Conn. 245.* Special plea
for bar.* One which advancing new matter.
It differs from the general, in this: that the
latter denies some material allegation, but nev-

PLEAD. To make, deliver, or file any
pleading to conduct the pleadings in a
cause. To interpose any pleading in a suit
which contains allegations of fact; in this
sense the word is the antithesis of "demurr." More particularly, to deliver in a formal manner the defendant's answer to the plaint-
iff's declaration, or to the indictment, as
the case may be.

To appear as a pleader or advocate in a
cause; to argue a cause in a court of jus-
tice. But this meaning of the word is not
technical, but colloquial.

Plead a statute. Pleading a statute is
stating the facts which bring the case within
it; and "counting" on it, in the strict language of pleading, is making express reference to it
by apt terms to show the soundness of a right relied on. *McCollough v. Coffit County, 4 Neb.
(Ubof.) 543, 95 N. W. 31.* Plead issuable.
This means to interpose such a plea as is
calculated to raise a material issue, either of law
or of fact. *Plead over.* To pass over, or
omit to notice, a material allegation in the last
pleading of the opposite party; to pass by
defect in the pleading of the other party with- out taking advantage of it. In another sense,
to plead the general issue, after one has inter-
posed a demurrer or special plea which has been
dismissed by a judgment of respondent ouster.

Plead to the merits. This is a phrase of
long standing and accepted usage in the law,
and means those pleas which answer the
cause of action and on which a trial may be had from all pleas of a different character.
Rahn v. Gunnison, 12 Wis. 629.

PLEADED. Alleged or averred, in form,
in a judicial proceeding.

It more often refers to matter of defense,
but not invariably. To say that matter in a
declaration or replication is not well pleaded
would not be deemed erroneous. Abbott.

PLEADER. A person whose business it
is to draw pleadings. Formerly, when plead-
ing at common law was a highly technical
and difficult art, there was a class of men
known as "special pleaders not at the bar," who
held a position intermediate between
counsel and attorneys. The class is now al-
most extinct, and the term "pleaders" is
generally applied. In England, to junior mem-
ers of the common-law bar. Sweet.

Special pleader. In English practice. A
person whose professional occupation is to give
verbal or written opinions upon statements
made verbally or in writing, and to draw
pleadings, civil or criminal, and such practical
not-pleadings as may be out of the usual course
2 Chit. Pt. 42.

PLEADING. The peculiar science or
system of rules and principles, established
in the common law, according to which the
pleadings or responsive allegations of litig-
ating parties are framed, with a view to
preserve technical propriety and to produce
a proper result.
The process performed by the parties to
a suit or action, in alternately presenting
written statements of their contention, each
responsive to that which precedes, and each
serving to narrow the field of controversy,
until there evolves a single point, affirmed
on one side and denied on the other, called the
"issue," upon which they then go to trial.
The act or step of interposing any one of
the pleadings in a cause, but particularly
one on the part of the defendant; and, in the
strictest sense, one which sets up allegations
of fact in defense to the action.
The name "a pleading" is also given to
any one of the formal written statements of
accusation or defense presented by the par-
ties alternately in an action at law; the ag-
gregate of such statements filed in any one
cause are termed "the pleadings."

The oral advocacy of a client's cause in
court, by his barrister or counsel, is some-
times called "pleading;" but this is a popu-
lar, rather than technical, use.

In chancery practice. Consists in mak-
ing the formal written allegations or state-
ments of the respective parties on the record
to maintain the suit, or to defeat it, of
which, when contested in matters of fact,
they propose to offer proofs, and in matters
of law to offer arguments to the court.
Story, Eq. Pl. § 4, note.

Double pleading. This is not allowed
either in the repetition or subsequent pleadings.
Its meaning with respect to the former is that
the declaration must not, in support of a single
demand, allege several distinct matters, by
any one of which that demand is sufficiently
supported. With respect to the subsequent
pleadings, the meaning is that none of them is
to contain several distinct answers to that
which preceded it; and the reason of the rule
in each case is that such pleading tends to sev-
eral issues in respect of a single claim. War-
ton.* Special pleading. When the allega-
tions (or "pleadings," as they are called) of the
contending parties in an action are not of the
general or ordinary form, but are of a more
complex or special character, they are denomi-
nated "special pleadings:" and, when a defend-
ant pleads a plea of this description, (i. e., a
special plea,) he is said to plead specially, in
opposition to pleading the general issue. These
terms have given rise to the popular denomina-
tion of that science which, though properly
called "pleading," is generally distinguished
by the name of "special pleading." Brown. The al-
egregation of special or new matter in opposition
or explanation of the last previous pleading
on the other side, as distinguished from a direct
denial of matter previously alleged by the op-
oposite party. Gould, Pl. c. 1, § 18. In popular
PLEADINGS. The pleadings are the formal allegations by the parties of their respective claims and defenses, for the judgment of the court. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 420.

The individual allegations of the respective parties to an action at common law, proceeding from them alternately, in the order and under the distinctive names following: The plaintiff’s declaration, the defendant’s plea, the plaintiff’s replication, the defendant’s rejoinder, the plaintiff’s surrejoinder, the defendant’s surrebuttal; after which they have no distinctive names. Burrill.

The term “pleadings” has a technical and well-defined meaning. Pleadings are written allegations of what is affirmed on the one side, or denied on the other, disclose to the court or jury having to try the cause the real matter in dispute between the parties. Desnoyers v. Hereux, 1 Minn. 17 (Gil. 1).

PLESANUS. In old English ecclesiastical law. A rural dean. Cowell.

PLEBEBIAN. One who is classed among the common people, as distinguished from the nobles.

PLEBECITY, or PLEBITY. The common or meaner sort of people; the plebeians.

PLEBEYS. In Spanish law. Commons; those who exercise any trade, or who cultivate the soil. White, New Repoc. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 3, § 6, and note.

PLEBIANA. In old records. A mother church.

PLEBISCITE. In modern constitutional law, the name “plebiscite” has been given to a vote of the entire people, (that is, the aggregate of the enfranchised individuals composing a state or nation,) expressing their choice for or against a proposed law or enactment, submitted to them, and which, if adopted, will work a radical change in the constitution, or which is beyond the powers of the regular legislative body. The proceeding is extraordinary, and is generally revolutionary in its character; an example of which may be seen in the plebiscites submitted to the French people by Louis Napoleon, whereby the Second Empire was established. But the principle of the plebiscite has been incorporated in the modern Swiss constitution, (under the name of “referendum,”) by which a revision of the constitution must be undertaken when demanded by the vote of fifty thousand Swiss citizens. Maine, Popular Govt. 40, 96.

PLEBISCITUM. Lat. In Roman law. A law enacted by the plebs or commonality, (that is, the citizens, with the exception of the patricians and senators,) at the request or on the proposition of a plebeian magistrate, such as a “tribune.” Inst. 1, 2, 4.

PLEBS. Lat. In Roman law. The commonalty or citizens, exclusive of the patricians and senators. Inst. 1, 2, 4.

PLEDABLE. L. Fr. That may be brought or conducted; as an action or “plein,” as it was formerly called. Britt. c. 32.


A pledge is a deposit of personal property by way of security for the performance of another act. Civ. Code Cal. § 2896.

The specific article delivered to the creditor in security is also called a “pledge” or “pawn.”

There is a clear distinction between mortgages and pledges. In a pledge the legal title remains in the pledgor; in a mortgage it passes to the mortgagee. In a mortgage the mortgagee need not have possession; in a pledge the pledgee must have possession, though it be only constructive. In a mortgage, at common law, the property on non-payment of the debt passes wholly to the mortgagee; in a pledge the property is sold, and only so much of the proceeds as will pay his debt passes to the pledgee. A mortgage is a conditional conveyance of property, which becomes absolute unless redeemed at a specified time. A pledge is not strictly a conveyance at all, nor need any day of redemption be appointed for it. A mortgagee can sell and deliver the thing mortgaged, subject only to the right of redemption. A pledgee cannot sell and deliver his pawn until the debt is due and payment denied. Bouvier.

There are two varieties of the contract of pledge known to the law of Louisiana, viz., pawn and antichresis; the former relating to chattel securities, the latter to landed securities. See Civ. Code La. art. 3101; and see those titles.

—Pledges of prosecution. Is old English law. No two men could prosecute a civil action without having in the first stage of it two or more persons as pledges of prosecution; and if judgment was given against the plaintiff, or he deserted his suit, both he and his pledges were liable to amercement to the king pro false clamor. In the course of time, however, these pledges were dispensed, and the names of fictitious persons substituted for them, two ideal persons, John Doe and Richard Roe, having become the common pledges of every author; and now the use of such pledges is altogether...
PLEDGE. The party to whom goods are pledged, or delivered in pledge. Story, Bailim. § 287.

PLEDGERY. Suretyship, or an undertaking or answer for another. Gloucester Bank v. Worcester, 10 Pick. (Mass.) 531.

PLEDGEOR. The party delivering goods in pledge; the party pledging. Story, Bailim. § 287.

PLEGIABILIS. In old English law. That may be pledged; the subject of pledge or security. Plutus, lib. 1, c. 20, § 93.

PLEGIS DE PROSEQUENDO. Pledges to prosecute with effect an action of replevin.

PLEGIS DE RETORNO HABENDO. Pledges to return the subject of distress, should the right be determined against the party bringing the action of replevin. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 422n.

PLEGIS ACQUIETANDIS. A writ that anciently lay for a surety against him for whom he was surety, if he paid not the money at the day. Fitth. Nat. Brev. 137.

PLENA ETAS. Lat. In old English law. Full age.

Plena et celeris justitia sit partibus. 4 Inst. 67. Let full and speedy justice be done to the parties.

PLENA FORISFACTURA. A forfeiture of all that one possesses.

PLENA PROBATIO. In the civil law. A term used to signify full proof, (that is, proof by two witnesses,) in contradistinction to semi-plena probatio, which is only a presumption. Cod. 4, 19, 5.

PLENARY. In English law. Fullness; a state of being full. A term applied to a benefice when full, or possessed by an incumbent. The opposite state to a vacation, or vacancy. Cowell.

PLENARY. Full; entire; complete; unbridged.

In the ecclesiastical courts, (and in admiralty practice,) causes are divided into plena-
PLOW-LAND. A quantity of land "not of any certain content, but as much as a plow can, by course of husbandry, plow in a year." Co. Litt. 69a.

PLOW-MONDAY. The Monday after twelfth-day.

PLOW-SILVER. Money formerly paid by some tenants, in lieu of service to plow the lord's lands.

PLUMB A TURA. Lat. In the civil law. Soldering. Digg. 6, 1, 23, 5.

PLUMBUM. Lat. In the civil law. Lead. Digg. 60, 16, 242, 2.

PLUNDER, v. The most common meaning of the term "to plunder" is to take property from persons or places by open force, and this may be in course of a lawful war, or by unlawful hostility, as in the case of pirates or banditti. But in another and very common meaning, though in some degree figurative, it is used to express the idea of taking property from a person or place, without just right, but not expressing the nature or quality of the wrong done. Carter v. Andrews, 18 Pick. (Mass.) 9; U. S. v. Stone (C. C.) 8 Fed. 246; U. S. v. Pitman, 27 Fed. Cas. 540.

PLUNDER, n. Personal property belonging to an enemy, captured and appropriated on land; booty. Also the act of seizing such property. See Booty; Prize.

PLUNDERAGE. In maritime law. The embezzlement of goods on board of a ship is so called.

PLURAL. Containing more than one; consisting of or Designating two or more. Webster.

—Plural marriage. See Marriage.

Plurals numerus est dubius contentus. 1 Rolle, 476. The plural number is satisfied by two.

PLURALIST. One that holds more than one ecclesiastical benefice, with cure of souls.

PLURALITER. In the plural. 10 East, 158, arg.

PLURALITY. In the law of elections. The excess of the votes cast for one candidate over those cast for any other. Where there are only two candidates, he who receives the greater number of the votes cast is said to have a majority; when there are more than two competitors for the same office, the person who receives the greatest number of votes has a plurality, but he has not a majority unless he receives a greater number of votes than those cast for all his competitors combined.

In ecclesiastical law, "plurality" means the holding two, three, or more benefices by the same incumbent; and he is called a "pluralist." Plurality is now abolished, except in certain cases. 2 Steph. Comm. 691, 692.

Plures coheredes sunt quasi unum corpus proprer unitatem juris quod habent. Co. Litt. 163. Several co-heirs are, as it were, one body, by reason of the unity of right which they possess.

Plures participes sunt quasi unum corpus, in eo quod unum jus habent. Co. Litt. 164. Several parceners are as one body, in that they have one right.

PLURIES. Lat. Often; frequently. When an original and alias writ have been issued and proved ineffectual, a third writ, called a "pluries writ," may frequently be issued. It is to the same effect as the two former, except that it contains the words, "as we have often commanded you," ("eius plurias praecessimus,") after the usual commencement, "We command you." 3 Bl. Comm. 283; Archb. Pr. 685.

PLURIS PETITIO. Lat. In Scotch practice. A demand of more than is due: Beil.

Plus exempla quam pecata nocent. Examples hurt more than crimes.

Plus pecaat author quam actor. The originator or instigator of a crime is a worse offender than the actual perpetrator of it. 5 Coke, 90a. Applied to the crime of subornation of perjury. 1d.

PLUS PETITIO. In Roman law. A phrase denoting the offense of claiming more than was just in one's pleadings. This more might be claimed in four different respects; viz.: (1) Re, i. e., in amount, (e. g. 500 for 5 1/2;) (2) loco, i. e., in place, (e. g. delivery at some place more difficult to effect than the place specified;) (3) tempore, i. e., in time; (e. g., claiming payment on the 1st of August of what is not due till the 1st of September;) and (4) causa, i. e., in quality, (e. g., claiming a dozen of champagne, when the contract was only for a dozen of wine generally.) Prior to Justinian's time, this offense was in general fatal to the action; but, under the legislation of the emperors Zeno and Justinian, the offense (if re, loco, or causa) exposed the party to the payment of three times the damage. If any, sustained by the other side, and if (tempore) obliged him to postpone his action for double the time, and to pay the costs of his first action before commencing a second. Brown.

Plus valet consuetudo quam consentio. Custom is more powerful than grant.
Plus valet unus oculatus testis quam auriti decem. One eye-witness is of more weight than ten ear-witnesses, [or those who speak from hearsay.] 4 Inst. 279.

Plus vident oculi quam oculus. Several eyes see more than one. 4 Inst. 190.

PO. LO. SUO. An old abbreviation for the words "ponit loco suo," (puts in his place,) used in warrants of attorney. Townsh. Pl. 431.

POACH. To steal game on a man's land.

POACHING. In English criminal law. The unlawful entry upon land for the purpose of taking or destroying game; the taking or destruction of game upon another's land, usually committed at night. Steph. Crim. Law 119, et seq.; 2 Steph. Comm. 82.

POBLADOR. In Spanish law. A colonizer; he who peoples; the founder of a colony.

POCKET. This word is used as an adjective in several compound legal phrases, carrying a meaning suggestive of, or analogous to, its signification as a pouch, bag, or secret receptacle. For these phrases, see "Borough," "Judgment," "Record," "Sheriff," and "Veto."

PENA. Lat. Punishment; a penalty. Inst. 4, 6, 18, 19.


Pena ad paucos, metus ad omnes perveniat. If punishment be inflicted on a few, a dread comes to all.

Pena ex delicto facti hares teneri non debet. The heir ought not to be bound by a penalty arising out of the wrongful act of the deceased. 2 Inst. 198.

Pena non potest, culpa perennis erit. Punishment cannot be, crime will be, perpetual. 21 Vin. Abr. 271.

Pena suos tenere debet actores et non alios. Punishment ought to bind the guilty, and not others. Bract. fol. 3909.

Pena potius molliendo quam exasperande sunt. 3 Inst. 229. Punishments should rather be softened than aggravated.

Pena sinest restringenda. Punishments should be restrained. Jenk. Cent. 29.

PENALIS. Lat. In the civil law. Penal; imposing a penalty; claiming or enforcing a penalty. Actiones penales, penal actions. Inst. 4, 6, 12.

PENITENTIA. Lat. In the civil law. Repentance; reconsideration; changing one's mind; drawing back from an agreement already made, or reseling it.

—Locus poni tis. Room or place for repentance or reconsideration; an opportunity to withdraw from a negotiation before finally concluding the contract or agreement. Also, in criminal law, an opportunity afforded by the circumstances to a person who has formed an intention to kill or to commit another crime, giving him a chance to reconsider and relinquish his purpose.

POINDING. The process of the law of Scotland which answers to the distress of the English law. Poinding is of three kinds: Real poinding or poindling of the ground. This is the action by which a creditor, having a security on the land of his debtor, is enabled to appropriate the rents of the land, and the goods of the debtor or his tenants found therein, to the satisfaction of the debt. Personal poindling. This consists in the seizure of the goods of the debtor, which are sold under the direction of a court of justices, and the net amount of the sales paid over to the creditor in satisfaction of his debt; or, if no purchaser appears, the goods themselves are delivered. Poindling of stray cattle, committing deprivations on corn, grass, or plantations, until satisfaction is made for the damage. Bell.

POINT. A distinct proposition or question of law arising or propounded in a case.

—Point reserved. When, in the progress of the trial of a cause, an important or difficult point of law is presented to the court, and the court is not certain of the decision that should be given, it may reserve the point, that is, decide it provisionally as it is asked by the party, but reserve its more mature consideration for the hearing on a motion for a new trial, when, if it shall appear that the first ruling was wrong, the verdict will be set aside. The point thus treated is technically called a "point reserved." —Points. The distinct propositions of law, or chief heads of argument, presented by a party in his paper-book, and relied upon on the argument of the cause. Also the marks used in punctuation. Duncan v. Kohler, 37 Minn. 379; N. W. 594; Commonwealth ins. Co. v. Pierre, 6 Minn. 570 (Gib. 404).

POISON. In medical jurisprudence. A substance having an inherent deleterious property which renders it, when taken into the system, capable of destroying life. 2 Whart. & S. Med. Jur. § 1.

A substance which, on being applied to the human body, internally or externally, is capable of destroying the action of the vital functions, or of placing the solids and fluids in such a state as to prevent the continuance of life. Wharton. See Boswell v. State, 114 Ga. 40, 39 S. E. 807; People v. Van Decker, 53 Cal. 148; Dougherty v. People, 1 Colo. 514: State v. Slagle, 83 N. C. 630; United States Mut. Acc. Ass'n v. Newman, 84 Va. 52, 3 S. E. 805.

POLE. A measure of length, equal to five yards and a half.
POLICE. Police is the function of that branch of the administrative machinery of government which is charged with the preservation of public order and tranquillity, the promotion of the public health, safety, and morals, and the prevention, detection, and punishment of crimes. See State v. Hine, 59 Conn. 50, 21 Atl. 1024, 10 L. R. A. 83; Monet v. Jones, 10 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 247; People v. Squire, 107 N. Y. 583, 14 N. E. 520, 1 Am. St. Rep. 883; Logan v. State, 5 Tex. App. 314.

The police of a state, in a comprehensive sense, embraces the whole system of internal regulation, by which the state seeks not only to preserve the public order and to prevent offenses against the state, but also to establish for the intercourse of citizen with citizen those rules of good manners and good neighborhood which are calculated to prevent a conflict of rights on the part of individuals who have enjoyed their own rights, so far as it is reasonably consistent with a like enjoyment of rights by others. Cooley, Const. Lim. 572.

Jeremy Bentham in his works: "Police is in general a system of precaution, either for the prevention of crime or of calamities, which may be divided into eight distinct branches: (1) Police for the prevention of offenses; (2) police for the prevention of calamities; (3) police for the prevention of epidemical diseases; (4) police of charity; (5) police of interior communications; (6) police of public amusements; (7) police for recent intelligence; (8) police for registration." Com't v. Willamette Transp. Co., 6 Or. 222.

-POLICE court. The name of a kind of inferior court in several of the states, which has a summary jurisdiction over minor offenses and not in any sense the court in which the power of a committing magistrate in respect to more serious crimes, and, in some states, a limited jurisdiction for the trial of civil causes. In English law, courts in which stipendiary magistrates, chosen from barristers of a certain standing, sit for the dispatch of business. Their general duties and powers are the same as those of the unpaid magistracy, except that one of them may usually act in cases which would require the presence of a justice. Wharton.-Police de chargement. Fr. In French law. A bill of lading. Ord. Mar. liv. 3, tit. 2.-Police jury, in Louisiana, is the designator of the board of supervisors in a parish, corresponding to the commissioner or supervisors of a county in other states. -Police justice. A magistrate charged exclusively with the duties inherent to the common-law office of a conservator or justice of the peace; the prefix 'police' serving merely to distinguish them from justices having also civil jurisdiction. Wenzler v. People, 58 N. Y. 530.-Police magistrate. See Magistrate.-Police officer. One of the staff of men employed in cities and towns to enforce the municipal police, i. e., the laws and ordinances for preserving the peace and good order of the community. Otherwise called "policeman." -Police power. The power vested in a state to establish laws and ordinances for the regulation and enforcement of its police, is generally defined. The power vested in the legislature to make, ordain, and establish all manner of wholesome and reasonable laws, statutes, and ordinances, either with penalties or with such restraining punishment as the state shall judge to be for the good and welfare of the commonwealth, and of the subjects of the state. See Com. v. Alger, 16 Mass. 385. The police power of the state is an authority conferred by the American constitutional system upon the individual states, through which they are enabled to establish public and personal regulation of the peace, and a more ample and effective police; adopt such regulations as tend to prevent the commission of fraud, violence, or other offenses against the state; aid in the arrest of criminals; and secure generally the comfort, health, and prosperity of the state, by preserving the public order, preventing & curtailment of rights in the common intercourse of the citizens, and insuring to each an uninterrupted enjoyment of all the privileges conferred upon him by the laws of his country. Lolor, Pol. Econ. v. It is true that the legislation which secures to all protection in their rights, and the equal use of enjoyment of their property, embraces an almost infinite variety of subjects. Whatever affects the peace, good order, morals, and health of the community comes within its scope; and the police must use the property subject to the restrictions which such legislation imposes. What is termed the "police power" of the state, which, from the language often used respecting it, one would suppose to be an undefined and irresponsible element in government, can only interfere with the conduct of individuals in their intercourse with each other, and in the use of their property, so far as may be required to secure these objects. Munn v. Illinois, 94 U. S. 143, 24 L. Ed. 77. For other cases, see Slumhouse v. State, 18 Wall. 62, 21 L. Ed. 594; Stone v. Mississippi, 101 U. S. 581, 25 L. Ed. 1079; Thorpe v. Rutland, Co., 27 Vt. 446, 10 Dec. 625; People v. Steele, 231 Ill. 840, 88 N. E. 236, 14 L. R. A. (N. S.) 361, 121 Am. Rep. 32; Dreyfus v. Boone, 88 Ark. 353, 114 S. W. 715; Schommer v. Reliance Bond Co., 103 Mo. App. 486, 77 S. W. 1004; State v. Dalton, 22 R. I. 77, 46 Atl. 234, 48 L. R. A. 775, 54 Am. St. Rep. 576; Deems v. Baltimore, 80 Md. 104, 30 Atl. 045, 28 L. R. A. 541, 45 Am. St. Rep. 339; In re Clark, 65 Conn. 17, 31 Atl. 622, 25 L. R. A. 242; Mathews v. Board of Education, 127 Mich. 330, 89 N. W. 1030, 54 L. R. A. 738.-Police regulations. Laws of a state, or ordinances of a municipality, which have for their object the prevention and protection of public peace and good order, and of the health, morals, and security of the people. State v. Greer, 78 Mo. 194; Ex parte Bourgeois, 90 Miss. 685, 45 Am. Rep. 420; Sonora v. Curtin, 137 Cal. 583, 70 Pac. 674; Roanoke Gas Co. v. Roanoke, 86 Va. 810, 14 S. E. 965.-Police supervision. In England, supervision to police supervision is where a criminal officer is subjected to the obligation of notifying the place of his residence and every change of his place of residence to the police in the district, and of reporting himself once a month to the chief officer or his substitute. Offenders subject to police supervision are, popularly called "habitual criminals." Sweet.

POLICIES OF INSURANCE, COURT OF. A court established in pursuance of the statutes 43 Eliz. c. 12, and 13 & 14 Car. II. c. 23. Composed of the judge of the admiralty, the recorder of London, two doctors of the civil law, two common lawyers, and eight merchants; any three of whom, one being a civilian or a barrister, could determine in a summary way causes concerning policies of assurance in London, with an appeal to chancery. No longer in existence. 3 Bl. Comm. 74.

POLICY. The general principles by which a government is guided in its management of public affairs, or the legislature in its measures.

This term, as applied to a law, ordinance, or rule of law, denotes its general purpose or tendency considered as directed to the
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welfare or prosperity of the state or community.

—Policy of a statute. The "policy of a statute," or "of the legislature," as applied to a penal or prohibitive statute, is the inten-
tion of disturbing conduct of a mischievous tendency. See L. R. 6 P. C. 134; 5 Barn. & Ald. 355; Pol. Cont. 235.—Policy of the law. By this phrase is understood the dis-
position of the law to discontinue certain classes of acts, transactions, or agreements, or to refuse them its sanction, because it considers such acts, transactions, or agreements as injurious to the public welfare, subversive of good order, or otherwise contrary to the plan and purpose of civil regulations. The principles under which the freedom of contract or private dealings is restricted by law for the good of the community. Wharton. The term "policy," as applied to a statute, regulation, rule of law, course of action, or the like, refers to its probable effect, tendency, or object, considered with reference to the social or political well-being of the state. Thus, certain classes of acts are said to be "against public policy," when the law refuses to enforce or recognize them, on the ground that they involve a mischievous tendency, so as to be injurious to the interests of the state, apart from illegality or immorality. Sweet. And see Eastern R. & R. Ins. Co. v. Clapp, 23 S. E. 255; Smith v. Railroad Co., 115 Cal. 584, 47 Pac. 582, 35 L. R. A. 309, 56 Am. St. Rep. 119; Tarbell v. Railroad Co., 78 Vt. 347, 51 Atl. 6, 56 L. R. A. 907; Black v. United States, 178 U. S. 235, 20 L. Ed. 209; Cudahy v. Ins. Co., 36 Mo. 445; Greenleaf v. St. Louis Ins. Co., 37 Mo. 29. —Valued policy. One in which the value of the thing insured is a part of the contract, and inserted in the policy. Cushman v. Insurance Co., 36 Me. 491; Rieser Insurance Co., 61 S. 448, 39 S. E. 614; Luce v. Insurance Co., 15 Fed. Cas. 1071.—Voyage policy. A policy of marine insurance effected for a particular voyage or voyages of the vessel insured, otherwise than by the endorsement of the policy. Wilkins v. Tobacco Ins. Co., 39 Ohio St. 338, 27 Am. Rep. 455.—Wager policy. An insur-
ance upon a subject-matter in which the party insured has an interest, valuable as the policy of insurance. A mere wager policy is that in which the party assured has no interest in the thing assured, and cannot sustain no interest in the thing insured by the event insured against. If he had not made such wager, Sawyer v. Insurance Co., 87 Wis. 639; Emmick v. Insurance Co., 8 App. Div. 166, 40 N. Y. Supp. 450; Amory v. Gilman, 2 Mass. 1; Gambas v. Insurance Co., 50 Mo. 47.

Insurance. A mercantile instrument in writing, by which one party, in consideration of a premium, engages to indemnify another against a contingent loss, by making him a payment in compensation, whenever the event shall happen by which the loss is to accrue. 2 Steph. Comm. 172.

The written instrument in which a contract of insurance is set forth is called a "policy of insurance." Civ. Code Cal. § 2306.

—Blanket policy. A policy of fire insurance which insures a whole block of property, its shifting, fluctuating, or varying, and is applied to a class of property rather than to any particular article or thing. Insurance Co. v. Baltimore Warehouse Co., 95 U. S. 541, 23 L. Ed. 860.—Endowment policy. In life insurance. A policy the amount of which is payable to the as-
sured himself at the end of a fixed term of years, if he is then living, or to his heirs or a named beneficiary if he shall die sooner.—Floating policy. A policy of fire insurance not applicable to any specific described goods, but to any and all goods which may at the time of the fire be in a certain building.—Interest policy. One where the assured has a real, substantial, and assignable interest in the thing insured; as opposed to a wager policy.—Mixed policy. A policy of marine insurance in which not more than one third of the risk is limited, but the voyage also is described by its local termini; as opposed to policies of ins-
urance in which the limits of risk are equal and extend limits as to time, and also to purely time poli-
cies, in which there is no designation of local termini at all. Mosley & Whitman v. The Union Pacific Ins. Co., 39 Ohio, 350, 27 Am. Rep. 455.—Open policy. In insurance. One in which the value of the subject insured is not fixed or agreed upon in the policy, as

between the assured and the underwriter, but is left to be estimated in case of loss. The term is often applied to "valued policy," in which the value of the subject insured is fixed for the purpose of the insurance, and expressed on the face of the policy. Mosley & Whitman v. The Union Pacific Ins. Co., 39 Ohio, 350, 27 Am. Rep. 455; Cox v. Insurance Co., 3 Rich. Law. 331, 45 Am. Dec. 771; Insurance Co. v. But-
ler, 38 Ohio St. 1. But this term is also sometimes used in America to describe a policy in which an aggregate amount is expressed in the body of the policy, and the specific amounts and subjects are to be determined from time to time. London Assur. Corp. v. Paterson, 106 Ga. 383, 32 S. E. 630.—Paid-up policy. In life insurance. A policy by which all future premiums are paid in the mode of annual premiums.—Time policy. In fire insurance, one made for a defined and limited time, as, for example, in marine insurance, one made for a particular period of time, irrespective of the voyage or voyages upon which the vessel may be engaged during that period. Wilkins v. To-
ance upon a subject-matter in which the party insured has an interest, valuable as the policy of insurance. A mere wager policy is that in which the party assured has no interest in the thing assured, and cannot sustain no interest in the thing insured by the event insured against. If he had not made such wager, Sawyer v. Insurance Co., 87 Wis. 639; Emmick v. Insurance Co., 8 App. Div. 166, 40 N. Y. Supp. 450; Amory v. Gilman, 2 Mass. 1; Gambas v. Insurance Co., 50 Mo. 47.

Politis legibus non leges politis adstantes. Politics are to be adapted to the laws, and not the laws to politics. Hob. 154.

POLITICAL. Pertaining or relating to the policy or the administration of government, state or national. See People v. Morgan, 90 Ill. 558; In re Kemp, 16 Wis. 306.

—Political arithmetic. An expression sometimes used to signify the art of making calculations on matters relating to a nation; the rev-

enes, the value of land and effects; the produce of lands and manufactures; the population, and the general statistics of a country. Wharton.

—Political corporation. A public or municip-

al corporation; one created for political pur-

poses, and having for its object the administra-

tion of governmental powers of a subordinate or local nature. Winship v. Holman Dist. Tp., 37 Iowa 574; Auryansen v. Hackensack Imp. Com't, 47 N. J. Law. 115; Curvy v. District Tp., 62 Iowa 417, 17 N. W. 486. —Political economy. The science which describes the methods and laws of the production, distribution, and consumption of wealth and means, and the eco-

nomic and industrial conditions and laws, and the rules and principles of rent, wages, capital, la-

bor, exchanges, money, population, etc. The scien-

te which explains the rules and methods by which we adopt in order that they may, with the least pos-

sible exertion, procure the greatest abundance of things useful for the satisfaction of their wants, may distribute them fairly, and may distribute them rationally. De Lavalleye, Pol. Econ. The sci-

ence which treats of the administration of the revenues of a nation, or the management and
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regulation of its resources, and productive property and labor. Wharton.—Political law. That branch of jurisprudence which treats of the science of politics, or the organization and administration of government. —Political liberty. See Liberty.—Political offenses. As a designation of a class of crimes usually excepted from extradition treaties, this term denotes crimes which are incidental to and form a part of political disturbances; but it might also be understood to include offenses consisting in an attack upon the political order of things established in the country where committed, and even to include offenses committed to obtain any political object. 2 Steph. Crim. Law, 70. —Political office. See Office.—Political questions. Questions of which the courts of justice will refuse to take cognizance, or to decide, on account of their purely political character, or because their determination would involve an encroachment upon the executive or legislative powers; e. g., what sort of government exists in a state, whether peace or war exists, whether a foreign country has become an independent state, etc. Luther v. Horden, 7 How. 1, 12 L. Ed. 581; Kennebec v. Chambers, 14 N. Y. 28, 14 L. Ed. 318; U. S. v. 129 Packs. Fed. Cas. No. 15,941.—Political rights. Those which may be exercised in the formation or administration of the government. People v. Morgan, 90 Ill. 568. Rights of citizens established or recognized by constitutions which give them the power to participate directly or indirectly in the establishment or administration of government. People v. Barrett, 203 Ill. 99, 67 N. E. 742, 96 Am. St. Rep. 298; People v. Washington, 36 Cal. 692; Winnett v. Adams, 74 Neb. 817, 99 N. W. 694.

POLITICS. The science of government; the art or practice of administering public affairs.

POLITY. The form of government; civil constitution.

POLL, n. In practice. To single out, one by one, of a number of persons. To examine each juror separately, after a verdict has been given, as to his concurrence in the verdict. 1 Burrill, Pr. 238.

POLL, a. A head; an individual person; a register of persons. In the law of elections, a list or register of heads or individuals who may vote in an election; the aggregate of those who actually cast their votes at the election, excluding those who stay away. De Soto Parish v. Williams, 49 La. Ann. 422, 21 South. 647, 37 L. R. A. 701. See, also, Polls.

POLL, adj. Cut or shaved smooth or even; cut in a straight line without indentation. A term anciently applied to a deed, and still used, though with little of its former significance. 2 Bl. Comm. 296.

POLL-MONEY. A tax ordained by act of parliament, (18 Car. II. c. 1.) by which every subject in the kingdom was assessed by the head or poll, according to his degree. Cowell. A similar personal tribute was more anciently termed "poll-silver."

POLL-TAX. A capitation tax; a tax of a specific sum levied upon each person within the jurisdiction of the taxing power and within a certain class (as, all males of a certain age, etc.) without reference to his property or lack of it. See Southern Ry. Co. v. St. Clair County, 124 Ala. 491, 27 South. 23; Short v. State, 80 Md. 392, 31 Atl. 322, 29 L. R. A. 404; People v. Ames, 24 Colo. 422, 51 Pac. 426.

POLLARDS. A foreign coin of base metal, prohibited by St. 27 Edw. I. c. 3, from being brought into the realm, on pain of forfeiture of life and goods. 4 Bl. Comm. 98. It was computed at two pollards for a sterling or penny. Dyer, 823.

POLLENGERS. Trees which have been lopped; distinguished from timber-trees. Plowd. 649.

POLLICITATION. In the civil law. An offer not yet accepted by the person to whom it is made. Langd. Cont. § 1. See McCulloch v. Eagle Ins. Co., 1 Pick. (Mass.) 288.

POLLIGAR, POLYGAR. In Hindu law. The head of a village or district; also a military chiefly in the peninsula, answering to a hill seminadar in the northern circars. Wharton.

POLLING THE JURY. To poll a jury is to require that each juror shall himself declare what is his verdict.

POLLS. The place where electors cast in their votes.

Heads; individuals; persons singly considered. A challenge to the polls (in capite) is a challenge to the individual jurors composing the panel, or an exception to one or more particular jurors. 3 Bl. Comm. 358, 361.

POLYANDRY. The civil condition of having more husbands than one to the same woman; a social order permitting plurality of husbands.

Polygania est plurium simul virorum uxorumque connubium. 3 Inst. 98. Polygamy is the marriage with many husbands or wives at one time.

POLYGYMNY. In criminal law. The offense of having several wives or husbands at the same time, or more than one wife or husband at the same time. 3 Inst. 88. And see Reynolds v. U. S., 98 U. S. 145, 25 L. Ed. 244.

The offense committed by a layman in marrying while any previous wife is living and undivorced; as distinguished from bigamy in the sense of a breach of ecclesiastical law involved in any second marriage by a clerk.

Polygamy, or bigamy, shall consist in knowingly having a plurality of husbands or
wives at the same time. Code Ga. 1882, § 4530.

A bigamist or polygamist, in the sense of the eighth section of the act of congress of March 22, 1882, is a man who, having contracted a bigamous or polygamous marriage, and become the husband at one time, of two or more wives, maintains that relation and status at the time when he offers to be registered as a voter; and this without reference to the question whether he was at any time guilty of the offense of bigamy or polygamy, or whether any prosecution for such offense was barred by the lapse of time; neither is it necessary that he should be guilty of polygamy under the first section of the act of March 22, 1882. Murphy v. Ramsey, 114 U. S. 36, 5 Sup. Ct. 747, 29 L. Ed. 47; Cannon v. U. S., 116 U. S. 55, 6 Sup. Ct. 278, 29 L. Ed. 561.

Bigamy literally means a second marriage distinguished from a third or other; while polygamy means many marriages,—imples more than two.

POLYGARCHY. A term sometimes used to denote a government of many or several; a government where the sovereignty is shared by several persons; a collegiate or divided executive.

POMARIUM. In old pleading. An apple-tree; an orchard.

POND. A body of stagnant water without an outlet, larger than a puddle and smaller than a lake; or a like body of water with a small outlet. Webster. And see Rockland Water Co. v. Cauden & R. Water Co., 80 Me. 544, 15 Atl. 785, 1 L. R. A. 388; Concord Mfg. Co. v. Robertson, 60 N. H. 1, 25 Atl. 718, 18 L. R. A. 670.

A standing ditch cast by labor of man’s hand, in his private grounds, for his private use, to serve his house and household with necessary waters; but a pool is a low plat of ground by nature, and is not cast by man’s hand. Call. Sew. 103.

—Great ponds. In Maine and Massachusetts, natural ponds having a superficial area of more than five acres, and not appropriated by the proprietors to their private use prior to a certain date. Barrows v. McIlvane, 73 Me. 441; West Roxbury v. Stoddard, 7 Allen (Mass.) 156.—Public pond. In New England, a great pond; a pond covering a superficial area of more than ten acres. Bradshaw v. Rockport Ice Co., 17 Me. 100; West Roxbury v. Stoddard, 7 Allen (Mass.) 170.

Ponderantur testes, non numerantur. Witnesses are weighed, not counted. 1 Starkle, Ev. 554; Bent, Ev. p. 426, § 389; Bakerman v. Rose, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 105, 109.

PONDUS. In old English law. Poundage; i. e., a duty paid to the crown according to the weight of merchandise.

—Pondus regis. The king’s weight; the standard weight appointed by the king. Cowell.

PONE. In English practice. An original writ formerly used for the purpose of removing suits from the court-baron or county court into the superior courts of common law. It was also the proper writ to remove all suits which were before the sheriff by writ of justices. But this writ is now in disuse, the writ of certiorari being the ordinary process by which at the present day a cause is removed from a county court into any superior court. Brown.

PONE PER VADUUM. In English practice. An obsolete writ to the sheriff to summon the defendant to appear and answer the plaintiff’s suit, on his putting in sureties to prosecute. It was so called from the words of the writ, “pone per vadium et aedos pligios,” “put by gage and safe pledges, A. B., the defendant.”

PONENTIS IN ASSISIIS. An old writ directing a sheriff to impanel a jury for an assize or real action.

PONENDUM IN BALLIUM. A writ commanding that a prisoner be bailed in cases bailable. Reg. Orig. 133.

PONENDUM SIGILLUM AD EXCEP- 

TIONEM. A writ by which justices were required to put their seals to exceptions exhibited by a defendant against a plaintiff’s evidence, verdict, or other proceedings, before them, according to the statute Westm. 2, (13 Edw. I. St. 1, c. 31.)

PONERE. Lat. To put, place, lay, or set. Often used in the Latin terms and phrases of the old law.

PONIT SE SUPER PATRIAM. Lat. He puts himself upon the country. The defendant’s plea of not guilty in a criminal action is recorded, in English practice, in these words, or in the abbreviated form “po. se.”

PONTAGE. In old English law. Duty paid for the reparation of bridges; also a due to the lord of the fee for persons or merchandises that pass over rivers, bridges, etc. Cowell.

PONTIBUS REPARANDIS. An old writ directed to the sheriff, commanding him to charge one or more to repair a bridge.

POOL. 1. A combination of persons or corporations engaged in the same business, or for the purpose of engaging in a particular business or commercial or speculative venture, where all contribute to a common fund, or place their holdings of a given stock or other security in the hands and control of a managing member or committee, with the object of eliminating competition as between the several members of the pool, or of establishing a monopoly or controlling prices or rates by the weight and power of their combined capital, or of raising or depressing
prices on the stock market, or simply with a view to the successful conduct of an enterprise too great for the capital of any member individually, and on an agreement for the division of profits or losses among the members, either equally or pro rata. Also, a similar combination not embracing the idea of a pooled or contributed capital, but simply the elimination of destructive competition between the members by an agreement to share or divide the profits of a given business or venture, as, for example, a contract between two or more competing railroads to abstain from "rate wars" and (usually) to maintain fixed rates, and to divide their earnings from the transportation of freight in fixed proportions. See Green v. Higham, 161 Mo. 333, 61 S. W. 798; Mollyneaux v. Wittenberg, 39 Neb. 547, 58 N. W. 205; Kilbourn v. Thompson, 103 U. S. 195, 26 L. Ed. 377; American Biscuit Co. v. Klotz (C. C.) 44 Fed. 725; U. S. v. Trans-Missouri Freight Ass'n, 58 Fed. 65, 7 C. C. A. 15, 24 L. R. A. 73.

2. In various methods of gambling, a "pool" is a sum of money made up of the stakes contributed by various persons, the whole of which is then wagered as a stake on the event of a race, game, or other contest, and the winnings (if any) are divided among the contributors to the pool pro rata. Or it is a sum similarly made up by the contributions of several persons, each of whom then makes his guess or prediction as to the event of a future contest or hazard, the successful better taking the entire pool. See Ex parte Powell, 43 Tex. Cr. R. 391, 66 S. W. 298; Com. v. Ferry, 146 Mass. 203, 15 N. E. 484; James v. State, 63 Md. 248; Lacey v. Palmer, 93 Va. 158, 24 S. E. 930, 31 L. R. A. 822, 57 Am. St. Rep. 755; People v. McCue, 57 App. Div. 72, 83 N. Y. Supp. 1088.

3. A body of standing water, without a current or issue, accumulated in a natural basin or depression in the earth, and not artificially formed.

**POOLING CONTRACTS.** Agreements between competing railroads for a division of the traffic, or for a pro rata distribution of their earnings united into a "pool" or common fund. 15 Fed. 667, note. See Pool.

**POOR.** As used in law, this term denotes those who are so destitute of property or of the means of support, either from their own labor or the care of relatives, as to be a public charge, that is, dependent either on the charity of the general public or on maintenance at the expense of the public. The term is synonymous with "indigent persons" and "paupers." See State v. Osawkee Tp., 14 Kan. 421, 19 Am. Rep. 96; In re Hoffman's Estate, 70 Wis. 522, 36 N. W. 407; Henzer v. Harris, 42 Ill. 430; Juneau County v. Wood County, 109 Wis. 330, 85 N. W. 387; Sayres v. Springfield, 8 N. J. Law, 169.

--Poor debtor's oath. An oath allowed, in some jurisdictions, to a person who is arrested.

**PORCION.** In Spanish law. A part or portion; a lot or parcel; an allotment of debt. On swearing that he has not property enough to pay the debt, he is set at liberty.—Poor law. That part of the law which relates to the public or compulsory relief of paupers. —Poor-law board. The English official body appointed under St. 10 & 11 Vict. c. 109, passed in 1847, to take the place of the poor-law commissioners, under whose control the general management of the poor, and the funds for their relief throughout the country, had been for some years previously administered. The poor-law board is now superseded by the local government board, which was established in 1871 by St. 34 & 35 Vinct. c. 70. 3 Steph. Comm. 49.

--Poor-law guardians. See Guardians of the Poor.—Poor rate. In English law. A tax levied by parochial authorities for the relief of the poor.


**POPE NICHOLAS' TAXATION.** The first fruits (primitia or annates) were the first year's profits of all the spiritual preferments in the kingdom, according to a rate made by Walter, bishop of Norwich, in the time of Pope Innocent II., and afterwards advanced in value in the time of Pope Nicholas IV. This last valuation was begun A. D. 1288, and finished 1302, and is still preserved in the exchequer. The taxes were regulated by it till the survey made in the twenty-sixth year of Henry VIII. 2 Steph. Comm. 567.

**POPEBY.** The religion of the Roman Catholic Church, comprehending doctrines and practices.

**POPULACE, or POPULACY.** The vulgar; the multitude.

**POPULAR ACTION.** An action for a statutory penalty or forfeiture, given to any such person or persons as will sue for it; an action given to the people in general. 3 Bl. Comm. 160.

**POPULAR SENSE.** In reference to the construction of a statute, this term means that sense which people conversant with the subject-matter with which the statute is dealing would attribute to it. 1 Exch. Div. 248.

**POPAUDIUM.** Lat. In Roman law. A law enacted by the people; a law passed by an assembly of the Roman people, in the comitia centuriata, on the motion of a senator; differing from a plebis cumm, in that the latter was always proposed by one of the tribunes.

**POPULUS.** Lat. In Roman law. The people; the whole body of Roman citizens, including as well the patricians as the plebeians.

**PORCION.** In Spanish law. A part or portion; a lot or parcel; an allotment of
PORTMERE. In old English law. A court held in ports or haven towns, and
PORTORIA. In the civil law. Duties paid in ports on merchandise. Taxes levied in old times at city gates. Tolls for passing over bridges.

PORTSALE. In old English law. An auction; a public sale of goods to the highest bidder; also a sale of fish as soon as it is brought into the haven. Cowell.

PORTSOKA, or PORTSOKEN. The suburbs of a city, or any place within its jurisdiction. Somner; Cowell.

Portus est locus in quo exportantur et importantur merces. 2 Inst. 148. A port is a place where goods are exported or imported.

POSITIVE. Laid down, enacted, or prescribed. Express or affirmative. Direct, absolute, explicit.


POSITIVE LAW. Law actually and specifically enacted or adopted by proper authority for the government of an organized judicial society.

"A 'law,' in the sense in which that term is employed in jurisprudence, is enforced by a sovereign political authority. It is thus distinguished not only from all rules which, like the principles of morality and the so-called laws of honor and of fashion, are enforced by an indeterminate authority, but also from all rules enforced by a determinate authority which is either, on the one hand, superhuman, or, on the other hand, politically subordinate. In order to emphasize the fact that 'laws,' in the strict sense of the term, are thus authoritatively imposed, they are described as "positive laws."" Holl. Jur. 37.

POSITIVI JURIS. Lat. Of positive law.

"That was a rule positivī juris; I do not mean to say an unjust one." Lord Ellenborough, 12 East, 639.

Posite uno oppositorem, negatur alterum. One of two opposite positions being affirmed, the other is denied. 3 Rolle, 422.

POSE. Lat. A possibility. A thing is said to be in posse when it may possibly be; in esse when it actually is.

POSE COMITATUS. Lat. The power or force of the county. The entire population of a county above the age of fifteen, which a sheriff may summon to his assistance in certain cases; as to aid him in keeping the peace, in pursuing and arresting felons, etc. 1 Bl. Comm. 343. See Com. v. Martin, 7 Pa. Dist. R. 224.

POSESS. To occupy in person; to have in one's actual and physical control; to have the exclusive detention and control of; also to own or be entitled to. See Fuller v. Fuller, 54 Me. 475, 24 Atl. 946; Brantley v. Kee, 58 N. C. 337.

POSSESS. This word is applied to the right and enjoyment of a termor, or a person having a term, who is said to be possessed, and not seised. Bac. Tr. 335; Poph. 76; Dyer, 369.

POSSESSIO. Lat. In the civil law. That condition of fact under which one can exercise his power over a corporeal thing at his pleasure, to the exclusion of all others. This condition of fact is called "detention," and it forms the substance of possession in all its varieties. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 238.

"Possession," in the sense of "detention," is the actual exercise of such a power as the owner has a right to exercise. The term "possessio" occurs in the Roman jurists in various senses. There is possessio simply, and possessio civilia, and possessio naturalis. "Possessio" denoted, originally, the detention. But this detention, under certain conditions, becomes a legal state, inasmuch as it leads to ownership, through usuucapio. Accordingly, the word "possessio," which required no qualification so long as there was no other notion attached to possessio, requires such qualification when detention becomes a legal state. This detention, then, when it has the conditions necessary to usuucapio, is called "possessio civilia," and all other possessio is as opposed to civilis in naturalis. Sandars, just. Inst. 274. Wharton.

In old English law. Possession; selson. The detention of a corporeal thing by means of a physical act and mental intent, aided by some support of right. Bract. fol. 389.

—Pedia possessio. A fothold; an actual possession of real property, implying either actual occupancy or enclosure and use. See Lawrence v. Fulton, 19 Cal. 600; Porter v. Kennedy, 1 McMul. (S. C.) 357.—Possessio bona fide. Possession in good faith. Possessio mala fide, possession in bad faith. A possessio bona fide is one which believes that no other person has a better right to the possession than himself. A possessio mala fide is one who knows that he is not entitled to the possession. Mackeld. Rom. II. 4 243.—Possessio honorum. In the civil law. The possession of goods. More commonly termed "bonorum possessio." (S. C.)—Possessio civilis. In Roman law. A legal possession, i. e. a possession accompanying with the intention to be or to thereby become owner; and, as understood, it was distinguished from "possessio naturalis," otherwise called "nuda detentio," which was a possession without any such intention. Possessio civilia was the basis of usuucapio or of longi temporis possessio, and was usually (but not necessarily) adverse possessio. Brown.—Possessio fratris. The possession of a brother of a brother; that is, such possession of an estate by a brother as would entitle his sister of the whole blood to succeed him as heir, to the exclusion of a half-brother. Hence, derivatively, that doctrine of the older English law of descent which shut out the half-blood from the succession to estates; a doctrine which was abolished by the statute 3 & Wm. IV. c. 106. See 1 Steph. Comm. 385; Broom, Max. 532.—Possessio longi temporis. See Usuucapio.—Possessio naturalis. See Possessio Civilia.

Possessio fratris de foedo simplici facti sertorem esse heredem. The brother's pos-
Possession.


POSSESSION. The detention and control, or the manual or ideal custody, of anything which may be the subject of property, for one's own use and enjoyment, either as owner or as the proprietor of a qualified right in it, and either held personally or by another who exercises it in one's place and name. That condition of facts under which one can exercise his power over a corporeal thing at his pleasure to the exclusion of all other persons. See Staton v. Mullis, 92 N. C. 632; Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 263; Cox v. Devinney, 65 N. J. Law, 389. At 570; Churchill v. Underdonk, 58 N. Y. 136; Rice v. Frayser (C. C.) 24 Fed. 460; Travers v. McElvain, 181 Ill. 382, 55 N. E. 133; Emmerson v. State, 35 Tex. Cr. R. 80. 25 S. W. 260; Slater v. Ralston, 29 Mass. 257.

—Actual possession. This term, as used in the provisions of Rev. St. N. Y. p. 312, § 1, authorizing proceedings to compel the determination of claims to real property, means a possession in fact effected by actual entry upon the premises; an actual occupation. Churchill v. Underdonk, 58 N. Y. 134. It means an actual occupation or possession in fact, uncontradicted from that constructive one which the legal title draws after it. The word "actual" is used in the statute in opposition to virtual or constructive, and calls for an open, visible occupancy. Cleveland v. Crawford, 7 Hun (N. Y.) 616.—Adverse possession. The actual, open, and notorious possession and enjoyment of real property, or of any estate lying in grant, continued for a certain length of time, held adversely and in denial and opposition to the title of another, by one claiming under or out of possession of the same. Costello v. Edison, 44 Minn. 135; 46 N. W. 299; Taylor v. Philippini, 35 Wis. 371; 38 S. E. 130; Pickett v. Pope, 74 Ala. 122; Mar. v. P. R. R., 21 Atl. 740; Dixon v. Cook, 47 Miss. 230.—Those in possession. A thing (subject of personal property) in actual possession, as distinguished from a "those in action," which is not presently in the owner's possession, but which he has a right to demand, receive, or recover by suit.—Civil possession. In modern civil law and in the law of Louisians, that possession which exists when a person ceases to reside in a house or on the land he occupies or to detain the movable which he possesses, but without intending to abandon the possession. It is the deten tion of a thing by virtue of a just title and under the conviction of possessing as owner. Civ. Code La. art. 3391 et seq.—Constructive possession. Possession not actual but assumed to exist when one claims to hold by virtue of some title, without having the actual occupancy, as, where the owner of a tract of land, regularly laid out, is in possession of a part, he is constructively in possession of the whole. Fleming v. Maddox, 30 Iowa, 241.—Derivative possession. The kind of possession of one who is in the lawful occupation or custody of the property, and who derived his possession from the title of his own, but under a right derived from another, as, for example, a tenant, bailee, licensee, etc.—Dispossession. The act of ousting or removing one from the possession of property previously held by him, which may be tortious and unlawful, as in the case of a forcible motion, or in pursuance of law, as where a tenant "dispossesses" his tenant at the expiration of the term or for other cause by the aid of judicial process in the cause. In possession whereby a present interest passes to and resides in the tenant, not depending on any subsequent circumstance or contingency; an estate where the tenant is in actual possession from the receipt of the rents and profits.—Naked possession. The actual occupation of real estate, but without any claim to an estate in possessi on, and continue such possession; spoken of as the lowest and most imperfect degree of title. 2 Bl. Comm. 182; Birdseye v. Burleson, 31 Tex. Civ. App. 7, 72 N. W. 440.—Natural possession. That by which a man detains a thing corporeally, as, by occupying a house, cultivated ground, or retaining more or less of a possession; natural possession is also defined to be the corporeal detentio n of a thing which we possess as belonging to us, without any title to the thing. In possession or with the benefit void. Civ. Code La. 1900, arts. 3428, 3430. And see Railroad Co. v. Le Rosey, 52 La. Ann. 192, 25 So. 260; Sunol v. Green, 22 Cal. App. 262.—Open possession. Possession of real property is said to be "open" when held without concealment or attempt at secrecy, or without being kept up in the face of an actual person, or otherwise attempted to be withdrawn from sight, but in such a manner that any person interested can ascertain who is actually in possession by proper observation and inquiry. See Bass v. Pease, 79 Ill. App. 318.—Peaceable possession. See PEACEABLE.—Possession money. In English law. The man whom the sheriff puts in possession of goods taken under a writ of fieri facias is entitled, while he continues so in possession, to a certain amount of money per diem, which is thence termed "possession money." The amount is 3s. 6d. per day if he is boarded, or 3s. per day if he is not boarded. Brown.—Possession, writ of. Where the judgment in an action of ejectment is for the delivery of the land claimed, or its possession, this writ is used to put the plaintiff in possession. It is in the nature of execution. —Quasi possession is to a right what possession is to a thing; it is the exercise or enjoyment of a right, not necessarily accompanied by the actual exercise, but such an exercise as shows an intention to exercise it at any time when desired. Swift.—Scrambling possession. By this term a man is said to struggle to get possession of the land itself, not such a contest as is waged in the courts, or possession gained by an act of trespass. See Scrambling for possession. 1 Sum. D. 164; Duane, 54 Cal. 177; Lobjell v. Keene, 55 Minn. 90, 88 N. W. 426; Dyer v. Reitz, 14 Mo. App. 45.—Unity of possession. Joint possession of two rights by several titles, as where a lessor of land acquires the title in fee-simple, which extinguishes the lease. The term also describes one of the essentials of the properties of a joint estate, each of the tenants having the entire possession as well of every parcel as of the whole. 2 Bl. Comm. 182.—Vacant possession. An estate which has been abandoned, vacated, or forsaken by the tenant.

In the older books, "possession" is sometimes used as the synonym of "seisin;" but, strictly speaking, they are entirely different terms. "The difference between possession and seisin is: Lessee for years is possessed, and yet the lessor is still seised; and therefore the terms of law are that of chattels a man is possessed, whereas in feoffments, gifts in tail, and leases for life he is described as 'seised.'" Noy, Max. 64.
"Possession" is used in some of the books in the sense of property. "A possession is an hereditament or chattel." Finch, Law, b. 2, c. 3.

Possession is a good title where no better title appears. 20 Vtn. Abr. 278.

Possession is nine-tenths of the law. This adage is not to be taken as true to the full extent, so as to mean that the person in possession can only be ousted by one whose title is decisive times better than his, but it places in a strong light the legal truth that every claimant must succeed by the strength of his own title, and not by the weakness of his antagonist's. Wharton.

POSSSESSION VAUT TITRE. Fr. In English law, as in most systems of jurisprudence, the fact of possession raises a prima facie title or a presumption of the right of property in the thing possessed. In other words, the possession is as good as the title (about). Brown.

POSSESSOR. One who possesses; one who has possession.

—Possessor bona fide. He is a bona fide possessor who possesses as owner by virtue of an act sufficient in terms to transfer property, the defects of which he was ignorant of. He ceases to be a bona fide possessor from the moment these defects are made known to him, or are himself bound to him by a suit instituted for the recovery of the thing by the owner. Civ. Code La. art. 503.—Possessor malo fide. The possessor in bad faith is he who possesses as master, but who assumes this quality, when he well knows that he has no title to the thing, or that his title is vicious and defective. Civ. Code La. art. 5452.

POSSESSORY. Relating to possession; founded on possession; contemplating or claiming possession.

—Posse ssory action. See next title.—Possessory claim. The title of a pre-emptor of public lands who has filed his declaratory statement but has not paid for the land. Enoch v. Spokane Falls & N. Ry. Co., 6 Wash. 393, 33 Pac. 963.—Possessory judgment. In Scotch practice. A judgment which entitles a person who has uninterruptedly been in possession for seven years to continue his possession until the question of right be decided in due course of law. Bell v. Possessory lien. One which attaches to such articles of another's as may be at the time in the possession of the lienor, as, for example, an attorney's lien on the papers and documents of the client in his possession. Weed Sewing Mach. Co. v. Boutelle, 56 Vt. 570, 48 Am. Rep. 821.

POSSESSORY ACTION. An action which has for its immediate object to obtain or recover the actual possession of the subject-matter; as distinguished from an action which merely seeks to vindicate the plaintiff's title, or which involves the bare right only; the latter being called a "pettyory" action.

An action founded on possession. Trespass for injuries to personal property is cal- ed a "possessory" action, because it lies only for a plaintiff who, at the moment of the injury complained of, was in actual or constructive, immediate, and exclusive possession. 1 Chit. Pl. 168, 169.

In admiralty practice. A possessory suit is one which is brought to recover the possession of a vessel, had under a claim of title. The Tilton, 5 Mason, 465, Fed. Cas. No. 14,054; 1 Kent, Comm. 371.

In old English law. A real action which had for its object the regaining possession of the freehold, of which the demandant or his ancestors had been unjustly deprived by the present tenant or possessor thereof.

In Scotch law. An action for the vindication and recovery of the possession of heritable or movables goods; e. g., the action of molestation. Paters. Comp.

In Louisiana. An action by which one claims to be maintained in the possession of an immovable property, or of a right upon or growing out of it, when he has been disturbed, or to be reinstated to that possession, when he has been divested or evicted. Code Proc. La. § 6.

POSSIBILITAS. Lat. Possibility; a possibility. Possibilitas post dissolvementem executionis nungquam revocatur, a possibility will never be revived after the dissolution of its execution. 1 Rolle, 321. Post executionem status, lex non patitur possibilitatem, after the execution of an estate the law does not suffer a possibility. 3 Bulst. 108.

POSSIBILITY. An uncertain thing which may happen. A contingent interest in real or personal estate. Kinzie v. Winston, 14 Fed. Cas. 651; Bodenhamer v. Welch, 89 N. C. 78; Needles v. Needles, 7 Ohio St. 442, 70 Am. Dec. 85. It is either near, (or ordinary,) as where an estate is limited to one after the death of another, or remote, (or extraordinary,) as where it is limited to a man, provided he marries a certain woman, and that she shall die and he shall marry another.

—Bare possibility. The same as a "naked" possibility. See infra.—Naked possibility. A bare chance or expectation of acquiring a property or succeeding to an estate in the future, but without any present right in or to it which the law would recognize as an estate or interest. See Rogers v. Felton, 98 Ky. 148, 32 S. W. 406.—Possibility coupled with an interest. An expectation recognized in law as an estate or interest, such as occurs in executo- ry devises and shifting or springing uses; such a possibility may be sold or assigned.—Possibility of reversion. This term denotes no estate, but only a possibility to have the estate at a future time. Of such possibilities there are several kinds, of which two are usually denoted by the term under consideration, (1) the possibility that a common-law fee may return to the grantor by breach of a condition subject to which it was granted, (2) the possibility that a common-law fee other than a fee simple may revert to the grantor by the natural determina-
tion of the fee. Carney v. Kain, 40 W. Va. 766, 23 S. E. 659.—Possibility on a possibility. A remote possibility, as if a remainder be limited in particular to A's son John, or Edward, it is bad if he have no son of that name, for it is too remote a possibility that he should not only have a son, but a son of that particular name. 2 Coke, 51.

POSSIBLE. Capable of existing or happening; feasible. In another sense, the word denotes extreme improbability, without excluding the idea of feasibility. It is also sometimes equivalent to "practicable" or "reasonable," as in some cases where action is required to be taken "as soon as possible." See Palmer v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 44 Wis. 208.

POST. Lat. After; occurring in a report or a text-book, is used to send the reader to a subsequent part of the book.

POST. A conveyance for letters or dispatches. The word is derived from "postiri;" the horses carrying the letters or dispatches being kept or placed at fixed stations. The word is also applied to the person who conveys the letters to the houses where he takes up and lays down his charge, and to the stages or distances between house and house. Hence the phrases, post-boy, post-horse, post-house, etc. Wharton.

POST-FACTO. An after-act; an act done afterwards.

POST CONQUESTUM. After the Conquest. Words inserted in the king's title by King Edward I., and constantly used in the time of Edward III. Tomlins.

POST-DATE. To date an instrument as of a time later than that at which it is really made.

POST DIEM. After the day; as, a plea of payment post diem, after the day when the money became due. Com. Dig. "Plead-
er;" 2.

In old practice. The return of a writ after the day assigned. A fee paid in such case. Cowell.

POST DISSEisin. In English law. The name of a writ which lies for him who, having recovered lands and tenements by force of a novel disseisin, is again disseised by a former disseisor. Jacob.

POST ENTRY. When goods are weighed or measured, and the merchant has got an account thereof at the custom-house, and finds his entry already made too small, he must make a post or additional entry for the surplusage, in the same manner as the first was done. As a merchant is always in time, prior to the clearing of the vessel, to make his post, he should take care not to over-enter, to avoid as well the advance as the trouble of getting back the overplus. McCul. Diet.

Post executionem status lex non patitur possibilitatem. 3 Bulst. 106. After the execution of the estate the law suffers not a possibility.

POST FACTO. After the fact. See EX POST FACTO.

POST-FACTUM, or POSTFACTUM. An after-act; an act done afterwards; a post-act.

POST-FINE. In old conveyancing. A fine or sum of money (otherwise called "the king's silver") formerly due on granting the licentia concordandi, or leave to agree, in levying a fine of lands. It amounted to three-twentioths of the supposed annual value of the land, or ten shillings for every five marks of land. 2 Bl. Comm. 350.

POST HAC. Lat. After this; after this time; hereafter.

POST LITEM MOTAM. Lat. After suit moved or commenced. Depositions in relation to the subject of a suit, made after litigation has commenced, are sometimes so termed. 1 Starkie, Ev. 319.

POST-MARK. A stamp or mark put on letters received at the post-office for transmission through the mails.


POST NATUS. Born afterwards. A term applied by old writers to a second or younger son. It is used in private international law to designate a person who was born after some historic event, (such as the American Revolution or the act of union between England and Scotland,) and whose rights or status will be governed or affected by the question of his birth before or after such event.

POST-NOTES. A species of bank-notes payable at a distant period, and not on demand.

They are a species of obligation resorted to by banks when the exchanges of the country, and especially of the banks, have become embarrassed by excessive speculations. Much concern is then felt for the country, and through the newspapers it is urged that post-notes be issued by the banks "for aiding domestic and foreign exchanges," as a "mode of relief," or a "remedy for the distress," and "to take the place of the southern and foreign exchanges."
POST-Nuptial. After marriage. Thus, an agreement entered into by a father after the marriage of his daughter, by which he engages to make a provision for her, would be termed a "post-nuptial agreement." Brown.

—Post-nuptial settlement. A settlement made after marriage upon a wife or children; otherwise called a "voluntary" settlement. 2 Kent, Comm. 173.

POST Obit bond. A bond given by an expectant, to become due on the death of a person from whom he will have property. A bond or agreement given by a borrower of money, by which he undertakes to pay a larger sum, exceeding the legal rate of interest, on or after the death of a person from whom he has expectations, in case of surviving him. Crawford v. Russell, 62 Barb. (N. Y.) 92; Boynton v. Hubbard, 7 Mass. 119.

POST-Office. A bureau or department of government, or under governmental superintendence, whose office is to receive, transmit, and deliver letters, papers, and other mail-matter sent by post. Also the office established by government in any city or town for the local operations of the postal system, for the receipt and distribution of mail from other places, the forwarding of mail there deposited, the sale of postage stamps, etc.

—Post-office department. The name of one of the departments of the executive branch of the government of the United States, which has charge of the transmission of the mails and the general postal business of the country.—Post-office order. A letter of credit furnished by the government, at a small charge, to facilitate the transmission of money.

POST PROBLEM SUSCITATAM. After issue born, (raised.) Co. Litt. 198.

POST ROADS. The roads or highways, by land or sea, designated by law as the avenues over which the mails shall be transported. Railway Mail Service Cases, 13 Ct. Ct. 204. A "post route," on the other hand, is the appointed course or prescribed line of transportation of the mail. U. S. v. Kochersperger, 26 Fed. Cas. 803; Blackham v. Gresham (C. C.) 16 Fed. 611.


POST TERMINUM. After term, or post-term. The return of a writ not only after the day assigned for its return, but after the term also, for which a fee was due. Cowell.

POST, WRIT OF ENTRY IN. In English law. An abolished writ given by statute of Marybridge, 52 Hen. III. c. 30, which provided that when the number of alienations or descents exceeded the usual degrees, a new writ should be allowed, without any mention of degrees at all.

POSTAGE. The fee charged by law for carrying letters, packets, and documents by the public mails.

—Postage stamp. A ticket issued by government, to be attached to mail-matter, and representing the postage or fee paid for the transmission of such matter through the public mails.

POSTAL. Relating to the mails; pertaining to the post-office.

—Postal currency. During a brief period following soon after the commencement of the civil war in the United States, when specie change was scarce, postage stamps were popularly used as a substitute; and the first issues of paper representatives of parts of a dollar, issued by authority of congress, were called "postal currency." This issue was soon merged in others of a more permanent character, for which the later and more appropriate name is "fractional currency." Abbott.

POSTEA. In the common-law practice, a formal statement, indorsed on the nisi prius record, which gives an account of the proceedings at the trial of the action. Smith, Act. 167.

POSTED WATERS. In Vermont. Waters flowing through or lying upon inclosed or cultivated lands, which are preserved for the exclusive use of the owner or occupant by his posting notices (according to the statute) prohibiting all persons from shooting, trapping, or fishing thereon, under a prescribed penalty. See State v. Theriault, 70 Vt. 617, 41 Atl. 1030, 43 L. R. A. 290, 57 Am. St. Rep. 995.

POSTERIORS. Lat. This term was used by the Romans to denote the descendants in a direct line beyond the sixth degree.

POSTERIORITY. This is a word of comparison and relation in tenure, the correlative of which is the word "priority." Thus, a man who held lands or tenements of two lords was said to hold of his more ancient lord as隶tur, and of his less ancient lord by posteriory. Old Nat. Brev. 94. It has also a general application in law consistent with its etymological meaning, and, as so used, it is likewise opposed to priority. Brown.

POSTERITY. All the descendants of a person in a direct line to the remotest gen-
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POSTHUMOUS CHILD. One born after the death of its father; or, when the Caesarean operation is performed, after that of the mother.

Posthumus pro nato habeatur. A posthumous child is considered as though born, [at the parent's death.] Hall v. Hancock, 15 Pick. (Mass.) 258, 26 Am. Dec. 598.

POSTILMINIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A doctrine or fiction of the law by which the restoration of a person to any status or right formerly possessed by him was considered as relating back to the time of his original loss or deprivation; particularly in the case of one who, having been taken prisoner in war, and having escaped and returned to Rome, was regarded, by the aid of this fiction, as having never been abroad, and was thereby reestablished in all his rights. Inst. 1, 12, 5.

The term is also applied, in international law, to the recapture of property taken by an enemy, and its consequent restoration to its original owner.

Postilminiuni angit cum qui captus est in civitate semper fuisse. Postilminiui signifies that he who has been captured has never left the state. Inst. 1, 12, 5; Dig. 49, 51.

POSTILMINIUM. See POSTILMINIUM.

POSTMAN. A senior barrister in the court of exchequer, who has precedence in motions; so called from the place where he sits. 2 Bl. Comm. 28. A letter-carrier.

POSTMASTER. An officer of the United States, appointed to take charge of a local post-office and transact the business of receiving and forwarding the mails at that point, and such other business as is committed to him under the postal laws.

Postmaster general. The head of the post-office department. He is one of the president's cabinet.

POSTNATI. Those born after. See Post Natus.

POSTPONE. To put off; defer; delay; continue; adjourn; as when a bearing is postponed. Also to place after; to set below something else; as when an earlier lien is for some reason postponed to a later lien.

The word "postponement," in speaking of legal proceedings, is nearly equivalent to "continuance," except that the former word is generally preferred when describing an adjournment of the cause to another day during the same term, and the latter when the case goes over to another term. See State v. Underwood, 76 Mo. C33; State v. Nathaniel, 59 La. Ann. 558, 26 South. 1008.

POSTREMO-GENITURE. Borough-English. (q. v.)

POSTULATIO. Lat. In Roman law. A request or petition. This was the name of the first step in a criminal prosecution, corresponding somewhat to "swearing out a warrant" in modern criminal law. The accuser appeared before the praetor, and stated his desire to institute criminal proceedings against a designated person, and prayed the authority of the magistrate therefor.

In old English ecclesiastical law. A species of petition for transfer of a bishop.

Postulatio actionis. In Roman law. The demand of an action; the request made to the praetor by an actor or plaintiff for an action or formula of suit; corresponding with the application for a writ in old English practice. Or, as otherwise explained, the actor's asking of leave to institute his action, on appearance of the parties before the praetor. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 9, nr. 12.

POT-DE-VIN. In French law. A sum of money frequently paid, at the moment of entering into a contract, beyond the price agreed upon. It differs from arrha, in this: that it is no part of the price of the thing sold, and that the person who has received it cannot, by returning double the amount, or the other party by losing what he has paid, rescind the contract. 18 Toullier, no. 52.

POTENTATE. A person who possesses great power or sway; a prince, sovereign, or monarch.

By the naturalization law of the United States, an alien is required to renounce all allegiance to any foreign "prince, potentate, or sovereign whatever."

POTENTIA. Lat. Possibility; power.

Potentia debet sequi justitiam, non antecedere. 3 Bulst. 196. Power ought to follow justice, not go before it.

Potentia est duplex, remota et proprinqua; et potentia remotisima et vanit et quae annullam venit in actum. 11 Coke, 51. Possibility is of two kinds, remote and near; that which never comes into action is a power the most remote and vain.

Potentia hactat frustra est. Useless power is to no purpose. Branch, Princ.

POTENTIAL. Existing in possibility but not in act; naturally and probably expected to come into existence at some future time, although not now existing; for example, the future product of grain or trees already planted, or the successive future instalments or payments on a contract or engagement already made. Things having a "potential existence" may be the subject of mortgage, as-
POTESTAS. Lat. In the civil law. Power; authority; domination; empire. Importum, or the jurisdiction of magistrates. The power of the father over his children, patria potestas. The authority of masters over their slaves. See Inst. 1, 9, 12; Dig. 2, 1, 13, 1; Id., 14, 1; Id. 14, 4, 1, 4.


Potestas suprema seipsum dissolvere potest, figare non potest. Supreme power can dissolve [unloose] but cannot bind itself. Branch, Princ.; Bacon.

Potior est condicio defendentis. Better is the condition of the defendant, [than that of the plaintiff.] Broom, Max. 740; Comp. 343; Williams v. Ingell, 21 Pick. (Mass.) 289; White v. Franklin Bank, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 186, 187; Cranson v. Goss, 107 Mass. 440, 9 Am. Rep. 45.

POTWALLOPER. A term formerly applied to voters in certain boroughs of England, where all who boll (wallop) a pot were entitled to vote. Webster.

POULTRY COUNTER. The name of a prison formerly existing in London. See COUNTER.

POUND. 1. A place, inclosed by public authority, for the temporary detention of stray animals. Harriman v. Fileld, 36 Vt. 345; Wooley v. Groton, 2 Cush. (Mass.) 308.

A pound-overt is said to be one that is open over all; a pound-overt is one that is close, or covered over, such as a stable or other building.

2. A measure of weight. The pound avoirdupois contains 7,000 grains; the pound troy 5,760 grains.

In New York, the unit or standard of weight, from which all other weights shall be derived and ascertained, is declared to be the pound, of such magnitude that the weight of a cubic foot of distilled water, at its maximum density, weighed in a vacuum with brass weights, shall be equal to sixty-two and a half such pounds.


3. "Pound" is also the name of a denomination of English money, containing twenty shillings. It was also used in the United States, in computing money, before the introduction of the federal coinage.

=POUND breach.= The act or offense of breaking a pound, for the purpose of taking out the cattle or goods impounded. 3 Bl. Comm. 122.

=Pound-keeper.= An officer charged with the care of a pound, and of animals confined there. Pound of land. An uncertain quantity of land, said to be about fifty-two acres.


The money which an owner of animals impounded must pay to obtain their release.

In old English law. A subsidy to the value of twelve pence in the pound, granted to the king, of all manner of merchandise of every merchant, as well denizens as aliens, either exported or imported. Cowell.

POUR ACQUIT. Fr. In French law. The formula which a creditor prefixes to his signature when he gives a receipt.

POUR COMPTÉ DE QUI IL APPARTENÎT. Fr. For account of whom it may concern.

POUR FAIRE PROCLAIMER. L. Fr. An ancient writ addressed to the mayor or bailiff of a city or town, requiring him to make proclamation concerning nuisances, etc. Ritsh. Nat. Brev. 176.

POUR SEISIR TERRES. L. Fr. An ancient writ whereby the crown seized the land which the wife of its deceased tenant, who held in capite, had for her dower, if she married without leave. It was grounded on the statute De Praerogativa Regis, 7, (17 Edw. II. St. 1, c. 4.) It is abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24.

POURPARLER. Fr. In French law. The preliminary negotiations or bargains which lead to a contract between the parties. As in English law, these form no part of the contract when completed. The term is also used in this sense in international law and the practice of diplomacy.

POURPARTY. To make pourparty is to divide and sever the lands that fail to par- ceners, which, before partition, they held jointly and pro indiviso. Cowell.

POURPRESTURE. An inclosure. Anything done to the nuisance or hurt of the public demesnes, or the highways, etc., by inclosure or building, endeavoring to make that private which ought to be public. The difference between a pourpresture and a public nuisance is that pourpresture is an invasion of the jus privatum of the crown; but where the jus publicum is violated it is a
nulsance. Skene makes three sorts of this offense; (1) Against the crown; (2) against the lord of the fee; (3) against a neighbor. 2 Inst. 58; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 156.

POURSUivant. The king's messenger; a royal or state messenger. In the heralds' college, a functionary of lower rank than a herald, but discharging similar duties, called also "poursuivant at arms."

PouRVEYANCE. In old English law. The providing corn, fuel, victuals, and other necessaries for the king's house. Cowell.

PouRVEyor, or PurVEyor. A buyer; one who provided for the royal household.

pouSTie. In Scotch law. Power. See Liege PouSTie. A word formed from the Latin "potestas."

POVERTY AFFIDAVIT. An affidavit, made and filed by one of the parties to a suit, that he is not able to furnish security for the final costs. The use of the term is confined to a few states. Cole v. Hoeburg, 58 Kan. 263, 13 Pac. 275.

POWER. In real property law. A power is an authority to do some act in relation to real property, or to the creation or revocation of an estate therein, or a charge thereon, which the owner granting or reserving such power might himself perform for any purpose. Civ. Code Dak. § 298; How. St. Mich. § 5591.

"Power" is sometimes used in the same sense as "right," as when we speak of the powers of user and disposition which the owner of property has over it, but, strictly speaking, a power is that which creates a special or exceptional right, or enables a person to do something which he could not otherwise do. Sweet.

Technically, an authority by which one person enables another to do some act for him. 2 Litt. Abr. 339.

An authority enabling a person to dispose, through the medium of the statute of uses, of an interest, vested either in himself or in another person. Sugd. Powers, 82. An authority expressly reserved to a grantor, or expressly given to another, to be exercised over lands, etc., granted or conveyed at the time of the creation of such power. Watk. Conv. 157. A proviso, in a conveyance under the statute of uses, giving to the grantor or grantee, or a stranger, authority to revoke or alter by a subsequent act the estate first granted. 1 Steph. Comm. 503. See also Burleigh v. Clough, 52 N. H. 267, 13 Am. Rep. 23; Griffith v. Maxfield, 66 Ark. 513, 51 S. W. 812; Bouton v. Doty, 69 Conn. 531, 37 Atl. 1064; Dana v. Murray, 122 N. Y. 904, 26 N. E. 21; Carson v. Cochran, 52 Minn. 67, 53 N. W. 1150; Law Guarantee & Trust Co. v. Jones, 165 Tenn. 245, 58 S. W. 219.

-General and special powers. A power is general when it authorizes the alienation in fee, by means of a conveyance, will, or charge, of the estate transferred in the power to any alienee whatsoever. It is special (1) when the person or class of persons to whom the disposition of the lands under the power is to be made are designated, or (2) when the power authorizes the alienation, by means of a conveyance, will, or charge, of a particular estate or interest less than a fee. Coster v. Pearl Island. 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 324; Thompson v. Garwood. 3 Whart. (Pa.) 206, 31 Am. Dec. 502.—General and special powers in trust. A general power is given to any person or class of persons other than the grantee of such power is designated as entitled to the proceeds or any portion of the proceeds or other benefits to result from the alienation. A special power is in trust (1) when the disposition or charge which it authorizes is limited to be made to any person or class of persons other than the holder of the power, or (2) when any person or class of persons other than the holder is designated as entitled to any benefit from the disposition or charge authorized by the power. Curtin v. Cutting. 20 Hun. (N. Y.) 360; Dana v. Murray, 122 N. Y. 612, 26 N. E. 22; Wilson's Rev. & Ann. St. Okt. 1908, §§ 4107, 4108.

-Miscellaneous powers. A power in English conveyancing to denote powers given for the good, not of the donee himself exclusively, or of the donee himself necessarily at all, but for the good of several persons, including or not including the donee also. They are so called because the donee of them is as a minister or servant in the exercise of them. Brown.—Naked power. One which is simply collateral and without interest in the donee, which arises when, to a mere stranger, authority is given of disposing of an interest, in which he had not before, nor has by the instrument creating the power, any estate whatsoever. Bergen v. Bennett, 1 Caines Cas. (N. Y.) 15, 2 Am. Power. Atwater v. Perret. 106 Mich. 108; Clark v. Hornthal. 47 Miss. 534; Hunt v. Ennis, 12 Fed. Cas. 915.—Powers appellant and in gross. A power appendant is where a person has a estate in hand, and the estate to be created by the power is to, or may, take effect in possession during the tenancy of the estate to which the power is appurtenant. A power in gross is where the person to whom it is given has an estate in the land, but the estate to be created under or by virtue of the power is to take effect unless after the determination of the estate to which it relates. Wilson v. Troup. 2 Cow. (N. Y.) 236. 14 Am. Dec. 458; Garland v. Smith, 164 Mo. 1, 64 S. W. 185.

For other compound terms, such as "Power of Appointment," "Power of Sale," etc., see the following titles.

In constitutional law. The right to take action in respect to a particular subject-matter or class of matters, involving more or less of discretion, granted by the constitution to the several departments or branches of the government, or reserved to the people. Powers in this sense are generally classified as legislative, executive, and judicial. See those titles.

—Implied powers are such as are necessary to make real estate and carry into effect those powers which are expressly granted or conferred, and which must therefore be presumed to have been within the intention of the constitution. See legislative grantor. Those powers are those which are implied, as in Duley (C. C.) 58 Fed. 735; People v. Pullman's Palace Car Co., 175 Ill. 112, 125, 51 N. E. 684; 64 L. R. Am. 544. Stat. M. E. Church v. Dixon, 176 Ill. 263, 52 N. E. 857.
In the law of corporations. The right or capacity to act or be acted upon in a particular manner or in respect to a particular subject; as, the power to have a corporate seal, to sue and be sued, to carry on business, to make by-laws, to carry on a particular business or construct a given work. See Freilgh v. Sauterties, 70 Hun, 589, 24 N. Y. Supp. 182; In re Lima & H. F. Ry. Co., 63 Hun, 252, 22 N. Y. Supp. 967; Baltimore v. Marriott, 9 Md. 160.

POWER COUPLED WITH AN INTEREST. By this phrase is meant a right or power to do some act, together with an interest in the subject-matter on which the power is to be exercised. It is distinguished from a naked power, which is a mere authority to act, not accompanied by any interest of the donee in the subject-matter of the power.

Is it an interest in the subject on which the power is to be exercised, or is it an interest in that which is produced by the exercise of the power? We hold it to be clear that the interest which a person acquires after the death of a person who creates it must be an interest in the thing itself. In other words, the power must be coupled with an interest in the thing which is to be produced by the exercise of the power. The words themselves would seem to import this meaning. "A power coupled with an interest" is a power which accompanies or is connected with an interest. The power and the interest are united in the same person. But, if we are to understand by the word "interest" an interest in the thing which is to be produced by the exercise of the power, then they are never united. The power to produce the interest must be exercised, and by its exercise is extinguished. The power ceases when the interest commences, and therefore cannot, in accurate law language, be said to be "coupled" with it. Hunt v. Roumchant, 8 Wheat. 209, 5 L. Ed. 589. And see Missouri v. Walker, 125 U. S. 336, 8 Sup. Ct. 929, 31 L. Ed. 769; Griffin v. Maxwell, 60 Ark. 513, 51 S. W. 832; Johnson v. Johnson, 27 S. C. 360, 5 S. E. 506, 13 Am. St. Rep. 386; Yeates v. Pryor, 11 Ark. 78; Alworth v. Seymour, 42 Minn. 526, 44 N. W. 1630; Hunt v. Ennis, 12 Fed. Cas. 915.

POWER OF APPOINTMENT. A power or authority conferred by one person by deed or will upon another (called the "donee") to appoint, that is, to select and nominate, the person or persons who are to receive and enjoy an estate or an income therefrom or from a fund, after the testator's death, or the donee's death, or after the termination of an existing right or interest. See Helmenmann v. De Wolf, 25 R. I. 243, 55 Atl. 707.

Powers are either: Collateral, which are given to strangers; i.e., to persons who have neither a present nor future estate or interest in the land. These are also called simply "collateral," or merely not coupled with an interest, or powers not being interests. These terms have been adopted to obviate the confusion arising from the circumstance that powers in a man are not always powers collateral. Or they are powers relating to the land. These are called "appendant" or "appurtenant," because they strictly depend upon the estate limited to the person to whom they are given. Thus, where an estate for life is limited to a man, with a power to grant leases in possession, a lease granted under the power may operate wholly out of the life-estate of the party executing it, and must in every case have its operation out of his estate during his life. Such an estate must be created, which will attach on an interest actually vested in the grantor. Or they are so-called "in gross," if given to a person who had an interest in the estate at the execution of the deed creating the power, or to whom an estate is given by the deed, but which enabled him to create such estates only as will not attach on the interest limited to him. Of necessity, therefore, the grantor is made the ward in the estate he limited to himself, but which caused him to do such a thing as would give to his own children, a power to jointure a wife after his death, a power to raise a ten years to commence from his death, for securing younger children's portions, are all powers in gross.

An important distinction is established between general and particular powers. By a general power the grantor understands a right to appoint whomsoever the donee pleases. By a particular power it is meant that the donee is restricted to make a gift to his own children. Wharton.

We have seen that a general power is beneficial when no person other than the grantee has, by the terms of its creation, any interest in its execution. A general power is in trust when any person or class of persons, other than the grantee of such power, is designated to receive any portion of the proceeds, or other benefits to result from the alienation. Cutting v. Cutting, 20 Hun (N. Y.) 304.

When a power of appointment among a class requires that each shall have a share, it is called a "distributive" or "non-exclusive" power; when it authorizes, that which is not direct, a selection of one or more to the exclusion of the others, it is called an "exclusive" power, and is also distributive; when it gives the power of appointing to a certain number of the class, but not to all, it is exclusive only, and not distributive. Leake, 389. A power authorizing the donee either to give the whole to one of a class or to give it equally among such of them as he may select (but not to give one a larger share than the others) is called a "mixed" power. Sugg. Powers, 445. Swayze.

POWER OF ATTORNEY. An instrument authorizing a person to act as the agent or attorney of the person granting it. See LETTER OF ATTORNEY.

POWER OF DISPOSITION. Every power of disposition is deemed absolute, by means of which the donee of such power is enabled in his life-time to dispose of the entire fee for his own benefit; and, where a general and beneficial power to devise the inheritance is given to a tenant for life or years, it is absolute, within the meaning of the statutes of some of the states. Code Ala. 1886, § 1833. See POWER OF APPOINTMENT.

POWER OF SALE. A clause sometimes inserted in mortgages and deeds of trust, giving the mortgagee (or trustee) the right and power, on default in the payment of the debt secured, to advertise and sell by many public auction (but without resorting to a court for authority), satisfy the creditor out of the net proceeds, convey by deed to the purchaser, return the surplus, if any, to the mortgagor, and thereby divest
the latter's estate entirely and without any subsequent right of redemption. See Capron v. Atteleborough Bank, 11 Gray (Mass.) 483; Appeal of Clark, 70 Conn. 195, 39 Atl. 155.

POYNING. See POINDING.

POYNINGS' ACT. An act of parliament, made in Ireland, (10 Hen. VII. c. 22, A. D. 1495;) so called because Sir Edward Poyning was lieutenant there when it was made, whereby all general statutes before then made in England were declared of force in Ireland, which, before that time, they were not. 1 Broom & H. Comm. 112.

PRACTICAL. A practical construction of a constitution or statute is one determined, not by judicial decision, but practice sanctioned by general consent. Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank v. Smith, 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 69; Bloxham v. Consumers' Electric Light, etc., Co., 36 Fla. 519, 18 South. 444, 29 L. R. A. 507, 51 Am. St. Rep. 44.

PRACTICE. The form or mode of proceeding in courts of justice for the enforcement of rights or the redress of wrongs, as distinguished from the substantive law which gives the right or denounces the wrong. The form, manner, or order of instituting and conducting a suit or other judicial proceeding, through its successive stages to its end, in accordance with the rules and principles laid down by law or by the regulations and precedents of the courts. The term applies as well to the conduct of criminal actions as to civil suits, to proceedings in equity as well as at law, and to the defense as well as the prosecution of any proceeding. See Fleischman v. Walker, 61 Ill. 321; People v. Central Pac. R. Co., 83 Cal. 393, 23 Pac. 863; Kring v. Missouri, 107 U. S. 221, 2 Sup. Ct. 443, 27 L. Ed. 506; Opp v. Ten Eyck, 99 Ind. 351; Beardsley v. Littell, 14 Blatchf. 102, Fed. Cas. No. 1,185; Union Nat. Bank v. Byram, 131 Ill. 92, 22 N. E. 842.

It may include pleading, but is usually employed as excluding both pleading and evidence, and to designate all the incidental acts and steps in the course of bringing matters pleaded to trial and proof, and procuring and enforcing judgment on them.

PRACTICE COURT. In English law. A court attached to the court of king's bench, which heard and determined common matters of business and ordinary motions for writs of mandamus, prohibition, etc. It was usually called the "ball court." It was held by one of the puisne justices of the king's bench.

PRACTICES. A succession of acts of a similar kind or in a like employment.

PRACTICK. In Scotch law. The decisions of the court of session, as evidence of the practice or custom of the country. Bell.

PRACTITIONER. He who is engaged in the exercise or employment of any art or profession.

PRECEPTORES. Lat. Masters. The chief clerks in chancery were formerly so called, because they had the direction of making out remedial writs. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 251.

PRECEPTORIES. In feudal law. A kind of benefices, so called because they were possessed by the more eminent tempitars, whom the chief master by his authority created and called "Preceptores Tempit."n

PRECEPE. Lat. In practice. An original writ, drawn up in the alternative, commanding the defendant to do the thing required, or show the reason why he had not done it. 3 Bl. Comm. 274.

Also an order, written out and signed, addressed to the clerk of a court, and requesting him to issue a particular writ.

—Precept in capite. When one of the king's immediate tenants in capite was deforced, his writ of right was called a writ of "precept in capite."—Precept quod reddat. Command that he render. A writ directing the defendant to restore the possession of land, employed at the beginning of a common recovery.—Precept quod tenant conventionem. The writ which commenced the action of covenant in fines, which are abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74.—Precope, tenant to the. A person having an estate of freehold in possession, against whom the precept was brought by a tenant in tail, seeking to bar his estate by a recovery.

PRECEPITUM. The punishment of casting headlong from some high place.

PRECEPUT CONVECTIONNEL. In French law. Under the régime en communauté, when that is of the conventional kind, if the surviving husband or wife is entitled to take any portion of the property by a precept of title and before partition thereof, this right is called by the somewhat barbarous title of the conventional "precept," from "praec." before, and "capere," to take. Brown.

PRECO. Lat. In Roman law. A herald or crier.

PRECOGNITA. Things to be previously known in order to the understanding of something which follows. Wharton.

PRELIA. In the civil law. Lands; estates; tenements; properties. See Prædi

—Prædia bellica. Booty. Property seized in war.—Prædia stipendiaria. In the civil law. Provincial lands belonging to the people. —Prædia tributaria. In the civil law. Provincial lands belonging to the emperor.—Prædia volantia. In the duchy of Brabant, certain things movable, such as beds, tables, and other heavy articles of furniture, were ranked
among immovable, and were called "prédia volantis," or "volatile estates." 2 Bl. Comm. 429.

**PREDIAL SERVITUDE.** A right which is granted for the advantage of one piece of land over another, and which may be exercised by every possessor of the land entitled against every possessor of the servient land. It always presupposes two pieces of land (predium) belonging to different proprietors; one burdened with the servitude, called "précum servium," and one for the advantage of which the servitude is conferred, called "précum dominum." Mackeld Rom. Law, § 314.

**PREDIAL TITIES.** Such as arise merely and immediately from the ground; as grain of all sorts, hops, hay, wood, fruit, herba. 2 Bl. Comm. 23; 2 Steph. Comm. 722.

**PREDICTUS.** Lat. Aforesaid. Hob. 6.

Of the three words, "idem," "précitum," and "pexitus," "idem" was most usually applied to plaintiffs or mandants; "pexitus," to defendants or tenants, places, towns, or lands; and "pexitus," to persons named, not being actors or parties. Townsh. Pl. 15. These words may all be rendered in English by "said" or "aforesaid."

**PREDIUM.** Lat. In the civil law. Land; an estate; a tenement; a piece of landed property. See Dig. 50, 16, 113.

-**Prédium dominum.** In the civil law. The name given to an estate to which a servitude is due; the dominant tenement. Morgan v. Mason, 20 Ohio, 400. 55 Am. Dec. 404.-Prédium rusticum. In Roman law. A rustic or rural estate. Primarily, this term denoted an estate lying in the country, i.e., beyond the limits of the city; but it was applied to any landed estate or heritage other than a dwelling-house, whether in or out of the town. Thus, it included gardens, orchards, pastures, meadows, etc. Mackeld Rom. Law, § 316. A rural or country estate; an estate or piece of land principally destined or devoted to agriculture; an empty or vacant space of ground without buildings.-Prédium servium. In the civil law. The name of an estate which suffers a servitude or easement to another estate; the servient tenement. Morgan v. Mason, 20 Ohio, 400, 55 Am. Dec. 404.-Prédium urbanum. In the civil law. A building or edifice intended for the habitation and use of man, whether built in cities or in the country. Colq. Rom. Civil Law, § 937.

Prédium servit prédio. Land is under servitude to land. [i.e., servitudes are not personal rights, but attach to the dominant tenement.] Tray. Lat. Max. 455.

**PREDO.** Lat. In Roman law. A robber. See Dig. 50, 17, 126.

**PREFIXUS.** Lat. Aforesaid. Sometimes abbreviated to "prefat." and "p. fat."

**PREFECTURE.** In Roman law. Conquered towns, governed by an officer called a "prefect," who was chosen in some instances by the people, in others by the pretors. Bull. Hor. Jur. 29.

**PREFECTUS URBI.** Lat. In Roman law. The name of an officer who, from the time of Augustus, had the superintendence of the city and its police, with jurisdiction extending one hundred miles from the city, and power to decide both civil and criminal cases. As he was considered the direct representative of the emperor, much that previously belonged to the prætor urbanus fell gradually into his hands. Colq. Rom. Civil Law, § 2985.

**PREFECTUS VIGILUM.** Lat. In Roman law. The chief officer of the night watch. His jurisdiction extended to certain offenses affecting the public peace, and even to larcenies; but he could inflict only slight punishments. Colq. Rom. Civil Law, § 2985.

**PREFECTUS VILLA.** The mayor of a town.

**PREFFINE.** The fee paid on sulung out, the writ of covenant, on lending fines, before the fine was passed. 2 Bl. Comm. 350.

**PREJURAMENTUM.** In old English law. A preparatory oath.

**PRELEGATUM.** Lat. In Roman law. A payment in advance of the whole or part of the share which a given heir would be entitled to receive out of an inheritance; corresponding generally to "advancement" in English and American law. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 702.


-**Premium emancipationis.** In Roman law. A reward or compensation anciently allowed to a father on emancipating his child, consisting of one third of the child's real and personal property, not derived from the father himself. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 905.-Premium pudicitia. The price of chastity; or compensation for loss of chastity. A term applied to bonds and other engagements given for the benefit of a seduced female. Sometimes called "premium pudoris." 2 Will. 330, 340.

**PREMUNIRE.** In English law. The name of an offense against the king and his government, though not subject to capital punishment. So called from the words of the writ which issued preparatory to the prosecution: "Premunire facias A. B. quod sit corum nobis," etc.; "Cause A. B. to be forewarned that he appear before us to answer the contempt with which he stands charged." The statutes establishing this offense, the first of which was made in the thirty-first year of the reign of Edward I., were framed to encounter the papal usurpations in England; the original meaning of
the offense called "praemunire" being the introduction of a foreign power into the kingdom, and creating imperium in imperio, by paying that obedience to papal process which constitutionally belonged to the king alone. The penalties of praemunire were afterwards applied to other heinous offenses. 4 Bl. Comm. 103–117; 4 Steph. Comm. 215–217.

PRAENOMEN. Lat. Forename, or first name. The first of the three names by which the Romans were commonly distinguished. It marked the individual, and was commonly written with one letter; as "A." for "Aulus;" "C." for "Caicus," etc. Adams, Rom. Ant. 35.

PREPOSITUS. In old English law. An officer next in authority to the alderman of a hundred, called "prepositus regius;" or a steward or bailiff of an estate, answering to the "schele." Also the person from whom descents are traced under the old canons.

-Prepositus ecclesiae. A church-reve, or warden. Spelman.—Prepositus villus. A constable of a town, or petty constable.

Prepropera consilia raro sunt prospera. 4 Inst. 57. Hasty counsels are rarely prosperous.

PRESCRIPTIO. Lat. In the civil law. That mode of acquisition whereby one becomes proprietor of a thing on the ground that he has for a long time possessed it as his own; prescription. Dig. 41, 3. It was anciently distinguished from "usuceptio." (q. v.) but was blended with it by Justinian.

Prescriptio est titulus ex usu et tempore substantiam capiens ab auctoritate legis. Co. Litt. 113. Prescription is a title by authority of law, deriving its force from use and time.


PRESCRIPTIONES. Lat. In Roman law. Forms of words (of a qualifying character) inserted in the formula in which the claims in actions were expressed; and, as they occupied an early place in the formula, they were called by this name, i. e., qualifications preceding the claim. For example, in an action to recover the arrears of an annuity, the claim was preceded by the words "so far as the annuity is due and unpaid," or words to the like effect, ("cujus rei dies fuit."") Brown.

PRESENTARE nihil aliud est quam pressto dare seu offerre. To present is no more than to give or offer on the spot. Co. Litt. 120.

Presentia corporis tollit errores nominis: ex veritas nominis tollit omnes demonstramina. The presence of the body cures error in the name; the truth of the name cures an error of description. Broom, Max. 637, 639, 640.

PRESSES. Lat. In Roman law. A president or governor. Called a "nomen generale," including pro-consuls, legates, and all who governed provinces.

PRESTARE. Lat. In Roman law. "Prestare" meant to make good, and, when used in conjunction with the words "dare," "facere," "oportere," denoted obligations of a personal character, as opposed to real rights.

Prestat cautela quam medela. Prevention is better than cure. Co. Litt. 304b.

Presumatur pro justitia sententiæ. The presumption should be in favor of the justice of a sentence. Best, Ev. Introd. 42.

Presumitur pro legitimatis. The presumption is in favor of legitimacy. 1 Bl. Comm. 457; 5 Coke, 98b.

Presumitur pro negante. It is presumed for the negative. The rule of the house of lords when the numbers are equal on a motion. Wharton.

PRESUMPTIO. Lat. Prescription; a presumption. Also intrusion, or the unlawful taking of anything.

—Presumptio fortiorem. A strong presumption; a presumption of fact entitled to great weight. One which determines the tribunal in its belief of an alleged fact, without, however, excluding the belief of the possibility of its being otherwise; the effect of which is to shift the burden of proof to the opposite party, and, if this proof be not made, the presumption is held for truth. Hub. Præl. J. C. lib. 22, tit. 3. n. 10; Burrill, Circ. Ev. 66.—Presumptio hominis. The presumption of the man or individual; that is, natural presumption unfettered by strict rule.—Presumptio juris. A legal presumption or presumption of law: that is, one in which the law assumes the existence of something until it is disproved by evidence; a conditional, inconclusive, or rebuttable presumption. Best, Ev. § 43.—Presumptio juris et de jure. A presumption of law and of right; a presumption which the law will not suffer to be contradicted; a conclusive or irrebuttable presumption. Lord Coke. Tor. Law, § 103.

Presumptio, ex eo quod plerumque sit. Presumptions arise from what general-
Presumptio violenta

Presumptio violenta plena probatio. Co. Litt. 6b. Strong presumption is full proof.


PRETERITIO. Lat. A passing over or omission. Used in the Roman law to describe the act of a testator in excluding a given heir from the inheritance by silently passing him by, that is, neither instituting nor formally disinheriting him. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 711.

Prætexta liceti non debet admitti illicitum. Under pretext of legality, what is illegal ought not to be admitted. Wing. Max. p. 728, max. 190.

PRETEXTUS. Lat. A pretext; a pretense or color. Prætextus cujus. by pretext, or under pretext whereof. 1 Ld. Raym. 412.

PRETOR. Lat. In Roman law. A municipal officer of the city of Rome, being the chief judicial magistrate, and possessing an extensive equitable jurisdiction.

—Preator fidel-commissarius. In the civil law. A special preator created to pronounce judgment in cases of trusts or fidel-commiss. Inst. 2, 23, 1.

PREVARICATOR. Lat. In the civil law. One who betrays his trust, or is unfaithful to his trust. An advocate who aids the opposite party by betraying his client's cause. Dig. 47, 15, 1.

PREVENTO TERMINO. In old Scotch practice. A form of action known in the forms of the court of session, by which a delay to discuss a suspension or advocacy was got the better of. Bell.

PRAGMATIC SANCTION. In French law. An expression used to designate those ordinances which concern the most important objects of the civil or ecclesiastical administration. Merl. Répért.

In the civil law. The answer given by the emperors on questions of law, when consulted by a corporation or the citizens of a province or of a municipality, was called a "pragmatic sanction." Lec. El. Dr. Rom. § 53.

PRAGMATICA. In Spanish colonial law. An order emanating from the sovereign, and differing from a cédula only in form and in the mode of promulgation. Schm. Civil Law, Intro. 95, note.

PRAIRIE. An extensive tract of level or rolling land, destitute of trees, covered with coarse grass, and usually characterized by a deep, fertile soil. Webster. See Buxton v. Railroad Co., 58 Mo. 45; Brunell v. Hopkins, 42 Iowa, 429.

PRACTIQUE. A license for the master of a ship to traffic in the ports of a given country, or with the inhabitants of a given port, upon the lifting of quarantine or production of a clean bill of health.

PRAxis. Lat. Use; practice.

Praxis judicium est interpres legum. Hob. 96. The practice of the judges is the interpreter of the laws.

PRAY IN AID. In old English practice. To call upon for assistance. In real actions, the tenant might pray in aid or call for assistance of another, to help him to plead, because of the feebleness or imbecility of his own estate. 3 Bl. Comm. 300.

PRAYER. The request contained in a bill in equity that the court will grant the process, aid, or relief which the complainant desires. Also, by extension, the term is applied to that part of the bill which contains this request.

PRAYER, OF PROCESS is a petition with which a bill in equity used to conclude, to the effect that a writ of supersedeas might issue against the defendant to compel him to answer upon oath all the matters charged against him in the bill.


PREAPPOINTED EVIDENCE. The kind and degree of evidence prescribed in advance (as, by statute) as requisite for the proof of certain facts or the establishment of certain instruments. It is opposed to casual evidence, which is left to grow naturally out of the surrounding circumstances.

PREAUDIENCE. The right of being heard before another. A privilege belonging to the English bar, the members of which are entitled to be heard in their order, according to rank, beginning with the king's attorney general, and ending with barristers at large. 3 Steph. Comm. 357, note.
PREBEND. In English ecclesiastical law. A stipend granted in cathedral churches; also, but improperly, a prebendary. A simple prebend is merely a revenue; a prebend with dignity has some jurisdiction attached to it. The term “prebend” is generally confounded with “canonicate;” but there is a difference between them. The former is the stipend granted to an ecclesiastic in consideration of his officiating and serving in the church; whereas the canonicate is a mere title or spiritual quality which may exist independently of any stipend. 2 Steph. Comm. 674, note.

PREBENDARY. An ecclesiastical person serving on the staff of a cathedral, and receiving a stated allowance or stipend from the income or endowment of the cathedral, in compensation for his services.

PRECARIE, or PRECES. Day-works which the tenants of certain manors were bound to give their lords in harvest time. Magna precaria was a great or general reaping day. Cowell.

PRECARIOUS. Liable to be returned or rendered up at the mere demand or request of another; hence held or retained only on performance or by permission; and by an extension of meaning, doubtful, uncertain, dangerous, very liable to break, fail, or terminate.

—Precarious circumstances. The circumstances of an executor are precarious, within the meaning and intent of a statute, only when his character and conduct present such evidence of improvidence or recklessness in the management of the trust-estate, or of his own, as in the opinion of prudent and discreet men endangers its security. Shields v. Shields, 60 Barb. (N. Y.) 56. —Precarious loan. A bailment by way of loan which is not to continue for any fixed time, but may be recalled at the mere will and pleasure of the lender. —Precarious possession. In modern civil law, possession is called “precarious” which one enjoys by the leave of another and during his pleasure. Civ. Code La., 1906, art. 3550. —Precarious right. The right which the owner of a thing transfers to another, to enjoy the same until he shall please the owner to revoke it. —Precarious trade. In international law. Such trade may be carried on by a neutral between two belligerent powers by the mere sufferance of the latter.

PRECARIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A convention whereby one allows another the use of a thing or the exercise of a right gratuitously till revocation. The bailee acquires thereby the lawful possession of the thing, except in certain cases. The bailor can redeem the thing at any time, even should he have allowed it to the bailee for a designated period. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 447.

PRECATORY. Having the nature of prayer, request, or entreaty; conveying or embodying a recommendation or advice or the expression of a wish, but not a positive command or direction.

—Precatory trust. A trust created by certain words, which are more like words of entreaty and permission than of command or certainty. Examples of such words, which the courts have held sufficient to constitute a trust, are “wish and request,” “have fullest confidence,” “heartily beseech,” and the like. Rappalje & Lawrence. See Hunt v. Hunt, 19 Wash. 14, 50 Pac. 578; Bohon v. Barrett, 79 Ky. 378; Aldrich v. Aldrich. 172 Mass. 101, 51 N. E. 440. —Precatory words. Words of entreaty, request, desire, wish, or recommendation, employed in wills, as distinguished from direct and imperative terms. 1 Williams, Ex’s., 88, 89, and note. And see Pratt v. Miller, 23 Neb. 496, 37 N. W. 263; Pratt v. Pratt Hospital, 88 Md. 610, 42 Atl. 51.

PRECEDE, or PRECEDENCY. The act or state of going before; adjustment of place.

—Precedence, patent of. In English law. A grant from the crown to such barristers as it thinks proper to honor with that mark of distinction, whereby they are entitled to such rank and precedence as are assigned in their respective patents. 3 Steph. Comm. 274.

PRECEDENT. An adjudged case or decision of a court of justice, considered as furnishing an example or authority for an identical or similar case afterwards arising or a similar question of law. A draught of a conveyance, settlement, will, pleading, bill, or other legal instrument, which is considered worthy to serve as a pattern for future instruments of the same nature.

PRECEDENT CONDITION. Such as must happen or be performed before an estate can vest or be enlarged. See CONDITION PRECEDENT.

PRECEDES SUB SILENTIO. Silent uniform course of practice, uninterrupted though not supported by legal decisions. See Calton v. Bragg, 15 East, 228; Thompson v. Musser, 1 Dall. 464, 1 L. Ed. 222.

Precedents that pass sub silentio are of little or no authority. 16 Vin. Abr. 499.

PRECEPARTIUM. The continuance of a suit by consent of both parties. Cowell.

PRECEPT. In English and American law. An order or direction, emanating from authority, to an officer or body of officers, commanding him or them to do some act within the scope of their powers. Precept is not to be confined to civil proceedings, and is not of a more restricted meaning than "process." It includes warrants and processes in criminal as well as civil proceedings. Adams v. Vose, 1 Gray (Mass.) 51, 58.

"Precept" means a commandment in writing, sent out by a justice of the peace or
other like officer, for the bringing of a person or record before him. Cowell.
The direction formerly issued by a sheriff to the proper returning officers of cities and
boroughs within his jurisdiction for the election of members to serve in parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 178.
The direction by the judges or commissioners of assise to the sheriff for the summoning a sufficient number of jurors. 3 Steph. Comm. 516.
The direction issued by the clerk of the peace to the overseers of parishes for making out the jury lists. 3 Steph. Comm. 516, note.

In old English criminal law. Instigation to commit a crime. Brasf. fol. 1389; Cowell.

In Scotch law. An order, mandate, or warrant to do some act. The precept of seisin was the order of a superior to his bailie, to give infeftment of certain lands to his vassal Bell.

In old French law. A kind of letters issued by the king in subversion of the laws, being orders to the judges to do or tolerate things contrary to law.

Precept of clare constat. A deed in the Scotch law by which a superior acknowledges the title of the heir of a deceased vassal to succeed to the lands.


PRECES PRIMARIE. In English ecclesiastical law. A right of the crown to name to the first prebend that becomes vacant after the accession of the sovereign, in every church of the empire. This right was exercised by the crown of England in the reign of Edward I. 2 Steph. Comm. 670, note.


PRÉCIDE. Another form of the name of the written instructions to the clerk of court; also spelled "præcipè." (q. v.)

PRÉCIPITI TEST. Precipitates are formations in the blood of an animal induced by repeated injections into its veins of the blood-serum of an animal of another species; and their importance in diagnosis lies in the fact that the blood-serum of an animal so treated is mixed with that of any animal of the second species (or a closely related species) and the mixture kept at a temperature of about 98 degrees for several hours, a visible precipitate will result, but not so if the second ingredient of the mixture is drawn from an animal of an entirely different species. In medico-legal practice, therefore, a suspected stain or clot having been first tested by other methods and demonstrated to be blood, the question whether it is the blood of a human being or of other origin is resolved by mixing a solution of it with a quantity of blood-serum taken from a rabbit or some other small animal which has been previously prepared by injections of human blood-serum. After treatment as above described, the presence of a precipitate will furnish strong presumptive evidence that the blood tested was of human origin. The test is not absolutely conclusive, for the reason that blood from an anthropoid ape would produce the same result, in this experiment, as human blood. But if the alternative hypothesis presented attributed the blood in question to some animal of an unrelated species (as, a dog, sheep, or horse) the precipitin test could be fully relied on, as also in the case where no precipitate resulted.

FRÉCIPUT. In French law. A portion of an estate or inheritance which falls to one of the co-heirs over and above his equal share with the rest, and which is to be taken out before partition is made.

PRECLUDI NON. Lat. In pleading. The commencement of a replication to a plea in bar, by which the plaintiff "says that, by reason of anything in the said plea alleged, he ought not to be barred from having and maintaining his aforesaid action against him, the said defendant, because he says..." etc. Steph. Pl. 440.


PRECOGNOSCE. In Scotch practice. To examine beforehand. Arkley, 232.

PRECONIZATION. Proclamation.

PRECONTRACT. A contract or engagement made by a person, which is of such a nature as to preclude him from lawfully entering into another contract of the same nature. See 1 Blam. Mar. & Div. §§ 112, 272.

PREDECESSOR. One who goes or has gone before; the correlative of "successor." Applied to a body politic or corporate, in the same sense as "ancestor" is applied to a natural person. Lorillard Co. v. Peper (C. C.) 65 Fed. 598.

In Scotch law. An ancestor. 1 Kames, Eq. 371.
PREDIAL SERVITUDE. A real or servitude is a charge laid on an estate for the use and utility of another estate belonging to another owner. Civil Code La. art. 647. See PREDIAL SERVITUDE.

PREDICATE. In logic. That which is said concerning the subject in a logical proposition; as, "The law is the perfection of common sense." "Perfection of common sense," being affirmed concerning the law, (the subject,) is the predicate or thing predicated. Wharton; Bourland v. Hildreth, 26 Cal. 232.

PREDOMINANT. This term, in its natural and ordinary signification, is understood to be something greater or superior in power and influence to others, with which it is connected or compared. So understood, a "predominant motive," when several motives may have operated, is one of greater force and effect, in producing the given result, than any other motive. Matthews v. Bliss, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 53.

PRE-EMPTION. In international law. The right of pre-emption is the right of a nation to detain the merchandise of strangers passing through her territories or seas, in order to afford to her subjects the preference of purchase. 1 Chit. Com. Law, 103.

In English law. The first buying of a thing. A privilege formerly enjoyed by the crown, of buying up provisions and other necessaries, by the intervention of the king's purveyors, for the use of his royal household, at an appraised valuation, in preference to all others, and even without consent of the owner. 1 Bl. Comm. 287; Garcia v. Callender, 125 N. Y. 307, 26 N. E. 283.

In the United States, the right of pre-emption is a privilege accorded by the government to the actual settler upon a certain limited portion of the public domain, to purchase such tract at a fixed price to the exclusion of all other applicants. Nix v. Allen, 112 U. S. 129, 5 Sup. Ct. 70, 25 L. Ed. 675; Bray v. Rodgers, 53 Mo. 170. —Pre-emption claimant. One who has settled upon land subject to pre-emption, with the intention to acquire title to it, and has complied, or is proceeding to comply, in good faith, with the requirements of the law to perfect his right to it. Hosmer v. Wallace, 97 U. S. 575, 581, 24 L. Ed. 1130.—Pre-emption entry. See ENTRY.—Pre-emption right. The right given to settlers upon the public lands of the United States to purchase them at a limited price in preference to others.

PRE-EMPTIONER. One who, by settlement upon the public land, or by cultivation of a portion of it, has obtained the right to purchase a portion of the land thus settled upon or cultivated, to the exclusion of all other persons. Dillingham v. Fisher, 5 Wis. 490. And see Doe v. Beck, 108 Ala. 71, 19 South. 802.

PREFECT. In French law. The name given to the public functionary who is charged in chief with the administration of the laws, in each department of the country. Merc. Répért. See Crespin v. U. S., 188 U. S. 208, 18 Sup. Ct. 53, 42 L. Ed. 438. The term is also used, in practically the same sense, in Mexico. But in New Mexico, a prefect is a probate judge.

PREFER. To bring before; to prosecute; to try; to proceed with. Thus, preferring an indictment signifies prosecuting or trying an indictment.

To give advantage, priority, or privilege; to select for first payment, as to prefer one creditor over others.

PREFERENCE. The act of an insolvent debtor who, in distributing his property or in assigning it for the benefit of his creditors, pays or secures to one or more creditors the full amount of their claims or a larger amount than they would be entitled to receive on a pro rata distribution.

Also the right held by a creditor, in virtue of some lien or security, to be preferred above others (i.e., paid first) out of the debtor's assets constituting the fund for creditors. See Pirie v. Chicago Title & Trust Co., 182 U. S. 438, 21 Sup. Ct. 906, 45 L. Ed. 1171; Ashby v. Steere, 2 Fed. Cas. 15; Chadbourne v. Hardig, 90 Me. 590, 16 Atl. 248; Chism v. Citizens' Bank, 77 Miss. 500, 27 South. 637; In re Ratliff (D. C.) 107 Fed. 80; In re Stevens, 38 Minn. 432, 38 N. W. 111.

PREFERENCE SHARES. A term used in English law to designate a new issue of shares of stock in a company, which, to facilitate the disposal of them, are accorded a priority or preference over the original shares.

Such shares entitle their holders to a preferential dividend, so that a holder of them is entitled to have the whole of his dividend (or so much thereof as represents the extent to which his shares are, by the constitution of the company, to be deemed preference shares) paid before any dividend is paid to the ordinary shareholders. Mozley & Whitley.

PREFERENTIAL ASSIGNMENT. An assignment of property for the benefit of creditors, made by an insolvent debtor, in which it is directed that a preference (right to be paid first in full) shall be given to a creditor or creditors therein named.

PREFERRED. Possessing or accorded a priority, advantage, or privilege. Generally denoting a prior or superior claim or right of payment as against another thing of
the same kind or class. See State v. Cheraw & C. R. Co., 18 S. C. 528.
—Preferred creditor. A creditor whom the debtor has directed shall be paid before other creditors.—Preferred debt. A demand which has priority; which is payable in full before others are paid at all.—Preferred dividend. See Dividend.—Preferred stock. See Stock.

PREGNANCY. In medical jurisprudence. The state of a female who has within her ovary or womb a foecundated germ, which gradually becomes developed in the latter receptacle. Dungl. Med. Dict.
—Pregnancy, plea of. A plea which a woman capacitively may plead in stay of execution; for this, though it is no stay of judgment, yet operates as a respite of execution until she is delivered. Brown.

PREGNANT NEGATIVE. See Negative Pregnant.


The word "prejudice" seemed to imply nearly the same thing as "opinion." a prejudgment of the case, and not necessarily an enmity or ill will against either party. Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 297, 52 Am. Dec. 711.

"Prejudice" also means injury, loss, or damnification. Thus, where an offer or admission is made "without prejudice," or a motion is denied or a bill in equity dismissed "without prejudice," it is meant as a declaration that no rights or privileges of the party concerned are to be considered as thereby waived or lost, except in so far as may be expressly conceded or decided.

PRELATE. A clergyman of a superior order, as an archbishop or a bishop, having authority over the lower clergy; a dignitary of the church. Webster.

PRÉLÈVEMENT. Fr. In French law. A preliminary deduction; particularly, the portion or share which one member of a firm is entitled to take out of the partnership assets before a division of the property is made between the partners.

PRELIMINARY. Introductory; initiatory; preceeding; temporary and provisional; as preliminary examination, injunction, articles of peace, etc.
—Preliminary act. In English admiralty practice. A document stating the time and place of a collision between vessels, the names of the vessels, and other particulars, required to be filed by preferred solicitor in actions for damage by such collision, unless the court or a judge shall otherwise order. Wharton.—Preliminary injunction. See Injunction.—Preliminary proof. In insurance. The first proof offered of a loss occurring under the policy, usually sent in to the underwriters with the notification of claim.

PREMEDIATE. To think of an act beforehand; to contrive and design; to plot or lay plans for the execution of a purpose. See Deliberate.

PREMEDITATION. The act of meditating in advance; deliberation upon a contemplated act; plotting or contriving; a design formed to do something before it is done. See State v. Spilve, 132 N. C. 930, 43 S. E. 475; Fuhnestock v. State, 23 Ind. 231; Com. v. Perrier, 3 Phila. (Pa.) 232; Atkinson v. State, 20 Tex. 531; State v. Reed, 117 Mo. 404, 23 S. W. 886; King v. State, 91 Tenn. 617, 20 S. W. 169; State v. Carr, 53 Vt. 48; State v. Dowden, 118 N. C. 1145, 24 S. E. 722; Savage v. State, 18 Fla. 965; Com. v. Drum, 55 Pa. 16; State v. Lindgrind, 33 Wash. 440, 74 Pac. 565.

PREMIER. A principal minister of state; the prime minister.

PREMIER SERJEANT, THE QUEEN'S. This officer, so constituted by letters patent, has preaudience over the bar after the attorney and solicitor general and queen's advocate. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 274, note.

PREMISES. That which is put before; that which precedes; the foregoing statements. Thus, in logic, the two introductory propositions of the syllogism are called the "premises," and from them the conclusion is deduced. So, in pleading, the expression "in consideration of the premises" frequently occurs, the meaning being "in consideration of the matters hereinbefore stated." See Teutonia F. Ins. Co. v. Mund, 102 Pa. 93; Alnska Imp. Co. v. Hirsch, 119 Cal. 249, 47 Pac. 124.

In conveyancing. That part of a deed which precedes the habendum, in which are set forth the names of the parties with their titles and additions, and in which are recited such deeds, agreements, or matters of fact as are necessary to explain the reasons upon which the present transaction is founded; and it is here, also, the consideration on which it is made is set down and the certainty of the thing granted. 2 Bl. Comm. 298. And see Miller v. Graham, 47 S. C. 288, 25 S. E. 105; Brown v. Manter, 21 N. H. 533, 53 Am. Dec. 223; Rouse v. Steamboat Co., 59 Hun, 80, 13 N. Y. Supp. 126.

In estates. Lands and tenements; an estate; the subject-matter of a conveyance.

The term "premises" is used in common parlance to signify land, with its appurtenances; but its usual and appropriate meaning in a conveyance is the thing demised or granted by the deed. New Jersey Zine Co. v. New Jersey Franklinite Co., 13 N. J. Eq. 322; In re Rohr-
PREMISES

The word is also used to denote the subject-matter insured in a policy. 4 Campb. 89.

In equity pleading. The stating part of a bill. It contains a narrative of the facts and circumstances of the plaintiff's case, and the wrongs of which he complains, and the names of the persons by whom done and against whom he seeks redress. Story, Eq. Pl. § 27.

PREMIUM. The sum paid or agreed to be paid by an assured to the underwriter as the consideration for the insurance; being a certain rate per cent. on the amount insured. 1 Phil. Ins. 205; State v. Pittsburgh, etc., Ry. Co., 68 Ohio St. 9, 67 N. E. 93, 64 L. R. A. 405, 96 Am. St. Rep. 635; Hill v. Insurance Co., 129 Mich. 141, 88 N. W. 392.

A bounty or bonus; a consideration given to invite a loan or a bargain; as the consideration paid to the assignor by the assignee of a lease, or to the transferor by the transferee of shares of stock, etc. So stock is said to be "at a premium" when its market price exceeds its nominal or face value. Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. v. Armington, 21 R. I. 33, 41 Atl. 571; White v. Williams, 90 Md. 719, 45 Atl. 1001; Washington, etc., Ass'n v. Stanley, 38 Or. 319, 63 Pac. 480, 58 L. R. A. 816, 84 Am. St. Rep. 703; Building Ass'n v. Eklund, 190 Ill. 257, 60 N. E. 521, 52 L. R. A. 637. See Pan.

In granting a lease, part of the rent is sometimes capitalized and paid in a lump sum at the time the lease is granted. This is called a "premium."

—Premium note. A promissory note given by the insured for part or all of the amount of the premium. —Premium pudicitem. The price of chastity. A compensation for chastity, paid or promised to, or for the benefit of, a seduced female.

PREMUNIRE. See PREMUNIRE.


PRENDER, PRENdre. L. Fr. To take. The power or right of taking a thing without waiting for it to be offered. See A PRENDER.

PRENDER DE BARON. L. Fr. In old English law. A taking of husband; marriage. An exception or plea which might be used to disable a woman from pursuing an appeal of murder against the killer of her former husband. Staunef. P. C. lib. 3, c. 59.

PREPENSE. Forethought; preconceived; premeditated. See Territory v. Bunnigan, 1 Dak. 451. 46 N. W. 597; People v. Clark, 7 N. Y. 383.

PREPONDERANCE. This word means something more than "weight;" it denotes a superiority of weight, or outweighing. The words are not synonymous, but substantially different. There is generally a "weight" of evidence on each side in case of contested facts. But juries cannot properly act upon the weight of evidence, in favor of the one having the charge, unless it overbear, in some degree, the weight upon the other side. Shinn v. Tucker, 37 Ark. 588. And see Hoffman v. Loud, 111 Mich. 158, 69 N. W. 231; Willcox v. Hines, 100 Tenn. 524, 45 S. W. 781, 66 Am. St. Rep. 761; Mortimer v. McMullen, 202 Ill. 413, 67 N. E. 20; Bryan v. Chicago, etc., R. Co., 63 Iowa, 494, 19 N. W. 253.

PREROGATIVE. An exclusive or peculiar privilege. The special power, privilege, immunity, or advantage vested in an official person, either generally, or in respect to the things of his office, or in an official body, as a court or legislature. See Attorney General v. Blossom, 1 Wis. 317; Attorney General v. Eau Claire, 37 Wis. 443.

In English law. That special pre-eminence which the king (or queen) has over and above all other persons, in right of his (or her) regal dignity. A term used to denote those rights and capacities which the sovereign enjoys alone, in contradistinction to others. 1 Bl. Comm. 229.

—Prerogative court. In English law. A court established for the trial of all parliamentary causes, where the deceased left bona notabilis within two different dioceses; in which case the probate of wills belonged to the archbishop of the province, by way of special prerogative. And all causes relating to the wills, administrations, or legacies of such persons were originally cognizable herein, before a judge appointed by the archbishop, called the "judge of the prerogative court," from whom an appeal lay to the privy council. 3 Bl. Comm. 396; 8 S. Mil. C. 452. In New Jersey the prerogative court is the court of appeal from decrees of the orphans' courts in the several counties of the state. The court is held before the chancellor, under the title of the "ordinary." See In re Courson's Will, 4 N. J. Eq. 413; Flanagan v. Guggenheim Smelting Co., 63 N. J. Law 447, 44 Atl. 762; Robinson v. Fair, 128 U. S. 53, 9 Sup. Ct. 30, 32 L. Ed. 415.—Prerogative law. That part of the common law of England which is more particularly applicable to the king. Com. Dig. Tit. "Ley." A.—Prerogative writs. In English law, the name is given to certain judicial writs issued by the crown upon proper cause shown, never as a mere matter of right, but the theory being that they involve a direct interference by the government with the liberty and property of the subject, and therefore are justified only as an exercise of the extraordinary power (prerogative) of the crown. In America, a theory has sometimes been advanced, that these writs should issue only in cases publici juris and those affecting the sovereignty of the state, or its franchises or prerogatives, or the liberties of the people. But their issuance is now generally regulated by statute, and the use of the term "prerogative," in describing them, amounts only to a reference to their origin and not to the nature of the power under which they arise. See 3 Steph. Comm. 629; Territory
v. Ashenfelter, 4 N. M. 93, 12 Pac. 879; State
v. Archibald, 5 N. D. 359, 66 N. W. 234; Du-
lain v. H. E. White, 11 N. D. 554, 90
N. W. 12; Attorney General v. Eau Claire, 37
Wis. 400.

PRES. L. Fr. Near. Of pres, so near;
as near. See Or Fass.

PRESBYTER. Lat. In civil and ec-
clesiastical law. An elder; a presbyter; a
priest. Cod. 1, 3, 6, 20; Nov. 6.

PRESBYTERIUM. That part of the
church where divine offices are performed;
formerly applied to the choir or chancel, be-
cause it was the place appropriated to the
bishop, priest, and other clergy, while the
laity were confined to the body of the church.
Jacob.

PRESCRIBABLE. That to which a
right may be acquired by prescription.

PRESCRIBE. To assert a right or title
to the enjoyment of a thing, on the ground
of having hitherto had the uninterrupted
and immemorial enjoyment of it.
To direct; define; mark out. In modern statutes relating to matters of an administra-
tive nature, such as procedure, registration,
etc., it is usual to indicate in general terms
the nature of the proceedings to be adopted,
and to leave the details to be prescribed or
regulated by rules or orders to be made for
that purpose in pursuance of an authority
contained in the act. Sweet. And see Mans-
field v. People, 164 Ill. 611, 45 N. E. 976;
Ex parte Lotrop, 118 U. S. 113, 6 Sup. Ct.
884, 30 L. Ed. 106; Field v. Marye, 83 Va.
892, 3 S. E. 707.

PRESCRIPTION. A mode of acquiring
right to incorporeal hereditaments grounded
on the fact of immemorial or long-continued
enjoyment. See Lucas v. Turnpike Co., 36
W. Va. 427, 13 S. E. 182; Gayetty v. Bethune,
14 Mass. 52, 7 Am. Dec. 158; Louis ville &
N. R. Co. v. Hays, 11 Lea (Tenn.) 388, 47
Am. Rep. 291; Clarke v. Clarke, 133 Cal.
857, 86 Pac. 10; Alhambra Addition Water
Co. v. Richardson, 72 Cal. 598, 14 Pac. 379;
Stevens v. Dennett, 51 N. H. 229.

Title by prescription is the right which a
person acquires to property by reason of the
continuance of his possession for a period
of time fixed by the laws. Code Ga. 1882,
§ 2678.

"Prescription" is the term usually applied
to incorporeal hereditaments, while "adverse
possession" is applied to lands. Hindley v.
Metropolitan El. R. Co., 42 Misc. Rep. 56,
85 N. Y. Supp. 561.

In Louisiana, prescription is defined as a
manner of acquiring the ownership of proper-
ty, or discharging debts, by the effect of
time, and under the conditions regulated by
law. Each of these prescriptions has its
special and particular definition. The pre-
scription by which the ownership of prop-
erty is acquired, is a right by which a mere pos-
sessor acquires the ownership of a thing
which he possesses by the continuance of his
possession during the time fixed by law.
The prescription by which debts are released,
is a peremptory and perpetual bar to every
species of action, real or personal, when the
creditor has been silent for a certain time
arts. 3457-3459. In this sense of the term it
is very nearly equivalent to what is else-
where expressed by "limitation of actions," or
rather, the "bar of the statute of limita-
tions."

"Prescription" and "custom" are frequently
confounded in common parlance, arising perhaps
from the fact that immemorial usage was es-
tential to both of them; but, strictly, they ma-
terially differ from one another in that custom
is properly a local immemorial usage, such as
borough-English, or popremogeniture, which is
annexed to a given estate, while prescription is
simply personal, as that a certain man and his
ancestors, whose estate he enjoys, have
immemorially exercised a right of pasture-com-
mon in a certain parish. Again, prescription
has its own adverse grant, evidence of a loss,
and is allowed on account of its loss, either ac-
tual or supposed, and therefore only those things
are prescribed for which it could be raised by
a grant previous to S. & D. V. c. 105, § 2,
but this principle does not necessarily hold in
the case of a custom. Wharton.

The difference between "prescription," "cus-
tom," and "usage" is also thus stated: "Pres-
scription hath respect to a certain person who,
by intentment, may have continuance forever,
as, for instance, he and all they whose estate
he hath in such a thing—this is a prescription;
while custom is local, and always applied to
a certain place, and is common to all, while
usage differs from both, for it may be either to
persons or places." Jacob.

-Corporations by prescription. In Eng-
lish law. Those which have existed beyond
the memory of man and therefore are looked upon
in law to be well created, such as the city of
London.—Prescription act. The statute 2 &
3 Wm. IV. c. 71, passed to limit the period of
prescription in those cases,—prescription in a
que estate. A claim of prescription based
on the immemorial enjoyment of the right claim-
ed, by the owner and those former owners
"whose estate" he has succeeded to and holds.
See Donnell v. Clark, 19 Me. 152.—Time of
prescription. The length of time necessary
to establish a right claimed by prescription
or a title by prescription. Before the act of 2 &
3 Wm. IV. c. 71, the possession required to
constitute a prescription must have existed "time out of mind" or "beyond the memory of
man," that is, before the reign of Richard I.;
but the time of prescription, in certain cases,
was much shortened by that act. 2 Steph.
Comm. 35.

PRESENCE. The existence of a person
in a particular place at a given time, particu-
larly with reference to some act done there
and then. Besides actual presence, the law
recognizes constructice presence, which lat-
ter may be predicated of a person who,
though not on the very spot, was near enough
to be accessible, and whose act was actively co-operating with another who
was actually present. See Mitchell v. Com.,
33 Grat. (Va.) 808.
PRESENT, v. In English ecclesiastical law. To offer a clerk to the bishop of the diocese, to be instituted. 1 Bl. Comm. 389.

In criminal law. To find or represent judicially; used of the official act of a grand jury when they take notice of a crime or offense from their own knowledge or observation, without any bill of indictment laid before them.

In the law of negotiable instruments. Primarily, to present is to tender or offer. Thus, to present a bill of exchange for acceptance or payment is to exhibit it to the drawee or acceptor, (or his authorized agent,) with an express or implied demand for acceptance or payment. Byles, Bills, 183, 201.

PRESENT, n. A gift; a gratuity; anything presented or given.

PRESENT, adj. Now existing; at hand; relating to the present time; considered with reference to the present time.

—Present enjoyment. The immediate or present possession and use of an estate or property, as distinguished from such as is postponed to a future time.—Present estate. An estate in immediate possession; one now existing, or vested at the present time; as distinguished from a future estate, the enjoyment of which is postponed to a future time.—Present interest. One which entitles the owner to the immediate possession of the property. Civ. Code Mont. 1896, § 1110; Rev. Codes N. D. 1899, § 3288; Civ. Code S. D. 1903, § 204.

—Present use. One which has an immediate existence, and is at once operated upon by the statute of uses.

PRESENTATION. In ecclesiastical law. The act of a patron or proprietor of a living in offering or presenting a clerk to the ordinary to be instituted in the benefice.

—Presentation office. The office of the lord chancellor's official, the secretary of presentations, who conducts all correspondence having reference to the twelve canonicys and six hundred and seventy livings in the gift of the lord chancellor, and draws and issues the flats of appointment. Sweet.

PRESENTATIVE ADVOWSON. See ADVOWSON.

PRESENTEE. In ecclesiastical law. A clerk who has been presented by his patron to a bishop in order to be instituted in a church.

PRESENTER. One that presents.

PRESENTLY. Immediately; now; at once. A right which may be exercised "presently" is opposed to one in reversion or remainder.

PRESENTMENT. In criminal practice. The written notice taken by a grand jury of any offense, from their own knowledge or observation, without any bill of indictment laid before them at the suit of the government. 4 Bl. Comm. 301.

A presentment is an informal statement in writing, by the grand jury, representing to the court that a public offense has been committed which is triable in the county, and that there is reasonable ground for believing that a particular individual named or described therein has committed it. Pen. Code Cal. § 916. And see In re Groblos, 109 Cal. 445, 42 Pac. 444; Com. v. Green, 126 Pa. 581, 17 Atl. 878, 12 Am. St. Rep. 894; Mack v. People, 82 N. Y. 237; Eason v. State, 11 Ark. 482; State v. Kiefer, 90 Md. 165, 44 Atl. 1043.

In its limited sense, a presentment is a statement by the grand jury of an offense from their own knowledge, without any bill of indictment laid before them, setting forth the name of the party, place of abode, and the offense committed, informally, upon which the officer of the court afterwards frames an indictment. Collins v. State, 13 Fl. 651, 663.

The difference between a presentment and an inquisition is this: that the former is found by a grand jury authorized to inquire of offenses generally, whereas the latter is an accusation found by a jury specially returned to inquire concerning the particular offense. 2 Hawk. 1st C. c. 25, § 6.

The writing which contains the accusation so presented by a grand jury is also called a "presentment."

Presentments are also made in courts-lect and courts-baron, before the stewards. Steph. Comm. 644.

In contracts. The production of a bill of exchange to the drawee for his acceptance, or to the drawer or acceptor for payment; or of a promissory note to the party liable, for payment of the same.

PRESENTS. The present instrument. The phrase "these presents" is used in any legal document to designate the instrument in which the phrase itself occurs.

PRESERVATION. Keeping safe from harm; avoiding injury, destruction, or decay. This term always presupposes a real or existing danger. See Grubbe v. Wilson, 101 Tenn. 612, 49 S. W. 730; Neundorff v. Duryea, 52 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 299.

PRESIDE. To preside over a court is to "hold" it,—to direct, control, and govern it as the chief officer. A judge may "preside" whether sitting as a sole judge or as one of several judges. Smith v. People, 47 N. Y. 334.

PRESIDENT. One placed in authority over others; a chief officer; a presiding or managing officer; a governor, ruler, or director.

The chairman, moderator, or presiding officer of a legislative or deliberative body, appointed to keep order, manage the proceedings, and govern the administrative details of their business.

The chief officer of a corporation, company, board, committee, etc., generally having the
PRESIDENT

The chief executive magistrate of a state or nation, particularly under a democratic form of government; or of a province, colony, or dependency.

In English law. A title formerly given to the king's lieutenant in a province; as the president of Wales. Cowell.

This word is also an old though corrupted form of "precedent." (q. v.) used both as a French and English word. Le president est rare. Dyer, 136.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL. In English law. A great officer of state; a member of the cabinet. He attends on the sovereign, proposes business at the council-table, and reports to the sovereign the transactions there. 1 Bl. Comm. 230.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. The official title of the chief executive officer of the federal government in the United States.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS. A body of electors chosen in the different states, whose sole duty it is to elect a president and vice-president of the United States. Each state appoints, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which the state is entitled in congress. Const. U. S. art. 2, § 1.

PRESS. In old practice. A piece or skin of parchment, several of which used to be sewed together in making up a roll or record of proceedings. See 1 Bl. Comm. 183; Townsh. Pl. 486.

Metaphorically, the aggregate of publications issuing from the press, or the giving publicity to one's sentiments and opinions through the medium of printing; as in the phrase "liberty of the press."

PRESSING SEAMEN. See Impressment.

PRESSING TO DEATH. See Peine Forte et Dure.

PREST. In old English law. A duty in money to be paid by the sheriff upon his account in the exchequer, or for money left or remaining in his hands. Cowell.

PREST-MONEY. A payment which binds those who receive it to be ready at all times appointed, being meant especially of soldiers. Cowell.

PRESTATION. In old English law. A payment or performance; the rendering of a service.

PRESTATION-MONEY. A sum of money paid by archdeacons yearly to their bishop; also purveyance. Cowell.

PRESUMPTION, or PRESUMPTIO. In canon law. A fund or revenue appropriated by the founder for the subsistence of a priest, without being erected into any title or benefice, chapel, prebend, or priory. It is not subject to the ordinary; but of it the patron, and those who have a right from him, are the collators. Wharton.

PRESUMPTION. See Presumption; Presumption.

PRESUMPTION. An inference affirmative or disaffirmative of the truth or falsehood of any proposition or fact drawn by a process of probable reasoning in the absence of actual certainty of its truth or falsehood, or until such certainty can be ascertained. Best, Pres. § 3.


A presumption is a deduction which the law expressly or impliedly is to be made from particular facts. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1369.

Presumptions are consequences which the law or the judge draws from a known fact to a fact unknown. Civ. Code La. art. 2284.

An inference affirmative or disaffirmative of the existence of a disputed fact, drawn by a judicial tribunal, by a process of probable reasoning, from some one or more matters of fact, either admitted in the cause or otherwise satisfactorily established. Best, Pres. § 12.

A presumption is an inference to the existence of a fact not known, arising from its connection with the facts that are known, and founded upon a knowledge of human nature and the motives which are known to influence human conduct. Jackson v. Warford, 7 Wend. (N. Y.) 62.

Classification. Presumptions are either presumptions of law or presumptions of fact. A presumption of law is a juridical postulate that a particular predicate is universally assignable to a particular subject. A presumption of fact is a logical argument from a fact to a fact; or, as the distinction is sometimes put, it is an argument which infers a fact otherwise doubtless from a fact which is proved. 2 Whart. Ev. § 1226. See Code Ga. § 2752. And see Home Ins. Co. v. Weide, 11 Wall. 438, 20 L. Ed. 197; Podolecki v. Stone, 186 Ill. 540, 38 N. E. 346; McIntyre v. Aja Min. Co., 20 Utah, 323, 60 Pac. 552; U. S. v. Sykes (D. C.) 35 Fed. 1000; Sun Mut. Ins. Co. v. Ocean Ins. Co., 107 U. S. 485, 1 Sup. Ct. 582, 27 L. Ed. 337; Lyon v. Guild, 5 Heisk. (Tenn.) 152; Com. v. Frew, 3 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 496.

Presumptions of law are rules which, in certain cases, either forbid or dispense with any prior inquiry. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 14. Inferences or positions established, for the most part, by the common law, are occasionally by the statute, law, which are obligatory alike on judges and juries. Best, Pres. § 15.

Presumptions of fact are inferences as to the existence of some fact drawn from the existence
of some other fact; inferences which common sense draws from circumstances usually occurring. 1 Phil. 436.

Presumptions are divided into presumptions juris et de jure, otherwise called "irrebuttable presumptions," (often, but not necessarily, fictitious) the proof of which the law will not be rebutted by any counter-evidence; as, that an infant under seven years is not responsible for his actions; presumptions juris tantum, which hold good in the absence of counter-evidence, but against which counter-evidence may be admitted; and presumptions hominis, which are not conclusive, though no proof to the contrary be adduced. Mosley & Whitley.

There are also certain mixed presumptions, or circumstances of fact recognized by law, or presumptions of mixed law and fact. These are certain presumptive inferences, which, from their strength, importance, or frequent occurrence, attract, as it were, the observation of the law. The presumption of a "lost grant" falls within this class. 3 Best, Ev. 436. See Dickson v. Wilkinson, 3 How. 57, 11 L.Ed. 491.

Presumptions of law are divided into conclusive presumptions and disputable presumptions. A conclusive presumption is a rule of law determining the quantity of evidence requisite for the support of a particular averment which would not be permitted to be overcome by any proof that the fact is otherwise. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 15; U. S. v. Clark, 5 Utah, 226, 14 Pac. 258; Brandt v. Morning Journal Ass'n, 51 App. Div. 358, 52 N.Y. Supp. This is also called "absolute" and "irrebuttable" presumptions. A disputable presumption is an inference of law which, until it is established by proof or by a stronger presumption. A natural presumption is that species of presumption, or process of probable reasoning, which is induced by persons of ordinary intelligence, in inferring one fact from another, without reference to any technical rules. Otherwise called "presumptio hominis." Buehr, Circ. Ev. 11, 12, 22, 24.

Legitimate presumptions have been denominated "violent" or "probable," according to the amount of weight which attaches to them. Such presumptions are drawn from inadequate grounds are termed "light" or "rash" presumptions. Brown.

Presumption of survival. A presumption of fact, to the effect that one person survived another, applied for the purpose of determining a question of succession or similar matters. Where the two persons perished in the same catastrophe, and there are no circumstances extant to show which of them actually died first, except those on which the presumption is founded, viz., differences of age, sex, strength, or physical condition.

Presumptive. Resting on presumption; created by or arising out of presumption; inferred as assumed; supposed; as, "presumptive" damages, evidence, heir, notice, or title. See those titles.

Prêt. In French law. Loan. A contract by which one of the parties delivers an article to the other, to be used by the latter, the borrower agreeing to return the specific article after having used it. Duverger. A contract identical with the commodatum (q.v.) of the civil law. -Prêt de consommation. Loan for consumption. A contract by which one party delivers to the other a certain quantity of things, such as are consumed in the use, on the undertaking of the borrower to return to him an equal quantity of the same species and quality. Duverger. A contract identical with the mutuum (q.v.) of the civil law.

Prêtend. To feign; to simulate; to hold that which is real which is false or baseless. Brown v. Perez. (Tex. Civ. App.) 25 S. W. 98; Powell v. Yezel, 46 Neb. 227, 64 N. W. 696. As to the rule against the buying and selling of "any pretended right or title," see Pretended Right or Title.

Pretense. See False Pretense.

Pretended Right, or Title. Where one is in possession of land, and another, who is out of possession, claims and sues for it. Here the pretended right or title is laid to be in him who so claims and sues for the same. 32 Mod. Cas. 302.

Pretended Title Statute. The English statute 32 Hen. VIII. c. 9, § 2. It enacted that no one shall sell or purchase any pretended right or title to land, unless the vendor has received the profit thereof for one whole year before such grant, or has been in actual possession of the land, or of the reversion or remainder, on payment which both purchaser and vendor shall each forfeit the value of such land to the king and the prosecutor. See 4 Broom & H. Comm. 150.


False pretenses. See False.

Pretension. In French law. The claim made to a thing which a party believes himself entitled to demand, but which is not admitted or adjudged to be his.

Preter Legal. Not agreeable to law; exceeding the limits of law; not legal.

Pretention. In the civil law. The omission by a testator of some one of his heirs who is legally entitled to a portion of the inheritance.

Pretexts. In international law. Reasons alleged as justificatory, but which are so only in appearance, or which are even absolutely destitute of all foundation. The name of "pretexes" may likewise be applied to reasons which are in themselves true and well-founded, but not being of sufficient importance for undertaking a war, or other international act,) are made use of only to cover ambitious views. Watt. Law Nat. 8, c. 3, § 32.
PRETIMUM. Lat. Price; cost; value; the price of an article sold.

-Pretium affectionis. An imaginary value put upon a thing by the fancy of the owner, and growing out of his attachment for the specific article, its associations, his sentiment for the donor, etc. Bell: The H. F. Dimock, 77 Fed. 233, 23 C. C. A. 123. -Pretium pecuniae. The price of the risk, e. g., the premium paid on a policy of insurance; also the interest paid on money advanced on bottomry or respondentia. -Pretium sepulchri. A mortuary, (g. s.)

Pretium succedit in locum rei. The price stands in the place of the thing sold. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 939; 2 Bulst. 312.

PRETORIUM. In Scotch law. A court-house, or hall of justice. 3 How. State Tr. 425.

PREVAILING PARTY. That one of the parties to a suit who successfully prosecutes the action or successfully defends against it, prevailing on the main issue, though not to the extent of his original contention. See Belding v. Conklin, 2 Code Rep. (N. Y.) 112; Weston v. Cushing, 45 Vt. 531; Hawkins v. Nowland, 53 Mo. 329; Pomroy v. Cates, 81 Me. 377, 17 Atl. 311.

PREVARICATION. In the civil law. Decietful, crafty, or unfaithful conduct; particularly, such as is manifested in concealing a crime. Dig. 47, 15, 6.

In English law. A collusion between an informer and a defendant, in order to a feigned prosecution. Cowell. Also any secret abuse committed in a public office or private commission; also the willful concealment or misrepresentation of truth, by giving evasive or equivocating evidence.

PREVENT. To hinder or preclude. To stop or intercept the approach, access, or performance of a thing. Webster; U. S. v. Souders, 27 Fed. Cas. 1,209; Green v. State, 109 Ga. 536, 36 S. E. 97; Burr v. Williams, 20 Ark. 171; In re Jones, 78 Ala. 421.

PREVENTION. In the civil law. The right of a judge to take cognizance of an action over which he has concurrent jurisdiction with another judge.

In canon law. The right which a superior person or officer has to lay hold of, claim, or transact an affair prior to an inferior one, to whom otherwise it more immediately belongs. Wharton.

PREVENTION OF CRIMES ACT. The statute 34 & 35 Vict. c. 112, passed for the purpose of securing a better supervision over habitual criminals. This act provides that a person who is for a second time convicted of crime may, on his second conviction, be subjected to police supervision for a period of seven years after the expiration of the punishment awarded him. Penalties are imposed on lodging-house keepers, etc., for harboring thieves or reputed thieves. There are also provisions relating to receivers of stolen property, and dealers in old metals who purchase the same in small quantities. This act repeals the habitual criminals act of 1806, (32 & 33 Vict. c. 96) Brown.

PREVENTIVE JUSTICE. The system of measures taken by government with reference to the direct prevention of crime. It generally consists in obliging those persons whom there is probable ground to suspect of future misbehavior to give full assurance to the public that such offenses as is apprehended shall not happen, by finding pledges or securities to keep the peace, or for their good behavior. See 4 Bl. Comm. 251; 4 Steph. Comm. 290.

PREVENTIVE SERVICE. The name given in England to the coast-guard, or armed police, forming a part of the customs service, and employed in the prevention and detection of smuggling.

Previous intentions are judged by subsequent acts. Dumont v. Smith, 4 Denio (N. Y.) 310, 320.

PREVIOUS QUESTION. In the procedure of parliamentary bodies, moving the "previous question" is a method of avoiding a direct vote on the main subject of discussion. It is described in May, Parl. Pract. 277.

PREVIOUSLY. An adverb of time, used in comparing an act or state named with another act or state, subsequent, in order of time, for the purpose of asserting the priority of the first. Lebrecht v. Wilcoxen, 40 Iowa, 94.

PRICE. The consideration (usually in money) given for the purchase of a thing.

It is true that "price" generally means the sum of money which an article is sold for; but this is simply because property is generally sold for money, not because the word has necessarily such a restricted meaning. Among writers on political economy, who use terms with philosophical accuracy, the word "price" is not always or even generally used as denoting the moneyed equivalent of property sold. They generally treat and regard price as the equivalent or compensation, in whatever form received, for property sold. The Latin word from which "price" is derived sometimes means "reward," "value," "remuneration," "eqvivalent." Hudson- Iron Co. v. Alger, 54 N. Y. 177.

PRICE CURRENT. A list or enumeration of various articles of merchandise, with their prices, the duties, if any, payable thereon, when imported or exported, with the drawbacks or occasionally allowed upon their exportation, etc. Wharton.

PRICING FOR SHERIFFS. In England, when the yearly list of persons nominated for the office of sheriff is submitted to the sovereign, he takes a pleb, and to insure
PRICKING NOTE. Where goods intended to be exported are put direct from the station of the warehouse into a ship alongside, the exporter fills up a document to authorize the receiving the goods on board. This document is called a "pricking note," from a practice of pricking holes in the paper corresponding with the number of packages counted into the ship. Hamel, Cust. 181.

PRIEST. A minister of a church. A person in the second order of the ministry, as distinguished from bishops and deacons.

PRIMA FACIE. Lat. At first sight; on the first appearance; on the face of it; so far as can be judged from the first disclosure; presumably.

A litigating party is said to have a prima facie case when the evidence in his favor is sufficiently strong for his opponent to be called on to answer it. A prima facie case, then, is one which is established by sufficient evidence, and can be overthrown only by rebutting evidence adduced on the other side. In some cases the only question to be considered is whether there is a prima facie case or no. Thus a grand jury are bound to find a true bill of indictment, if the evidence before them creates a prima facie case against the accused; and for this purpose, therefore, it is not necessary for them to hear the evidence for the defense. Moxley & Whitley. And see State v. Hardelein, 169 Mo. 679, 70 S. W. 130; State v. Lawlor, 28 Minn. 216, 9 N. W. 698.

—Prima facie evidence. See Evidence.

PRIMA TONSURA. The first mowing; a grant of a right to have the first crop of grass. 1 Chit. Pr. 181.

PRIMA IMPRESSIONS. A case prima impressionis (of the first impression) is a case of a new kind, to which no established principle of law or precedent directly applies, and which must be decided entirely by reason as distinguished from authority.

PRIMA PRECIS. Lat. In the civil law. An imperial prerogative by which the emperor exercised the right of naming to the first prebend that became vacant after his accession, in every church of the empire. 1 Bl. Comm. 381.

PRIMAGE. In mercantile law. A small allowance or compensation payable to the master and mariners of a ship or vessel; to the former for the use of his cables and ropes to discharge the goods of the merchant; to the latter for lading and unlading in any port or haven. Abb. Shipps. 404; Peters v. Spielgetz, 4 Md. Ch. 381; Blake v. Morgan, 3 Mart. O. S. (La.) 381.

PRIMARIA ECCLESIA. The mother church. 1 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 118.

PRIMARY. First; principal; chief; leading.

—PRIMARY allegation. The opening pleading in a suit in the ecclesiastical court. It is also called a "primary plea."—PRIMARY dis.posal of the soil. In acts of congress admitting territories as states, and providing that no laws shall be passed interfering with the primary disposal of the soil, this means the disposal of it by the United States government when it parts with its title to private persons or corporations acquiring the right to a patent or deed in accordance with law. See Oury v. Goodwin, 3 Ariz. 228, 26 Pac. 977; Topeka Commercial Security Co. v. McPherson, 7 Okl. 322, 54 Pac. 489.—PRIMARY powers. The principal authority given by a principal to his agent. It differs from "mediate powers." Story, Ag. § 58.

As to primary "Conveyance," "Election," "Evidence," and "Obligation," see those titles.

PRIMATE. A chief ecclesiastic; part of the style and title of an archbishop. Thus, the archbishop of Canterbury is styled "Primate of all England;" the archbishop of York is "Primate of England." Wharton.

PRIME. Fr. In French law. The price of the risk assumed by an insurer; premium of insurance. Enerig. Traite des Assur. c. 3, § 1, nn. 1, 2.

PRIME, c. To stand first or paramount; to take precedence or priority of; to outrank; as, in the sentence "taxes prime all other liens."

PRIME SERJEANT. In English law. The king's first serjeant at law.

PRIMER. A law French word, signifying first; primary.

—Primer election. A term used to signify first choice; e. g., the right of the eldest co-partner in a firm to choose a partner.—Primer fine. On suing out the writ or pracoipe called a "writ of covenant," there was due to the crown, by ancient prerogative, a primer fine, or a noble for every five marks of land sued for. That was one-tenth of the annual value. 1 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 560.—Primer seisia. See Szazir.

PRIMICERIUS. In old Egyptian law. The first of any degree of men. 1 Mon. Angl. 833.

PRIMITIE. In English law. First fruits; the first year's whole profits of a spiritual preferment. 1 Bl. Comm. 284.

PRIMO BENEFICIO. Lat. A writ directing a grant of the first benefice in the sovereign's gift. Cowell.

Primo excentienda est varbi via, ne sermonis vitio obstruatur oratio, sive lex sine argumentis. Co. Litt. 68. The
full meaning of a word should be ascertained at the outset, in order that the sense may not be lost by defect of expression, and that the law be not without reasons.

PRIMO VENIENTI. Lat. To the one first coming. An executor anciently paid debts as they were presented, whether the assets were sufficient to meet all debts or not. Stin. Law Gloss.

PRIMOGENITURE. 1. The state of being the first-born among several children of the same parents; seniority by birth in the same family.
2. The superior or exclusive right possessed by the eldest son, and particularly, his right to succeed to the estate of his ancestor, in right of his seniority by birth, to the exclusion of younger sons.


PRIMUM DECRETUM. Lat. In the canon law. The first decree; a preliminary decree granted on the non-appearance of a defendant, by which the plaintiff was put in possession of his goods, or of the thing itself which was demanded. Glib. Forum Rom. 32, 33.

PRINCE. In a general sense, a sovereign; the ruler of a nation or state. More particularly, the son of a king or emperor, or the issue of a royal family; as princes of the blood. The chief of any body of men. Webster.

—Prince of Wales. The eldest son of the English sovereign. He is the heir-apparent to the crown.

PRINCES. Lat. In the civil law. The prince; the emperor.

Princeps et respublica ex justa causa possum rem meam anferre. 12 Coke, 13. The prince and the republic, for a just cause, can take away my property.

Princeps legibus solutus est. The emperor is released from the laws; is not bound by the laws. Dig. 1, 3, 31.

Princeps mavult domesticos milites quam stipendiarios bellicos opponere causibus. Co. Litt. 60. A prince, in the chances of war, had better employ domestic than stipendiary troops.

PRINCESSES ROYAL. In English law. The eldest daughter of the sovereign. 3 Steph. Comm. 450.

PRINCIPAL. Chief; leading; highest in rank or degree; most important or considerable; primary; original; the source of authority or right.
In the law relating to real and personal property "principal" is used as the correlative of "accessory," and denotes the more important or valuable subject, with which others are connected in a relation of dependence or subservience, or to which they are incident or appurtenant.

In criminal law. A chief actor or perpetrator, as distinguished from an "accessory." A principal in the first degree is he that is the actor or absolute perpetrator of the crime; and, in the second degree, he who is present, aiding and abetting the fact to be done. 4 Bl. Comm. 34. And see Beau v. State, 17 Tex. App. 60; Mitchell v. Com., 33 Grat. (Va.) 868; Cooney v. Burke, 11 Neb. 258, 9 N.W. 67; Red v. State, 39 Tex. Cr. R. 667, 47 S.W. 1003, 73 Am. St. Rep. 1065; State v. Phillips, 24 Mo. 461; Travis v. Com., 96 Ky. 77, 27 S. W. 803.

All persons concerned in the commission of crime, whether it be felony or misdemeanor, and whether they directly commit the act constituting the offense, or aid and abet in its commission, though not present, are principals. Pen. Code Dak. § 27.

A criminal offender is either a principal or an accessory. A principal is either the actor (i.e., the actual perpetrator of the crime) or else is present, aiding and abetting the fact to be done; an accessory is he who is not the chief actor in the offense, nor yet present at its performance, but is some way concerned therein, either before or after the fact committed. 1 Hale, P. C. 613, 618.

In the law of guaranty and suretyship. The principal is the person primarily liable, and for whose performance of his obligation the guarantor or surety has become bound.

In the law of agency. The employer or constitutus of an agent; the person who gives authority to an agent or attorney to do some act for him. Adams v. Whittlesey, 3 Conn. 567.

One, who, being competent sui juris to do any act for his own benefit or on his own account, confides it to another person to do for him. 1 Domat, b. 1, tit. 15.

The term also denotes the capital sum of a debt or obligation, as distinguished from interest or other additions to it. Christian v. Superior Court, 122 Cal. 117, 54 Pac. 618.

An heir-loom, mortuary, or curse-present. Wharton.

—Vice principal. In the law of master and servant, this term means one to whom the employer has confided the entire charge of the business or of a distinct branch of it, giving him authority to superintend, direct, and control the workmen and make them obey his orders, the master himself exercising no particular oversight and giving no particular orders, or one to whom the master has delegated a duty of his own, which is a direct, personal, and absolute obligation. See Duskin v. Singleton, Coal Co. 171 Pa. 108, 33 Atl. 227, 20 L. R. A. 806, 50 Am. St. Rep. 801; Moore v. Rail-


PRINCIPALIS. Lat. Principal; a principal debtor; a principal in a crime.

Principalis debet semper exequi antequam perveniat ad fidelifusores. The principal should always be exhausted before coming upon the sureties. 2 Inst. 19.

Principia data sequuntur consociantia. Given principles are followed by their concomitants.

Principia prohant, non probantur. Principles prove; they are not proved. 3 Coke, 50a. Fundamental principles require no proof; or, in Lord Coke’s words, “they ought to be approved, because they cannot be proved.” Id.

Principia obsta. Withstand beginnlings; oppose a thing in its early stages, if you would do so with success.

Principiorum non est ratio. There is no reasoning of principles; no argument is required to prove fundamental rules. 2 Bulst. 229.

Principium est potissima pars causi-que rei. 10 Coke, 49. The principle of anything is its most powerful part.

PRINCIPLE. In patent law, the principle of a machine is the particular means of producing a given result by a mechanical contrivance. Parker v. Stiles, 5 McLean, 44, 63, Fed. Cas. No. 10,749.

The principle of a machine means the modus operandi, or that which applies, modifies, or combines mechanical powers to produce a certain result; and, so far, a principle, if new in its application to a useful purpose, may be patentable. See Barrett v. Hall, 1 Mason, 470, Fed. Cas. No. 1,047.

PRINCIPLES. Fundamental truths or doctrines of law; comprehensive rules or doctrines which furnish a basis or origin for others; settled rules of action, procedure, or legal determination.


—Public printing means such as is directly ordered by the legislature, or performed by the agents of the government authorized to procure it to be done. Ellis v. State, 4 Ind. 1.

PRIOR. Lat. The former; earlier; preceding; preferable or preferred.

Prior potestas. The person first applying.

PRIOR, n. The chief of a convent; next in dignity to an abbot.

PRIOR, adj. Earlier; elder; preceding; superior in rank, right, or time; as, a prior lien, mortgage, or judgment. See Fidelity, etc., Safe Deposit Co. v. R. A. See Iron Co. (C. C,) 81 Fed. 447.

Prior tempore potior jure. He who is first in time is preferred in right. Co. Litt. 149; Broom, Max. 334, 335.

PRIORI PETENTI. To the person first applying. In probate practice, where there are several persons equally entitled to a grant of administration, (e. g., next of kin of the same degree,) the rule of the court is to make the grant priori petenti, to the first applicant. Browne, Prob. Pr. 174; Coote, Prob. Pr. 173, 189.

PRIORITY. A legal preference or precedence. When two persons have similar rights in respect of the same subject-matter, but one is entitled to exercise his right to the exclusion of the other, he is said to have priority.

In old English law. An antiquity of tenure, in comparison with one not so ancient. Cowell.

PRISAGE. An ancient hereditary revenue of the crown, consisting in the right to take a certain quantity from cargoes or wine imported into England. In Edward I.’s reign it was converted into a pecuniary duty called “butlerage.” 2 Steph. Comm. 501.


PRISON. A public building for the confinement or safe custody of persons, whether as a punishment imposed by the law or otherwise in the course of the administration of justice. See Scarborough v. Thornton, 9 Pa. 451; Sturtevant v. Com., 158 Mass. 598, 33 N. E. 648; Pen. Code N. Y. 1903, § 92.

—Prison bounds. The limits of the territory surrounding a prison, within which an impris

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PRISON

PRISONAM FRANGENTIBUS, STATUTE DE. The English statute 1 Edw. II. St. 2, (in Rev. St. 23 Edw. I.), a still unrepealed statute, whereby it is felony for a felon to break prison, but misdemeanor only for a misdemeanor to do so. 1 Hale, P. C. 612.

PRISONER. One who is deprived of his liberty; one who is against his will kept in confinement or custody.

A person restrained of his liberty upon any action, civil or criminal, or upon commandment. Cowell.

A person on trial for crime. "The prisoner at the bar." The jurors are told to "look upon the prisoner." The court, after passing sentence, gives orders to "remove the prisoner." See Hairston v. Com., 97 Va. 754, 32 S. E. 797; Royce v. Salt Lake City, 15 Utah, 401, 49 Pac. 220.

-Prisoner at the bar. An accused person, while on trial before the court, is so called.—Prisoner of war. One who has been captured in war while fighting in the army of the public enemy.

PRIEST. L. Fr. Ready. In the old forms of oral pleading, this term expressed a tender or joinder of issue.

Prius vittis laboraviimus, nune legibus. -4 Inst. 76. We labored first with vices, now with laws.

PRIVATE. Affecting or belonging to private individuals, as distinct from the public generally. Not official.

-Private person. An individual who is not the incumbent of an office.


PRIVATE LAW. As used in contradistinction to public law, the term means all that part of the law which is administered between citizen and citizen, or which is concerned with the definition, regulation, and enforcement of rights in cases where both the person in whom the right inheres and the person upon whom the obligation is incident are private individuals. See Public Law.

PRIVATEER. A vessel owned, equipped, and armed by one or more private individ-

uals, and duly commissioned by a belligerent power to go on cruises and make war upon the enemy, usually by preying on his commerce.

Privatio presupponit habitum. 2 Rolle, 419. A deprivation presupposes a possession.

PRIVATE. A taking away or withdrawing. Co. Litt. 236.

Privatis actionibus non dubium est non iudicium exeterorum. There is no doubt that the rights of others [third parties] cannot be prejudiced by private agreements. Dig. 2, 15, 3, pr.; Broom, Max. 697.

Privatorum conventio juri publico non derogat. The agreement of private individuals does not derogate from the public right. [law.] Dig. 60, 17, 45, 1; 9 Coke, 141; Broom, Max. 695.


Privatum commodum publico editis. Private good yields to public. Jenk. Cent. p. 223, case 50. The interest of an individual should give place to the public good. Id.

Privatum incommode publico bene pensatur. Private inconvenience is made up for by public benefit. Jenk. Cent. p. 83, case 65; Broom, Max. 7.

PRIVEMENT ENCEINTE. Fr. Pregnant privately. The term is applied to a woman who is pregnant, but not yet quick with child.

PRIVIES. Persons connected together, or having a mutual interest in the same action or thing, by some relation other than that of actual contract between them; persons whose interest in an estate is derived from the contract or conveyance of others.

Those who are partakers or have an interest in any action or thing, or any relation to another. They are of six kinds:

(1) Privies of blood; such as the heir to his ancestor.

(2) Privies in representation; as executors or administrators to their deceased testator or intestate.

(3) Privies in estate; as grantor and grantee, lessor and lessee, assignor and assignee, etc.

(4) Privies, in respect of contract, are personal privities, and extend only to the persons of the lessor and lessee.

(5) Privies in respect of estate and contract; as where the lessor assigns his interest, but the contract between lessor and lessee continues, the lessor not having accepted of the assignee.

(6) Privies in law; as the lord by escheat, a tenant by the curtesy, or in dower, the incumbent of a benefice, a husband suing or defending in right of his wife, etc. Wharton.

PRIVIGNA. Lat. In the civil law. A step-daughter.
PRIVIGNUS. Lat. In the civil law. A son of a husband or wife by a former marriage; a step-son. Calvin.

PRIVILEGE. A particular and peculiar benefit or advantage enjoyed by a person, company, or class, beyond the common advantages of other citizens. An exceptional or extraordinary power or exemption. A right, power, franchise, or immunity held by a person or class, against or beyond the course of the law.

Privilege is an exemption from some burden or attendance, with which certain persons are indulged, from a supposition of law that the stations they fill, or the offices they are engaged in, are such as require all their time and care, and that, therefore, without this indulgence, it would be impracticable to execute such offices to that advantage which the public good requires. See Lawyers' Tax Cases, 8 Heisk. (Tenn.) 649; U. S. v. Patrick (C. C.) 54 Fed. 348; Dike v. State, 38 Minn. 305, 38 N. W. 95; International Trust Co. v. American L. & T. Co., 62 Minn. 501, 65 N. W. 78; Con. v. Henderson, 172 Pa. 135, 33 Atl. 366; Tennessee v. Whitwood (C. C.) 22 Fed. 83; Morgan v. Louisiana, 93 U. S. 217, 23 L. Ed. 860; Corfield v. Coryell, 6 Fed. Cas. 551; State v. Gilman, 33 W. Va. 146, 10 S. E. 283, 6 L. R. A. 847.

In the civil law. A right which the nature of a debt gives to a creditor, and which entitles him to be preferred before other creditors. Civil Code La. art. 3186.

In maritime law. An allowance to the master of a ship of the same general nature with primage, being compensation, or rather a gratuity, customary in certain trades, and which the law assumes to be a fair and equitable allowance, because the contract on both sides is made under the knowledge of such usage by the parties. 3 Chit. Commer. Law, 431.

In the law of libel and slander. An exemption from liability for the speaking or publishing of defamatory words concerning another, based on the fact that the statement was made in the performance of a duty, political, judicial, social, or personal. Privilege is either absolute or conditional. The former protects the speaker or publisher without reference to his motives or the truth or falsity of the statement. This may be claimed in respect, for instance, to statements made in legislative debates, in reports of officers to their superiors in the line of their duty, and statements made by Judges, witnesses, and jurors in trials in court. Conditional privilege will protect the speaker or publisher unless actual malice or knowledge of the falsity of the statement is shown. This may be claimed when the communication related to a matter of public interest, or where it was necessary to protect one's private interest and was made to a person having an interest in the same matter. Ramsey v. Cheek, 109 N. C. 270, 13 S. E. 775; Nichols v. Eaton, 110 Iowa, 509, 81 N. W. 792; 4 L. R. A. 452, 90 Am. St. Rep. 319; Knapp & Co. v. Campbell, 14 Colo. Civ. App. 193, 36 S. W. 705; Hill v. Drainage Co., 79 Hun, 335, 20 N. Y. Supp. 427; Cooley v. Galyon, 106 Tenn. 1, 70 S. W. 607, 60 L. R. A. 139, 97 Am. St. Rep. 823; Ruoho v. Backer, 6 Heisk. (Tenn.) 405, 19 Am. Rep. 598; Cranfill v. Hayden, 97 Tex. 544, 80 S. W. 613.

In parliamentary law. The right of a particular question, motion, or statement to take precedence over all other business before the house and to be considered immediately, notwithstanding any consequent interference with or setting aside the rules of procedure adopted by the house. The matter may be one of "personal privilege," where it concerns one member of the house in his capacity as a legislator, or of the "privilege of the house," where it concerns the rights, immunities, or dignity of the entire body, or of "constitutional privilege," where it relates to some action to be taken or some order of proceeding expressly enjoined by the constitution.

-Privilege from arrest. A privilege extended to certain classes of persons, either by the rules of international law, by treaty of the law, or the necessities of justice or of the administration of government, whereby they are exempted from arrest on civil process in some cases, on criminal charges, either permanently, as in the case of a foreign minister and his suite, or temporarily, as in the case of members of the legislature, parties and witnesses engaged in a particular suit, etc. - Privilege tax. A tax on the privilege of carrying on a business for which a license or franchise is required. Adams v. Colonial Mortgage Co., 82 Miss. 283, 34 South. 452, 100 Am. St. Rep. 633; Gulf, C. & S. F. R. Co. v. Island R. Co., 80 U. S. 60, 22 Sup. Ct. 26, 46 L. Ed. 85; St. Louis v. Western Union Tel. Co., 143 U. S. 92, 13 Sup. Ct. 485, 37 L. Ed. 385. - Real privilege. A privilege granted to, or concerning, a particular place or locality. - Special privilege. In constitutional law. A right, power, franchise, immunity, or privilege granted to, or vested in, the person or class of persons, to the exclusion of others, and in derogation of common right. See City of Elk Point v. Vaughn, 1 Dak. 118, 46 N. W. 772; Ex parte Douglas, 1 Utah, 111. - Writ of privilege. A privilege to enjoin or maintain a privilege; particularly to secure the release of a person arrested in a civil suit contrary to his privilege.

PRIVILEGED. Possessing or enjoying a privilege; exempt from burdens; entitled to priority or precedence.

-Privileged communications. See Communication. -Privileged copyholds. See Copyhold. -Privileged debts owed to an executor or administrator may pay in preference to others; such as funeral expenses, servants' wages, and doctors' bills during last sickness, etc. -Privileged deed. In Scotch law. An instrument, for example, a testament, in the execution of which certain statutory formalities are not required and which may be either from necessity or expediency. Ersk. Inst. 3, 22. -Bell. -Privileged villessness. In old English. A species of tenancy in which the tenants held by certain and determinate services; otherwise called "villemoc.
PRIVILEGIA QUÆ RE VERA


Privilegia quæ re vera sunt in praecipuo judicium non publico, maestis tamen haec specta frontispienda, ut honi publici prætextum, quam bonum et legales concesiones; sed prætexta ludit non debet admissi illictum. 11 Coke, 88. Privilegiae which are truly in prejudice of public good have, however, a more specious front and pretext of public good than good and legal grants; but, under pretext of legality, which is illegal ought not to be admitted.

PRIVILEGIUM. In Roman law. A special constitution by which the Roman emperor conferred on some single person some anomalous or irregular right, or imposed upon some single person some anomalous or irregular obligation, or inflicted on some single person some anomalous or irregular punishment. When such privilege conferred anomalous rights, they were styled "favorable." When they imposed anomalous obligations, or inflicted anomalous punishments, they were styled "odious." Aust. Jur. § 748.

In modern civil law, "privilegium" is said to denote, in its general sense, every peculiar right or favor granted by the law, contrary to the common rule. MacKeld. Rom. Law, § 197.

A species of lien or claim upon an article of property, not dependent upon possession, but continuing until either satisfied or released. Such is the lien, recognized by modern maritime law, of seamen upon the ship for their wages. 2 Pars. Mar. Law. 561.

PRIVILEGIUM CLERICALE. The benefit of clergy. (q. v.)

Privilegium est beneficium personale, et extinctur cum persona. 3 Bult. 8. A privilege is a personal benefit, and dies with the person.

Privilegium est quasi privata lex. 2 Bult. 189. Privilege is, as it were, a private law.

Privilegium non valet contra rempublicam. Privilege is of no force against the commonwealth. Even necessity does not excuse, where the act to be done is against the commonwealth. Bac. Max. p. 32, in reg. 5.

PRIVILEGIUM, PROPERTY PROP- TERT. A qualified property in animals feræ naturæ, i.e., a privilege of hunting, taking, and killing them, in exclusion of others. 2 Bl. Comm. 394; 2 Steph. Comm. 9.

PRIVITY. The term "privity" means mutual or successive relationship to the same rights of property. The executor is in privity with the testator, the heir with the ancestor, the assignee with the assignor, the donee with the donor, and the lessee with the lessor. Union Nat. Bank v. International Bank, 123 Ill. 510, 14 N. E. 859; Hunt v. Haven, 52 N. H. 189; Mygatt v. Coe, 124 N. Y. 212, 26 N. E. 61, 11 L. R. A. 646; Strayer v. Johnson, 110 Pa. 21, 1 Atl. 222; Litchfield v. Crane, 123 U. S. 549, 8 Sup. Ct. 210, 31 L. Ed. 199.

Privity of contract is that connection or relationship which exists between two or more contracting parties. It is essential to the maintenance of an action on any contract that there should subsist a privity between the plaintiff and defendant in respect of the matter sued on. Brown.

Privity of estate is that which exists between lessor and lessee, tenant for life and remainderman or reversioner, etc., and their respective assignees, and between joint tenants and coparceners. Privity of estate is required for a release by enlargement. Sweet. Privity of estate exists between a heir and his ancestor, (privity in blood inheritable,) and between coparceners. This privity was formerly of importance in the law of descent. Co. Litt. 271a, 242a; 2 Inst. 568; 8 Coke, 422.

PRIVY. A person who is in privity with another. See PRIVIES: PRIVY.

As an adjective, the word has practically the same meaning as "private."

—Privy council. In English-LSaw. The principal council of the sovereign, composed of the cabinet ministers, and other persons chosen by the king or queen as privy councilors. 2 Stepp. Comm. 479, 480. The judicial committee of the privy council acts as a court of ultimate appeal in various cases.—Privy councilor. A member of the privy council.—Privy pursu. In English law. The income set apart for the sovereign's private use.—Privy seal. In English law. A seal used in making out grants or letters patent, preparatory to their passing under the great seal. 2 Bl. Comm. 347.—Privy signet. In English law. The signet or seal which is first used in making out grants and letters patent which is always attached to the principal secretaries of state. 2 Bl. Comm. 347.—Privy token. A false mark or sign. forged object, counterfeited letter, key, ring, etc., used to deceive persons, and thereby fraudulently get possession of property. St. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 1. A false privy token is a false private document or sign, not such as is calculated to deceive men generally, but designed to defraud one or more individuals. Cheating by such false token was not indictable at common law. Pub. St. Max. 1852, p. 1294.—Privy verdict. In practice. A verdict given privy to the judge out of court, but which was of no force unless afterwards affirmed by a public verdict given openly in court. 3 Bl. Comm. 377. Kramer v. Kister, 187 Pa. 227, 40 Atl. 1008, 44 L. R. A. 432; Barrett v. Smith, 1 Wn. 175; Young v. Seymour, 4 Neb. 80; Com. v. Heller, 5 Phila. (Pa.) 123. Now generally superseded by the "sealed verdict," i.e., one written out, signed by and delivered to the judge or the clerk of the court.

PRIZE. In admiralty law. A vessel or cargo, belonging to one of two belligerent powers, apprehended or forcibly captured at sea by a war-vessel or privater of the other
belligerent, and claimed as enemy’s property, and therefore liable to appropriation and condemnation under the laws of war. See 1 C. Rob. Adm. 228.

Captured property regularly condemned by the sentence of a competent prize court. 1 Kent, Comm. 102.

In contracts. Anything offered as a reward of contest; a reward offered to the person who, among several persons or among the public at large, shall first (or best) perform a certain undertaking or accomplish certain conditions.

—Prize courts. Courts having jurisdiction to adjudicate upon captures made at sea in time of war, and to condemn the captured property as prize if lawfully subject to that sentence. In England, the admiralty courts have jurisdiction as prize courts, distinct from the jurisdiction on the instance side. In America, the federal district courts have jurisdiction in cases of prize. 1 Kent, Comm. 101-103, 353-360. See Penhallow v. Doane, 3 Dall. 91, 1 L. Ed. 507; Maley v. Shattuck, 3 Cranch, 383, 2 L. Ed. 488; Cushing v. Laird, 107 U. S. 69, 2 Sup. Ct. 196, 27 L. Ed. 391.—Prize goods. Goods which are taken on the high seas, and brought, out of the hands of the enemy. The Adeline, 9 Cranch, 244, 284, 3 L. Ed. 710.—Prize law. The system of laws and rules applicable to the capture of prize at sea; its condemnation, rights of the captors, distribution of the proceeds, etc. The Buena Ventura (D. C.) 57 Fed. 929.—Prize money. A dividend from the proceeds of a captured vessel, etc., paid to the captors. U. S. v. Steever, 113 U. S. 747, 5 Sup. Ct. 785, 28 L. Ed. 1133.

PRO. For; in respect of; on account of; in behalf of. The introductory word of many Latin phrases.

PRO AND CON. For and against. A phrase descriptive of the presentation of arguments or evidence on both sides of a disputed question.

PRO BONO ET MALO. For good and ill; for advantage and detriment.

PRO BONO PUBLICO. For the public good; for the welfare of the whole.

PRO CONFESSO. For confessed; as confessed. A term applied to a bill in equity, and the decree founded upon it, where no answer is made to it by the defendant. 1 Barb. Ch. Pr. 96.

PRO CONSILIO. For counsel given. An annuity pro consilio amounts to a condition, but in a feoffment or lease for life, etc., it is the consideration, and does not amount to a condition; for the stipulation of the land by the feoffment is executed, and the grant of the annuity is executory. Plowd. 412.

PRO CORPORE REGNI. In behalf of the body of the realm. Hale, Com. Law, 32.

PRO DEFECTU EMPTORUM. For want (failure) of purchasers.
PRO INTERESSE SUO. According to his interest; to the extent of his interest. Thus, a third party may be allowed to intervene in a suit pro interesse suo.

PRO LESSIONE FIDEI. For breach of faith. 3 Bl. Comm. 62.

PRO LEGATO. As a legacy; by the title of a legacy. A species of usucaption. Dig. 41, 8.

PRO MAJORI CAUTELA. For greater caution; by way of additional security. Usually applied to some act done, or some clause inserted in an instrument, which may not be really necessary, but which will serve to put the matter beyond any question.

PRO NON SCRIPTO. As not written; as though it had not been written; as never written. Amb. 139.

PRO OPERE ET LABORE. For work and labor. 1 Comyns, 18.

PRO PARTIBUS LIBERANDIS. An ancient writ for partition of lands between co- heirs. Reg. Orig. 816.

PRO POSSE SUO. To the extent of his power or ability. Bract. fol. 109.

PRO POSSESSORE. As a possessor; by title of a possessor. Dig. 41, 5. See Id. 5, 3, 13.

Pro possessori habetur qui dolo iniuriave desint possidere. He is esteemed a possessor whose possession has been disturbed by fraud or injury. Off. Exec. 106.

PRO QUERENTE. For the plaintiff.

PRO RATA. Proportionately; according to a certain rate, percentage, or proportion. Thus, the creditors (of the same class) of an insolvent estate are to be paid pro rata; that is, each is to receive a dividend bearing the same ratio to the whole amount of his claim that the aggregate of assets bears to the aggregate of debts.

PRO RE NATA. For the affair immediately in hand; adapted to meet the particular occasion. Thus, a course of judicial action adopted under pressure of the exigencies of the affair in hand, rather than in conformity to established precedents, is said to be taken pro re nata.

PRO SALUITE ANIMÆ. For the good of his soul. All prosecutions in the ecclesiastical courts are pro salute animae; hence it

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will not be a temporal damage founding an action for slander that the words spoken put any one in danger of such a suit. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 309n, 457; 4 Steph. Comm. 207.

PRO SE. For himself; in his own behalf; in person.

PRO SOCIO. For a partner; the name of an action in behalf of a partner. A title of the civil law. Dig. 17, 2; Cod. 4, 37.

PRO SOLIDO. For the whole; as one; jointly; without division. Dig. 50, 17, 141, 1.

PRO TANTO. For so much; for as much as may be; as far as it goes.

PRO TEMPORE. For the time being; temporarily; provisionally.

PROAMITA. Lat. In the civil law. A great paternal aunt; the sister of one's grandfather.

PROAMITA MAGNA. Lat. In the civil law. A great-great-aunt.

PROAVIA. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandmother. Inst. 3, 6, 3; Dig. 38, 10, 1, 5.

PROAVUNCULUS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandfather's brother. Inst. 3, 6, 3; Bract. fol. 68b.

PROAVUS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandfather. Inst. 3, 6, 1; Bract. fols. 67, 68.

PROBABILITY. Likelihood; appearance of truth; verisimilitude. The likelihood of a proposition or hypothesis being true, from its conformity to reason or experience, or from superior evidence or arguments adduced in its favor. People v. O'Brien, 130 Cal. 1, 62 Pac. 297; Shaw v. State, 125 Ala. 80, 28 South. 390; State v. Jones, 64 Iowa, 349, 17 N. W. 911, 20 N. W. 470.

PROBABLE. Having the appearance of truth; having the character of probability; appearing to be founded in reason or experience. Ball v. State, 74 Ala. 39; State v. Thiele, 119 Iowa, 635, 94 N. W. 226.

—Probable cause. "Probable cause" may be defined to be an apparent state of facts found to exist upon reasonable inquiry, (that is, such inquiry as the given case renders convenient and proper,) which would induce a reasonably intelligent and prudent man to believe, in a criminal case, that the accused person had committed the crime charged, or, in a civil case, that a cause of action existed. Alsop v. Led- den, 130 Ala. 548, 30 South. 401; Brand v. Hinchman, 63 Mich. 586, 30 N. W. 664. 13 Am. St. Rep. 382; Mitchell v. Wall, 111 Mass. 497; Driggs v. Burton, 44 Vt. 146; Wanser v. Wyckoff, 9 Hun. (N. Y.) 119; Lacy v. Mit- chell, 23 Ind. 47; Hutchinson v. Wemmel, 155 Ind. 49, 56 N. E. 845. "Probable cause," in malicious prosecution, means the existence of
Probable evidence. See Evidence.—Probable reasoning. In the law of evidence. Reasoning founded on the probability of the facts or proposition sought to be proved or shown; reasoning in which the mind exercises a discretion in deducing a conclusion from premises. Burriell.

Probandi necessitas incumbit illi qui agit. The necessity of proving lies with him who sues. Inst. 2, 20, 4. In other words, the burden of proof of a proposition is upon him who advances it affirmatively.

Probate. In Saxon law. To claim a thing as one's own. Jacob.

In modern law language. To make proof, as in the term "onus probandi," the burden or duty of making proof.

Probate. The act or process of proving a will. The proof before an ordinary, surrogate, register, or other duly authorized person that a document produced before him for official recognition and registration, and alleged to be the last will and testament of a certain deceased person, is such in reality, is probate of the will, made out in parchment or due form, under the seal of the ordinary or court of probate, and usually delivered to the executor or administrator of the deceased, together with a certificate of the will's having been proved, is also commonly called the "probate."

In the canon law, "probate" consisted of probatio, the proof of the will by the executor, and approbatio, the approbation given by the ecclesiastical judge to the proof. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law. 77. And see in re, Schalteman v. Will u. L. Pennewill (Del.) 5, 29 Atl. 465; McCay v. Clayton, 119 Pa. 133, 10 Atl. 890; Pettitt v. Black, 13 Neb. 142, 12 N. W. 841; Reno v. McCully, 65 Iowa, 629, 22 N. W. 902; Appeal of Dawley, 16 R. I. 594, 19 Atl. 248.

Common and solemn form of probate. In English law, there are two kinds of probate, namely, probate in common form, and probate in solemn form. Probate in common form is granted in the registry, without any formal procedure in court, upon an ex parte application made by the executor. Probate in solemn form is in the nature of a final decree pronounced in open court, all parties interested having been duly cited. The difference between the effect of probate in common form and probate in solemn form is that probate in common form is revocable, whereas probate in solemn form is irrevocable, as against all persons who have been cited to see the proceedings, or who can be proved to have been privy to those proceedings, except in the case where a will of subsequent date is discovered, in which case probate of an earlier will, though granted in solemn form, would be revoked. Coote, Probate, 141. See also Dwyer & Whitley. And see Luther v. Luther, 122 Ill. 558, 13 N. E. 100.

The term is used, particularly in Pennsylvania, but not in a strictly technical sense, to designate the proof of his claim made by a nonresident plaintiff (when the same is on book—such as an appointment, promissory note, etc.) who swears to the correctness and justness of the same, and that it is due, before a notary or other officer in his own state; also of the copy or statement of such claim filed in court, with the jurat of such notary attached.

Probate bond. One required by law to be given to the probate court or judge, as incidental to proceedings in such courts, such as the bonds of executors, administrators, and guardians. See Thomas v. White, 12 Mass. 367.—Probate code. The body or system of law relating to all matters of which probate courts have jurisdiction. Johnson v. Harrison, 47 Minn. 575, 50 N. W. 923, 28 Am. St. Rep. 382.

Probate court. See Court or pleas. —Probate, divorce, and admiralty division. That division of the English high court of justice which exercises jurisdiction in matters formerly within the exclusive cognizance of the court of probate, the court for divorce and matrimonial causes, and the high court of admiralty. (Judicature Act 1873, § 44.) It consists of two judges, one of whom is called the "President." The existing judges are the judge of the old probate and divorce courts, who is president of the division, and the judge of the old admiralty court, and of a number of registrars. Sweet.—Probate duty. A tax laid by government on every will admitted to probate and payable out of the decedent's estate. — Probate homestead. See Homestead. — Probate judge. The judge of a court of probate.

Probatio. Lat. Proof; more particularly direct, as distinguished from indirect or circumstantial-evidence. —Probatio mortuæ. Dead proof; that is proof by inanimate objects, such as deeds or other written evidence. —Probatio viva. In the civil law. Full proof; proof by two witnesses, or a public instrument. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 9, no. 25; 3 Bl. Comm. 370. —Probatio sicca. In the civil law. Half-full proof; half-proof. Proof by one witness, or a private instrument. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 9, no. 3; 3 Bl. Comm. 370. —Probatio viva. Living proof; that is, proof by the mouth of living witnesses.

Probation. The act of proving; evidence; proof. Also trial; test; the time of novitiate. Used in the latter sense in the monastic orders.

In modern criminal administration, allowing a person convicted of some minor offense (particularly Juvenile offenders) to go at large, under a suspension of sentence, during good behavior, and generally under the supervision or guardianship of a "probation officer."

Probationer. One who is upon trial. A convicted offender who is allowed to go at large, under suspension of sentence, during good behavior.

Probationes debent esse evidentes, seil. perspicaces et faciles intelligi. Co. Litt. 283. Proofs ought to be evident, to-wit, per- spicuous and easily understood.

Probatis extremis, presupumatur media. The extremes being proved, the inter-
mediate proceedings are presumed. 1 Green. Ev. § 20.

PROBATIVE. In the law of evidence. Having the effect of proof; tending to prove, or actually proving.

—Probative fact. In the law of evidence. A fact which actually has the effect of proving a fact sought; an evidentiary fact. 1 Beath. Ev. 18.

PROBATOR. In old English law. Strictly, an accomplice in felony who to save himself confessed the fact, and charged or accused any other as principal or accessory, against whom he was bound to make good his charge. It also signified an approver, or one who undertakes to prove a crime charged upon another. Jacob. See State v. Graham, 41 N. J. Law, 16, 32 Am. Rep. 174.

PROBATORY TERM. This name is given, in the practice of the English admiralty courts, to the space of time allowed for the taking of testimony in an action, after issue formed.

PROBATUM EST. Lat. It is tried or proved.

PROBUS ET LEGALIS HOMO. Lat. A good and lawful man. A phrase particularly applied to a juror or witness who was free from all exception. 3 Bl. Comm. 102.

PROCEDENDI. In practice. A writ by which a cause which has been removed from an inferior to a superior court by certiorari or otherwise is sent down again to the same court, to be proceeded in there, where it appears to the superior court that it was removed on insufficient grounds. Cowell; 1 Tidd. Pr. 408, 410; Yates v. People, 6 Johns. (N. Y.) 448.

PROCEED. A writ which issued out of the common law jurisdiction of the court of chancery, when judges of any subordinate court delayed the parties, for that they would not give judgment either on the one side or on the other, when they ought so to do. In such a case, a writ of procedendo ad judicium was awarded, commanding the inferior court in the sovereign's name to proceed to give judgment, but without specifying any particular judgment. Wharton.

A writ by which the commission of a justice of the peace is revived, after having been suspended. 1 Bl. Comm. 353.

—Procedendo on aid prayer. If one pray in aid of the crown in real action, and aid be granted, it shall be awarded that he sue to the sovereign in chancery, and the justices in the common pleas shall stay until this writ of procedendo de la queha come to them. So, also, on a personal action. New Nat. Brev. 104.

PROCEDURE. This word is commonly opposed to the sum of legal principles constituting the substance of the law, and denotes the body of rules, whether of practice or of pleading, whereby rights are effectuated through the successful application of the proper remedy. It is also generally distinguished from the law of evidence. Brown. See Kring v. Missouri, 107 U. S. 221, 2 Sup. Ct. 443, 27 L. Ed. 506; Cochran v. Ward, 5 Ind. App. 89, 29 N. E. 795, 31 N. E. 581, 51 Am. St. Rep. 229.

The law of procedure is what is now commonly termed by jurists "adjective law," (q. v.)

PROCEED. A stipulation not to proceed against a party is an agreement not to sue. To sue a man is to proceed against him. Planters' Bank v. Houser, 57 Ga. 140; Hiff v. Weymouth, 40 Ohio St. 101.

PROCEEDING. In a general sense, the form and manner of conducting judicial business before a court or judicial officer; regular and orderly process in form of law; including all possible steps in an action from its commencement to the execution of judgment. In a more particular sense, any application to a court of justice, however made, for aid in the enforcement of rights, for relief, for redress of injuries, for damages, or for any remedial object. Erwin v. U. S. (D. C.) 37 Fed. 488, 2 L. R. A. 229; People v. Raymond, 186 Ill. 407, 57 N. E. 1063; Morewood v. Hollister, 6 N. Y. 309; Ure v. Railway Co., 3 S. D. 663, 54 N. W. 601; State v. Gordon, 8 Wash. 488, 38 Pac. 483.

—Collateral proceeding. One in which the particular question may arise or be involved incidentally, but which is not instituted for the very purpose of deciding such question; as in the rule that a judgment cannot be attacked, or a corporation's right to exist be questioned, in any collateral proceeding. Peyton v. Peyton, 28 Wash. 278, 58 Pac. 757; Peoria & P. R. Co. v. People, 117 Ill. 107. —Exe- cutory proceeding. In the law of Louisiana, a proceeding which is resorted to in the following cases: When the creditor's right arises from an act of mortgaging a confession of judgment, and which contains a privilege or mortgage in his favor; or when the creditor demands the execution of a judgment which has been rendered by a tribunal different from that within whose jurisdiction the execution is sought. Code Prac. La. art. 732. —Legal proceedings. This term includes all proceedings authorized or sanctioned by law, and brought or instituted in a court of justice or legal tribunal, for the acquiring of a right or the enforcement of a remedy. Grier v. Fidelity & Casualty Co., 99 Wis. 530, 75 N. W. 97; In re Esmolc (D. C.) 88 Fed. 720; Id., 102 Fed. 265, 42 C. C. A. 550; Mack v. Campau, 99 Vt. 558, 38 Atl. 149, 69 Am. St. Rep. 948.

—Special proceeding. This phrase has been used in the New York and other codes of procedure as a generic term for all civil remedies which are not ordinary actions. Code Proc. N. Y. § 3. —Summary proceeding. Any proceeding which is a controversy disposed of, or trial conducted, in a prompt and simple manner, without the aid of a jury, without presentment or indictment, or in other respects out of the regular course of the common law. In procedure, proceedings are said to be summary when they are short and simple in comparison with the proceedings which
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PROCEEDINGS. In practice. The stops or measures taken in the course of an action, including all that are taken. The proceedings of a suit embrace all matters that occur in its progress judicially. Morewood v. Hollister, 6 N. Y. 320.

PROCEEDS. Issues; produce; money obtained by the sale of property; the sum, amount, or value of property sold or converted into money or into other property. See Hunt v. Williams, 126 Ind. 403, 26 N. E. 177; Andrews v. Johns, 59 Ohio St. 65, 51 N. E. 890; Belmont v. Pouvert, 35 N. Y. Super. Ct. 212.

PROCERES. Nobles; lords. The house of lords in England is called, in Latin, "Domus Procerum."

PROCÉS VERBAL. In French law. A written report, which is signed, setting forth a statement of facts. This term is applied to the report proving the meeting and the resolutions passed at a meeting of shareholders, or to the report of a commission to take testimony. It can also be applied to the statement drawn up by a huisier in relation to any facts which one of the parties to a suit can be interested in proving; for instance, the sale of a counterfeited object. Statements, drawn up by other competent authorities, of misdemeanors or other criminal acts, are also called by this name. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 570.

A true relation in writing in due form of law, of what has been done and said verbally in the presence of a public officer and of what he himself does on the occasion. Hall v. Hall, 11 Tex. 526, 530.

PROCESS. In practice. This word is generally defined to be the means of compelling the defendant in an action to appear in court. And when actions were commenced by original writ, instead of, as at present, by writ of summons, the method of compelling the defendant to appear was by what was termed "original process," being founded on the original writ, and so called also to distinguish it from "mesne" or "intermediate" process, which was some writ or process which issued during the progress of the suit. The word "process," however, as now commonly understood, signifies those formal instruments called "writs." The word "process" is in common law practice frequently applied to the writ of summons, which is the instrument now in use for commencing personal actions. But in its more comprehensive signification it includes not only the writ of summons, but all other writs which may be issued during the progress of an action. Those writs which are used to carry the judgments of the courts into effect, and which are termed "writs of execution" are also commonly denominated "final process," because they usually bring to an end the suit. Carey v. German American Ins. Co., 84 Wis. 84, 54 N. W. 18, 20 L. R. A. 267, 36 Am. St. Rep. 907; Savage v. Oliver, 110 Ga. 336, 36 S. E. 54; Perry v. Lorillard Fire Ins. Co., 6 La. Ann. (N. Y.) 204; Davenport v. Bird, 34 Iowa, 527; Philadelphia v. Campbell, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 164; Phillips v. Spotts, 14 Neb. 139, 15 N. W. 332.

In the practice of the English privy council in ecclesiastical appeals, "process" means an official copy of the whole proceedings and proofs of the court below, which is transmitted to the registry of the court of appeal by the registrar of the court below in obedience to an order or requisition requiring him so to do, called a "monition for process," issued by the court of appeal. Macph. Jud. Com. 173.

—Abuse of process. See Abuse—Compulsory process. See Compulsory—Executory process. In the law of Louisiana, a summary process is the nature of an order to sell, which is available when the right of the creditor arises from an act or instrument which includes an alleged confession of debt and a privilege or lien in his favor, and also to enforce the execution of a judgment rendered in another jurisdiction. See Rev. Code, art. 1384, art. 752—Final process. The last process in a suit; that is, writs of execution. Thus distinguished from mesne process, which includes all writs issued during the progress of a cause and before final judgment. Amis v. Smith, 16 Pet. 313, 10 L. Ed. 973—Irregular process. Sometimes the term "irregular process" has been defined to mean process absolutely void, and not merely erroneous and voidable; but usually it has been applied to all process not issued in strict conformity with the law, whether the defect appears upon the face of the process, or by reference to extrinsic facts, and whether such defects render the process absolutely void or only voidable. Cooper v. Harter, 2 Ind. 233. And see Bryan v. Congdon, 86 Fed. 221, 29 C. C. A. 670; Paiute v. Ely, N. Chip. (Vt.) 24—Judicial process. This word, in a wide sense, includes not only the acts of a court from the beginning to the end of its proceedings in a given cause; but more specifically it means the writ, summons, mandate, or other process which is used to inform the defendant of the institu-
tion of proceedings against him and to compel his appearance in either criminal cases. See St. v. Guilbert, 56 Ohio St. 575, 47 N. E. 551, 38 L. R. A. 519, 60 Am. St. Rep. 756; In re Smith (D. C.) 152 Fed. 365.

—Civil process. This term is used as equivalent to "lawful process." Cooley v. Davis, 34 Iowa, 130. But properly it means a writ or process issued by a court of justice, such as an attachment, execution, injunction, etc. See In re Binninger, 3 Fed. Cas. 416; Love v. Home Ins. Co., 31 Mo. 514; Perry v. Lorillard F. Ins. Co., 6 Lane. (N. Y.) 204; Com. v. Brower, 7 Pa. Dist. R. 293.

Means process. As distinguished from final process, this signifies any writ or process issued between the commencement of the action and the suing out of execution. It includes the writ of summons, (although that is now the usual commencement of actions,) because anciently that was preceded by the original writ. The writ of capsio ad respondentem, was called "mesne" to distinguish it, on the other hand, from the original process by which a suit was formerly commenced; and, on the other, from the final process of execution. Wm. Rhoads & Co. v. Bledsoe, 113 Ala. 418, 21 South. 403; Hirschler v. Tinsley, 9 Mo. App. 342; Pennington v. Lowenstein, 10 Fed. Cas. 109.

Original process. That by which a judicial proceeding is instituted; process to compel the appearance of the defendant. Distinct from "final process" in that it issues during the progress of a suit, for some subordinate or collateral purpose; and from "final" process, which is process of execution.

Appellant v. Hotchkiss, 32 Cyc. 335—Process of Interpleader. A means of determining the right to property claimed by each of two or more claimants which is in the possession of a third.—Process of law. See Due Process of Law—Process roll. In practice. A roll used for the entry of process to give the statute of limitations. 1 Tidd, Pr. 161, 162—Regular process. Such as is issued according to rule and the prescribed practice, or which emanates, lawfully and in a proper case, from a court or magistrate possessing jurisdiction. —Summary process. Such as is immediate or instantaneous, in distinction from the ordinary course, by enacting and taking effect without intermediate applications or delays. Gaines v. Travis, 8 N. Y. Leg. Obs. 415—Void process. The name given to certain provisions of the process laws, by which the court, or which the court had acquired jurisdiction to issue in the particular case, or which fails in some material respect to comply with the requisite form of legal process. Bryan v. Congdon, 86 Fed. 223, 29 C. C. A. 670.

In patent law. A means or method employed to produce a certain result or effect, or a mode of treatment of given materials to produce a desired result, either by chemical action, by the operation or application of some element or power of nature, or of one substance to another, irrespective of any machine or mechanical device; in this sense a "process" is patentable, though, strictly speaking, it is not the act of performing the process which is the subject of patent. See Cochrane v. Deener, 94 U. S. 780, 24 L. Ed. 130; Corning v. Burden, 15 How. 208, 14 L. Ed. 683; Westinghouse v. Boyden Power-Brake Co., 170 U. S. 537, 18 Sup. Ct. 707, 42 L. Ed. 1136; New Process Fermentation Co. v. Maus (C. C.) 20 Fed. 728; Piper v. Brown, 19 Fed. Cas. 718; In re Weston, 17 App. D. C. 438; Appleton Mfg. Co. v. Star Mfg. Co., 60 Fed. 411, 9 C. C. A. 42.

—Mechanical process. A process involving solely the application of mechanism or mechanical principles; an aggregation of functions; not patentable considered apart from the mechanism employed or the finished product of manufacture. See Rialdon Iron, etc., Works v. Medart, 158 U. S. 68, 15 Sup. Ct. 745, 39 L. Ed. 809; American Fibre, Chamois Co. v. Buckskin Fibre Co., 72 Fed. 514, 18 C. C. A. 662; Cochrane v. Deener, 94 U. S. 780, 24 L. Ed. 130.

PROCESSIONING. A proceeding to determine boundaries, in use in some of the United States, similar in all respects to the English permutation, (q. v.)

PROCESSEUM CONTINUANDO. In English practice. A writ for the continuance of process after the death of the chief justice or other justices in the commission of opera and terminer. Reg. Orig. 123.

Processus legvis est gravis vexatio; excendit legem coronam. The process of the law is a grievous vexation; the execution of the law crowns the work. Co. Litt. 280b. The proceedings in an action while in progress are burdensome and vexatious; the execution, being the end and object of the action, crowns the labor, or rewards it with success.

PROCHEIN. L. Fr. Next. A term somewhat used in modern law, and more frequently in the old law; as prochein ami, prochein cousin. Co. Litt. 10.

—Prochein ami. Next friend. As an infant cannot legally sue in his own name, the action must be brought by his prochein ami; that is, some friend (not being his guardian) who will appear as plaintiff in his name. —Prochein avoidance. Next vacancy. A power to appoint a minister to a church when it shall next become void.

PROCHRONISM. An error in chronology; dating a thing before it happened.

PROCINCTUS. Lat. In the Roman law. A girding or preparing for battle. Testamentum in proictus, a will made by a soldier, while girding himself, or preparing to engage in battle. Adamus, Rom. Ant. 62; Calvin.

PROCLAIM. To promulgate; to announce; to publish, by governmental authority, intelligence of public acts or transactions or other matters important to be known by the people.

PROCLAMATION. The act of causing some state matters to be published or made generally known. A written or printed document in which are contained such matters, issued by proper authority. 3 Inst. 162; 1 Bl. Comm. 170.

The word "proclamation" is also used to express the public nomination made of any
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procurator

procuracy. The writing or instrument which authorizes a procurator to act. Cowell; Termes de la Ley.


procurare. Lat. To take care of another's affairs for him, or in his behalf; to manage; to take care of or superintend.

procuratio. Lat. Management of another's affairs by his direction and in his behalf; procuration; agency.

procuratio est exhibito summatum necessarium facta praebet, qui dioceses pergrando, ecclesias subjectas visitant. Dav. Tr. K. B. 1. Procuration is the providing necessities for the bishops, who, in travelling through their dioceses, visit the churches subject to them.

procuration. Agency; proxy; the act of constituting another one's attorney in fact; action under a power of attorney or other constitution of agency. Indorsing a bill or note "by procuration" (or per proc.) is doing it as proxy for another or by his authority.

procurationem adversus nulla est prescriptio. Dav. Tr. K. B. 6. There is no prescription against procuration.

procurations. In ecclesiastical law. Certain sums of money which parish priests pay yearly to the bishops or archdeacons ratione visitationis. Dig. 3, 39, 25; Ayl. Par. 429.

procurator. In the civil law. A proctor; a person who acts for another by virtue of a procuration. Dig. 3, 3, 1.

In old English law. An agent or attorney; a bailiff or servant. A proxy of a lord in parliament.

In ecclesiastical law. One who collect the fruits of a benefice for another. An advocate of a religious house, who was to solicit the interest and plead the causes of the society. A proxy or representative of a parish church.

procurator fiscal. In Scotch law, this is the title of the public prosecutor for each district, who institutes the preliminary inquiry into crime within his district. The office is analogous, in some respect, to that of "prosecuting attorney," "district attorney," or "state's attorney" in America.—Procurator in rem suam. Proctor (attorney) in his own affair, or with reference to his own property. This term

proclamat. An officer of the English court of common pleas.

pro-consult. Lat. In the Roman law. Originally a consul whose command was prolonged after his office had expired. An officer with consular authority, but without the title of "consul." The governor of a province. Calvin.

procreation. The generation of children. One of the principal ends of marriage is the procreation of children. Inst. tit. 2, in pr.

proctor. A proctor, proxy, or attorney. More particularly, an officer of the admiralty and ecclesiastical courts whose duties and business correspond exactly to those of an attorney at law or solicitor in chancery.

An ecclesiastical person sent to the lower house of convocation as the representative of a cathedral, a collegiate church, or the clergy of a diocese. Also certain administrative or magisterial officers in the universities.

—proctors of the clergy. They who are chosen and appointed to appear for cathedral or other collegiate churches; as also for the common clergy of every diocese, to sit in the convocation house in the time of parliament. Wharton.

one to a high office; as, such a prince was proclaimed emperor.

In practice. The declaration made by the crier, by authority of the court, that something is about to be done.

In equity practice. Proclamation made by a sheriff upon a writ of attachment, summoning a defendant who has failed to appear personally to appear and answer the plaintiff's bill. 3 Bl. Comm. 444.

—proclamation by lord of manor. A proclamation made by the lord of a manor (thrice repeated) requiring the heir or devisee of a deceased copyholder to present himself, pay the fine, and be admitted to the estate; failing which appearance, the lord might seize the lands quoveque (provisionally).—Proclamation of exigents. In old English law. When an exigent was awarded, a writ of proclamation issued, at the same time, commanding the sheriff of the county wherein the defendant dwelt to make three proclamations thereof in places the most notorious, and most likely to come to his knowledge, a month before the outlawry should take place. 3 Bl. Comm. 284.—Proclamation of a fine. The notice or proclamation which was made after the engrossment of a fine of lands, and which consisted in its being openly read in court sixteen times, viz., four times in the year in which it was made, and four times in each of the three succeeding terms, which, however, was afterwards reduced to one reading in each term. Cowell. See 2 Bl. Comm. 332.—Proclamation of rebellion. In old English law. A proclamation to be made by the sheriff commanding the attendance of a person who had neglected to obey a subpoena or attachment in chancery. If he did not surrender himself after this proclamation, a commission of rebellion issued. 3 Bl. Comm. 444.—Proclamation of recusants. A proclamation whereby recusants were formerly convicted, on non-appearance at the assizes. Jacob.
PROCURATOR

is used in Scotch law to denote that a person is acting under a procurator (power of attorney) with reference to a thing which has become his own property. See Enk. Inst. 3, 5, 2—


Procureur negotiorum. In the civil law. An attorney in fact; a manager of business affairs for another person. Procureur provincia.

In Roman law. A provincial officer who managed the affairs of the revenue, and had a judicial power in matters that concerned the revenue. Adams, Rom. Ant. 178.


PROCURATORIUM. In old English law. The procuratory or instrument by which any person or community constituted or delegated their procurator or procurors to represent them in any judicial court or cause. Cowell.

PROCURATORY OF RESIGNATION. In Scotch law. A form of proceeding by which a vassal authorizes the feu to be returned to his superior. Bell. It is analogous to the surrender of copyholds in England.

PROCURATRIX. In old English law. A female agent or attorney in fact. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 4, § 4.

PROCURE. In criminal law, and in analogous uses elsewhere, to "procure" is to initiate a proceeding to cause a thing to be done; to instigate; to contrive, bring about, effect, or cause. See U. S. v. Wilson, 28 Fed. Cas. 710; Gore v. Lloyd, 12 Mees. & W. 480; Marcus v. Bernstein, 117 N. C. 31, 23 S. E. 38; Rosenbarger v. State, 154 Ind. 425, 36 N. E. 914; Long v. State, 23 Neb. 35, 36 N. W. 310.

PROCURER. A pimp; one that procures the seduction or prostitution of girls. They are punishable by statute in England and America.

PROCUREUR. In French law. An attorney; one who has received a commission from another to act on his behalf. There were in France two classes of procureurs: Procureurs ad negotia, appointed by an individual to act for him in the administration of his affairs; persons invested with a power of attorney; corresponding to "attorneys in fact." Procureurs ad lites were persons appointed and authorized to act for a party in a court of justice. These corresponded to attorneys at law, (now called, in England, "solicitors of the supreme court."). The order of procureurs was abolished in 1791, and that of avoces established in their place. Mosley & Whitley.

PROCUREUR DU ROI, in French law, is a public prosecutor, with whom rests the initiation of all criminal proceedings. In the exercise of his office (which appears to include the apprehension of offenders) he is entitled to call to his assistance the public force, (posse comitatus;) and the officers of police are auxiliary to him.

PROCUREUR GENERAL, or IMPERIAL. In French law. An officer of the imperial court, who either personally or by his deputy prosecutes every one who is accused of a crime according to the forms of French law. His functions appear to be confined to preparing the case for trial at the assizes, assisting in that trial, demanding the sentence in case of a conviction, and being present at the delivery of the sentence. He has a general superintendence over the officers of police and of the juge d'instruction, and he requires from the procureur du roi a general report once in every three months. Brown.

PRODES HOMINES. A term said by Tomlins to be frequently applied in the ancient books to the barons of the realm, particularly as constituting a council or administration or government. It is probably a corruption of "probi homines.

PRODIGUS. Lat. In Roman law. A prodigal; a spendthrift; a person whose extravagant habits manifested an inability to administer his own affairs, and for whom a guardian might therefore be appointed.

PRODICTION. Treason; treachery.

PRODITOR. A traitor.

PRODITORIE. Teasonably. This is a technical word formerly used in indictments for treason, when they were written in Latin. Tomlins.

PRODUCE. To bring forward; to show or exhibit; to bring into view or notice; as, to produce books or writings at a trial in obedience to a subpoena duces tecum.

PRODUCE BROKER. A person whose occupation it is to buy or sell agricultural or farm products. 14 U. S. St. at Large. 117; U. S. v. Simons, 1 Abb. (U. S.) 470, Fed. Cas. No. 16,291.

PRODUCENT. The party calling a witness under the old system of the English ecclesiastical courts.

PRODUCTIO SECETE. In old English law. Production of suit; the production by a plaintiff of his secta or witnesses to prove the allegations of his count. See 3 Bl. Comm. 295.

PRODUCTION. In political economy. The creation of objects which constitute wealth. The requisites of production are
PRODUCTION OF SUIT. In pleading. The formula, "and therefore he brings his suit," etc., with which declarations always conclude. Steph. Pl. 428, 429.

PROFANE. That which has not been consecrated. By a profane place is understood one which is neither sacred nor sanctified nor religious. Dig. 11, 7, 2, 4.

PROFANELY. In a profane manner. A technical term in indictments for the statutory offense of profanity. See Updeograph v. Com., 11 Serg. & R. (Ia.) 304.

PROFANITY. Irreverence towards sacred things; particularly, an irreverent or blasphemous use of the name of God; punishable by statute in some jurisdictions.

PROFECTITIUS. Lat. In the civil law. That which descends to us from our ascendants. Dig. 23, 3, 5.

PROFER. In old English law. An offer or profer; an offer or endeavor to proceed in an action, by any man concerned to do so. Cowell. A return made by a sheriff of his accounts into the exchequer; a payment made on such return. Id.

PROFFER IN CURIA. L. Lat. He produces in court. In old practice, these words were inserted in a declaration, as an allegation that the plaintiff was ready to produce, or did actually produce, in court, the deed or other written instrument on which his suit was founded, in order that the court might inspect the same and the defendant hear it read. The same formula was used where the defendant pleaded a written instrument.

In modern practice. An allegation formally made in a pleading, where a party alleges a deed, that he shows it in court; it being in fact retained in his own custody, Steph. Pl. 67.

PROFESSION. A public declaration respecting something. Cod. 10, 41, 6.

In ecclesiastical law. The act of entering into a religious order. See 17 Vin. Abr. 545.

Also a calling, vocation, known employment; divinity, medicine, and law are called the "learned professions."


PROFILE. In civil engineering, drawing representing the elevation of the various points on the plan of a road, or the like, above some fixed elevation. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1294.

PROFITS. 1. The advance in the price of goods sold beyond the cost of purchase. The gain made by the sale of produce or manufactures, after deducting the value of the labor, materials, rents, and all expenses together with the interest of the capital employed. Webster. See Profits. Rubber Co. v. Goodyear, 9 Wall. 805, 19 L. Ed. 628; Mundy v. Van Hoose, 104 Ga. 292, 80 S. E. 783; Hinckley v. Pittsburgh Bessemer Steel Co., 121 U. S. 264, 7 Sup. Ct. 875, 30 L. Ed. 967; Prince v. Lamb, 128 Cal. 129, 60 Pac. 689; Maryland Ice Co. v. Arctic Ice Mach. Mfg. Co., 79 Md. 103, 29 Atl. 69.

2. The benefit, advantage, or pecuniary gain accruing to the owner or occupant of land from its actual use; as in the familiar phrase "rents, issues, and profits," or in the expression "mesne profits."

3. A division sometimes made of incorporeal hereditaments; as distinguished from "easements," which tend rather to the convenience than the profit of the claimant. 2 Steph. Comm. 2.

—Mesne profits. Intermediate profits; that is, profits which have been accruing between two given periods. Thus, after a party has recovered the land itself in an action of ejectment, he frequently brings another action for the purpose of recovering the profits which have been accruing or arising out of the land between the time when his title to the possession accrued or was vested and the time of his recovery in the action of ejectment, and such an action is thence termed an "action for mesne profits." Brown—Mesne profits, action of. An action of ejectment is brought to recover profits derived from land, while the possession of it has been improperly withheld; that is, the yearly value of the premises. Worsington v. Hess, 70 Md. 172, 16 Atl. 534; Woodhull v. Rosenthal, 61 N. Y. 394; Thompson v. Bower, 60 Barb. (N. Y.) 477.—Net profits. Theoretically all profits are "net." But as the expression "gross profits" is sometimes used to describe the mere excess of present value over former value, or of returns from sales over prime cost, the phrase "net profits" is appropriate to describe the gain which remains after the further deduction of all expenses, charges, costs, allowance for depreciation, etc.—Profit and loss. The gain or loss arising from goods bought or sold, or from carrying on any other business, the former of which, in book-keeping, is placed on the creditor's side; the latter on the debtor's side.—Profits à prendre. These, which are also called "rights of common," are rights exercised on crops in the soil of another, accompanied with participation in the profits of the soil thereof; as rights of pasture, or of diggin sand. Profits à prendre differ from easements, in that the former are rights of profit, and the latter are mere rights of convenience without profit. Gale, Easem. 1; Hall, Profits 1; See Pauntr v. Stotts, 75 Vt. 335, 55 Atl. 656; Black v. Eliborn
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Prolen ante matrimonium natam, ita ut post legitimam, lex civilis succedere facit in hereditate parentum; sed prolem, quam matrimonium non partit, succedere non sinit lex Anglorum. Fortesc. c. 39. The civil law permits the offspring born before marriage [provided such offspring be afterwards legitimized] to be the heirs of their parents; but the law of the English does not suffer the offspring not produced by the marriage to succeed.

PROLES. Lat. Offspring; progeny; the issue of a lawful marriage.

Proles sequitur sortem paternam. The offspring follows the condition of the father. Lynch v. Clarke, 1 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 383, 600.

PROLETARIATE. The class of proletarii; the lowest stratum of the people of a country, consisting mainly of the waste of other classes, or of those fractions of the population who, by their isolation and their poverty, have no place in the established order of society.

PROLETARIUS. Lat. In Roman law. A person of poor or mean condition; those among the common people whose fortunes were below a certain valuation; those who were so poor that they could not serve the state with money, but only with their children, (proles). Calvin.; Vleat.

PROLICIDE. In medical jurisprudence. A word used to designate the destruction of the human offspring. Jurists divide the subject into facticide. or the destruction of the factus in utero, or infanticide, or the destruction of the newborn infant. Ry. Med. Jur. 280.

PROLIXITY. The unnecessary and superfluous statement of facts in pleading or in evidence. This will be rejected as impertinent. 7 Price, 278, note.

PROLOCUTOR. In ecclesiastical law. The president or chairman of a convocation.

PROLONGATION. Time added to the duration of something; an extension of the time limited for the performance of an agreement. A prolongation of time accorded to the principal debtor will discharge the surety.

PROLYTE. In Roman law. A name given to students of law in the fifth year of their course; as being in advance of the Lyte, or students of the fourth year. Calvin.

PROMATERTERA. Lat. In the civil law. A great maternal aunt; the sister of one's grandmother.

PROMISE. A declaration, verbal or written, made by one person to another for a good or valuable consideration in the nature of a covenant by which the promisor binds himself to do or forbear some act, and gives to the promisee a legal right to demand and enforce a fulfillment. See Taylor v. Miller, 113 N. C. 340, 18 S. E. 504; Newcomb v. Clark, 1 Denio (N. Y.) 228; Foute v. Bacon, 2 Cush. (Miss.) 104; L. S. v. Baltic Mills Co., 124 Fed. 41, 59 C. C. A. 598.

"Promise" is to be distinguished, on the one hand, from a mere declaration of intention involving no engagement or assurance as to the future; and, on the other, from "agreement," which is an obligation arising upon reciprocal promises, or upon a promise founded on a consideration. Abbott.

"Fictitious promises," sometimes called "implied promises," or "promises implied in law," occur in the case of those contracts which were intended to enable persons in certain cases to take advantage of the old rules of pleading peculiar to contracts, and which are not now of practical importance. Sweet.

Mutual promises. Promises simultaneously made by and between two parties; each being the consideration for the other. Naked promise. One given without any consideration, equivalent, or reciprocal obligation, and for that reason not enforceable at law. See Arnd v. Smith, 151 N. Y. 502, 45 N. E. 872.

New promise. An undertaking or promise, based upon and having relation to a former promise which, for some reason, can no longer be enforced, whereby the promisor recognizes and revives such former promise and engages to fulfill it. Parol promise. A simple contract; a verbal promise. 2 Steph. Comm. 109. Promise of marriage. A contract mutually entered into by a man and a woman that they will marry each other.

PROMISSEE. One to whom a promise has been made.

PROMISOR. One who makes a promise.

PROMISSOR. Lat. In the civil law. A promisor; properly the party who undertook to do a thing in answer to the interroga- tion of the other party, who was called the "stipulator."

PROMISSORY. Containing or consisting of a promise; in the nature of a promise; stipulating or engaging for a future act or course of conduct.

Promissory note. A promise or engagement, in writing, to pay a specified sum at a time therein limited, or on demand, or at sight, to a person therein named, or to his order, or bearer. Ryles, Bills, 1, 4; Hall v. Farmer, 3 Denio (N. Y.) 484. A promissory note is a written promise made by one or more to pay another, or order, or bearer, at a specified time, a specific amount of money, or other articles of value. Code Ga. 1852, § 2774. A promissory note is an instrument negotiable in form, whereby the signor promises to pay a specified sum of money. Civ. Code Cal. § 3244. An unconditional written promise, signed by the maker, to pay absolutely and at all events a sum certain in money, either to the bearer or to a person therein designated or his order. Bedl. Chalm. Bills & N. art. 271.

As to promissory "Oath," "Representa- tion," and "Warranty," see those titles.

PROMOTERS. In the law relating to corporations, those persons are called the "promoters" of a company who first associate themselves together for the purpose of organizing the company, issuing its prospectus, procuring subscribers to the stock, securing a charter, etc. See Dickerman v. Northern Trust Co., 176 U. S. 181, 20 Sup. Ct. 311, 44 L. Ed. 422; Boorer v. Rich- mond & H. Land Co., 80 Va. 455, 16 S. E. 390, 37 Am. St. Rep. 879; Yale Gas Stove Co. v. Wilcox, 64 Conn. 101, 29 Atl. 308, 25 L. R. A. 90, 42 Am. St. Rep. 159; Denmore Oil Co. v. Denmore, 64 Pa. 49.

In English practice. Those persons who, in popular and penal actions, prosecute of- fenders in their own names and that of the king, and are thereby entitled to part of the fines and penalties for their pains, are called "promoters." Brown.

The term is also applied to a party who puts in motion an ecclesiastical tribunal, for the purpose of correcting the manners of any person who has violated the laws ecclesi- astical; and one who takes such a course is said to "promote the office of the judge." See Mozley & Whitley.

PROMOVENT. A plaintiff in a suit of dupex querela. (q. v.) 2 Prob. Div. 192.

PROMULGARE. Lat. In Roman law. To make public; to make publicly known; to promulgate. To publish or make known a law, after its enactment.

PROMULGATE. To publish; to an- nounce officially; to make public as impor-tant or obligatory. See Woodin v. Western New York & P. R. Co. (Super. Ct.) 18 N. Y. Supp. 768.

PROMULGATION. The order given to cause a law to be executed, and to make it public; it differs from publication. 1 Bl. Comm. 45.

PROMUTUUM. Lat. In the civil law. A quasi contract, by which he who receives a certain sum of money, or a certain quan- tity of fungible things, which have been paid to him through mistake, contracts towards the paying the obligation of returning him as much. Poth. de l'Usure, pt. 3, a. 1, a. 1.

PRONEPOS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandson. Inst. 3, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 67.

PRONEPTIS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-granddaughter. Inst. 3, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 67.
PROTATORY. First notary. See Pro-
TATORY.

PRONOUNC. To utter formally, offi-
cially, and solemnly; to declare aloud in
a formal manner. In this sense a court is
said to "pronounce" judgment or a sentence.
See Ex parte Crawford, 30 Tex. Cr. R. 180,
36 S. W. 92.

PRONUNCIATION. L. Fr. A sentence
or decree. Kelham.

PRONURUS. Lat. In the civil law.
The wife of a grandson or great-grandson.
Dig. 38, 10, 4, 6.

PROOF. Proof, in civil process, is a suf-
ficient reason for the truth of a juridical
proposition by which a party seeks either to
maintain his own claim or to defeat the

Proof is the effect of evidence; the estab-
60 La. 382; Tiff v. Jones, 77 Ga. 181, 3 S.
E. 399; Powell v. State, 101 Ga. 9, 29 S. E.

Ayliffe defines "judicial proof" to be a clear
and evident declaration or demonstration of a
matter which was before doubtful, conveyed in
a judicial manner by fit and proper arguments,
and likewise by all other legal methods—First,
by fit and proper arguments, such as conjec-
tures, presumptions, inducias, and other admis-
sible ways and means: secondly, by legal meth-
ods, or methods according to law, such as wit-
nesses, public instruments, and the like. Ayl.
Par. 442.

For the distinction between "proof," "evid-
ence," "belief," and "testimony," see EVI-
DENCE.

—Burden of proof. See that title—Full
proof. See FULL.—Half proof. See HALF.

—Preliminary proof. See PRELIMINARY.—
Positive proof. Direct or affirmative proof;
that which directly establishes the fact in ques-
tion, as opposed to negative proof, which es-
tablishes the fact by showing that its opposite
is not or cannot be true. Niles v. Rhodes.
7 Mich. 378; Falkner v. Behr, 75 Ga. 674;
Schrack v. McKnight, 84 Pa. 36.—Proof of
debt. The formal establishment by a creditor
of his debt or claim, in some prescribed man-
er, (as, by his affidavit or otherwise,) as a pre-
liminary to its allowance, along with others,
against an estate or property to be divided,
such as opposed to a bankrupt or insolvent,
the deceased person, or a firm or company in
liquidation.—Proof of will. A term having the
same meaning as "probate," (q. e.) and used
interchangeably with it.

PROFATRUUS. Lat. In the civil law.
A great-grandfather's brother. Inst. 3, 6, 3;
Bract. fol. 889.

—Profatrus magnus. In the civil law. A
great-great-uncle.

PROPER. That which is f.t., suitable,
adapted, and correct. See Knox v. Lee, 12
Wall. 457, 20 L. Ed. 287; Griswold v. Hep-
burn, 2 Duv. (Ky.) 20; Westfield v. Warren,
8 N. J. Law, 251.
Peculiar or naturally or essentially belong-
ing to a person or thing; not common; ap-
propriate; one's own.

—Proper feudal. In feudal law, the original
and genuine feudal held by purely military
service.—Proper parties. A proper party, as
distinguished from a necessary party, is one who
has an interest in the subject-matter of the
litigation, successors by way of descent, and
may be conveniently settled therein; one without whom a substantial de-

cree may be made, but not a decree which shall
compel the party not in the controversy to be
involved in the controversy and conclude the
rights of all the persons who have any interest
in the subject of the litigation. See Kelley
v. Boettcher, 85 Fed. 58, 29 C. C. A. 14;
Tatum v. Roberts, 59 Minn. 52, 60 N. W. 948.

PROPERTY. Rightful dominion over
external objects; ownership; the unrestricted
and exclusive right to a thing; the right
to dispose of the substance of a thing in
every legal way, to possess it, to use it, and
to exclude every one else from interfering

Property is the highest right a man can have
to anything which is useful and needful, and
right which one has to lands or tenements, goods or chattels,
which now depends on another man's con-
Johns. 261, 283.

A right impounding to the owner a power of
indefinite use, capable of being transmitted to
universal successors by way of descent, and
imparting, to the owner the power of disposi-
tion, from himself and his successors per
universitatem, and from all other persons who have a spec successionis under any existing conces-
sion or disposition, in favor of such person or
series of persons as he may choose, with the like
capacities and powers as he had himself, and
under such conditions as the municipal or par-
ticular law allows to be annexed to the disposi-
tions of private persons. Aust. Jur. (Campbell's
6th ed.) § 1102.

The right of property is that sole and despotic
dominion which one man claims and exercises
over the external things of the world, in total
exclusion of the right of any other individual
in the universe. It consists in the free use, en-
joyment, and disposal of all a person's acqui-
sitions, without let or control or diminution save
only by the laws of the land. 1 Bl. Comm. 138;

The word is also commonly used to denote
any external object over which the right of
property is exercised. In this sense it is a
very wide term, and includes every class of
acquisitions which a man can own or have
an interest in. See Scranton v. Wheeler, 179
U. S. 141, 21 Sup. Ct. 45, 45 L. Ed. 126; Law-
rence v. Hendry, 155 Mo. 650, 56 S. W.
717; Boon & R. L. Corp. v. Salem & L. R.
Co., 2 Gray (Mass.), 35; National Tel. News
Co. v. Western Union Tel. Co., 119 Fed. 294,
56 C. C. A. 198, 60 L. R. A. 805; Hamilton v.
Rathbone, 175 U. S. 414, 20 Sup. Ct. 155, 44
L. Ed. 219; Stanton v. Lewis, 21 Conn. 449;
674.

—Absolute property. In respect to chattels
personal property is said to be "absolute" where
a man has a complete and exclusive right and
also the occupation of any movable chattel, as
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that they cannot be transferred from him, or cease to be his, without his own act or default. 2 Bl. Comm. 321. It is a basic right of the owner to act as he will or devise "to be the absolute property" of the beneficiary, may pass a title in fee simple. Myers v. Myer, 151 Pa. 483, 34 Atl. 544, 47 Am. Dec. 537; Fackler v. Berry, 93 Va. 555, 25 S. E. 857, 57 Am. St. Rep. 819. Or it may mean that the property is to be held free from any control or disposition on the part of others. Wilson v. White, 132 Ind. 614, 33 N. E. 397, 48 Ind. St. 652. See also, "Separate property."

T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 388, 389. —Common property. A term sometimes applied to lands owned by a municipal corporation and held in trust for the benefit of the incorporated body. Comp. Laws N. Mex. 1897, § 2184. Also property owned jointly by husband and wife under the community system. See Community. —Community property. See Community. —General property. See that title. —General property. The right and property in a thing enjoyed by the general owner. See Owner. —Literary property. See Literary. —Mixed property. Property which is personal in its natural use but invested by the law with certain of the characteristics and features of real property. Heirlooms, tombstones, monuments in a church, and title deeds to an estate are of this nature. 2 Bl. Comm. 428; 3 Barn. & Adol. 174; 4 Bing. 106; Miller v. Worrall, 62 N. J. Eq. 776, 48 Atl. 596, 90 N. J. Eq. Mt. v. Minn. St., 148 Minn. 559, 191 Mass. 585. —Personal property. Property of a personal or movable nature, as opposed to property of a local or immovable character (such as lands or houses), the latter being called "real property." This term is also applied to the right or interest less than a freehold which a man has in reality. Boyd v. Selma, 96 Ala. 144, 11 South. 393, 16 L. R. A. 229; Adams v. Hackett, 7 Cal. 203; Stief v. Hart, 1 N. Y. 24; Bellows v. Allen, 29 Cal. 106; In re Bruckman's Estate, 185 Pa. 363, 45 Atl. 1078; Atlanta v. Chattanooga Foundry & Pipe Co., (C. C.) 101 Fed. 907. That kind of property which usually consists of things temporary and movable, but includes all subjects of property not of a freehold nature, nor descendible to the heirs at law. 2 Kent, Comm. 340. —Personal property has been divided into (1) corporeal or personal property, which includes movable and tangible things, such as animals, ships, furniture, merchandise, and (2) incorporeal personal property, which consists of such rights as personal annuities, stocks, shares, patents, and copyrights. —Private property, as protected from forcible taking for public uses, is such property as belongs absolutely to an individual, and of which he has the exclusive right of disposition; property of a specific, fixed and tangible nature, capable of being held in possession and transmitted to another, such as houses, lands, and chattels. Homochitto River Com'r v. Withers, 20 Miss. 21, 64 Am. Dec. 126; Scranton v. Wheeler, 170 U. S. 141, 21 Sup. Ct. 48, 45 L. Ed. 126. —Property tax. In English law, this is understood to be an income tax payable in respect to landed property. In America, it is a tax imposed on property, whether real or personal, as distinguished from poll, tax and taxes on successions, transfers, and occupations, and from license taxes. See Garrett v. St. Louis, 25 Mo. 510, 69 Am. Dec. 476; In re Swift's Estate, 137 N. Y. 77, 32 N. E. 1006, 18 L. R. A. 700; Rohr v. Gray, 80 Md. 274, 30 Atl. 632. —Public property. That which is commonly used as a designation of those things which are public juris, (q. v.) and therefore considered as being owned by "the public," the entire state or community, and not restricted to the property of a state person. It may also apply to any subject of property owned by a state, national, or municipal corporation or as such. —Qualified property. Property in chattels which is not in the nature perman-
PROPONE. In Scotch law. To state. To propone a defense is to state or move it. 1 Kames, Eq. pref.

In ecclesiastical and probate law. To bring forward for adjudication; to exhibit as basis of a claim; to proffer for judicial action.

PROPOMENT. The propounder of a thing. Thus, the proponent of a will is the party who offers it for probate, (q. v.)

PROPOSITUM. In old records. Purport; intention or meaning. Cowell.

PROPOSAL. An offer; something proposed. An offer, by one person to another, of terms and conditions with reference to some work or undertaking, or for the transfer of property, the acceptance whereof will make a contract between them. Eppes v. Mississippi, G. & T. R. Co., 35 Ala. 33.

In English practice. A statement in writing of some special matter submitted to the consideration of a chief clerk in the court of chancery, pursuant to an order made upon an application ex parte, or a declaratory order of the court. It is either for maintenance of an infant, appointment of a guardian, placing a ward of the court at the university or in the army, or apprentice to a trade; for the appointment of a receiver, the establishment of a charity, etc. Wharton.

Proposito indeftina equipollent universalis. An indefinite proposition is equivalent to a general one.


PROPOSITUS. Lat. The person proposed; the person from whom a descent is traced.

PROPOUND. An executor or other person is said to propound a will or other testamentary paper when he takes proceedings for obtaining probate in solemn form. The term is also technically used, in England, to denote the allegations in the statement of claim, in an action for probate, by which the plaintiff alleges that the testator executed the will with proper formalities, and that he was of sound mind at the time. Sweet.

PROPRI. In French law. The term "proprie" or "biens propres" (as distinguished from "acquists") denotes all property inherited by a person, whether by devise or ab intestato, from his direct or collateral relatives, whether in the ascending or descending line; that is, in terms of the common law, property acquired by "descent" as distinguished from that acquired by "purchase."

PROPRIA PERSONA. See IN PROPRIA PERSONA.


PROPRIARY, n. A proprietor or owner; one who has the exclusive title to a thing; one who possesses or holds the title to a thing in his own right. The grantors of Pennsylvania and Maryland and their heirs were called the proprietaries of those provinces. Webster.

PROPRIARY, adj. Relating or pertaining to ownership, belonging or pertaining to a single individual owner.

—Proprietary articles. Goods manufactured under some exclusive individual right to make and sell them. The term is chiefly used in the internal revenue laws of the United States. See Ferguson v. Arthur, 117 U. S. 482. 6 Sup. Ct. 861, 29 Fed. 970; In re Gourd (C. C.) 49 Fed. 720.—Proprietary chapel. See CHAPEL.—Proprietary governments. This expression is used by Blackstone to denote governments granted out by the crown to individuals, in the nature of feudal principalities, with inferior royalties and subordinate powers of legislation such as formerly belonged to the owners of counties palatine. 1 Bl. Comm. 108.—Proprietary rights. Those rights which an owner of property has by virtue of his ownership. When proprietary rights are opposed to acquired rights, such as easements, franchises, etc., they are more often called "natural rights." Sweet.

PROPRIETAS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. Property; that which is one's own; ownership. 

Proprietas plena, full property, including not only the title, but the usufruct, or exclusive right to the use. Calvin.

Proprietas nuda, naked or mere property or ownership; the mere title, separate from the usufruct. 

Proprietas totius navis carism causam sequitur. The property of the whole ship, follows the condition of the keel. Dig. 6, 1, 61. If a man builds a vessel from the very keel with the materials of another, the vessel belongs to the owner of the materials. 2 Kent, Comm. 302.

Proprietas verborum est salus proprietatem. Jenk. Cent. 16. Propriety of words is the salvation of property.

PROPRIETATE PROBANDA, DE. A writ addressed to a sheriff to try by an inquest in whom certain property, previous to distress, subsisted. Finch, Law, 316.

Proprietates verborum sservanda sunt. The proprieties of words [proper meanings of words] are to be preserved or adhered to. Jenk. Cent. p. 136, case 78.
PROPRIÊTÊ. The French law term corresponding to our "property," or the right of enjoying and of disposing of things in the most absolute manner, subject only to the laws. Brown.

PROPRIETOR. This term is almost synonymous with "owner," (q. v.) as in the phrase "riparian proprietor." A person entitled to a trade-mark or a design under the acts for the registration or patenting of trade-marks and designs (q. v.) is called "proprietor" of the trade-mark or design. Sweet. See Latham v. Roach, 72 Ill. 181; Tuengling v. Schile (C. C.) 12 Fed. 105; Hunt v. Curry, 37 Ark. 105; Werckmeister v. Springer Lithograph Co. (C. C.) 63 Fed. 811.

PROPIETY. In Massachusetts colonial ordinance of 1741 is nearly, if not precisely, equivalent to property. Com. v. Alger, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 53, 70.


PROPRIO VIGORE. Lat. By its own force; by its intrinsic meaning.

PROPRIOS. In Spanish and Mexican law. Productive lands, the usufruct of which had been set apart to the several municipalities for the purpose of defraying the charges of their respective governments. Sheldon v. Milmo, 50 Tex. 1, 36 S. W. 413; Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 554.

PROPER. For; on account of. The initial word of several Latin phrases.

—Propter affectum. For or on account of some affection or prejudice. The name of a species of challenge, (q. v.)—Propter defec tum. On account of or for some defect. The name of a species of challenge, (q. v.)—Propter defec tum sanguinis. On account of failure of blood.—Propter delictum. For or on account of crime. The name of a species of challenge, (q. v.)—Propter honoris respectum. On account of respect of honor or rank. See Challenge—Propter impotentiam. On account of helplessness. The term describes one of the grounds of a qualified property in wild animals, consisting in the fact of their inability to escape; as is the case with the young of such animals before they can fly or run. 2 Bl. Comm. 394.—Propter privilégium. On account of privilege. The term describes one of the grounds of a qualified property in wild animals, consisting in the special privilege of hunting, taking and killing them, in a given park or preserve, to the exclusion of other persons. 2 Bl. Comm. 394.

PRORATE. To divide, share, or distribute proportionally; to assess or apportion pro rata. Formed from the Latin phrase "pro rata," and said to be a recognized English word. Rosenberg v. Frank, 98 Cal. 401.

PROROGATED JURISDICTION. In Scotch law. A power conferred by consent of the parties upon a judge who would not otherwise be competent.

PROROGATION. Prolonging or putting off to another day. In English law, a prorogation is the continuance of the parliament from one session to another, as an adjournment is a continuation of the session from day to day. Wharton.

In the civil law. The giving time to do a thing beyond the term previously fixed. Dig. 2, 14, 27, 1.

PROROGUE. To direct suspension of proceedings of parliament; to terminate a session.

PROSCRIBED. In the civil law. Among the Romans, a man was said to be "proscribed" when a reward was offered for his head; but the term was more usually applied to those who were sentenced to some punishment which carried with it the consequences of civil death. Cod. 3, 49.

PROSECUTE. To follow up; to carry on an action or other judicial proceeding; to proceed against a person criminally.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY. The name of the public officer (in several states) who is appointed in each judicial district, circuit, or county, to conduct criminal prosecutions on behalf of the state or people. See People v. May, 3 Mich. 605; Holder v. State, 58 Ark. 473, 25 S. W. 279.

PROSECUTING WITNESS. This name is given to the private person upon whose complaint or information a criminal accusation is founded and whose testimony is mainly relied on to secure a conviction at the trial; in a more particular sense, the person who was chiefly injured, in person or property, by the act constituting the alleged crime, (as in cases of robbery, assault, criminal negligence, bastardy, and the like,) and who instigates the prosecution and gives evidence.

PROSECUTION. In criminal law. A criminal action; a proceeding instituted and carried on by due course of law, before a competent tribunal, for the purpose of determining the guilt or innocence of a person charged with crime. See U. S. v. Relsinger, 128 U. S. 308, 9 Sup. Ct. 99, 32 L. Ed. 490; Tennessee v. Davis, 100 U. S. 257, 25 L. Ed. 648; Schulte v. Keokuk County, 74 Iowa, 292, 37 N. W. 375; Sigaboe v. State, 43 Fla. 524, 30 South. 816.

By an easy extension of its meaning "prosecution" is sometimes used to designate the state as the party proceeding in a criminal action, or the prosecutor, or counsel; as when we speak of "the evidence adduced by the prosecution."

—Malicious prosecution. See Malicious.
PROSECUTOR. In practice. He who prosecutes another for a crime in the name of the government.

-Private prosecutor. One who sets in motion the machinery of criminal justice against a person whom he suspects or believes to be guilty of a crime, by laying an accusation before the proper authorities, and who is not himself an officer of justice. See Heacock v. State, 13 Tex. App. 129; State v. Millain, 3 Nev. 425. -Prosecutor of the pleas. This name is given in New Jersey, to the county officer who is charged with the prosecution of criminal actions, corresponding to the "district attorney" or "county attorney" in other states. -Public prosecutor. An officer of government (such as a state's attorney or district attorney) whose function is the prosecution of criminal actions, or suits partaking of the nature of criminal actions.

PROSECUTRIX. In criminal law. A female prosecutor.

PROSEQUI. Lat. To follow up or pursue; to sue or prosecute. See Nolle Prosequi.

PROSEQUITUR. Lat. He follows up or pursues; he prosecutes. See Non Pros.

PROSOCER. Lat. In the civil law. A father-in-law's father; grandfather of wife.

PROSOCERUS. Lat. In the civil law. A wife's grandfather.

PROSPECTIVE. Looking forward; contemplating the future. A law is said to be prospective (as opposed to retrospective) when it is applicable only to cases which shall arise after its enactment.

-Prospective damages. See Damages.

PROSPECTUS. A document published by a company or corporation, or by persons acting as its agents or assignees, setting forth the nature and objects of an issue of shares, debentures, or other securities created by the company or corporation, and inviting the public to subscribe to the issue. A prospectus is also usually published on the issue, in England, of bonds or other securities by a foreign state or corporation. Sweet.

In the civil law. Prospect; the view of external objects. Dig. 8, 2, 3, 15.


PROSTITUTION. Common lewdness; whoredom; the act or practice of a woman who permits any man who will pay her price to have sexual intercourse with her. See Com. v. Cook, 12 Metc. (Mass.) 97.

Protectio trasmit subjectionem, et subjectio protectionem. Protection draws with it subjection, and subjection protection.

7 Coke, 5a. The protection of an individual by government is on condition of his submission to the laws, and such submission on the other hand entitles the individual to the protection of the government. Broom, Max. 78.

PROTECTION. In English law. A writ by which the king might, by a special prerogative, privilege a defendant from all personal and many real suits for one year at a time, and no longer, in respect of his being engaged in his service out of the realm. 3 Bl. Comm. 289.

In former times the name "protection" was also given to a certificate given to a sailor to show that he was exempt from impressment into the royal navy.

In mercantile law. The name of a document generally given by notaries public to sailors and other persons going abroad, in which it is certified that the bearer therein named is a citizen of the United States.

In public commercial law. A system by which a government imposes customs duties upon commodities of foreign origin or manufacture when imported into the country, with the purpose and effect of stimulating and developing the home production of the same or equivalent articles, by discouraging the importation of foreign goods, or by raising the price of foreign commodities to a point at which the home producers can successfully compete with them.

PROTECTION OF INVENTIONS ACT. The statute 33 & 34 Vict. c. 27. By this act it is provided that the exhibition of new inventions shall not prejudice patent rights, and that the exhibition of designs shall not prejudice the right to registration of such designs.

PROTECTION ORDER. In English practice. An order for the protection of the wife's property, when the husband has willfully deserted her, issuable by the divorce court under statutes on that subject.

PROTECTIONIBUS DE. The English statute 33 Edw. I. St. 1, allowing a challenge to be entered against a protection, etc.

PROTECTIVE TARIFF. A law imposing duties on imports, with the purpose and the effect of discouraging the use of products of foreign origin, and consequently of stimulating the home production of the same or equivalent articles. R. E. Thompson, in Enc. Brit.

PROTECTOR OF SETTLEMENT. In English law. By the statute 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74, § 32, power is given to any settlor to appoint any person or persons, not exceeding three, the "protector of the settlement." The object of such appointment is to prevent the tenant in tail from barring any subse-
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quent estate, the consent of the protector being made necessary for that purpose.

PROTESTORATE. (1) The period during which Oliver Cromwell ruled in England. (2) Also the office of protector. (3) The relation of the English sovereign, till the year 1894, to the Ionian Islands. Wharton.

PROTEST. 1. A formal declaration made by a person interested or concerned in some act about to be done, or already performed, and in relation thereto, whereby he expresses his dissent or disapproval, or affirms the act to be done against his will or convictions, the object being generally to save some right which would be lost to him if his implied assent could be made out, or to exonerate himself from some responsibility which would attach to him unless he expressly negatived his assent to or voluntary participation in the act.

2. A notarial act, being a formal statement in writing made by a notary under his seal of office, at the request of the holder of a bill or note, in which such bill or note is described, and it is declared that the same was on a certain day presented for payment, (or acceptance, as the case may be,) and that such payment or acceptance was refused, and stating the reasons, if any, given for such refusal, whereupon the notary protests against all parties to such instrument, and declares that they will be held responsible for all loss or damage arising from its dishonor. See Annville Nat. Bank v. Kettering, 106 Pa. 531, 51 Am. Rep. 536; Ayrault v. Pacific Bank, 47 N. Y. 573, 7 Am. Rep. 489.


A solemn declaration written by the notary, under a fair copy of the bill, stating that the payment or acceptance has been demanded and refused, the reason, if any, assigned, and that the bill is therefore protested. Dennistoun v. Stockton, 1 How. (C. C.) 607, 15 L. Ed. 326.

"Protest," in a technical sense, means only the formal declaration drawn up and signed by the notary; yet, as used by commercial men, the word includes all the acts necessary to charge an indorser. Townsend v. Lorain Bank, 2 Ohio St. 345.

3. A formal declaration made by a minority (or by certain individuals) in a legislative body that they dissent from some act or resolution of the body, usually adding the grounds of their dissent. The term, in this meaning, seems to be particularly appropriate to such a proceeding in the English house of lords. See Auditor General v. Board of Supervisors, 89 Mich. 532, 51 N. W. 483.

4. The name "protest" is also given to the formal statement, usually in writing, made by a person who is called upon by public authority to pay a sum of money, in which he declares that he does not concede the legality or justice of the claim or his duty to pay it, or that he disputes the amount demanded; the object being to save his right to recover or reclaim the amount which right would be lost by his acquiescence. Thus, taxes may be paid under "protest." See Meyer v. Clark, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 500.

5. "Protest" is also the name of a paper served on a collector of customs by an importer of merchandise, stating that he believes the sum charged as duty to be excessive, and that, although he pays such sum for the purpose of getting his goods out of the custom-house, he reserves the right to bring an action against the collector to recover the excess.

6. In maritime law, a protest is a written statement by the master of a vessel, attested by a proper judicial officer or a notary, to the effect that damage suffered by the ship on her voyage was caused by storms or other perils of the sea, without any negligence or misconduct on her own part. Marsh. Ins. 715. And see Hudsworth v. South Carolina Ins. Co., 4 Rich. Law (S. C.) 416, 55 Am. Dec. 692.

-Notice of protest. A notice given by the holder of a bill or note to the drawer or indorser that the bill has been protested for refusal of payment or acceptance. Cook v. Litchfield, 10 N. Y. Leg. Obs. 338; First Nat. Bank v. Hatch, 78 Me. 23; Roberts v. State Bank, 9 Fort. (Ala.) 315.—Supra protest. In mercantile law. A term applied to an acceptance of a bill by a third person, after protest for nonacceptance by the drawer. 3 Kent, Comm. 57.—Waiver of protest. As applied to a note or bill, a waiver of protest implies not only dispensing with the formal act known as "protest," but also with that which ordinarily must precede it, viz., demand and notice of non-payment. See Baker v. Scott, 29 Kan. 136, 44 Am. Rep. 628; First Nat. Bank v. Hartman, 130 Pa. 196, 2 Atl. 371; Coddington v. Davis, 1 N. Y. 136.

PROTESTANDO. L. Lat. Protesting. The emphatic word formerly used in pleading by way of protestation. 3 Bl. Comm. 311. See PROTESTATION.

PROTESTANTS. Those who adhered to the doctrine of Luther; so called because, in 1529, they protested against a decree of the emperor Charles V. and of the diet of Spires, and declared that they appealed to a general council. The name is now applied indiscriminately to all the sects, of whatever denomination, who have seceded from the Church of Rome. Enc. Lond. See Hale v. Everett, 53 N. H. 9, 16 Am. Rep. 82; Appeal of Tappan, 52 Conn. 413.

PROTESTATION. In pleading. The indirect affirmation or denial of the truth of some matter which cannot with propriety or safety be positively affirmed, denied, or entirely passed over. See 3 Bl. Comm. 311.

The exclusion of a conclusion. Co. Litt. 124.

In practice. An averment made by taking God to witness. A protestation is a
form of amseveration which approaches very nearly to an oath. Wolf. Inst. Nat. § 375.


PROTOCOL. The first draft or rough minutes of an instrument or transaction; the original copy of a dispatch, treaty, or other document. Brande. A document serving as the preliminary to, or opening of, any diplomatic transaction.

In old Scotch practice. A book, marked by the clerk-register, and delivered to a notary on his admission, in which he was directed to insert all the instruments he had occasion to execute; to be preserved as a record. Bell.

In France, the minutes of notarial acts were formerly transcribed on registers, which were called "protocoles." Toullier, Droit Civil Fr. liv. 3, t. 3, c. 6, a. 1, no. 413.

PROTOCOLO. In Spanish law. The original draft or writing of an instrument which remains in the possession of the escribano, or notary. White, New Recop. llib. 3, tit. 7, c. 5, § 2.

The term "protocolo," when applied to a single paper, means the first draft of an instrument duly executed before a notary.—the matrix,—because it is the source from which must be taken copies to be delivered to interested parties as their evidence of right; and it also means a bound book in which the notary places and keeps in their order instruments executed before him, from which copies are taken for the use of parties interested. Downing v. Diaz, 80 Tex. 436, 16 S. W. 53.

PROTUTOR. Lat. In the civil law. He who, not being the tutor of a minor, has administered his property or affairs as if he had been, whether he thought himself legally invested with the authority of a tutor or not. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 630.

PROUT PATET PER RECORDUM. As appears by the record. In the Latin phraseology of pleading, this was the proper formula for making reference to a record.

PROVABLE. L. Fr. Provable; justifiable; manifest. Kelham.

PROVE. To establish a fact or hypothesis as true by satisfactory and sufficient evidence.

To present a claim or demand against a bankrupt or insolvent estate, and establish by evidence or affidavit that the same is correct and due, for the purpose of receiving a dividend on it. Tibbetts v. Trafton, 80 Me. 264, 14 Atl. 71; In re California Pac. R. Co., BL. LAW DICT. (2d Ed.)—61


To establish the genuineness and due execution of a paper, propounded to the proper court or officer, as the last will and testament of a deceased person. See PROBATE.

PROVER. In old English law. A person who, on being indicted of treason or felony, and arraigned for the same, confessed the fact before plea pleaded, and appeared or accused others, his accomplices, in the same crime, in order to obtain his pardon. 4 Bl. Comm. 329, 330.

PROVIDED. The word used in introducing a proviso (which see.) Ordinarily it signifies or expresses a condition; but this is not invariable, for, according to the context, it may import a covenant, or a limitation or qualification, or a restraint, modification, or exception to something which precedes. See Stanley v. Colt, 5 Wall. 169, 18 L. Ed. 502; Stoel v. Flanders, 68 Wis. 256, 32 N. W. 114; Robertson v. Caw, 3 Barb. (N. Y.) 418; Paschall v. Passmore, 15 Pa. 308; Carroll v. State, 58 Ala. 396; Colt v. Hubbard, 33 Conn. 251; Woodruff v. Woodruff, 44 N. J. Eq. 349, 16 Atl. 4, 1 L. R. A. 380.

PROVINCE. Sometimes this signifies the district into which a country has been divided; as, the province of Canterbury, in England; the province of Langedoc in France. Sometimes it means a dependency or colony, as, the province of New Brunswick. It is sometimes used figuratively to signify power or authority; as, it is the province of the court to judge of the law; that of the jury to decide on the facts. 1 Bl. Comm. 111; Tomlins.

PROVINCIAL CONSTITUTIONS. The decrees of provincial synods held under divers archbishops of Canterbury, from Stephen Langton, in the reign of Henry III., to Henry Chichele, in the reign of Henry V., and adopted also by the province of York in the reign of Henry VI. Wharton.

PROVINCIAL COURTS. In English law. The several archi-episcopal courts in the two ecclesiastical provinces of England.

PROVINCIALE. A work on ecclesiastical law, by William Lyndwode, official principal to Archbishop Chichele in the reign of Edward IV. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 25, p. 117.

PROVINCIALIS. Lat. In the civil law. One who has his domicile in a province. Dig. 50, 10, 190.

PROVING OF THE TENOR. In Scotch practice. An action for proving the tenor of a lost deed. Bell.

PROVISION. In commercial law. Funds remitted by the drawer of a bill of
exchange to the drawee in order to meet the bill, or property remaining in the drawee's hands or due from him to the drawer, and appropriated to that purpose.

In ecclesiastical law. A provision was a nomination by the pope to an English benefice before it became void, though the term was afterwards indiscriminately applied to any right of patronage exerted or usurped by the pope.

In French law. Provision is an allowance or alimony granted by a judge to one of the parties in a cause for his or her maintenance until a definite judgment is rendered. Daloz.

In English history. A name given to certain statutes or acts of parliament, particularly those intended to curb the arbitrary or usurped power of the sovereign, and also to certain other ordinances or declarations having the force of law. See infra.

—Provisions of Merton. Another name for the statute of Merton. See MERTON, STATUTE OF, § 1. Several important provisions made in the Parliament of Oxford, 1238, for the purpose of securing the execution of the provisions of the Magna Charta, and to check the invasions thereof by Henry III. The government of the country was in effect committed by these provisions to a standing committee of twenty-four, whose chief merit consisted in their representative character, and their real desire to effect an improvement in the king's government. See PROVISIONS OF WESTMINSTER.

A name given to certain ordinances or declarations promulgated by the barons in A. D. 1293, for the reform of various abuses.

PROVINCIAL. Temporary; preliminary; tentative; taken or done by way of precaution or ad interim.

—Provisional assignees. In the former practice in bankruptcy in England. Assignees to whom the property of a bankrupt was assigned until the receiver or assignee was appointed by the creditors. —Provisional committee. A committee appointed for a temporary occasion by Government. One temporarily established in anticipation of and to exist and continue until another (more regular or more permanent) shall be organized and instituted in its stead. Chambers v. Fisk, 22 Tex. 335. —Provisional order. In English law. Under various acts of parliament, certain public bodies and departments of the government are authorized to inquire into matters which, in the ordinary course, could only be dealt with by a private act of parliament, and to make orders for their regulation. These orders have no effect unless they are confirmed by an act of parliament, and are hence called "provisional orders." Several orders may be confirmed by one act. The object of this mode of proceeding is to save the trouble and expense of promoting a number of private bills. Sweet.

—Provisional remedy. A remedy provided for present need or for the immediate occasion; one adapted to meet a particular exigency. Particularly, a temporary process available to a plaintiff to prevent civil action, which secures him against loss, irreparable injury, dissipation of the property, etc., while the action is pending. Such are the remedies by injunction, appointment of a receiver, attachment, and arrest. The term is chiefly used in the codes of practice. See McCarthy v. McCarthy, 54 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 233; Jackson v. Lyon, 129 U. S. 574; Snell v. Abbott Buggy Co., 30 Kan. 106, 12 Pac. 622.

—Provisional seizure. A remedy known under the law of Louisiana, and substantially the same in general nature as attachment of property in other states. Code Proc. La. 234, et seq.

PROVISIONES. Lat. In English history. Those acts of parliament which were passed to curb the arbitrary power of the crown. See Provision.


PROVISO. A condition or provision which is inserted in a deed, lease, mortgage, or contract, and on the performance or non-performance of which the validity of the deed, etc., frequently depends; it usually begins with the word "provided."

A proviso in deeds or laws is a limitation or exception. An exception granted or authority conferred, the effect of which is to declare that the one shall not operate, or the other be exercised, unless the case provided. Voorhees v. Bank of United States, 10 Pet. 449, 9 L. Ed. 490. The word "proviso" is generally taken for a condition, but it differs from it in several respects; for a condition is usually created by the grantor or lessor, but a proviso by the grantee or leasee. Jacob.

A proviso differs from an exception. 1 Barn. & Ald. 90. An exception exemples, absolutely, from the operation of an engagement or an enactment; a proviso defeats their operation, conditionally. An exception takes out of an engagement or enactment something which would otherwise be part of the subject-matter of it; a proviso avoids them by way of defensae or excuse. 8 Am. Jur. 242.

A clause or part of a clause in a statute, the office of which is either to except something from the enacting clause, or to qualify or restrict, or to include some possible ground of misinterpretation of its extent. Minis v. U. S., 15 Pet. 445, 10 L. Ed. 791; In re Matthews (D. C.) 109 Fed. 614; Carroll v. State, 58 Ala. 396; Waff v. Goble, 53 Barb. (N. Y.) 622.

Provost est providere presentia et futura, non praterita. Coke, 72. A proviso is to provide for the present or future, not the past.

PROVISO, TRIAL BY. In English practice. A trial brought on by the defendant, in cases where the plaintiff, after issue joined, neglects to proceed to trial; so called from a clause in the writ to the sheriff, which directs him, in case two writs come to his hands, to execute but one of them. 3 H. Comm. 357.

PROVISOR. In old English law. A provider, or purveyor. Spelman. Also a person nominated to be the next incumbent of a benefice (not yet vacant) by the pope.

PROVOCATION. The act of inciting another to do a particular deed. Such conduct
or actions on the part of one person towards another as tend to arouse rage, resentment, or fury in the latter against the former, and thereby cause him to do some illegal act against or in relation to the person offering the provocation. See State v. Byrd, 52 S. C. 480, 30 S. E. 482; Ruble v. People, 67 Ill. App. 438.

PROVOST. The principal magistrate of a royal burgh in Scotland; also a governing officer of a university or college.

PROVOST-MARSHAL. In English law. An officer of the royal navy who had the charge of prisoners taken at sea, and sometimes also on land. In military law, the officer acting as the head of the military police of any post, camp, city or other place in military occupation, or district under the reign of martial law.

PROXENETA. Lat. In the civil law. A broker; one who negotiated or arranged the terms of a contract between two parties, as between buyer and seller; one who negotiated a marriage; a match-maker. Calvin.

PROXIMATE. Immediate; nearest; next in order.

—Proximate cause. The proximate cause is the efficient cause, the one that necessarily sets the other causes in operation. The causes that are merely incidental or instruments of a superior or controlling agency are not the proximate causes and the responsible ones, though they may be nearer in time to the result. It is only when the causes are independent of each other that the nearest is, of course, to be charged with the disaster. See Blythe v. Railway Co., 15 Colo. 333, 25 Pac. 702, 11 L. R. A. 615, 22 Am. St. Rep. 405; Pieke v. Railroad Co., 5 Dak. 444, 41 N. W. 660; Railroad Co. v. Kelly, 91 Tenn. 600, 20 S. W. 312, 17 L. R. A. 691, 30 Am. St. Rep. 902; Gunter v. Graniteville Mfg. Co., 15 S. C. 443; Bosqui v. Railroad Co., 131 Cal. 390, 63 Pac. 852; Ætna Ins. Co. v. McMinn, 96 La. 137, 31 L. R. A. 127, 24 So. 895; Wills v. Railway Co., 108 Wis. 255, 84 N. W. 998; Davis v. Standish, 26 Iun. (N. Y.) 615. See also, IMMEDIATE (CAUSE.)—Proximate damages. See DAMAGES.

PROXIMITY. Kludred between two persons. Dig. 38, 16, 8.

Proximus est cui nemo antecedit, supremus est quem nemo sequitur. He is next whom no one precedes; he is last whom no one follows. Dig. 50, 16, 92.

PROXY. A person who is substituted or deputed by another to represent him and act for him, particularly in some meeting or public body. Also the instrument containing the appointment of such person. The word is said to be contracted from "procuracy," (q. v.)

One who is appointed or deputed by another to vote for him. Members of the house of lords in England have the privilege of voting by proxy. 1 Bl. Comm. 168.

PTOMAINES. In ecclesiastical law. A person who is appointed to manage another man's affairs in the ecclesiastical courts; a proctor.

Also an annual payment made by the parochial clergy to the bishop, on visitations. Tomlins.

PRUDENCE. Carefulness, precaution, attentiveness, and good judgment, as applied to action or conduct. That degree of care required by the exigencies or circumstances under which it is to be exercised. Cronk v. Railway Co., 3 S. D. 93, 52 N. W. 420. This term, in the language of the law, is commonly associated with "care" and "diligence" and contrasted with "negligence." See those titles.

Prudenter agit qui precepto legis obtemparet. 5 Coke, 40. He acts prudently who obeys the command of the law.

PRYK. A kind of service of tenure. Blount says it signifies an old-fashioned spur with one point only, which the tenant, holding land by this tenure, was to find for the king. Wharton.

PSEUDOCYESIS. In medical jurisprudence. A frequent manifestation of hysteria in women, in which the abdomen is inflated, simulating pregnancy; the patient aiding in the deception.

PSYCHO-DIAGNOSIS. In medical jurisprudence. A method of investigating the origin and cause of any given disease or morbid condition by examination of the mental condition of the patient, the application of various psychological tests, and an inquiry into the past history of the patient, with a view to its bearing on his present psychic state.

PSYCHOLOGICAL FACT. In the law of evidence. A fact which can only be perceived mentally; such as the motive by which a person is actuated. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 130, 131.

PSYCHOTHERAPY. A method or system of alleviating or curing certain forms of disease, particularly diseases of the nervous system or such as are traceable to nervous disorders, by suggestion, persuasion, encouragement, the inspiration of hope or confidence, the discouragement of morbid memories, associations, or beliefs, and other similar means addressed to the mental state of the patient, without (or sometimes in conjunction with) the administration of drugs or other physical remedies.

PTOMAINES. In medical jurisprudence. Alkaloidal products of the decomposition or putrefaction of albuminous substances, as in animal and vegetable tissues. These are sometimes poisonous, but not invariably. Examples of poisonous ptomaines are those oc-
PUBERTY. The age of fourteen in males and twelve in females, when they are held fit for, and capable of contracting, marriage. Otherwise called the "age of consent to marriage." 1 Bl. Comm. 436; 2 Kent, Comm. 78. See State v. Pierson, 44 Ark. 265.

PUBLIC. Pertaining to a state, nation, or whole community; proceeding from, relating to, or affecting the whole body of people or an entire community. Open to all; notorious. Common to all or many; general; open to common use. Morgan v. Cree, 46 Vt. 786, 14 Am. Rep. 640; Crane v. Waters (C. C.) 10 Fed. 621; Austin v. Soule, 36 Vt. 650; Appeal of Elliot, 74 Conn. 586, 51 Atl. 558; O'Hara v. Miller, 1 Kulp (Pa.) 295.

A distinction has been made between the terms "public" and "general." They are sometimes used as synonymous. The former term is applied to that which concerns all the citizens and every member of the state; while the latter includes a lesser, though still a large, portion of the community. 1 Greenl. Eq. 126.

As a noun, the word "public" denotes the whole body politic, or the aggregate of the citizens of a state, district, or municipality. Knight v. Thomas, 93 Me. 494, 45 Atl. 499; State v. Luce, 9 Houst. (Del.) 396, 32 Atl. 1076; Wyatt v. Irrigation Co., 1 Colo. App. 480, 29 Pac. 906.

Public appointments. Public offices or stations which are to be filled by the appointment of individuals, not of law, instead of by election. Public building. One of which the possession and use, as well as the property in it, are in the public. Pancoast v. Troth, 34 N. J. Law, 293. Public law. That branch or department of law which is concerned with the state in its political or sovereign capacity, including constitutional and administrative law, and with the definition, regulation, and enforcement of rights in cases where the state is regarded as the subject of the right or object of the duty. Including criminal law and criminal procedure, and the law of the state, considered in its quasi private personality, i.e., as capable of holding or exercising rights, or acquiring and dealing with property, in the character of an individual. See Hiioll. Jur. 106, 300. That portion of law which is concerned with political conditions that is to say, with the powers, rights, duties, capacities, and incapacities which are peculiar to political superiors, supreme, and subordinate. Aust. Jur. "Public law," in one sense, is a designation given to "international law," as distinguished from the laws of a particular nation or state. In another sense, a law or statute that applies to the people generally of the nation or state adopting or enacting it, is denominated a public law, as contradistinguished from a private law, affecting only an individual or a small number of persons. Morgan v. Cree, 46 Vt. 773, 14 Am. Rep. 640. Public offense. A public offense is an act forbidden by law and punishable as by law provided. Code Ala. 1886, § 3889. Ford v. State, 7 Ind. App. 567, 35 N. E. 34; State v. Canty, 34 Minn. 1, 24 N. W. 458. A right of property in the public, to pass over a body of water, whether the land under it be public or owned by a private person. Public place. A place to which the general public has a right to resort; not necessarily a place devoted solely to the uses of the public, but a place which is in point of fact public rather than private, a place visited by many persons and usually accessible to the public. See State v. Welch, 58 Ind. 310; Gomprecht v. State, 36 Tex. Cr. R. 454, 37 S. W. 734; Russell v. Dyer, 40 N. II. 157; Roach v. Eugene, 23 Or. 370, 31 Pac. 823; Taylor v. State, 23 Ala. 159. Public purpose. Under the law of taxation, eminent domain etc., this is a term of classification to distinguish the objects for which, according to settled usage, the government is to provide, from those which, by the like usage, are left to private interest, inclination, or liberality. People v. Salem Tp. Board, 20 Mich. 493, 4 Am. Rep. 406. See Black, Const. Law (2d Ed.) p. 524, et seq. Public service. A term applied in modern usage to the objects and enterprises of certain kinds of corporations, which specially serve the needs of the general public or conducive to the comfort and convenience of an entire community, such as railroads, gas, water, and electric light companies. Public, true, and notorious. The old form by which charges in the allegations in the ecclesiastical courts were described at the end of each charge. Publicly. In constitutive provisions restricting the exercise of the right to take private property in virtue of eminent domain, means a use concerning the whole community as distinguished from a use by individuals. But each and every member of society need not be equally interested in such use, or be personally and directly affected by it; if the object is to satisfy a great public want or exigency, that is sufficient. Gilmer v. Lime Point, 18 Cal. 229; Budd v. New York, 143 U. S. 517, 12 Sup. Ct. 468, 36 L. Ed. 247. Public ways, Highways, (q. v.) Public welfare. The prosperity, well-being, or convenience of the public at large, or of a whole community, as distinguished from the advantage of the individual or limited class. See Shaver v. Starrett, 4 Ohio St. 499.


PUBLICAN. In the civil law. A farmer of the public revenue; one who held a lease of some property from the public treasury. Dig. 39, 4, 1, 1; Id. 30, 4, 12, 3; Id. 39, 4, 13.

In English law. Persons authorized by license to keep a public house, and retail therein, for consumption on or off the premises where sold, all intoxicating liquors, also termed "licensed victuallers." Wharton.

PUBLICANUS. Lat. In Roman law. A farmer of the customs; a publican. Calvin.

PUBLICATION. 1. The act of publishing anything or making it public; offering it
to public notice, or rendering it accessible to public scrutiny.

2. As descriptive of the publishing of laws and ordinances, "publication" means printing or otherwise reproducing copies of them and distributing them in such a manner as to make their contents easily accessible to the public; it forms no part of the enactment of the law. "Promulgation," on the other hand, seems to denote the proclamation or announcement of the edict or statute as a preliminary to its acquiring the force and operation of law. But the two terms are often used interchangeably. Chicago v. McCoy, 138 Ill. 344, 22 N. E. 383, 11 L. R. A. 413; Sholes v. State, 2 PIn. (Wls.) 490.

3. The formal declaration made by a testator at the time of signing his will that it is his last will and testament. 4 Kent, Comm. 513, and note. In re Simpson, 56 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 134; Compton v. Mitton, 12 N. J. Law, 70; Lewis v. Lewis, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 23.

4. In the law of libel, publication denotes the act of making the defamatory matter known publicly, of disseminating it, or communicating it to one or more persons. Willcox v. Moon, 63 Vt. 451, 22 Atl. 50; Sproul v. Pillabury, 72 Me. 20; Gambril v. Schooley, 93 Md. 48, 48 Atl. 730, 52 L. R. A. 87, 96 Am. St. Rep. 414.

5. In the practice of the states adopting the reformed procedure, and in some others, publication of a summons is the process of giving it currency as an advertisement in a newspaper, under the conditions prescribed by law, as a means of giving notice of the suit to a defendant upon whom personal service cannot be made.

6. In equity practice. The making public the depositions taken in a suit, which have previously been kept private in the office of the examiner. Publication is said to pass when the depositions are so made public, or openly shown, and copies of them given out, in order to the hearing of the cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 450.


PUBLICI JURIS. Lat. Of public right. This term, as applied to a thing or right, means that it is open to or exercisable by all persons.

When a thing is common property, so that any one can make use of it who likes, it is said to be "publici juris;" as in the case of light, air, and public water. Sweet.

Or it designates things which are owned by "the public;" that is, the entire state or community, and not by any private person.

PUBLICIANA. In the civil law. The name of an action introduced by the pretor Publicius, the object of which was to recover a thing which had been lost. Its effects were similar to those of our action of trover. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 298. See Inst. 4, 6, 4; Dig. 6, 2, 1, 16.

PUBLICIST. One versed in, or writing upon, public law, the science and principles of government, or international law.

PUBLICUM JUS. Lat. In the civil law. Public law; that law which regards the state of the commonwealth. Inst. 1, 1, 4.

PUBLISHER. One whose business is the manufacture, promulgation, and sale of books, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, or other literary productions.

PUDICITY. Chastity; purity; continence.

PUDZELD. In old English law. Supposed to be a corruption of the Saxon "woodgeld." (woodgewd.) A freedom from payment of money for taking wood in any forest. Co. Litt. 233a.

PUEBLO. In Spanish law. People; all the inhabitants of any country or place, without distinction. A town, township, or municipality. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 1, c. 6, § 4.

This term "pueblo," in its original signification, means "people" or "population," but is used in the sense of the English word "town." It has the indefiniteness of that term, and, like it, is sometimes applied to a mere collection of individuals residing at a particular place, a settlement or village, as well as to a regularly organized municipality. Trenouth v. San Francisco, 100 U. S. 251, 25 L. Ed. 626.

PUEER. Lat. In the civil law. A child; one of the age from seven to fourteen, including, in this sense, a girl. But it also meant a "boy," as distinguished from a "girl," or a servant.

Pueri sunt de sanguine parentum, sed pater et mater non sunt de sanguine puororum. 3 Coke, 40. Children are of the blood of their parents, but the father and mother are not of the blood of the children.

PUERILITY. In the civil law. A condition intermediate between infancy and puberty, continuing in boys from the seventh to the fourteenth year of their age, and in girls from seven to twelve.

PUERITIA. Lat. In the civil law. Childhood; the age from seven to fourteen. 4 Bl. Comm. 22.

PUFFER. A person employed by the owner of property which is sold at auction to attend the sale and run up the price by making spurious bids. See Peck v. List. 23 W.
PUNIS. In law French. Afterwards; since.

_Puis darrein continuance._ Since the last continuance. The name of a plea which a defendant is allowed to put in, after having already pleaded, where some new matter of defense arises after issue joined; such as payment, a release by the plaintiff, the discharge of the defendant under an insolvent or bankrupt law, and the like. 3 Bl. Comm. 316; 2 Tidd, Pr. 847; Chattanooga v. Neely, 97 Tenn. 327, 32 S. W. 291; Waterbury v. McMillan, 48 Miss. 640; Woods v. White, 57 Pa. 227.

PUISNE. L. Fr. Younger; subordinate; associate.

The title by which the justices and barons of the several common-laws courts at Westminster are distinguished from the chief justice and chief baron.

PUISANCE PATERNELLE. Fr. Paternal power. In the French law, the male parent has the following rights over the person of his child: (1) If child is under sixteen years of age, he may procure him to be imprisoned for one month or under. (2) If child is over sixteen and under twenty-one he may procure an imprisonment for six months or under, with power in each case to procure a second period of imprisonment. The female parent, being a widow, may, with the approval of the two nearest relations on the father's side, do the like. The parent enjoys also the following rights over the property of his child, viz., a right to take the income until the child attains the age of eighteen years, subject to maintaining the child and educating him in a suitable manner. Brown.

PULSARE. Lat. In the civil law. To beat; to accuse or charge; to proceed against at law. Calvin.

PULSATOR. The plaintiff, or actor.

PUNCTATION. The division of a written or printed document into sentences by means of periods; and of sentences into smaller divisions by means of commas, semicolons, colons, etc.

PUNCTUM TEMPORIS. Lat. A point of time; an indivisible period of time; the shortest space of time; an instant. Calvin.

PUNCTURED WOUND. In medical jurisprudence. A wound made by the insertion into the body of any instrument having a sharp point. The term is practically synonymous with "stab."

PUNDBRECH. In old English law. Pound-breach; the offense of breaking a pound. The illegal taking of cattle out of a pound by any means whatsoever. Cowell.

PUNIDIT. An interpreter of the Hindu law; a learned Brahmin.

PUNISHABLE. LIABLE to punishment, whether absolutely or in the exercise of a judicial discretion.

PUNISHMENT. In criminal law. Any pain, penalty, suffering, or confinement inflicted upon a person by the authority of the law and the judgment and sentence of a court, for some crime or offense committed by him, or for his omission of a duty enjoined by law. See Cummings _v._ Missouri, 4 Wall. 320, 18 L. Ed. 356; Featherstone _v._ People, 194 Ill. 325, 62 N. E. 684; Ex parte Howe, 26 Or. 181, 37 Pac. 536; State _v._ Grant, 79 Mo. 129, 49 Am. Rep. 218.

_Cruel and unusual punishment._ Such punishment as would amount to torture or barbarity, and any cruel and degrading punishment not known to the common law, and also any punishment so disproportionate to the offense as to shock the moral sense of the community. In re Bayard, 26 Hun (N. Y.) 544; State _v._ Driver, 78 N. C. 423; In re Kempler, 138 U. S. 430, 10 Sup. Ct. 830, 34 L. Ed. 510; Wilkerson _v._ Utah, 90 U. S. 130, 23 L. Ed. 345; State _v._ Williams, 77 Mo. 310; McDonald _v._ Com., 178 Mass. 522, 53 N. E. 874, 73 Am. St. Rep. 259; People _v._ Morris, 80 Mich. 633, 45 N. W. 591, 9 L. R. A. 656.

PUNITIVE. Relating to punishment; having the character of punishment or penalty; inflicting punishment or a penalty.

_Punitive damages._ See DAMAGES._Punitive power._ The power and authority of a state, or organized jural society, to inflict punishments upon those persons who have committed actions inherently evil and injurious to the public, or acts declared by the laws of that state to be sanctioned with punishments.

PUPIL. In the civil law. One who is in his or her minority. Particularly, one who is in ward or guardianship.

PUPILLARIS SUBSTITUTIO. Lat. In the civil law. Pupillar substitution; the substitution of an heir to a pupil or infant under puberty. The substitution by a father of an heir to his children under his power, disposing of his own estate and theirs, in the case the child refused to accept the inheritance, or died before the age of puberty. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 6, no. 64.

PUPILLARITY. In Scotch law. That period of minority from the birth to the age of fourteen in males, and twelve in females. Bell.

PUPILLUS. Lat. In the civil law. A ward or infant under the age of puberty; a person under the authority of a tutor, (q. v.)

Pupillus pati posse non intelligitur. A pupil or infant is not supposed to be able to suffer, _i. c._, to do an act to his own prejudice. Dig. 69, 17, 110, 2.
PUR. L. Fr. By or for. Used both as a separable particle, and in the composition of such words as "purperty," "purlien."

—Pur autre vie. For (or during) the life of another. An estate pur autre vie is an estate which is held only for the life of the particular person other than the grantee.—Pur cause de vilanien. By reason of neighborhood. See Common.—Pur tant que. Forasmuch as; because; to the intent that. Kelham.

PURCHASE. The word "purchase" is used in law in contradistinction to "descent," and means any other mode of acquiring real property than by the common course of inheritance. But it is also much used in its more restricted vernacular sense, (that of buying for a sum of money,) especially in modern law literature; and this is universally its application to the case of chattels. See Stamm v. Bostwick, 122 N. Y. 48, 25 N. E. 238, 9 L. R. A. 597; Hall v. Hall, 81 N. Y. 134; Berger v. United States Steel Corp., 63 N. J. Eq. 808, 33 Atl. 68; Falley v. Gribilag, 128 Ind. 110, 28 N. E. 794; Chambers v. St. Louis, 29 Mo. 574.

—Purchase money. The consideration in money paid or agree to be paid by the buyer to the seller of property, particularly of land. Purchase money means money stipulated to be paid by a purchaser to his vendor, and does not include money the purchaser may have borrowed to complete his purchase. Purchase money, as between vendor and vendee only, is contemplated; as between purchaser and vendor, the money is "borrowed money." Heusler v. Nickum, 38 Md. 270. But see Houlehan v. Raseler, 73 Wis. 557, 41 N. W. 729. —Purchase-money mortgage. See Mortgage—Quasi purchase. In the civil law. A purchase of property not founded on the actual agreement of the parties, but on conduct of the owner which is inconsistent with any other hypothesis than that he intended a sale.—Words of purchase. Words of purchase are words which denote the particular object or title which is conveyed thus, if I grant land to A. for twenty-one years, and after the determination of that term to A.'s heirs, the term "heirs" does not denote the duration of A.'s estate, but the person who is to take the remainder on the expiration of the term, and is therefore called a "word of purchase." Williams, Real Prop.; Fearne, Rem. 76, et seq.

PURCHASER. One who acquires real property in any other mode than by descent. One who acquires either real or personal property by buying it for a price in money; a buyer; vendee.

In the construction of registry acts, the term "purchanger" is usually taken in its technical legal sense. It means a complete purchaser, or, in other words, one clothed with the legal title. Steele v. Spencer, 1 Pet. 532, 550, 7 L. Ed. 230.

—Bona fide purchaser. See Bona Fide—First purchaser. In the law of descent, this term signifies the ancestor who first acquired (in any other manner than by inheritance) the estate which still remains in his family or descendants.—Innocent purchaser. See Insinuant.—Purchaser of a note or bill. The person who buys a promissory note or bill of exchange from the holder without his indorsement.

Purchaser without notice is not obliged to discover to his own hurt. See 4 Bouv. Inst. note 4586.

PURE. Absolute; complete; simple; unmixed; unqualified; free from conditions or restrictions; as in the phrases pure charity, pure debt, pure obligation, pure plea, pure villenage, as to which see the nouns.

PURGATION. The act of cleansing or exonerating one's self of a crime, accusation, or suspicion of guilt, by denying the charge on oath or by ordeal.

Canonical purgation was made by the party's taking his own oath that he was innocent of the charge, which was supported by the oath of twelve compurgators, who swore they believed he spoke the truth. To this succeeded the mode of purgation by the single oath of the party himself, called the "oath ex officio," of which the modern defendant's oath in chancellor is a modification. 3 Bl. Comm. 447; 4 Bl. Comm. 388.

Vulgar purgation consisted in ordeals or trials by hot and cold water, by fire, by hot irons, by batel, by cursed, etc.

PURGE. To cleanse; to clear; to clear or exonerate from some charge or imputation of guilt, or from a contempt.

—Purged of partial counsel. In Scotch practice. Cleared of having been partially advised. A term applied to the preliminary examination of a witness, in which he is sworn and examined whether he has received any bribe or promise of reward, or has been told what to say, or whether he bears malice or ill will to any of the parties. Bell.—Purging a tort is like the ratification of a wrongful act by a person who has power of himself to lawfully do the act. But, unlike ratification, the purging of the tort may take place even after commencement of the action. 1 Brod. & B. 262.—Purging contempt. Atoning for, or clearing one's self from, contempt of court, (q. v.) It is generally done by apologizing and paying fees, and is generally admitted after a moderate time in proportion to the magnitude of the offense.

PURGE DES HYPOTHÈQUES. Fr. In French law. An expression used to describe the act of freeing an estate from the mortgages and privileges with which it is charged, observing the formalities prescribed by law. Duverger.

PURLIEU. In English law. A space of land near a royal forest, which, being severed from it, was made purlieu; that is, pure or free from the forest laws.

—Purlieu-men. Those who have ground within the purlieu to the yearly value of 40s. a year freehold are licensed to hunt in their own purlieu. Mann. c. 29, § 8.

PURLOIN. To steal; to commit larceny or theft. McCann v. U. S. 2 Wyo. 286.

PURPART. A share; a part in a division; that part of an estate, formerly held in common, which is by partition allotted to any one of the parties. The word was anciently applied to the shares falling separately to coparceners upon a division or partition of the estate, and was generally spelled "pur-
party;" but it is now used in relation to any kind of partition proceedings. See Selders v. Giles, 141 Pa. 93, 21 Atl. 514.

PURPORT. Meaning; import; substantial meaning; substance. The "purport" of an instrument means the substance of it as it appears on the face of the instrument, and is distinguished from "tenor," which means an exact copy. See Dana v. State, 2 Ohio St. 93; State v. Sherwood, 90 Iowa, 556, 58 N. W. 911, 48 Am. St. Rep. 461; State v. Pullena, 81 Mo. 392; Com. v. Wright, 1 Cush. (Mass.) 65; State v. Page, 19 Mo. 213.

PURPRESTURE. A purpresture may be defined as an inclosure by a private party of a part of that which belongs to and ought to be open and free to the enjoyment of the public at large. It is not necessarily a public nuisance. A public nuisance must be something which subjects the public to some degree of inconvenience or annoyance; but a purpresture may exist without putting the public to any inconvenience whatever. Attorney General v. Evart Booming Co., 34 Mich. 462. And see Cobb v. Lincoln Park Com'rs, 202 Ill. 427, 67 N. E. 5, 63 L. R. A. 264, 95 Am. St. Rep. 258; Columbus v. Jaques, 30 Ga. 506; Sullivan v. Moreno, 19 Fla. 228; U. S. v. Debs (C. C.) 64 Fed. 740; Drake v. Hudson River R. Co., 7 Barb. (N. Y.) 548.

PURPRISE. L. Fr. A close or inclosure; as also the whole compass of a manor.

PURPUR, or PURPRIN. A term used in heraldry; the color commonly called "purple," expressed in engravings by lines in bend sinister. In the arms of princes it was formerly called "mercury," and in those of peers "amethyst."

PURSE. A purse, prize, or premium is ordinarily some valuable thing, offered by a person for the doing of something by others, into strife for which he does not enter. He has not a chance of gaining the thing offered; and, if he abide by his offer, that he must lose it and give it over to some of those containing for it is reasonably certain. Harris v. White, 81 N. Y. 539.

PURSER. The person appointed by the master of a ship or vessel, whose duty it is to take care of the ship's books, in which every thing on board is inserted, as well the names of mariners as the articles of merchandise shipped. Roccus, 1ns. note.

PURSUER. To follow a matter judicially, as a complaining party.

To pursue a warrant or authority, in the old books, is to execute it or carry it out. Co. Litt. 52a.

PURSUER. The name by which the complainant or plaintiff is known in the ecclesiastical courts, and in the Scotch law.

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. As used in constitutional law, this right includes personal freedom, freedom of contract, exemption from oppression or invidious discrimination, the right to follow one's individual preference in the choice of an occupation and the application of his energies, liberty of conscience, and the right to enjoy the domestic relations and the privileges of the family and the home. Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 544. See Ruhbrat v. People, 185 Ill. 133, 57 N. E. 41, 49 L. R. A. 181, 76 Am. St. Rep. 30; Hooper v. California, 155 U. S. 464, 15 S. Ct. 207, 39 L. Ed. 297; Butchers' Union, etc., Co. v. Crescent City Live Stock, etc., Co., 111 U. S. 746, 4 Sup. Ct. 632, 28 L. Ed. 585.

PURUS IDIOTA. Lat. A congenital idiot.

PURVEYANCE. In old English law. An providing of necessaries for the king's house. Cowell.

PURVEYOR. In old English law. An officer who procured or purchased articles needed for the king's use at an arbitrary price. In the statute 36 Edw. III. c. 2, this is called a "helpous some," (helpous or hateful name,) and changed to that of "ексor," Barr. Ob. St. 299.

PURVIEW. That part of a statute commencing with the words "Be it enacted," and continuing as far as the repealing clause; and hence, the design, contemplation, purpose, or scope of the act. See Smith v. Hickman, Cooke (Tenn.) 337; Payne v. Conner, 3 Bibb (Ky.) 181; Hirth v. Indianapolis, 18 Ind. App. 673, 48 N. E. 879.

PUT. In pleading. To confide to; to rely upon; to submit to. As in the phrase, "the said defendant puts himself upon the country," that is, he trusts his case to the arbitrament of a jury.

PUT IN. In practice. To place in due form before a court; to place among the records of a court.

PUT OUT. To open. To put out lights; to open or cut windows. 11 East, 372.

Putagium hereditatem non admit. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 3, p. 117. Inconvenience does not take away an inheritance.

PUTATIVE. Reputed; supposed; commonly esteemed. Applied in Scotch law to creditors and proprietors. 2 Kames, Eq. 106, 107, 109.

—Putative father. The alleged or reputed father of an illegitimate child. State v. Nestaval, 72 Minn. 415, 75 N. W. 725.—Putative marriage. A marriage contracted in good faith and in ignorance (on one or both sides) that impediments exist which render it unlawful. See Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 556. See In re Hall, 61 App. 114, 296, 70 N. Y. Supp. 410; Smith v. Smith, 1 Tex. 628, 46 Am. Dec. 121.
PUTS AND CALLS. A "put" in the language of the grain or stock market is a privilege of delivering or not delivering the subject-matter of the sale; and a "call" is a privilege of calling or not calling for it. Pixley v. Boynton, 79 Ill. 331.

PUTS AND REFUSALS. In English law. Time-bargains, or contracts for the sale of supposed stock on a future day.

PUTTING IN FEAR. These words are used in the definition of a robbery from the person. The offense must have been committed by putting in fear the person robbed. 3 Inst. 68; 4 Bl. Comm. 243.

PUTTING IN SUIT, as applied to a bond, or any other legal instrument, signifies bringing an action upon it, or making it the subject of an action.

FUTURE. In old English law. A custom claimed by keepers in forests, and sometimes by bailiffs of hundreds, to take man's meat, horse's meat, and dog's meat of the tenants and inhabitants within the perambulation of the forest, hundred, etc. The land subject to this custom was called "terra putarea." Others, who call it "putarea," explain it as a demand in general; and derive it from the monks, who, before they were admitted, pulsabat, knocked at the gates for several days together. 4 Inst. 307; Cowell.

FYKE, PAIR. In Hindu law. A foot-passenger; a person employed as a night-watch in a village, and as a runner or messenger on the business of the revenue. Wharton.

FYKERIE. In old Scotch law. Petty theft. 2 Pitt. Crim. Tr. 43.

PYROMANIA. See INSANITY.
Q B. An abbreviation of "Queen's Bench."

Q. B. D. An abbreviation of "Queen's Bench Division."

Q. C. An abbreviation of "Queen's Counsel."

Q. C. F. An abbreviation of "quae clausum frigif," (q. v.)

Q. E. N. An abbreviation of "quae exec tionem non," wherefore execution [should] not [be issued.]

Q. S. An abbreviation for "Quarter Sessions."

Q. T. An abbreviation of "qu t tom," (q. v.)

Q. V. An abbreviation of "quod vide," used to refer a reader to the word, chapter, etc., the name of which it immediately follows.

QUA. Lat. Considered as; in the character or capacity of. For example, "the trustee qua trustee [that is, in his character as trustee], is not liable," etc.

QUACK. A pretender to medical skill which he does not possess; one who practices as a physician or surgeon without adequate preparation or due qualification. See Elmergreen v. Horn, 115 Wis. 385, 91 N. W. 973.

QUACUNQUE VIA DATA. Lat. Whichever way you take it.

QUADRAGESIMA. Lat. The fortieth. The first Sunday in Lent is so called because it is about the fortieth day before Easter. Cowell.

QUADRAGESIMALS. Offerings formerly made, on Mid-Lent Sunday, to the mother church.

QUADRAGESIMS. The third volume of the year books of the reign of Edward III. So called because beginning with the fortieth year of that sovereign's reign. Crabb, Eng. Law, 327.

QUADRANS. Lat. In Roman law. The fourth part; the quarter of any number, measure, or quantity. Hence an heir to the fourth part of the inheritance was called "heres ex quadrante." Also a Roman coin, being the fourth part of an as, equal in value to an English half-penny.

In old English law. A farthing; a fourth part or quarter of a penny.

QUADRANT. An angular measure of ninety degrees.
QUE AD UNUM FINEM

Quae ad unum finem loquuta sunt, non debent ad alium detorqueri. 4 Coke, 14. Those words which are spoken to one end ought not to be perverted to another.

Quae cohaerent personae a persona separari nequeant. Things which cohere to, or are closely connected with, the person, cannot be separated from the person. Jenk. Cent. p. 28, case 53.

Quae communis leges derogant stricte interpretantur. [Statutes] which derogate from the common law are strictly interpreted. Jenk. Cent. p. 221, case 72.

Quae contra rationem juris introducta sunt, non debent trahii in consequentiam. 12 Coke, 75. Things introduced contrary to the reason of law ought not to be drawn into a precedent.

Quae dubitationis causa tollendae in seruntur communes legem non iudunt. Co. Litt. 205. Things which are inserted for the purpose of removing doubt hurt not the common law.

Quae dubitationis tollendae causa contractibus ius commune non iudunt. Particular clauses inserted in agreements to avoid doubts and ambiguity do not prejudice the general law. Dig. 50, 17, 51.

QUE EST EADEM. Lat. Which is the same. Words used for alleging that the trespass or other fact mentioned in the plea is the same as that laid in the declaration. Where, from the circumstances, there is an apparent difference between the two. 1 Chit. Pl. *582.

Quae in curis regis acta sunt rite a jure prae sumuntur. 3 Bulst. 43. Things done in the king's court are presumed to be rightly done.

Quae in partes dividi nequeant solidis a singulis prae sumunt. 6 Coke, 1. Services which are incapable of division are to be performed in whole by each individual.

Quae in testamento iata sunt scripta ut intelligi non possint, perinde sunt ac si scripta non essent. Things which are so written in a will that they cannot be understood, are the same as if they had not been written at all. Dig. 50, 17, 73, 3.

Quae incontinenti sunt inesse videntur. Things which are done incontinently [or simultaneously with an act] are supposed to be inherent [in it; to be a constituent part of it.] Co. Litt. 236b.

Quae inter alios acta sunt nemini nocere debent, sed possesse possunt. 6 Coke, 1. Transactions between strangers ought to hurt no man, but may benefit.

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Quae propter necessitatem recepta sunt, non debent in argumentum trahii. Things which are admitted on the ground of necessity ought not to be drawn into question. Dig. 50, 17, 162.

Quae rerum natura prohibentur nulla legem confirmata sunt. Things which are forbidden by the nature of things are [can be] confirmed by no law. Branch, Prin. Positive laws are framed after the laws of nature and reason. Finch, Law, 74.

Quae singularia non prosumunt, jacta jurent. Things which taken singly are of no avail afford help when taken together. Truay. Lat. Max. 496.

Quae sunt minoris a culpa sunt majoris infamiae. [Offenses] which are of a lower grade of guilt are of a higher degree of infamy. Co. Litt. 6b.
Qualibet cessione domini regis capit debet stricte contra dominum regem, quando potest intelligi duabus viis. 3 Leon. 243. Every grant of our lord the king ought to be taken strictly against our lord the king, when it can be understood in two ways.

Qualibet cessione fortissime contra donatorem interpretanda est. Every grant is to be interpreted most strongly against the grantor. Co. Litt. 183a.

Qualibet jurisdictionc cancelllos suos habet. Jenk. Cent. 137. Every jurisdiction has its own bounds.

Qualibet pardonatio debet capit secundum intentionem regis, et non ad deceptionem regis. 3 Bulst. 14. Every pardon ought to be taken according to the intention of the king, and not to the deception of the king.

Qualibet poena corporalis, quamvis minima, major est qualibet poena pecuniaria. 3 Inst. 229. Every corporal punishment, although the very least, is greater than any pecuniary punishment.

Queras de dubitis legem bene discerni si vis. Inquire into doubtful points if you wish to understand the law well. Litt. § 143.

QUÆRE. A query; question; doubt. This word, occurring in the syllabus of a reported case or elsewhere, shows that a question is propounded as to what follows, or that the particular rule, decision, or statement is considered as open to question.

Quære de dubitis, quia per rationes pervenitur ad legitimam rationem. Inquire into doubtful points, because by reasoning we arrive at legal reason. Litt. § 377.

QUÆRENS. Lat. A plaintiff; the plaintiff.

QUÆRÆNS NIHIL CAPIAT PER BILLAM. The plaintiff shall take nothing by his bill. A form of judgment for the defendant. Latch. 333.

QUÆRENS NON INVENT PLEGIUM. L. Lat. The plaintiff did not find a pledge. A return formerly made by a sheriff to a writ requiring him to take security of the plaintiff to prosecute his claim. Cowell.

Quæreque dat sapere quem sunt legítima vere. Litt. § 443. To inquire into them, is the way to know what things are truly lawful.

QUESTA. An indulgence or remission of penance, sold by the pope.

QUESTIO. In Roman law. Anciently a species of commission granted by the comitia to one or more persons for the purpose of inquiring into some crime or public offense and reporting thereon. In later times, the questio came to exercise plenary criminal jurisdiction, even to pronouncing sentence, and then was appointed periodically, and eventually became a permanent commission or regular criminal tribunal, and was then called "questio perpetua." See Maine, Anc. Law, 309-372.

In mediæval law. The question; the torture; inquiry or inquisition by inflicting the torture.

—Cedit questio. The question falls; the discussion ends; there is no room for further argument. —Questio vexata. A vexed question or mooted point; a question often agitated or discussed but not determined; a question or point which has been differently decided, and so left doubtful.

QUESTIONARI. Those who carried questio about from door to door.

QUESTIONES PERPETUE, in Roman law, were commissions (or courts) of inquisition into crimes alleged to have been committed. They were called "perpetue," to distinguish them from occasional inquisitions, and because they were permanent courts for the trial of offenders. Brown.

QUESTOR. Lat. A Roman magistrate, whose office it was to collect the public revenue. Varro de L. L. iv. 14.

—Questor sacri palatii. Questor of the sacred palace. An officer of the imperial court at Constantinople, with powers and duties resembling those of a chancellor. Calvin.

QUESTUS. L. Lat. That estate which a man has by acquisition or purchase, in contradistinction to "hereditas," which is what he has by descent. Glan. 1, 7, c. 1.

QUAKER. This, in England, is the statutory, as well as the popular, name of a member of a religious society, by themselves dequalitated "Friends."

QUALE JUS. Lat. In old English law. A judicial writ, which lay where a man of religion had judgment to recover land before execution was made of the judgment. It went forth to the escheator between judgment and execution, to inquire what right the religious person had to recover, or whether the judgment was obtained by the collusion of the parties, to the intent that the lord might not be defrauded. Reg. Jud. 8.

QUALIFICATION. The possession by an individual of the qualities, properties, or
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circumstances, natural or adventitious, which are inherently or legally necessary to render him eligible to fill an office or to perform a public duty or function. Thus, the ownership of a freehold estate may be made the qualification of a voter; so the possession of a certain amount of stock in a corporation may be the qualification necessary to enable one to serve on its board of directors. Cummings v. Missouri, 4 Wall. 319, 18 L. Ed. 556; People v. Palen, 74 Hun, 289, 26 N. Y. Supp. 225; Hyde v. State, 52 Miss. 665.

Qualification for office is "endowment, or accomplishment that fits for an office; having the qualifications, endowed with the qualities suitable for the purpose." State v. Seay, 64 Mo. 89, 27 Am. Rep. 206.

Also a modification or limitation of terms or language; usually intended by way of restriction of expressions which, by reason of their generality, would carry a larger meaning than was designed.

QUALIFIED. Adapted; fitted; entitled; as an elector to vote. Applied to one who has taken the steps to prepare himself for an appointment or office, as by taking oath, giving bond, etc. Pub. St. Mass. p. 1294.

Also limited; restricted; confined; modified; imperfect, or temporary.

The term is also applied in England to a person who is enabled to hold two benefices at once.

-Qualified acceptance. See ACCEPTANCE.

-Qualified elector means a person who is legally qualified to vote, with the legal qualities suitable to an elector who does in fact vote. Sanford v. Prentice, 28 Wis. 365. QUALIFIED fees. See FEES. QUALIFIED indenture. See INDENTURE. QUALIFIED oath. See OATH. QUALIFIED privilege. In the law of libel and slander, the same as conditional privilege. See PRIVILEGE. QUALIFIED property. See PROPERTY. QUALIFIED voter. A person qualified to vote generally. In re House Bill No. 106, 9 Colo. 629, 21 Pac. 473. A person qualified and actually voting. Carroll County v. Smith, 111 U. S. 505, 4 Sup. Ct. 539, 23 L. Ed. 517.

QUALIFY. To make one's self fit or prepared to exercise a right, office, or franchise. To take the steps necessary to prepare one's self for an office or appointment, as by taking oath, giving bond, etc. Pub. St. Mass. p. 1294; Archer v. State, 74 Md. 443, 22 Atl. 8, 28 Am. St. Rep. 261; Hale v. Salter, 25 La. Ann. 324; State v. Albert, 55 Kan. 154, 40 Pac. 258.

Also to limit; to modify; to restrict. Thus, it is said that one section of a statute qualifies another.

Qualitas quam inesse debet, facie pres-saminitur. A quality which ought to form a part is easily presumed.

QUALITY. In respect to persons, this term denotes comparative rank; state or condition in relation to others; social or civil position or class. In pleading, it means an attribute or characteristic by which one thing is distinguished from another.

-QUALITY of estate. The period when, and the manner in which, the right of enjoying an estate is exercised. It is of two kinds: (1) The period when the right of enjoying an estate is conferred upon the owner, whether at present or in future; and (2) the manner in which the owner's right of enjoyment of his estate is to be exercised, whether solely, jointly, in common, or in coparcenary. Wharton.

Quam longum debet esse rationabile tempus non definitur in leges, sed pendet ex discrezione justicilario. Co. Litt. 56. How long reasonable time ought to be, is not defined by law, but depends upon the discretion of the judges.

Quam rationabilis debet esse finis, non definitur, sed omnibus circumstantiis inspectis pendent ex justicilario discretionem. What a reasonable time ought to be is not defined, but is left to the discretion of the judges, all the circumstances being considered. 11 Coke, 44.

QUAMDIU. Lat. As long as; so long as. A word of limitation in old conveyances. Co. Litt. 235a.

QUAMDIU SE BENE GESSERIT. As long as he shall behave himself well; during good behavior; a clause frequent in letters patent or grants of certain offices, to secure them so long as the persons to whom they are granted shall not be guilty of abusing them, the opposite clause being "durante bene placito," (during the pleasure of the grantor.)

Quamvis aliquid per se non sit malum, tamen, si sit malus exempli, non est faciendum. Although a thing may not be bad in itself, yet, if it is of bad example, it is not to be done. 2 Inst. 564.

Quamvis lex generaliter loquitur, restirgendae tamen est, ut, cessante ratione, ipsa cessat. Although a law speaks generally, yet it is to be restrained, so that when its reason ceases, it should cease also. 4 Inst. 339.

Quando abest proviso partis, adeo proviso legis. When the provision of the party is wanting, the provision of the law is at hand. 6 Vin. Abr. 49; 13 C. B. 990.

QUANDO ACCIDERINT. Lat. When they shall come in. The name of a judgment sometimes given against an executor, especially on a plea of pleon administrari, which empowers the plaintiff to have the benefit of assets which may at any time thereafter come to the hands of the executor.

Quando aliquid mandatur, mandatur st omne per quod penyentur ad illud. 5 Coke, 116. When anything is commanded,
Quando aliquum prohibetur ex directo, prohibetur et omne per quod deversum ad illud. When anything is prohibited directly, it is prohibited also indirectly.

Quando aliquis prohibetur, prohibetur et omne per quod deversum ad illud. When anything is prohibited, everything by which it is reached is prohibited also. 2 Inst. 48. That which cannot be done directly shall not be done indirectly. Broom, Max. 489.

Quando discretio referri potest ad duas res ista quod secundum relationem unam vitietur et secundum alteram utilis sit, tunc facienda est relation ad illam ut valeat discretio. 6 Coke, 76. When a disposition may refer to two things, so that by the former it would be vitiated, and by the latter it would be preserved, then the relation is to be made to the latter, so that the disposition may be valid.

Quando diversi desiderantur actus ad aliquem statum perfectum, plus responsio actum originalem. When different acts are required to the formation of any estate, the law chiefly regards the original act. 10 Coke, 48a. When to the perfection of an estate or interest divers acts or things are requisite, the law has more regard to the original act, for that is the fundamental part on which all the others are founded. Id.
of a statute are special, but the reason or object of it general, the statute is to be construed generally. 10 Coke, 1016.

QUANTI MINORIS. Lat. The name of an action in the civil law, (and in Louisiana,) brought by the purchaser of an article, for a reduction of the agreed price on account of defects in the thing which diminish its value.

QUANTUM DAMNIFICATUS? How much damified? The name of an issue directed by a court of equity to be tried in a court of law, to ascertain the amount of compensation to be allowed for damage.

QUANTUM MERUIT. As much as he deserved. In pleading. The common count in an action of assumpsit for work and labor, founded on an implied assumpsit or promise on the part of the defendant to pay the plaintiff as much as he reasonably deserved to have for his labor. 3 Bl. Comm. 161; 1 Tidd, Pr. 2.

Quantum tenens domino ex homagio, tantum dominus tenenti ex domino debet prater solam reverentiam; mutua debet esse domini et homagii fideltas commensuratas. Co. Litt. 64. As much as the tenant by his homage owes to his lord, so much is the lord, by his lordship, indebted to the tenant, except reverence alone; the tie of dominion and of homage ought to be mutual.

QUANTUM VALEBANT. As much as they were worth. In pleading. The common count in an action of assumpsit for goods sold and delivered, founded on an implied assumpsit or promise, on the part of the defendant, to pay the plaintiff as much as the goods were reasonably worth. 3 Bl. Comm. 161; 1 Tidd, Pr. 2.

QUARANTINE. A period of time (theoretically forty days) during which a vessel, coming from a place where a contagious or infectious disease is prevalent, is detained by authority in the harbor of her port of destination, or at a station near it, without being permitted to land or to discharge her crew or passengers. Quarantine is said to have been first established at Venice in 1484. Baker, Quar. 3.

In real property. The space of forty days during which a widow has a right to remain in her late husband's principal mansion immediately after his death. The right of the widow is also called her "quarantine." See Davis v. Lowden, 56 N. J. Eq. 126, 32 Atl. 648; Glenn v. Glenn, 41 Ala. 580; Spinning v. Spinning, 45 N. J. Eq. 215, 10 Atl. 270.

QUAR. Lat. Wherefore; for what reason; on what account. Used in the Latin form of several common-law writes.

QUARE CLAUSEM FREGIT. Lat. Wherefore he broke the close. That species of the action of trespass which has for its object the recovery of damages for an unlawful entry upon another's land is termed "trespass quare clausum fregit;" "breaking a close" being the technical expression for an unlawful entry upon land. The language of the declaration in this form of action is "that the defendant, with force and arms, broke and entered the close" of the plaintiff. The phrase is often abbreviated to "qu. cl. fr." Brown.

QUARE EJECT INFRA TERMINUM. Wherefore he ejected within the term. In old practice. A writ which lay for a lessee where he was ejected before the expiration of his term, in cases where the wrong-doer or ejector was not himself in possession of the lands, but his feoffee or another claiming under him. 3 Bl. Comm. 199, 206; Reg. Orig. 227; Fitzh. Nat. Br. 197 S.

QUARE IMPEDIT. Wherefore he hinders. In English practice. A writ or action which lies for the patron of an advowson, where he has been disturbed in his right of patronage; so called from the emphatic words of the old form, by which the disturber was summoned to answer why he hinders the plaintiff. 3 Bl. Comm. 246, 248.

QUARE INCUMBRAVIT. In English law. A writ which lay against a bishop who, within six months after the vacation of a benefice, conferred it on his clerk, while two others were contending at law for the right of presentation, calling upon him to show cause why he had incumbered the church. Reg. Orig. 32. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV, c. 27.

QUARE INTRUSIT. A writ that formerly lay where the lord proffered a suitable marriage to his ward, who rejected it, and entered into the land, and married another, the value of his marriage not being satisfied to the lord. Abolished by 12 Car. II, c. 24.

QUARE NON ADMISIT. In English law. A writ to recover damages against a bishop who does not admit a plaintiff's clerk. It is, however, rarely or never necessary; for it is said that a bishop, refusing to execute the writ ad admittendum clericum, or making an insufficient return to it, may be fined. Wats. Cler. Law, 302.

QUARE NON PERMITTIT. An ancient writ, which lay for one who had a right to present to a church for a turn against the proprietary. Pleta, l. 5, c. 6.

QUARE OBSTRUXT. Wherefore he obstructed. In old English practice. A writ which lay for one who, having a liberty to pass through his neighbor's ground, could
not enjoy his right because the owner had so obstructed it. Cowell.

QUARENTENA TERRÆ. A furlong.
Co. Litt. 53.

QUARREL. This word is said to extend not only to real and personal actions, but also to the causes of actions and suits; so that by the release of all "quarrels," not only actions pending, but also causes of action and suit, are released; and "quarrels," "controversies," and "debates" are in law considered as having the same meaning. Co. Litt. 8, 153; Terms de la Ley.


QUART. A liquid measure, containing one-fourth part of a gallon.

QUARTA DIVI PIX. In Roman law. That portion of a testator's estate which he was required by law to leave to a child whom he had adopted and afterwards emancipated or unjustly disinherited, being one-fourth of his property. See Mackell. Rom. Law, § 354.

QUARTA FALCIDIA. In Roman law. That portion of a testator's estate which, by the Falcidian law, was required to be left to the heir, amounting to at least one-fourth. See Mackell. Rom. Law, § 771.

QUARTER. The fourth part of anything, especially of a year. Also a length of four inches. In England, a measure of corn, generally reckoned at eight bushels, though subject to local variations. See Hospital St. Cross v. Lord Howard De Walden, 6 Term. 943. In American land law, a quarter section of land. See infra. And see McCartney v. Denison, 101 Cal. 232, 35 Pac. 706. —Quarter-day. The four days in the year upon which, by law or custom, monies payable in quarter-yearly installments are collectible, are called "quarter-days." —Quarter-dollar. A silver coin of the United States, of the value of twenty-five cents. —Quarter-eagle. A gold coin of the United States, of the value of two and a half dollars. —Quarter of a year. Ninety-one days. Co. Litt. 1355. —Quarter-sales. In New York law. A species of fine on alienation, being one-fourth of the purchase money of an estate, which is stipulated to be paid back on alienation by the grantee. The expressions "tenth-sales," etc., are also used, with similar meanings. Jackson ex dem. Livingston v. Great, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 253. —Quarter seal. See Seal. —Quarter section. In American land law. The quarter of a section of land according to the divisions of the government survey, laid off by dividing the section into four equal parts by north-and south and east-and-west lines, and containing 160 acres.

QUARTER SESSIONS. In English law. A criminal court held before two or more justices of the peace, (one of whom must be of the quorum,) in every county, once in every quarter of a year. 4 Bl. Comm. 271; 4 Stephe. Comm. 335.

In American law. Courts established in some of the states, to be holden four times in the year, invested with criminal jurisdiction, usually of offenses less than felony, and sometimes with the charge of certain administrative matters, such as the care of public roads and bridges.

QUARTERING. In English criminal law. The dividing a criminal's body into quarters, after execution. A part of the punishment of high treason. 4 Bl. Comm. 93.

QUARTERING SOLDIERS. The act of a government in billeting or assigning soldiers to private houses, without the consent of the owners of such houses, and requiring such owners to supply them with board or lodging or both.

QUARTERIZATION. Quartering of criminals.

QUARTERLY COURTS. A system of courts in Kentucky possessing a limited original jurisdiction in civil cases and appellate jurisdiction from justices of the peace.

QUATERONE. In the Spanish and French West Indies, a quadroon, that is, a person one of whose parents was white and the other a mulatto. See Daniel v. Guy, 19 Ark. 131.

QUARTO DIE POST. Lat. On the fourth day after. Appearance day, in the former English practice, the defendant being allowed four days, inclusive, from the return of the writ, to make his appearance.

QUASE. To overthrow; to abate; to annul; to make void. Spelman; 3 Bl. Comm. 303; Crawford v. Stewart, 38 Pa. 34; Holland v. Webster, 43 Fla. 85, 29 South. 625; Boley v. Bruner, 2 Cas. 462.

QUASI. Lat. As if; as it were; analogous to. This term is used in legal phrase-
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ology to indicate that one subject resembles another, with which it is compared, in certain characteristics, but that there are also intrinsic differences between them.

It is exclusively a term of classification. Prefixed to a term of Roman law, it implies that the conception to which it serves as an index is connected with the conception with which the comparison is instituted by a strong supercificial analogy or resemblance. It negates the notion of identity, but points out that the conceptions are sufficiently similar for one to be classed as the sequel to the other. Maine, Anc. Law, 332. Civilians use the expressions "quasi contrac-tus," "quasi delictum," "quasi possesso," "quasi traditio," etc.


QUATER COUSIN. See Cousin.

QUATUOR PEBIDUS CURRIT. Lat. It runs upon four feet; it runs upon all fours. See All-Fours.

QUATUVORVIRI. In Roman law. Magistrates who had the care and inspection of roads. Dig. 1, 2, 3, 30.

QUAY. A wharf for the loading or unloading of goods carried in ships. This word is sometimes spelled "key."

The popular and commercial signification of the word "quay" involves the notion of a space of ground appropriated to the public use; such use as the convenience of commerce requires.


QUE EST LE MESME. L. Fr. Which is the same. A term used in actions of trespass, etc. See Que est Eadem.

QUEB ESTATE. L. Fr. Whose estate. A term used in pleading, particularly in claiming prescription, by which it is alleged that the plaintiff and those former owners whose estate he has have immemorially exercised the right claimed. This was called "prescribing in a que estate."

QUEEN. A worthless woman; a strumpet. Obsolete.

QUEEN. A woman who possesses the sovereignty and royal power in a country under a monarchial form of government. The wife of a king.

—Queen consort. In English law. The wife of a reigning king. 1 Bl. Comm. 218.—Queen dowager. In English law. The widow of a king. 1 Bl. Comm. 223.—Queen-gold. A royal revenue belonging to every queen consort during her marriage with the king, and due from every person who has made a voluntary fine or

BL. LAW DICT. (2d Ed.)—62 offer to the king of ten marks or upwards, in consideration of any grant or privilege conferred by the crown. It is now quite obsolete. 1 Bl. Comm. 220–222.—Queen regnant. In English law. A queen who holds the crown in her own right; as the first Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, Queen Anne, and the late Queen Victoria. 1 Bl. Comm. 218; 2 Steph. Comm. 456.

For the titles and descriptions of various officers in the English legal system, called "Queen's Advocate," "Queen's Coroner," "Queen's Counsel," "Queen's Proctor," "Queen's Remembrancer," etc., during the reign of a female sovereign, as in the time of the late Queen Victoria, see, now, under King and the following titles.

QUEEN ANNE'S BOUNTY. A fund created by a charter of Queen Anne, (confirmed by St. 2 Ann. c. 11.) for the augmentation of poor livings, consisting of all the revenue of first fruits and tenths, which was vested in trustees forever. 1 Bl. Comm. 286.

QUEEN'S BENCH. The English court of king's bench is so called during the reign of a queen. 3 Step. Comm. 403. See King's Bench.

QUEEN'S PRISON. A jail which used to be appropriated to the debtors and criminals confined under process or by authority of the superior courts at Westminster, the high court of admiralty, and also to persons imprisoned under the bankrupt law.

QUEM BEDITUM REDDIT. L. Lat. An old writ which lay where a rent-charge or other rent which was not rent service was granted by fine holding of the grantor. If the tenant would not attest, then the grantee might have had this writ. Old Nat. Brev. 126.

Quemadmodum ad questionem facti non respondent judices, ha video questionem juris non respondent juratores. In the same manner that judges do not answer to questions of fact, so jurors do not answer to questions of law. Co. Litt. 295.

QUERELA. Lat. An action preferred in any court of justice. The plaintiff was called "quere\n\n" or complainant and his brief, complaint, or declaration was called "querela." Jacob.

QUERELA CORAM REGE A CONCILIO DISCUTIENDA ET TERMINANDA. A writ by which one is called to justify a complaint of a trespass made to the king himself, before the king and his council. Reg. Org. 124.

QUERELA INOFFICIOSI TESTAMENTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A species of action allowed to a child who had been unjustly disinherited, to set aside the will, founded on the presumption of law, in such
cases, that the parent was not in his right mind. Calvin; 2 Kent, Comm. 327; Bell.

**QUERENS.** Lat. A plaintiff; complainant; inquirer.

**QUESTA.** In old records. A quest; an inquest, inquisition, or inquiry, upon the oaths of an impaneled jury. Cowell.

**QUESTION.** A method of criminal examination heretofore in use in some of the countries of continental Europe, consisting of the application of torture to the supposed criminal, by means of the rack or other engines, in order to extort from him, as the condition of his release from the torture, a confession of his own guilt or the names of his accomplices.

**In evidence.** An interrogation put to a witness, for the purpose of having him declare the truth of certain facts as far as he knows them.

**In practice.** A point on which the parties are not agreed, and which is submitted to the decision of a judge and jury.

---Categorical question. One inviting a distinct and positive statement of fact; one which can be answered by "yes" or "no." In the plural, a series of questions, covering a particular subject-matter, arranged in a systematic and consecutive order.---**Federal** question. See **FEDERAL.**---Leading question. See that title.---Hypothetical question. See that title.---Political question. See **POLITICAL.**

**QUESTMAN,** or **QUESTMONGER.** In old English law. A starter of lawsuits, or prosecutions; also a person chosen to inquire into abuses, especially such as relate to weights and measures; also a churchwarden.

**QUESTORES PARRICIDI.** Lat. In Roman law. Certain officers, two in number, who were appointed by the comitia, as a kind of commission, to search out and try all cases of parricide and murder. They were probably appointed annually. Maine, Anc. Law, 370.

**QUESTUS EST NOBIS.** Lat. A writ of nuisance, which, by 15 Edw. I., lay against him to whom a house or other thing that caused a nuisance descended or was alienated; whereas, before that statute the action lay only against him who first levied or caused the nuisance to the damage of his neighbor. Cowell.

**Qui abjurat regnum amittit regnum, sed non regem; patriam, sed non patrem patriæ.** 7 Coke, 9. He who abjures the realm leaves the realm, but not the king; the country, but not the father of the country.

**Qui accusat integram famæ sit, et non criminosis.** Let him who accuses be of clear fame, and not criminal. 3 Inst. 26.

---Qui acquirit sibi acquirit hereditas. He who acquires for himself acquires for his heirs. *Tray.* Lat. Max. 496.

---Qui adimit medium dirimit ţanem. He who takes away the mean destroys the end. Co. Litt. 161a. He that deprives a man of the mean by which he ought to come to a thing deprives him of the thing itself. Id.; Litt. § 237.

---Qui aliquid statuerit, parte inaudita altera aquam locet dixerit, haud aquam fecerit. He who determines any matter without hearing both sides, though he may have decided right, has not done justice. 6 Coke, 52a; 4 Bl. Comm. 283.

---Qui alterius jure utitur, eodem jure uti debet. He who uses the right of another ought to use the same right. Poth. Traité De Change, pt. 1, c. 4; § 114; Broom, Max. 473.

---Qui approbat non reprobat. He who approves does not reprobate, [i.e., he cannot both accept and reject the same thing.]

---Qui bene distinguit bene docet. 2 Inst. 470. He who distinguishes well teaches well.

---Qui bene interrogat bene docet. He who questions well teaches well. 3 Bulst. 227. Information or express averment may be effectually conveyed in the way of interrogation. Id.

---Qui cedit a syllaba cedit a tota causa. He who fails in a syllable fails in his whole cause. Bract. fol. 211.

---Qui concedit aliquid, concedere videtur et id sine quo concessio est irrita, sine quo res ipsa esse non potuit. 11 Coke, 52. He who concedes anything is considered as conceding that without which his concession would be void, without which the thing itself could not exist.

---Qui concedit aliquid concedit omne id sine quo concessio est irrita. He who grants anything grants everything without which the grant is fruitless. Jenk. Cent. p. 32, case 63.

---Qui confirmat nihil dat. He who confirms does not give. 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2069.

---Qui contemunit preceptum contemnit sceptre inpexum. He who contems [contemptuously treats] a command contems the party who gives it. 12 Coke, 97.

---Qui cum allo contrahit, vel est, vel esse debet non ignorans conditionis ejus. He who contracts with another either is or ought to be not ignorant of his condition. Dig. 50, 17, 19; Story, Conf. Laws, § 78.

---Qui dat ţanem, dat media ad ţanem necessaria. He who gives an end gives the
Qui destruit medium destruit finem. He who destroys the mean destroys the end. 10 Coke, 51b; Co. Litt. 161a; Shep. Touch. 342.

Qui dolet inheritor al pere dott inheritor al fili. He who would have been heir to the father shall be heir to the son. 2 Bl. Comm. 223; Broom, Max. 517.

Qui evertit causam, evertit causatum futurum. He who overthrows the cause overthrows its future effects. 10 Coke, 51.

Qui ex damnato coitiva nascuntur inter liberos non computatur. Those who are born of an unlawful intercourse are not reckoned among the children. Co. Litt. 86; Broom, Max. 518.

Qui facit per allum facit per se. He who acts through another acts himself, [i.e., the acts of an agent are the acts of the principal.] Broom, Max. 818, et seq.; 1 Bl. Comm. 429; Story, Ag. § 440.

Qui habet jurisdictionem ab solvendis, habet jurisdictionem ligandi. He who has jurisdiction to loosen, has jurisdiction to bind. 12 Coke, 60. Applied to writs of prohibition and consultation, as resting on a similar foundation. Id.

Qui heret in littera heret in cortice. He who considers merely the letter of an instrument goes but skin deep into its meaning. Co. Litt. 288; Broom, Max. 685.

Qui ignorat quantum solvere debet, non potest improbus videre. He who does not know what he ought to pay, does not want probity in not paying. Dig. 50, 17, 99.

Qui in jus dominiumve alterius succedit jure ejus uti debet. He who succeeds to the right or property of another ought to use his right, [i.e., holds it subject to the same rights and liabilities as attached to it in the hands of the assignor.] Dig. 50, 17, 177; Broom, Max. 473, 475.

Qui in utere est pro jam nato habatur, quoties de ejus commodo queritur. He who is in the womb is held as already born, whenever a question arises for his benefit.

Qui jure suo utitur, nemini facit injuriun. He who uses his legal rights harms no one. Carson v. Western R. Co., S Gray (Mass.) 424. See Broom, Max. 379.

Qui jussu judicis aliquod fecerit non videtur dum male fecisse, quia parere necesse est. Where a person does an act by command of one exercising judicial authority, the law will not suppose that he acted from any wrongful or improper motive, because it was his bounden duty to obey. 10 Coke, 76; Broom, Max. 93.

Qui male agit audit lucem. He who acts badly hates the light. 7 Coke, 66.

Qui mandat ipse fecissi videtur. He who commands [a thing to be done] is held to have done it himself. Story, Ballim. § 147.

Qui melius probat melius habet. He who proves most recovers most. 9 Vin. Abr. 235.

Qui molitur insidias in patriam id fecit quod insanus natus perfecit, naves in qua vehit. He who betrays his country is like the insane sailor who bores a hole in the ship which carries him. 3 Inst. 36.

Qui non cadunt in constantem vitrum vami timores sunt estimandae. 7 Coke, 27. Those fears are to be esteemed vain which do not affect a firm man.

Qui non habet, ille non dat. He who has not, gives not. He who has nothing to give, gives nothing. A person cannot convey a right that is not in him. If a man grants that which is not his, the grant is void. Shep. Touch. 243; Watk. Conv. 191.

Qui non habet in aere, iust in corpore, ne quis peces urt impune. He who cannot pay with his purse must suffer in his person, lest he who offends should go unpunished. 2 Inst. 173; 4 Bl. Comm. 20.

Qui non habet potestatem, allemandi habet necessitatem retinendae. Hob. 336. He who has not the power of alienating is obliged to retain.

Qui non improbat, approbat. 3 Inst. 27. He who does not blame, approves.

Qui non libere veritatem pronunciat proderit est veritatis. He who does not freely speak the truth is a betrayer of the truth.

Qui non negat fatetur. He who does not deny, admits. A well-known rule of pleading. Tray. Lat. Max. 503.

Qui non obstat quod obstat potest, facere videtur. He who does not prevent [a thing] which he can prevent, is considered to do [as doing] it. 2 Inst. 146.

Qui non prohibet id quod prohibere potest assentire videtur. 2 Inst. 308. He who does not forbid what he is able to prevent, is considered to assent.
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Qui non propulsat injuriam quando potest, infest. Jenk. Cent. 271. He who does not repel an injury when he can, induces it.

Qui obtinet aditum, destruct commodum. He who obstructs a way, passage, or entrance destroys a benefit or convenience. Co. Litt. 161a. He who prevents another from entering upon land destroys the benefit which he has from it. Id.

Qui omne dicit nihil excludit. 4 Inst. 81. He who says all excludes nothing.

Qui parasit nocentibus innocentes puniat. Jenk. Cent. 133. He who spares the guilty punishes the innocent.

Qui pecat obirius lust sobrius. He who sins when drunk shall be punished when sober. Cary, 133; Broom, Max. 17.

Qui per alium facit per selpsum facere videtur. He who does a thing, by an agent is considered as doing it himself. Co. Litt. 258; Broom, Max. 817.

Qui per fraudem agit frustra agit. 2 Rolle, 17. What a man does fraudulently he does in vain.

Qui potest et debet vetare, jubet. He who can and ought to forbid a thing [if he do not forbid it] directs it. 2 Keut, Comm. 483, note.

Qui primum pecat ille facit rizam. Godb. He who sins first makes the strike.

Qui prior est tempore potior est iure. He who is before in time is the better in right. Priority in time gives preference in law. Co. Litt. 144; 4 Coke, 90a. A maxim of very extensive application, both at law and in equity. Broom, Max. 333-362; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 64d; Story, Ballim. § 312.

Qui pro me aliquid facit nihil fecisse videtur. 2 Inst. 501. He who does anything for me appears to do it to me.

Qui providet nihil providet hæreditibus. He who provides for himself provides for his heirs.

Qui rationem in omnibus quassant rationem subvertunt. They who seek a reason for everything subvert reason. 2 Coke, 75; Broom, Max. 157.

Qui scelens solvit indebitum donandi consilio id videtur fecisse. One who knowingly pays what is not due is supposed to have done it with the intention of making a gift. Walker v. Hill, 17 Mass. 388.

Qui semel actionem renunciaverit amplius repetere non potest. He who has once relinquished his action cannot bring it again. 8 Coke, 50a. A rule descriptive of the effect of a retractit and nolle prossequi.

QUIA DATUM

Qui semel est malus, semper presumpit esse malus in eodem genere. He who is once criminal is presumed to be always criminal in the same kind or way. Cro. Car. 317; Best, Ev. 845.

Qui sentient commodum sentire debet et connus. He who receives the advantage ought also to suffer the burden. 1 Coke, 99; Broom, Max. 706-713.

Qui sentient omnes sentire debet et commodum. 1 Coke, 99a. He who bears the burden of a thing ought also to experience the advantage arising from it.

Qui tacet, consentire videtur. He who is silent is supposed to consent. The silence of a party implies his consent. Jenk. Cent. p. 32, case 64; Broom, Max. 138, 787.

Qui tacet consentire videtur, non trac-tatur de eis commode. 9 Mod. 38. He who is silent is considered as assenting, when his interest is at stake.

Qui tacet non utique fatetur, sed tamen verum est cum non negare. He who is silent does not indeed confess, but yet it is true that he does not deny. Dig. 60, 17, 142.

QUI TAM. Lat. "Who as well ——.": An action brought by an informer, under a statute which establishes a penalty for the commission or omission of a certain act, and provides that the same shall be recoverable in a civil action, part of the penalty to go to any person who will bring such action and the remainder to the state or some other institution, is called a "qui tam action;" because the plaintiff states that he says as well for the state as for himself. See In re Baker, 56 Vt. 14; Grover v. Morris, 73 N. Y. 478.

Qui tardius solvit, minus solvit. He who pays more tardily [than he ought] pays less [than he ought.] Jenk. Cent. 58.

Qui timent, cævant vivant. They who fear, take care and avoid. Branch, Princ.

Qui totum dicit nihil excepit. He who says all excepts nothing.

Qui vult decipi, decipiat. Let him who wishes to be deceived, be deceived. Broom, Max. 782, note; 1 De Gex, M. & G. 687, 710; Sheph. Touch. 56.

QUIA. Lat. Because; whereas; inasmuch as.

QUIA DATUM EST NOBIS INTELLIGI. Because it is given to us to understand. Formal words in old writs,
QUIA EMPTORES. "Because the purchasers." The title of the statute of Westm. 3, (18 Edw. I. c. 1.) This statute took from the tenants of common lords the feudal liberty they claimed of disposing of part of their lands to hold of themselves, and, instead of it, gave them a general liberty to sell all or any part, to hold of the next superior lord, which they could not have done before without consent. The effect of this statute was twofold: (1) To facilitate the alienation of fee-simple estates; and (2) to put an end to the creation of any new manors, i.e., tenancies in fee-simple of a subject. Brown.

QUIA ERRONICE EMANAVIT. Because it issued erroneously, or through mistake. A term in old English practice. Yel. 83.

QUIA TEMET. Lat. Because he fears or apprehends. In equity practice. The technical name of a bill filed by a party who seeks the aid of a court of equity, because he fears some future probable injury to his rights or interests. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 826.

QUIBBLE. A cavilling or verbal objection. A slight difficulty raised without necessity or propriety.

QUICK. Living; alive. "Quick chattels must be put in pound-overt that the owner may give them sustenance; dead need not." Finch, Law, b. 2, c. 9.

QUICK WITH CHILD. See QUICKENING.

QUICKENING. In medical jurisprudence. The first motion of the fetus in the womb felt by the mother, occurring usually about the middle of the term of pregnancy. See Com. v. Parker, 9 Metc. (Mass.) 296, 43 Am. Dec. 396; State v. Cooper, 22 N. J. Law, 57, 51 Am. Dec. 248; Evans v. People, 49 N. Y. 89.

Quiquid acquiritur servo acquiritur domino. Whatever is acquired by the servant is acquired for the master. Pull. Accts. 33, note. Whatever rights are acquired by an agent are acquired for his principal. Story, Ag. § 403.

Quiquid demonstrare rei additur satisfact demonstratur frustra est. Whatever is added to demonstrate anything already sufficiently demonstrated is surplusage. Dig. 33, 4, 1, 8; Broom, Max. 630.

Quiquid est contra normam recti est injuria. 3 Bulst. 312. Whatever is against the rule of right is a wrong.

Quiquid in excessu actum est, leges prohibetur. 2 Inst. 107. Whatever is done in excess is prohibited by law.

Quiquid judicis auctoritates subjicitur novitati non subjicitur. Whatever is subject to the authority of a judge is not subject to Innovation. 4 Inst. 68.

Quiquid plantatur solo, solo edicit. Whatever is affixed to the soil belongs to the soil. Broom, Max. 401-431.

Quiquid solvitur, solvitur secundum modum solvensis; qui quid recipitur, recipitur secundum modum recipentis. Whatever money is paid, is paid according to the direction of the payer; whatever money is received, is received according to that of the recipient. 2 Vern. 606; Broom, Max. 810.

Quicunque habet jurisdicte normem ordinariam est illius loci ordinarius. Co. Litt. 344. Whoever has an ordinary Jurisdiction is ordinary of that place.

Quicunque jus judicis aliud ece- rit non videtur dolo male fessis, quia parere necessae est. 10 Coke, 71. Whoever does anything by the command of a judge is not reckoned to have done it with an evil intent, because it is necessary to obey.

QUID JURIS CLAMAT. In old English practice. A writ which lay for the grantees of a reversal or remainder, where the particular tenant would not attorn, for the purpose of compelling him. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

QUID PEO QUO. What for what; something for something. Used in law for the giving one valuable thing for another. It is nothing more than the mutual consideration which passes between the parties to a contract, and which renders it valid and binding. Cowell.

Quid sit jus, et in quo consistit injuria, legis est definire. What constitutes right, and what injury, it is the business of the law to declare. Co. Litt. 1588.

QUIDAM. Lat. Somebody. This term is used in the French law to designate a person whose name is not known.

Quidquid enim sive dolo et culpa venditioris accidit in eo venditore secunum est. For concerning anything which occurs without deceit and wrong on the part of the vendor, the vendor is secure. Brown v. Bellow, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 198.

QUIET. v. To pacify; to render secure or unassailable by the removal of disputing causes or disputes. This is the meaning of the word in the phrase "action to quiet title," which is a proceeding to establish the plaintiff's title to land by bringing into court an adverse claimant and there compelling
him either to establish his claim or be forever after stopped from asserting it. See Wright v. Mattison, 18 How. 56, 15 L. Ed. 290.

**QUIET, adj.** Un molested; tranquil; free from interference or disturbance.

—**Quiet enjoyment.** A covenant, usually inserted in leases and conveyances on the part of the grantor, promising that the tenant or grantee shall enjoy the possession of the premises in peace and without disturbance, is called a covenant "for quiet enjoyment."

**Quiet non move.** Not to unsettle things which are established. Green v. Hudson River R. Co., 28 Barb. (N. Y.) 9, 22.

**QUIETARE.** L. Lat. To quit, acquit, discharge, or save harmless. A formal word in old deeds of donation and other conveyances. Cowell.


**QUIETE CLAMARE.** L. Lat. To quiet-claim or renounce all pretensions of right and title. Bract. fol. 1, 5.

**QUIETUS.** In old English law. Quit; acquitted; discharged. A word used by the clerk of the pipe, and auditors in the exchequer, in their acquittances or discharges given to accountants; usually concluding with an *abinde reecessit quietus,* (hath gone quit thereof,) which was called a "*quietus est.""] Cowell.

In modern law, the word denotes an acquittance or discharge; as of an executor or administrator, (White v. Ditson, 160 Mass. 831, 4 N. E. 906, 54 Am. Rep. 473,) or of a judge or attorney general, (3 Mod. 99.)

**QUIETUS REDDITUS.** In old English law. Quitrent. Spelman. See **QUIETRENT.**

Quilibet potest renunciare juri pro se introducto. Every one may renounce or relinquish a right introduced for his own benefit. 2 Inst. 153; Wing. Max. p. 493, max. 123; 4 Bl. Comm. 317.

**QUILLE.** In French marine law. Keel; the keel of a vessel. Ord. Mar. liv. 3, tit. 6, art. 8.

**QUINQUE PORTUS.** In old English law. The Cinque Ports. Spelman.

**QUINQUEPARTITE.** Consisting of five parts; divided into five parts.

**QUISTEME, or QUINZIME.** Fifteenth; also the fifteenth day after a festival. 13 Edw. 1. See Cowell.

**QUINTAL, or KINTAL.** A weight of one hundred pounds. Cowell.

**QUINTEONE.** A term used in the West Indies to designate a person one of whose parents was a white person and the other a quadroon. Also spelled "quintroon." See Daniel v. Guy, 19 Ark. 131.

**QUITO EXACTUS.** In old practice. Called or exacted the fifth time. A return made by the sheriff, after a defendant had been proclaimed, required, or exacted in five county courts successively, and failed to appear, upon which he was outlawed by the coroners of the county. 3 Bl. Comm. 283.

**QUIRE OF DOVER.** In English law. A record in the exchequer, showing the tenures for guarding and repairing Dover Castle, and determining the services of the Cinque Ports. 3 How. State Tr. 608.

**QUIRITARIAN OWNERSHIP.** In Roman law. Ownership held by a title recognized by the municipal law, in an object also recognized by that law, and in the strict character of a Roman citizen. "Roman law originally only recognized one kind of dominion, called, emphatically, 'quiritari dominion.' Gradually, however, certain real rights arose which, though they failed to satisfy all the elements of the definition of quirital dominion, were practically its equivalent, and received from the courts a similar protection. These real rights might fall short of quirital dominion in three respects: (1) Either in respect of the persons in whom they resided; (2) or of the subjects to which they related; or (3) of the title by which they were acquired." In the latter case, the ownership was called "bonitari," i.e., "the property of a Roman citizen, in a subject capable of quirital property, acquired by a title not known to the civil law, but introduced by the praetor and protected by his imperium or supreme executive power;" e.g., where *res mancipi* had been transferred by mere tradition. Poste's Gaius' Inst. 186.

Quisquis erit qui vult juris-consultus haberi continuant studium, velit a quaeque doecri. Jenk. Cent. Whoever wishes to be a juris-consult, let him continually study, and desire to be taught by every one.

Quisquis presumitur bonus; et semper in dubiis pro reo respondendum. Every one is presumed good; and in doubtful cases the resolution should be ever for the accused.

**QUIT, v.** To leave; remove from; surrender possession of; as when a tenant "quits" the premises or receives a "notice to quit."

—**Notice to quit.** A written notice given by a landlord to his tenant, stating that the former desires to repossess himself of the demised premises, and that the latter is required to quit and remove from the same at a time designated, either at the expiration of the term, if the tenant is in under a lease, or immediately, if the tenancy is at will or by sufferance.
QUIT, adj. Clear; discharged; free; also spoken of persons absolved or acquitted of a charge.

QUITCLAIM, n. In conveyancing. To release or relinquish a claim; to execute a deed of quitclaim. See QUITCLAIM, n.

QUITCLAIM, n. A release or acquittance given to one man by another, in respect of any action that he has or might have against him. Also acquitting or giving up one's claim or title. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

QUITclaim deed. A deed of conveyance operating by way of release; that is, intended to pass any title, interest, or claim which the grantor may have in the premises, but not professing that such title is valid, nor containing any warranty or covenants for title. See Hoyt v. Ketchum, 54 Conn. 60; Chew v. Kellar, 171 Mo. 215, 71 S. W. 172; Ely v. Stannard, 54 Conn. 528; Martin v. Morris, 62 Wis. 413, 22 N. W. 525; Utley v. Fee, 33 Kan. 683, 7 Pac. 565.

QUITRENT. Certain established rents of the freeholders and ancient copyholders of manors are denominated "quitrents" because thereby the tenant goes quit and free of all other services. 3 Cruise, Dig. 314.

QUITTANCE. An abbreviation of "acquittance;" a release, (q. v.)

QUO ANIMO. Lat. With what intention or motive. Used sometimes as a substantive, in lieu of the single word "animus," design or motive. "The quo animo is the real subject of inquiry." 1 Kent, Comm. 77.

QUO JURE. Lat. In old English practice. A writ which lay for one that had land in which another claimed common, to compel the latter to show by what title he claimed it. Cowell; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 128, F.

Quo legatum, et dissolvitur. 2 Rolle, 21. By the same mode by which a thing is bound, by that is it released.

QUO MINUS. Lat. A writ upon which all proceedings in the court of exchequer were formerly grounded. In it the plaintiff suggests that he is the king's debtor, and that the defendant has done him the injury or damage complained of, quo minus sufficiens existit, by which he is less able to pay the king's debt. This was originally requisite in order to give jurisdiction to the court of exchequer; but now this suggestion is a mere form. 3 Bl. Comm. 46.

Also, a writ which lay for him who had a grant of house-bote and hay-bote in another's woods, against the grantor making such waste as that the granteewould not enjoy his grant. Old Nat. Brev. 148.

Quo modo quid constituitur sodem modo dissolvitur. Jenk. Cent. 74. In the same manner by which anything is constituted by that it is dissolved.

QUO WARRANTO. In old English practice. A writ, in the nature of a writ of right for the king, against him who claimed or usurped any office, franchise, or liberty, to inquire by what authority he supported his claim, in order to determine the right. It lay also in case of non-user, or long neglect of a franchise, or misuser or abuse of it; being a writ commanding the defendant to show by what warrant he exercises such a franchise, having never had any grant of it, or having forfeited it by neglect or abuse. 3 Bl. Comm. 262.

In England, and quite generally throughout the United States, this writ has given place to an "information in the nature of a quo warranto," which, though in form a criminal proceeding, is in effect a civil remedy similar to the old writ, and is the method now usually employed for trying the title to a corporate or other franchise, or to a public or corporate office. See Ames v. Kansas, 111 U. S. 449, 4 Sup. Ct. 437, 28 L. Ed. 482; People v. Londoner, 13 Colo. 303, 22 Pac. 764, 6 L. R. A. 444; State v. Owens, 43 Tex. 270; State v. Gleason, 12 Fla. 190; State v. Kearn, 17 R. I. 391, 22 Atl. 1018.

QUOAD HOC. Lat. As to this; with respect to this; so far as this in particular is concerned.

A prohibition quoad hoc is a prohibition as to certain things among others. Thus, where a party was complained against in the ecclesiastical court for matters cognizable in the temporal courts, a prohibition quoad these matters issued, i. e., as to such matters the party was prohibited from prosecuting his suit in the ecclesiastical court. Brown.

QUOAD SACRA. Lat. As to sacred things; for religious purposes.

Quocumque modo vellet; quocumque modo positit. In any way he wishes; in any way he can. Glason v. Bailey, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 484, 492.

Quod a quaque persona nomine exactum est id sedem restitutare nemo cogitatur. That which has been exacted as a penalty no one is obliged to restore. Dig. 50, 17, 46.

Quod ab initio non valet in tractu temporis non convalescit. That which is bad in its commencement improves not by lapse of time. Broom, Max. 173; 4 Coke, 2.

Quod ad jus naturale attinet omnes homines aequalis sunt. All men are equal as far as the natural law is concerned. Dig. 50, 17, 32.

Quod modificatur in area legata cedit legato. Whatever is built on ground given by will goes to the legatee. Broom, Max. 424.
QUOD ALIAS BONUM

Quod alias bonum et iustum est, si per vim vel fraudem petatur, malum et iustum efficitur. 3 Coke, 78. What otherwise is good and just, if it be sought by force and fraud, becomes bad and unjust.

Quod alias non fuit licitum, necessitas licitum facit. What otherwise was not lawful, necessity makes lawful. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 23, § 14.

Quod approbo non reprobo. What I approve I do not reject. I cannot approve and reject at the same time. I cannot take the benefit of an instrument, and at the same time repudiate it. Broom, Max. 712.

Quod attinet ad jus civilis, servi pro nullis habentur, non tamen et jure naturali, quis, quod ad jus naturale attinet, omnes homines equali sunt. So far as the civil law is concerned, slaves are not reckoned as persons, but not so by natural law, for, so far as regards natural law, all men are equal. Dig. 50, 17, 32.

QUOD BILLA CASESETUR. That the bill be quashed. The common-law form of a judgment sustaining a plea in abatement, where the proceeding is by bill, 4 c., by a capias instead of by original writ.

QUOD CLERICI BENEFICIATI DE CANCELLARIA. A writ to exempt a clerk of the chancery from the contribution towards the proctors of the clergy in parliament, etc. Reg. Orig. 261.

QUOD CLERICI NON ELIGANTUR IN OFFICIO BAILLIVI, etc. A writ which lay for a clerk, who, by reason of some land he had, was made, or was about to be made, bailiff, beadle, reeve, or some such officer, to obtain exemption from serving the office. Reg. Orig. 187.

QUOD COMPUTET. That he account. Judgment quod computet is a preliminary or interlocutory judgment given in the action of account-render (also in the case of creditors' bills against an executor or administrator,) directing that accounts be taken before a master or auditor.

Quod constat clare non debit verificari. What is clearly apparent need not be proved. 10 Mod. 150.

Quod constat curiae opere testium non indiget. That which appears to the court needs not the aid of witnesses. 2 Inst. 662.

Quod contra legem sit pro infecto habetur. That which is done against law is regarded as not done at all. 4 Coke, 31a.

Quod contra rationem juris receptum est, non est producendum ad consequen-

tias. That which has been received against the reason of the law is not to be drawn into a precedent. Dig. 1, 3, 14.

QUOD CUM. In pleading. For that whereas. A form of introducing matter of inducement in certain actions, as resumpit and case.

Quod datum est ecclesiis, datum est Dec. 2 Inst. 2. What is given to the church is given to God.

Quod demonstrandi causa additur rei satis, demonstrare, frustra. 10 Coke, 113. What is added to a thing sufficiently palpable, for the purpose of demonstration, is vain.

Quod dubitas, ne feceris. What you doubt of, do not do. In a case of moment, especially in cases of life, it is safest to hold that in practice which hath least doubt and danger. 1 Hale, P. C. 300.

QUOD EI DEFORCEAT. In English law. The name of a writ given by St. Westm. 2, 13 Edw. L c. 4, to the owners of a particular estate, as for life, in dower, by the curtesy, or in fee-tail, who were barred of the right of possession by a recovery had against them through their default or non-appearance in a possessory action, by which the right was restored to him who had been thus unwarily deforced by his own default. 3 BL Comm. 198.

Quod est ex necessitate nunquam introductur, nisi quando necessarium. 2 Rolle, 592. That which is of necessity is never introduced, unless when necessary.

Quod est inconveniens aut contra rationem non permittatur est in lege. Co. Litt. 178a. That which is inconvenient or against reason is not permissible in law.

Quod est necessarium est licitum. What is necessary is lawful. Junk. Cent. p. 76, case 45.

Quod factum est, cum in obscurum sit, ex affectione euisque capita interpretationem. When there is doubt about an act, it receives interpretation from the (known) feelings of the actor. Dig. 50, 17, 68, L.

Quod fieri debet facile presumitur. Halk. 133. That which ought to be done is easily presumed.

Quod fieri non debet, factum valet. That which ought not to be done, when done, is valid. Broom, Max. 182.

QUOD FUIT CONCESSUM. Which was granted. A phrase in the reports, signifying that an argument or point made was conceded or acquiesced in by the court.
Quod in jure scripto "jus" appellatur, id in lege Anglie "rectum" esse dictur. What in the civil law is called "jus," in the law of England is said to be "rectum," (right). Co. Litt. 200; Pieta, i. 6, c. 1, § 1.

Quod in minori valent valebit in majore; et quod in majore non valeat nec valebit in minori. Co. Litt. 200a. That which is valid in the less shall be valid in the greater; and that which is not valid in the greater shall neither be valid in the less.

Quod in uno simulium valet valebit in altero. That which is effectual in one of two like things shall be effectual in the other. Co. Litt. 191a.

Quod in consulo sedimus, consultius revocemus. Jenk. Cent. 116. What we have done without due consideration, upon better consideration we may revoke.

Quod initio vitiosum est non potest tractus temporis convalescer. That which is void from the beginning cannot become valid by lapse of time. Dig. 50, 17, 29.

Quod ipsa qui contraxerunt obstat, et successoribus eorum obstat. That which bars those who have made a contract will bar their successors also. Dig. 50, 17, 143.

QUOD JUS. Lat. In the civil law. The name of an action given to one who had contracted with a son or slave, by order of the father or master, to compel such father or master to stand to the agreement. Hallifax, Civil L. b. 3, c. 2, no. 3; Inst. 4, 7, 1.

Quod jus omn alterius solvitur pro eo est quasi ipse solutum est. That which is paid by the order of another is the same as though it were paid to himself. Dig. 50, 17, 180.

Quod meum est sine facto meo vel defectu meo amitteri vel in alium transferri non potest. That which is mine cannot be lost or transferred to another without my alienation or forfeiture. Broom, Max. 465.

Quod meum est sine meo anferi non potest. That which is mine cannot be taken away without me, [without my assent.] Jenk. Cent. p. 251, case 41.

Quod minus est in obligationem videotur deducat. That which is the less is held to be imported into the contract; (e. g., A offers to hire B's house at six hundred dollars, at the same time B. offers to let it for five hundred dollars; the contract is for five hundred dollars.) 1 Story, Cont. 481.

Quod naturalis ratio inter omnes homines constituit, vocatur jus gentium. That which natural reason has established among all men is called the "law of nations." 1 Bl. Comm. 43; Dig. 1, 1, 9; Inst. 1, 2, 1.

Quod necessario intelligitur non deset. 1 Bulst. 71. That which is necessarily understood is not wanting.

Quod necessitas cogit, defendit. Hale, P. C. 54. That which necessity compels, it justifies.

Quod non apparat non est; et non appareat judicialiter ante judgment. 2 Inst. 479. That which appears not is not; and nothing appears judicially before judgment.


QUOD NON FUIT NEGATUM. Which was not denied. A phrase found in the old reports, signifying that an argument or proposition was not denied or controverted by the court. Latch, 213.

Quod non habet principium non habet effect. Wing. Max. 70; Co. Litt. 345a. That which has not beginning has not end.

Quod non legitur, non creditur. What is not read is not believed. 4 Coke, 304.

Quod non valet in principali, in accessorio seu consequenti non valet; et quod non valet in magis propinquum non valebit in magis remoto. 8 Coke, 78. That which is not good against the principal will not be good as to accessories or consequences; and that which is not of force in regard to things near it will not be of force in regard to things remote from it.

QUOD NOTA. Which note; which mark. A reporter's note in the old books, directing attention to a point or rule. Dyer, 23.

Quod nullius esse potest id ut aliqui jus secter nulla obligatio valet officere. No agreement can avail to make that the property of any one which cannot be acquired as property. Dig. 50, 17, 182.

Quod nullius est, est dominus regis. That which is the property of nobody belongs to our lord the king. Pieta, lib. 1, c. 3; Broom, Max. 354.

Quod nullius est, id ratione naturali occupanti concessitur. That which is the property of no one is, by natural reason, given to the [first] occupant. Dig. 41, 1, 3; Inst. 2, 1, 12. Adopted in the common law. 2 Bl. Comm. 258.

Quod nullius est, nullum product effectum. That which is null produces no effect. Tray. Leg. Max. 519.
QUOD OMNES TANGIT

Quod omnes tangit ab omnibus debet supportari. That which touches or concerns all ought to be supported by all. 3 How. State Tr. 878, 1087.

QUOD PARTES REPLACENT. That the parties do replead. The form of the judgment on award of a repleader. 2 Salk. 579.

QUOD PARTITIO FIAT. That partition be made. The name of the judgment in a suit for partition, directing that a partition be effected.

Quod pendet non est pro eo quasi sit. What is in suspense is considered as not existing during such suspense. Dig. 50, 17, 160, 1.

Quod per me non possum, nec per alium. What I cannot do by myself, I cannot by another. 4 Coke, 249; 11 Coke, 87a.

Quod per recordum probatum, non debet esse negatum. What is proved by record ought not to be denied.

QUOD PERMITTAT. That he permit. In old English law. A writ which lay for the heir of him that was diselled of his common of pasture, against the heir of the disseller. Cowell.

QUOD PERMITTAT PROSTERNE. That he permit to abate. In old practice. A writ which lay for spiritual persons, distraint in their spiritual possessions, for payment of a fifteenth with the rest of the parish. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 175. Obsolete.

Quod populus postremae jusuit, id juris est. What the people have last enacted, let that be the established law. A law of the Twelve Tables, the principle of which is still recognized. 1 Bl. Comm. 89.

Quod primum est intentione ulterior est in operatione. That which is first in intention is last in operation. Bac. Max.

Quod principi placuit legis habet vigorem. That which has pleased the prince has the force of law. The emperor's pleasure has the force of law. Dig. 1, 4, 1; Inst. 1, 2, 6. A celebrated maxim of imperial law.

Quod prius est verius est; et quod prius est tempore potius est iure. Co. 4. l. 347. What is first is true; and what is first in time is better in law.

QUOD PRO SUB CERTA FORMA

Quod pro minore hecatom est et pro majore hecatom est. 8 Coke, 43. That which is lawful as to the minor is lawful as to the major.

QUOD PROSTRAVIT. That he do abate. The name of a judgment upon an indictment for a nuisance, that the defendant abate such nuisance.

Quod pure debetur praecepto die debeatur. That which is due unconditionally is due now. Tray. Leg. Max. 510.

Quod quis ex culpa sua damnum sentit non intelligentur damnos sentire. The damage which one experiences from his own fault is not considered as his damage. Dig. 50, 17, 203.

Quod quis sedens indebitum debit haec mentes, ut postea repetat, repetere non potest. That which one has given, knowing it not to be due, with the intention of demanding it, he cannot recover back. Dig. 12, 6, 50.

Quod quisquis moritur in hoc se exerceat. Let every one employ himself in what he knows. 11 Coke, 10.

QUOD RECUPERET. That he recover. The ordinary form of judgments for the plaintiff in actions at law. 1 Arch. P. R. K. B. 225; 1 Burrell, Pr. 246.

Quod remedio destitutur ipsa re valet si culpa absit. That which is without remedy avails of itself, if there be no fault in the party seeking to enforce it. Broom. Max. 212.

Quod semel ant his existit præterunt legislatores. Legislators pass over what happens [only] once or twice. Dig. 1, 3, 6; Broom, Max. 46.

Quod semel contra est amplius semper esse non potest. Co. Litt. 49b. What is once mine cannot be more fully mine.

Quod semel placuit in electione, amplius displicere non potest. Co. Litt. 146. What a party has once determined, in a case where he has an election, cannot afterwards be disavowed.

QUOD SI CONTINGAT. That if it happen. Words by which a condition might formerly be created in a deed. Litt. § 330.

Quod sub certa forma concessum vel reservatum est non tractatur ad valorum vel compensationem. That which is granted or reserved under a certain form is not [permitted to be] drawn into valuation or compensation. Bac. Max. 26, reg. 4. That which is granted or reserved in a certain specified form must be taken as it is grant-
ed. and will not be permitted to be made the subject of any adjustment or compensation on the part of the grantee. Ex parte Miller, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 423.

Quod subintelligitur non doeat. What is understood is not wanting. 2 Ed. Raym. 382.

Quod tacite intelligitur doceo non videtur. What is tacitly understood is not considered to be wanting. 4 Coke, 22a.

Quod vacuam et inutil est, lex non requirit. Co. Litt. 319. The law requires not what is vain and useless.

QUOD VIDE. Which see. A direction to the reader to look to another part of the book, or to another book, there named, for further information.

Quod voluit non dixit. What he intended he did not say, or express. An answer sometimes made in overruling an argument that the law-maker or testator meant so and so. 1 Kent, Comm. 408, note; Mann v. Mann's Ex'r, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 235.

Quodernaque aliquis ob tutelam corporis sui fecisset, iure id fecisses videtur. 2 Inst. 596. Whatever any one does in defense of his person, that he is considered to have done legally.

Quodque dissolvitur codem modo quo ligatur. 2 Rolle, 39. In the same manner that a thing is bound, in the same manner it is unbound.

QUOTIAM ATTACHIAMMENTA. (Since the attachments.) One of the oldest books in the Scotch law. So called from the two first words of the volume. Jacob; Whishaw.

QUORUM. When a committee, board of directors, meeting of shareholders, legislative or other body of persons cannot act unless a certain number at least of them are present, that number is called a "quorum." Sweet. In the absence of any law or rule fixing the quorum, it consists of a majority of those entitled to act. See Ex parte Willicock, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 400, 17 Am. Dec. 525; State v. Wilkesville 2p., 20 Ohio St. 353; Heiskell v. Baltimore, 65 Md. 125, 4 Atl. 116, 57 Am. Rep. 308; Snider v. Rinehart, 18 Colo. 18, 31 Pac. 716.

JUSTICES of the QUORUM. In English law, those justices of the peace whose presence at a session is necessary to make a lawful bench. All the justices of the peace for a county are named and appointed in one commission, which authorizes them all, jointly and severally, to keep the peace, but provides that some particular named justices or one of them shall always be present when business is to be transacted, the ancient Latin phrase being "quorum sumum A. B. cura vox est." These designated persons are the "justices of the quorum." But the distinction is long since obsolete. See 1 Bl. Comm. 351; Snider v. Rinehart, 18 Colo. 18, 31 Pac. 716; Gilbert v. Sweetser, 4 Mc. 484.

Quorum prae texture nec anuet nec minuit sententiam, sed tantum confirmat premissa. Plowd. 52. "Quorum prae texture" neither increases nor diminishes a sentence, but only confirms that which went before.

QUOT. In old Scotch law. A twentieth part of the movable estate of a person dying, which was due to the bishop of the diocese within which the person resided. Bell.

QUOTA. A proportional part or share, the proportional part of a demand or liability, falling upon each of those who are collectively responsible for the whole.

QUOTATION. 1. The production to a court or judge of the exact language of a statute, precedent, or other authority, in support of an argument or proposition advanced.

2. The transcription of part of a literary composition into another book or writing.

3. A statement of the market price of one or more commodities; or the price specified to a correspondent.

QUOTIENT VERDICT. A money verdict the amount of which is fixed by the following process: Each juror writes down the sum he wishes to award by the verdict; these amounts are all added together, and the total is divided by twelve, (the number of the jurors,) and the quotient stands as the verdict of the jury by their agreement. See Hamilton v. Owego Waterworks, 22 App. Div. 573, 48 N. Y. Supp. 106; Moses v. Railroad Co., 3 Misc. Rep. 322, 23 N. Y. Supp. 23.

Quoties dubia interpretatio libertatis est, secundum libertatem respondendum erit. Whenever the Interpretation of Liberty is doubtful, the answer should be on the side of liberty. Dig. 50, 17, 20.

Quoties idem sermo duas sententias exprimit, ea potissimum expletur, quae rei gerendae aptior est. Whenever the same language expresses two meanings, that should be adopted which is the better fitted for carrying out the subject-matter. Dig. 50, 17, 67.

Quoties in stipulationibus ambigua erat, commodissimum est id accepit quo res de qua agitur in tuto sit. Whenever the language of stipulations is ambiguous, it is most fitting that that [sense] should be taken by which the subject-matter may be protected. Dig. 45, 1, 89.

Quoties in verbis nulla est ambiguitas, ibi nulla expositio contra verba flenda est. Co. Litt. 147. When in the
words there is no ambiguity, then no exposition contrary to the words is to be made.

QUOTULEX. Of how many kinds; how many fold. A term of frequent occurrence in Sheppard's Touchstone.

QUOUSQUE. Lat. How long; how far; until. In old conveyances it is used as a word of limitation. 10 Coke, 41.

QUOVIS MODO. Lat. In whatever manner.

Quum de lucro duorum quaratur, melior est causa possidentis. When the question is as to the gain of two persons, the title of the party in possession is the better one. Dig. 50, 17, 126, 2.

Quum in testamento ambigue aut etiam perperum scriptum est, beneigne interpretari et secundum id quod credibile et cogitatum, credendum est. When in a will an ambiguous or even an erroneous expression occurs, it should be construed liberally and in accordance with what is thought the probable meaning of the testator. Dig. 34, 5, 24; Broom, Max. 437.

Quum principalis causa non consistit ne ea quidem quas sequuntur locum habeat. When the principal does not hold, the incidents thereof ought not to obtain. Broom, Max. 496.

Quum quod ago non valet ut ago, valet quantum valere potest. 1 Vent. 216. When what I do is of no force as to the purpose for which I do it, let it be of force to as great a degree as it can.
In the signatures of royal persons, "R." is an abbreviation for "rex" (king) or "regina" (queen). In descriptions of land, according to the divisions of the governmental survey, it stands for "range." Otumwa, etc., R. Co. v. McWilliams, 71 Iowa, 164, 32 N. W. 315.

R. G. An abbreviation for Regula Generalis, a general rule or order of court; or for the plural of the same.

R. L. This abbreviation may stand either for "Revised Laws" or "Roman law."

R. S. An abbreviation for "Revised Statutes."

RACE. A tribe, people, or nation, belonging or supposed to belong to the same stock or lineage. "Race, color, or previous condition of servitude." Const. U. S., Am. XV.

RACE-WAY. An artificial canal dug in the earth; a channel cut in the ground. Wilder v. De Cou, 26 Minn. 17, 1 N. W. 48. The channel for the current that drives a water-wheel. Webster.

RACHAT. In French law. The right of repurchase which, in English and American law, the vendor may reserve to himself. It is also called "réméré." Brown.

RACHATER. L. Fr. To redeem; to repurchase, (or buy back.) Kelham.

RACHETUM. In Scotch law. Ransom; corresponding to Saxon "wecroplid," a pecuniary composition for an offense. Skene; Jacob.

RACHIMBURGII. In the legal polity of the Sallians and Ripuarians and other Germanic peoples, this name was given to the judges or assessors who sat with the count in his mailium, (court,) and were generally associated with him in other matters. Spelman.

RACK. An engine of torture anciently used in the inquisitorial method of examining persons charged with crime, the office of which was to break the limbs or dislocate the joints.

RACK-RENT. A rent of the full value of the tenement, or near it. 2 Bl. Comm. 43.

RACK-VINTAGE. Wines drawn from the lees. Cowell.

RADICALS. A political party. The term arose in England, in 1818, when the popular leaders, Hunt Cartwright, and others, sought to obtain a radical reform in the representative system of parliament. Bolingbroke (Disc. Parties, Let. 18) employs the term in its present accepted sense: "Such a remedy might have wrought a radical cure of the evil that threatens our constitution," etc. Wharton.

RADOUX. In French law. A term including the repairs made to a ship, and a fresh supply of furniture and victuals, munitions, and other provisions required for the voyage. 3 Pard. Droit Comm. § 602.

RAFFLE. A kind of lottery in which several persons pay, in shares, the value of something put up as a stake, and then determine by chance (as by casting dice) which one of them shall become the sole possessor of it. Webster; Prendergast v. State, 41 Tex. Cr. R. 358, 57 S. W. 850; State v. Kennon, 21 Mo. 294; People v. American Art Union, 7 N. Y. 241.

A raffle may be described as a species of "adventure or hazard," but is held not to be a lottery. State v. Pinchback, 2 Mill. Const. (S. C.) 130.

RAGEMAN. A statute, so called, of justices assigned by Edward I. and his council, to go a circuit through all England, and to hear and determine all complaints of injuries done within five years next before Michaelmas, in the fourth year of his reign. Spelman.

Also a rule, form, regimen, or precedent.

RAGMAN'S ROLL, or RAGIMUND'S ROLL. A roll, called from one Ragimund or Ragimont, a legate in Scotland, who, summoning all the beneficed clergyman in that kingdom, caused them on oath to give in the true value of their benefits, according to which they were afterwards taxed by the court of Rome. Wharton.

RAILROAD. A road or way on which iron or steel rails are laid for wheels to run on, for the conveyance of heavy loads in cars or carriages propelled by steam or other motive power. The word "railway" is of exactly equivalent import.

Whether or not this term includes roads operated by horse-power, electricity, cable-lines, etc., will generally depend upon the context of the statute in which it is found. The decisions on this point are at variance. —Railroad commission. A body of commissioners, appointed in several of the states, to regulate railway traffic within the state, with power, generally, to regulate and fix rates, see to the enforcement of police ordinances, and sometimes assess the property of railroads for taxation. See Southern Pac. Co. v. Board of Railroad Com'rs (C. C.) 78 Fed. 252.

RAILWAY. In law, this term is of exactly equivalent import to "railroad."
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-Railway commissioners.- A body of three commissioners appointed under the English regulation of railways act, 1873, principally to enforce the provisions of the road and canal traffic act, 1854, by compelling railway and canal companies to give reasonable facilities for traffic, to abstain from giving unreasonable preference to any company or person, and to forward through traffic at through rates. They also have the supervision of working agreements between companies. Sweet.

RAISE. To create. A use may be raised; i.e., a use may be created. Also to infer; to create or bring to light by construction or interpretation.

-Raise a presumption. To give occasion or ground for a presumption; to be of such a character, or to be attended with such circumstances, as to justify an inference or presumption of law. Thus, a person's silence, in some instances, will "raise a presumption" of his consent to what is done.-Raise an issue. To bring to a question to be decided by a court; to have the effect of producing an issue between the parties pleading in an action.-Raise revenue. To levy a tax, as a means of collecting revenue; to bring together, collect, or levy revenue. The phrase does not imply an increase of revenue. Perry County v. Selma, etc., R. Co., 58 Ala. 357. -Raising a promise. By this phrase is meant the act of the law in extracting from the facts and circumstances of a particular transaction a promise which was implicit therein, and postulating it as a ground of legal liability.-Raising a use. Creating, establishing, or calling into existence a use. Thus, if a man conveyed land to another in fee, without any consideration, equity would presume that he meant it to be the use of himself, and would therefore raise an implied use for his benefit. Brown. -Raising an action, in Scotland, is the institution of an action or suit.-Raising money. To raise money is to realize money by subscriptions, sales, or otherwise.-Raising portions. When a landed estate is settled on an eldest son, it is generally burdened with the payment of specific sums of money in favor of his brothers and sisters. A direction to this effect is called a direction for "raising portions for younger children," and, for this purpose, it is usual to demise or lease the estate to trustees for a term of years, upon trust to raise the required portions by a sale or mortgage of the same. Moyle &; Whitley.

RAN. Sax. In Saxon and old English law. Open theft, or robbery.

RANCHO. Sp. A small collection of men or their dwellings: a hamlet. As used, however, in Mexico and in the Spanish law formerly prevailing in California, the term signifies a ranch or large tract of land suitable for grazing purposes where horses or cattle are raised, and is distinguished from hacienda, a cultivated farm or plantation

RANGE. In the government survey of the United States, this term is used to designate one of the divisions of a state, and designates a row or tier of townships as they appear on the map.

RANGER. In forest law. A sworn officer of the forest, whose office chiefly consists in three points: To walk daily through his charge to see, hear, and inquire as well of trespassers as trespassers in his bailiwick: to drive the beasts of the forest, both of venery and chase, out of the deforested land; and to prevent all trespassers of the forest at the next courts holden for the forest. Cowell.

RANK, n. The order or place in which certain officers are placed in the army and navy, in relation to others. Wood v. U. S., 15 Ct. Cl. 159.

RANK, adj. In English law. Excessive; too large in amount; as a rank modus. 2 Bl. Comm. 80.

RANKING OF CREDITORS is the Scotch term for the arrangement of the property of a debtor according to the claims of the creditors, in consequence of the nature of their respective securities. Bell. The corresponding process in England is the marshalling of securities in a suit or action for redemption or foreclosure. Paterson.

RANSOM. In international law. The redemption of captured property from the hands of an enemy, particularly of property captured at sea. 1 Kent, Comm. 104.

A sum paid or agreed to be paid for the redemption of captured property. 1 Kent. Comm. 105.

A "ransom," strictly speaking, is not a recapture of the captured property. It is rather a purchase of the right of the captors at the time, be it what it may; or, more properly, it is a relinquishment of all the interest and benefit which the captors might acquire or consume in the property, by a regular adjudication of a prize tribunal, whether it be an interest in res. a lien, or a mere title to expenses. In this respect, there seems to be no difference between the case of a ransom of an enemy or a neutral. Maisonneuve v. Keating, 2 Gall. 325, Fed. Cas. No. 8,975.

In old English law. A sum of money paid for the pardoning of some great offense. The distinction between ransom and amercliament is said to be that ransom was the redemption of a corporeal punishment, while amercliament was a fine or penalty directly imposed, and not in lieu of another punishment. Cowell; 4 Bl. Comm. 380; U. S. v. Griffin, 6 D. C. 57.

Ransom was also a sum of money paid for the redemption of a person from captivity or imprisonment. Thus one of the feudal "aids" was to ransom the lord's person if taken prisoner. 2 Bl. Comm. 63.

-Ransom bill. A contract by which a captured vessel, in consideration of the releasement of safe-conduct for a stipulated course and time, agrees to pay a certain sum as ransom.
RAPE. In criminal law. The unlawful carnal knowledge of a woman by a man forcibly and against her will. Code Ga. § 4549; Gore v. State, 119 Ga. 418, 46 S. E. 671, 100 Am. St. Rep. 182; Maxey v. State, 66 Ark. 523, 52 S. W. 2; Crogan v. State, 22 Ws. 444; State v. Montgomery, 63 Mo. 298; People v. Crego, 70 Mich. 319, 38 N. W. 281; Felton v. State, 139 Ind. 531, 39 N. E. 231.

In English law. An intermediate division between a shire and a hundred; or a division of a county, containing several hundreds. 1 Bl. Comm. 116; Cowell. Apparently peculiar to the county of Sussex.


RAPINE. In criminal law. Plunder; pillage; robbery. In the civil law, rapina is defined as the forcible and violent taking of another man's movable property with the criminal intent to appropriate it to the robber's own use. A preterit action lay for this offense, in which quadruple damages were recoverable. Gaius, lib. 3, § 209; Inst. 4, 2; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 481; Heinec. Elem. § 1071.

RAPPORT À SUCCESSION. In French law and in Louisiana. A proceeding similar to hotchpot; the restoration to the succession of such property as the heir may have received by way of advancement from the decedent, in order that an even division may be made among all the co-heirs. Clv. Code La. art. 1305.

RAPTOR. In old English law. A ravisher. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 52, § 12.

RAPTU HEREDITIS. In old English law. A writ for taking away an heir holding in socage, of which there were two sorts: One when the heir was married; the other when he was not. Reg. Orig. 163.


RASURE. The act of scraping, scratching, or shaving the surface of a written instrument, for the purpose of removing certain letters or words from it. It is to be distinguished from "obliteration," as the latter word properly denotes the crossing out of a word or letter by drawing a line through it with ink. But the two expressions are often used interchangeably. See Penny v. Corwith, 1S Johns. (N. Y.) 490.

RATUS. In old English law. A rase; a measure of onions, containing twenty fowes, and each fionis twenty-five heads. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 12, § 12.

RATABLE ESTATE. Within the meaning of a tax law, this term means "taxable estate;" the real and personal property which the legislature designates as "taxable." Marshfield v. Middlesex, 55 Vt. 346.

RATAM REM HABERE. Lat. In the civil law. To hold a thing ratified; to ratify or confirm it. Dig. 46, 8, 12, 1.

RATE. Proportional or relative value, measure, or degree; the proportion or standard by which quantity or value is adjusted. Thus, the rate of interest is the proportion or ratio between the principal and interest. So the buildings in a town are rated for insurance purposes; i.e., classified and individually estimated with reference to their insurable qualities. In this sense also we speak of articles as being in "first-rate" or "second-rate" condition.

Absolute measure, value, or degree. Thus, we speak of the rate at which public lands are sold, of the rates of fare upon railroads, etc. See Georgia R. & B. Co. v. Maddox, 116 Ga. 42 S. E. 315; Chase v. New York Cent. R. Co., 29 N. Y. 538; People v. Dolan, 36 N. Y. 67.

The term is also used as the synonym of "tax;" that is, a sum assessed by governmental authority upon persons or property, by proportional valuation, for public purposes. It is chiefly employed in this sense in England, but is there usually confined to taxes of a local nature, or those raised by the parish; such as the poor-rate, borough-rate, etc.

It sometimes occurs in a connection which gives it a meaning synonymous with "assessment;" that is, the apportionment of a tax among the whole number of persons who are responsible for it, by estimating the value of the taxable property of each, and making a proportional distribution of the whole amount. Thus we speak of "rating" persons and property.

In marine insurance, the term refers to the classification or scaling of vessels based on their relative state and condition in regard to insurable qualities; thus, a vessel in the best possible condition and offering the best risk from the underwriter's standpoint, is "rated" as "A 1."

See Insurance Companies v. Wright, 1 Wall. 472, 17 L. Ed. 505.

—Rate of exchange. In commercial law. The actual price at which a bill, drawn in one country upon another country, can be bought or obtained in the former country at any given time. Story, Bills, § 31.—Rate-tithe. In English law. When any sheep, or other cattle, are kept in a parish for less time than a year, the owner must pay tithe for them pro rata, according to the custom of the place. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 51.

RATIFICATION. The confirmation of a previous act done either by the party himself or by another; confirmation of a voidable act. See Story, Ag. §§ 250, 251; 2 Kent,
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Comm. 237; Norton v. Shelby County, 118 U. S. 425, 6 Sup. Ct. 121; 20 L. Ed. 178; Gallup v. Fox, 64 Conn. 491, 30 Atl. 756; Reid v. Field, 83 Va. 20, 1 S. E. 395; Ballard v. Nye, 138 Cal. 588, 72 Pac. 156; Ansonia v. Cooper, 64 Conn. 536, 30 Atl. 760; Snyth v. Lynch, 7 Colo. App. 383, 43 Pac. 670.

This is where a person adopts a contract or other transaction which is not binding on him, because it was entered into by an unauthorized agent or the like. Leake, Cont. 268.

RATIFICATIO. Lat. Confirmation, agreement, consent, approval of a contract. Saltmarsh v. Cundill, 51 N. H. 76.

Ratificatio mandato equiparatur. Ratification is equivalent to express command. Dig. 46, 3, 12, 4; Broom, Max. 676; Palmer v. Yates, 3 Sandf. (N. Y.) 151.

RATIO. Rate; proportion; degree. Reason, or understanding. Also a cause, or giving judgment therein.

—Ratio decidendi. The ground of decision. The point in a case which determines the judgment. —Ratio legis. The reason or occasion of a law; the occasion of making a law. Bl. Law Tracts, 3.

Ratio est formalis causa consuetudinis. Reason is the formal cause of custom.

Ratio est legis anima; mutata legis ratione mutatur et lex. 7 Coke, 7. Reason is the soul of law; the reason of law being changed, the law is also changed.

Ratio est radius divini luminis. Co. Litt. 232. Reason is a ray of the divine light.

Ratio et auctoritas, duo clarissima mundi luminis. 4 Inst. 320. Reason and authority, the two brightest lights of the world.

Ratio legis est anima legis. Jenk. Cent. 45. The reason of law is the soul of law.

Ratio potest allegari deficienle lege; sed ratio vera et legalis, et non apparent. Co. Litt. 191. Reason may be alleged when law is defective; but it must be true and legal reason, and not merely apparent.

RATIONALIBUS DIVISIS. An abolished writ which lay where two lords, in divers towns, had seignories adjoining, for him who found his waste by little and little to have been encroached upon, against the other, who had encroached, thereby to rectify their bounds. Cowell.

RATIONE IMPOTENTIAE. Lat. On account of inability. A ground of qualified property in some animals feris naturae; as in the young ones, while they are unable to fly or run. 2 Bl. Comm. 3, 4.

RATIONE MATERIAE. Lat. By reason of the matter involved; in consequence of, or from the nature of, the subject-matter.

RATIONE PERSONAE. Lat. By reason of the person concerned; from the character of the person.

RATIONE PRIVILEGII. Lat. This term describes a species of property in wild animals, which consists in the right which, by a peculiar franchise anciently granted by the English crown, by virtue of its prerogative, one man may have of killing and taking such animals on the land of another. 100 E. C. L. 870.

RATIONE SOLI. Lat. On account of the soil; with reference to the soil. Said to be the ground of ownership in bees. 2 Bl. Comm. 338.

RATIONE TENURE. L. Lat. By reason of tenure; as a consequence of tenure. 3 Bl. Comm. 220.

RATONES. In old law. The pleadings in a suit. Rationes exercere, or ad rationes sture, to plead.

RATTENING is where the members of a trade union cause the tools, clothes, or other property of a workman to be taken away or hidden, in order to compel him to join the union or cease working. It is, in England, an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 88, § 7. Sweet.


RAVISHMENT. In criminal law. An unlawful taking of a woman, or of an heir in ward. Rape.

—Ravishment de gard. L. Fr. An abolished writ which lay for a guardian by knight's service or in seignory, against a person who took from him the body of his ward. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 140; 12 Car. II. c. 3. —Ravishment of ward. In English law. The marriage of an infant ward without the consent of the guardian.

RAZE. To erase. 3 How. State Tr. 156.
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In Spanish law. Cause, (causa.) Las Partidas, pt. 4, tit. 4, l. 2.

RE. Lat. In the matter of; in the case of. A term of frequent use in designating judicial proceedings, in which there is only one party. Thus, "Re Vivian" signifies "In the matter of Vivian," or in "Vivian's Case."

RE. FA. LO. The abbreviation of "recordari facias loquebam," (q. v.)

Re, verbs, scripto, consentia, traditio, junctura vestes sumere pacta solent. Compacts usually take their clothing from the thing itself, from words, from writing, from consent, from delivery. Plowd. 161.

READERS. In the middle temple, those persons were so called who were appointed to deliver lectures or "readings" at certain periods during term. The clerks in holy orders who read prayers and assist in the performance of divine service in the chapels of the several inns of court are also so termed. Brown.

READING-IN. In English ecclesiastical law. The title of a person admitted to a rectory or other benefice will be divested unless within two months after actual possession he publicly read in the church of the benefice, upon some Lord's day, and at the appointed times, the morning and evening service, according to the book of common prayer; and afterwards, publicly before the congregation, declare his assent to such book; and also publicly read the thirty-nine articles in the same church, in the time of common prayer, with declaration of his assent thereto; and moreover, within three months after his admission, read upon some Lord's day in the same church, in the presence of the congregation, in the time of divine service, a declaration by him subscribed before the ordinary, of conformity to the Liturgy, together with the certificate of the ordinary of its having been so subscribed. 2 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 687; Wharton.

REAFFORESTED. Where a deforested forest is again made a forest. 20 Car. 11. c. 3.

REAL. In common law. Relating to land, as distinguished from personal property. This term is applied to lands, tenements, and hereditaments.

In the civil law. Relating to a thing, (whether movable or immovable) as distinguished from a person.

—Real burden. In Scotch law. Where a right to lands is expressly granted under the burden of a specific sum, which is declared a burden on the lands themselves, or where the right is declared null if the sum be not paid, and where the amount of the sum, and the name of the creditor in it, can be discovered from the BL. LAW Dict. (2d Ed.)—63

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records, the burden is said to be real. Bell.—Real chymin. L. Fr. In old English law. The royal way: the king's highway, (regia via) —Real injury. In the civil law. An injury arising from an unlawful act, as distinguished from a verbal injury, which was done by words. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 15, an. 3. 4.—Real things, (or things real) In common law. Such things as are permanent, fixed, and immovable, which cannot be carried out of their place: as lands and tenements. 2 Bl. Comm. 15. Things substantial and immovable, and the rights and profits annexed to or issuing out of them. 1 Steph. Comm. 156.


REAL LAW. At common law. The body of laws relating to real property. This use of the term is popular rather than technical.

In the civil law. A law which relates to specific property, whether movable or immovable.

Laws purely real directly and indirectly regulate property, and the rights of property, without intermeddling with or changing the state of the person. Wharton.

REALITY. In foreign law. That quality of laws which concerns property or things, (qua ad rem spectant.) Story, Confl. Laws, § 16.

REALIZE. To convert any kind of property into money; but especially to receive the returns from an investment. See Bilti- ner v. Gomprecht, 28 Misc. Rep. 218, 58 N. Y. Supp. 1011.

REALM. A kingdom; a country. 1 Taunt. 270; 4 Camp. 288.

REALTY. A brief term for real property; also for anything which partakes of the nature of real property.

—Quasi reality. Things which are fixed in contemplation of law to reality, but movable in themselves, as heir-looms, (or limbs of the inheritance,) title-deeds, court rolls, etc. Wharton.

REAPPRAISER. A person who, in certain cases, is appointed to make a revaluation or second appraisement of imported goods at the custom-house.

REASON. A faculty of the mind by which it distinguishes truth from falsehood, good from evil, and which enables the possessor to deduce inferences from facts or from premises. In Webster, Anal. an indus- tance, motive, or ground for action, as in the phrase "reasons for an appeal." See Nelson v. Clongland, 15 Wis. 393; Miller v. Miller, 8 Johns. (N. Y.) 77.
REASONABLE. Agreeable to reason; just; proper. Ordinary or usual.
—Reasonable act. Such as may fairly, justly, and reasonably be required of a party.—Reasonable and probable cause. Such grounds as justify any one in suspecting another of a crime, and giving him in custody thereon. It is a defense to an action for false imprisonment.
—Reasonable creature. Under the common-law rule that murder is taking the life of a reasonable creature under the king’s peace, with malice aforethought, the phrase means a human being, and has no reference to his mental condition, as it includes a lunatic, an idiot, and even an unborn child. See State v. Jones, Walk. (Miss.) 85.—Reasonable part. In old English law. That share of a man’s goods which the law gave to his wife and children after his decease. 2 Bl. Comm. 402.

As to reasonable “Ald,” “Care,” “Diligence,” “Doubt,” “Notice,” “Skill,” and “Time,” see those titles.

REASSURANCE. This is where an insurer procures the whole or a part of the sum which he has insured (i.e., contracted to pay in case of loss, death, etc.) to be insured again to him by another person. Sweet.

REATTACHMENT. A second attachment of him who was formerly attached, and dismissed the court without day, by the not coming of the justices, or some such casualty. Reg. Orig. 35.

REBATE. Discount; reducing the interest of money in consideration of prompt payment. Also a deduction from a stipulated premium on a policy of insurance, in pursuance of an antecedent contract. Also a deduction or drawback from a stipulated payment, charge, or rate, (as, a rate for the transportation of freight by a railroad,) not taken out in advance of payment, but handed back to the payer after he has paid the full stipulated sum.

REBEL. The name of rebels is given to all subjects who unjustly take up arms against the ruler of the society, [or the lawful and constitutional government,] whether their view be to deprive him of the supreme authority or to resist his lawful commands in some particular instance, and to impose conditions on him. Vatt. Law Nat. bk. 3, § 288.


In old English law, the term “rebellion” was also applied to contempt of a court manifested by disobedience to its process, particularly of the court of chancery. If a defendant refused to appear, after attachment and proclamation, a “commission of rebellion” issued against him. 3 Bl. Comm. 444.


REBELLIous ASSEMBLY. In English law. A gathering of twelve persons or more, intending, going about, or practicing unlawfully and of their own authority to change any laws of the realm; or to destroy the inclosure of any park or ground inclosed, banks of fish-ponds, pools, conduits, etc., to the intent the same shall remain void; or that they shall have way in any of the said grounds; or to destroy the deer in any park, fish in ponds, coney in any warren, dove-houses, etc.; or to burn stacks of corn; or to alate rents or prices of victuals, etc. See Cowell.

REBOUTER. To repel or bar. The action of the heir by the warranty of his ancestor is called “to rebut or repel.” 2 Co. Litt. 247.

REBUS SIC STANTIBUS. Lat. At this point of affairs; in these circumstances.

REBT. In pleading and evidence. To rebut is to defeat or take away the effect of something. Thus, when a plaintiff in an action produces evidence which raises a presumption of the defendant’s liability, and the defendant addsuce evidence which shows that the presumption is ill-founded, he is said to “rebut it.” Sweet.

In the old law of real property, to rebut was to repel or bar a claim. Thus, when a person was sues for land which had been warranted to him by the plaintiff or his ancestor, and he pleaded the warranty as a defense to the action, this was called a “rebutter.” Co. Litt. 306a; Termes de la Ley.

—Rebut an equity. To defeat an apparent equitable right or claim, by the introduction of evidence showing that, in the particular circumstances, there is no ground for such equity to attach, or that it is overridden by a superior or countervailing equity. See 2 Whart. Ev. § 973.

REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION. In the law of evidence. A presumption which may be rebutted by evidence. Otherwise called a “disputable” presumption. A species of legal presumption which holds good until disproved. Best, Pres. § 25; 1 Greenl. Ev. § 33.

REBUTTAL. The introduction of rebutting evidence; the stage of a trial at which such evidence may be introduced; also the rebutting evidence itself. Lux v. Haggin, 69 Cal. 255, 10 Pac. 674.

REBUTTER. In pleading. A defendant’s answer of fact to a plaintiff’s surrejoinder; the third pleading in the series on
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the part of the defendant. Steph. Pl. 59; 3 Bl. Comm. 310.

REBUTTING EVIDENCE. See EVIDENCE.

RECALL. In international law. To summon a diplomatic minister back to his home court, at the same time depriving him of his office and functions.

RECALL A JUDGMENT. To revoke, cancel, vacate, or reverse a judgment for matters of fact; when it is annulled by reason of errors of law, it is said to be "reversed."

RECAPTURE. A retaking, or taking back. A species of remedy by the mere act of the party injured, (otherwise termed "res pulsatione,") which happens when any one has deprived another of his property in goods or chattels personal, or wrongfully detains one's wife, child, or servant. In this case, the owner of the goods, and the husband, parent, or master may lawfully claim and retake them, wherever he happens to find them, so it be not in a riotous manner, or attended with a breach of the peace. 3 Inst. 154; 3 Bl. Comm. 4; 3 Steph. Comm. 358; Frigg v. Pennsylvania, 16 Pet. 612, 10 L. Ed. 1060.

It also signifies the taking a second time of one formerly distrained during the plea grounded on the former distress.

Also a writ to recover damages for him, whose goods, being distrained for rent in service, etc., are distrained again for the same cause, pending the plea in the county court, or before the justices. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 71.

RECAPTURE. The taking from an enemy, by a friendly force, a vessel previously taken for prize by such enemy.

Receditur a placitis juris, potius quam injurie et delicta maneat impunita. Positive rules of law [as distinguished from maxims or conclusions of reason] will be receded from, [given up or dispensed with,] rather than that crimes and wrongs should remain unpunished. Bac. Max. 55, reg. 12.

RECEIPT. A receipt is the written acknowledgment of the receipt of money, or a thing of value, without containing any affirmative obligation upon either party to it; a mere admission of a fact, in writing.

Krutz v. Craig, 53 Ind. 574.

A receipt may be defined to be such a written acknowledgment by one person of his having received money from another as will be prima facie evidence of that fact in a court of law. Kegg v. State, 10 Ohio, 75.

Also the act or transaction of accepting or taking anything delivered.

In old practice. Admission of a party to defend a suit, as of a wife on default of the husband in certain cases. Litt. § 668; Co. Litt. 3522.

RECEIVER. A name given in some of the states to a person who receives from the sheriff goods which the latter has seized under process of garnishment, on giving to the sheriff a bond conditioned to have the property forthcoming when demanded or when execution issues. Story, Bailm. § 124.

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RECEIVER. A is an indifferent person between the parties appointed by the court to collect and receive the rents, issues, and profits of land, or the produce of personal estate, or other things which it does not seem reasonable to the court that either party should do; or where a party is incompetent to do so, as in the case of an infant. The remedy of the appointment of a receiver is one of the very oldest in the court of chancery, and is founded on the inadequacy of the remedy to be obtained in the court of ordinary jurisdiction. Bisp. Eq. § 576. See Hay v. McDaniel, 26 Ind. App. 983, 60 N. E. 729; Hale v. Harden, 95 Fed. 773, 37 O. C. A. 240; Wiswall v. Kunz, 173 Ill. 110, 50 N. E. 184; State v. Gambs, 68 Mo. 297; Nevitt v. Woodburn, 180 Ill. 283, 60 N. E. 500; Kennedy v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 3 Fed. 103.

One who receives money to the use of another to render an account. Story, Eq. Jur. § 446.

In criminal law. One who receives stolen goods from thieves, and conceals them. Cowell. This was always the prevalent sense of the word in the common as well as the civil law.

—Receiver general of the duchy of Lancaster. An officer of the duchy court, who collects all the revenues, fines, forfeitures, and assessments within the duchy.—Receiver General of the public revenue. In English law. An officer appointed in every county to receive the taxes granted by parliament, and remit the money to the treasury.—Receiver of fines. An English officer who receives the money from persons who compound with the crown on original writs sued out of chancery. Wharton.—Receivers and triers of petitions. The mode of receiving and trying petitions to parliament was formerly judicial rather than legislative, and the triers were committees of prelates, peers, and judges, and, latterly, of the members generally. Brown.—Receiver’s certificate. A non-negotiable evidence of debt, or debenture, issued by authority of a court of chancery, as a first lien upon the property of a debtor corporation in the hands of a receiver. Beach, Rec. § 379.—Receivers of wreck. Persons appointed by the English board of trade. The duties of a receiver of wreck are to take steps for the preservation of any vessel stranded or in distress within his district; to receive and take possession of all articles washed on shore from the vessel; to use force for the suppression of plunder and disorder; to institute an examination on oath with respect to the vessel; and, if necessary, to sell the vessel, cargo, or wreck. Sweet.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS. The short name usually given to the offense of
receiving any property with the knowledge that it has been feloniously or unlawfully stolen, taken, extorted, obtained, embezzled, or disposed of. Sweet.

**RECENS INSECUTIO.** In old English law. Fresh suit; fresh pursuit. Pursuit of a thief immediately after the discovery of the robbery. 1 Bl. Comm. 297.

**RÉCÉPISÉ DE COTISATION.** In French law. A receipt setting forth the extent of the interest subscribed by a member of a mutual insurance company. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 671.

**RECEPTUS.** Lat. In the civil law. The name sometimes given to an arbitrator, because he had been received or chosen to settle the differences between the parties. Dig. 4, 8; Cod. 2, 56.

**RECESS.** In the practice of the courts, a recess is a short interval or period of time during which the court suspends business, but without adjourning. See In re Gannon, 55 Cal. 541, 11 Pac. 240. In legislative practice, a recess is the interval occurring in consequence of an adjournment, between the sessions of the same continuous legislative body; not the interval between the final adjournment of one body and the convening of another at the next regular session. See Tipton v. Parker, 71 Ark. 193, 74 S. W. 298.

**RECESSION.** The act of ceding back; the restoration of the title and dominion of a territory, by the government which now holds it, to the government from which it was obtained by cession or otherwise. 2 White, Recop. 516.

**RECESSUS MARIS.** Lat. In old English law. A going back; revocation or retreat of the sea.

**RECHT.** Ger. Right; justice; equity; the whole body of law; unwritten law; law; also a right. There is much ambiguity in the use of this term, an ambiguity which it shares with the French "droit," the Italian "diritto," and the English "right." On the one hand, the term "recht" answers to the Roman "jus," and thus indicates law in the abstract, considered as the foundation of all rights, or the complex of underlying moral principles which impart the character of justice to all positive law, or give it an ethical content. Taken in this abstract sense, the term may be an adjective, in which case it is equivalent to the English "just," or a noun, in which case it may be paraphrased by the expressions "justice," "morality," or "equity." On the other hand, it serves to point out a right; that is, a power, privilege, faculty, or demand, inherent in one person, and incident upon another. In the latter signification "recht" (or "droit," or "diritto," or "right") is the correlative of "duty" or "obligation." In the former sense, it may be considered as opposed to wrong, injustice, or the absence of law. The word "recht" has the further ambiguity that it is used in contradistinction to "gezet," as "jus" is opposed to "lex," or the unwritten law to enacted law. See Droit; Jus; Right.

**RECENDIVE.** In French law. The state of an individual who commits a crime or misdemeanor, after having once been condemned for a crime or misdemeanor; a re-lapse. Daloz.

**RECIPROCAL CONTRACT.** A contract, the parties to which enter into mutual engagements. A mutual or bilateral contract.

**RECIPROCAL WILLS.** Wills made by two or more persons in which they make reciprocal testamentary provisions in favor of each other, whether they unite in one will or each execute a separate one. In re Cawley's Estate, 156 Pa. 563, 29 Atl. 567, 10 L. R. A. 93.

**RECIPROcity.** Mutuality. The term is used in international law to denote the relation existing between two states when each of them gives the subjects of the other certain privileges, on condition that its own subjects shall enjoy similar privileges at the hands of the latter state. Sweet.

**RECITAL.** The formal statement or setting forth of some matter of fact, in any deed or writing, in order to explain the reasons upon which the transaction is founded. The recitals are situated in the premises of a deed, that is, in that part of a deed between the date and the habendum, and they usually commence with the formal word "whereas." Brown. The formal preliminary statement in a deed or other instrument, of such deeds, agreements, or matters of fact as are necessary to explain the reasons upon which the transaction is founded. 2 Bl. Comm. 298.

**In pleading.** The statement of matter as introductory to some positive allegation, beginning in declarations with the words, "For that whereas." Steph. Pl. 388, 389.

**RECITE.** To state in a written instrument facts connected with its inception, or reasons for its being made. Also to quote or set forth the words or the contents of some other instrument or document; as, to "recite" a statute. See Hart v. Baltimore & O. R. Co., 6 W. Va. 343.

**RECKLESSNESS.** Rashness; heedlessness; wanton conduct. The state of mind accompanying an act, which either pays no regard to its probably or possibly injurious

RECLAIM. To claim or demand back; to ask for the return or restoration of a thing; to insist upon one's right to recover that which was one's own, but was parted with conditionally or mistakenly; as, to reclaim goods which were obtained from one under false pretenses.

In feudal law, it was used of the action of a lord pursuing, prosecuting, and recalling his vassal, who had gone to live in another place, without his permission.

In international law, it denotes the demanding of a thing or person to be delivered up or surrendered to the government or state to which either properly belongs, when, by an irregular means, it has come into the possession of another. Wharton.

In the law of property. Spoken of animals, to reduce from a wild to a tame or domestic state; to tame them. In an analogous sense, to reclaim land is to reduce marshy or swamp land to a state fit for cultivation and habitation.

In Scotch law. To appeal. The reclaiming days in Scotland are the days allowed to a party dissatisfied with the judgment of the lord ordinary to appeal therefrom to the inner house; and the petition of appeal is called the reclaiming "bill," "note," or "petition." Mozley & Whitley; Bell.

RECLAIMED ANIMALS. Those that are made tame by art, industry, or education, whereby a qualified property may be acquired in them.

RECLAIMING BILL. In Scotch law. A petition of appeal or review of a judgment of the lord ordinary or other inferior court. Bell.

RECLAMATION DISTRICT. A subdivision of a state created by legislative authority, for the purpose of reclaiming swamp, marshy, or desert lands within its boundaries and rendering them fit for habitation or cultivation, generally with funds raised by local taxation or the issue of bonds, and sometimes with authority to make rules or ordinances for the regulation of the work in hand.


RECOGNITION. Ratification; confirmation; an acknowledgment that something done by another person in one's name had one's authority.

An inquiry conducted by a chosen body of men, not sitting as part of the court, into the facts in dispute in a case at law; these "recognitors" preceded the jurymen of modern times, and reported their recognition or verdict to the court. Stim. Law Gloss.

RECOGNIZENCE ADENULLANDA PER VIM ET DURITIEM FACTA. A writ to the justices of the common bench for sending a record touching a recognizance, which the recognizor suggests was acknowledged by force and duress; that if it so appear the recognizance may be annulled. Reg. Orig. 183.

RECOGNIZORS. In English law. The name by which the jurors impaneled on an assize are known. See RECOGNITION.

The word is sometimes met in modern books, as meaning the person who enters into a recognizance, being thus another form of recognizor.

RECOGNIZANCE. An obligation of record, entered into before some court of record, or magistrate duly authorized, with condition to do some particular act; as to appear at the assizes, or criminal court, to keep the peace, to pay a debt, or the like. It resembles a bond, but differs from it in being an acknowledgment of a former debt upon record. 2 Bl. Comm. 341. See U. S. v. Insley (C. C.) 49 Fed. 778; State v. Walker, 56 N. H. 178; Crawford v. Vinton, 102 Mich. 83, 62 N. W. 988; State v. Grant, 10 Minn. 48 (Gll. 22); Longley v. Vose, 27 Me. 179; Com. v. Emery, 2 Bln. (Pa.) 431.

In criminal law, a person who has been found guilty of an offense may, in certain cases, be required to enter into a recognizance by which he binds himself to keep the peace for a certain period. Sweet.

In the practice of several of the states, a recognizance is a species of bail-bond or security, given by the prisoner either on being bound over for trial or on his taking an appeal.

RECOGNIZE. To try; to examine in order to determine the truth of a matter. Also to enter into a recognizance.

RECOGNIZEE. He to whom one is bound in a recognizance.

RECOGNIZOR. He who enters into a recognizance.

RECOLEMENT. In French law. This is the process by which a witness, who has
RECOMMENDATION. In feudal law. A method of converting alodial land into feudal property. The owner of the alod surrendered it to the king or a lord, doing homage, and received it back as a benefice or feud, to hold to himself and such of his heirs as he had previously nominated to the superior.

The act of one person in giving to another a favorable account of the character, responsibility, or skill of a third.

Letter of recommendation. A writing whereby one person certifies concerning another that he is of good character, solvent, possessed of commercial credit, skilled in his trade or profession, or otherwise worthy of trust, aid, or employment. It may be addressed to an individual or to whom it may concern, and is designed to aid the person commended in obtaining credit, employment, etc. See McDonald v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 187 Ill. 629, 68 N. E. 453; Lord v. Goddard, 18 Haw. 196, 14 L. Ed. 111.

RECOMMENDATORY. Preatory, advisory, or directory. Recommendatory words in a will are such as do not express the testator's command in a peremptory form, but advise, counsel, or suggest that a certain course be pursued or disposition made.

RECOMPENSE. A reward for services; remuneration for goods or other property.

RECOMPENSE OR RECOVERY IN VALUE. That part of the judgment in a "common recovery" by which the tenant is declared entitled to recover lands of equal value with those which were warranted to him and lost by the default of the vouchee. See 2 Bl. Comm. 353-359.

RECONCILIATION. The renewal of amicable relations between two persons who had been at enmity or variance; usually implying forgiveness of injuries on one or both sides. It is sometimes used in the law of divorce as a term synonymous or analogous to "condonation."

RECONSTRUCTION. In the civil law. A renewing of a former lease; relocation. Dig. 19, 2, 13, 11; Code Nap. arts. 1737-1740.

RECONSTRUCTION. The name commonly given to the process of reorganizing, by acts of congress and executive action, the governments of the states which had passed ordinances of secession, and of re-establishing their constitutional relations to the national government, restoring their representation in congress, and effecting the necessary changes in their internal government, after the close of the civil war. See Black's Const. Law (3d Ed.) 48; Texas v. White, 7 Wall. 700, 19 L. Ed. 227.

RECONTRUCTION seems to be used to signify that a person has recovered an incorporeal hereditament of which he had been wrongfully deprived. Thus, "A is dispossessed of a manor, whereunto an advowson is appendant, an estranger [i.e., neither A nor the dispossessor] usurps to the advowson; if the dispossessor [A] enter into the manor, the advowson is recontinued again, which was severed by the usurpation. * * *

And so note a diversitie between a recontruinction and a remitter; for a remitter cannot be properly, unless there be two tities; but a recontruinction may be where there is but one." Co. Litt. 363b; Sweet.

RECONVENTIRE. Lat. In the canon and civil law. To make a cross-demand upon the actor, or plaintiff. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 14, and note, (r.)

RECONVENTION. In the civil law. An action by a defendant against a plaintiff in a former action; a cross-bill or litigation. The term is used in practice in the states of Louisiana and Texas, derived from the reconvenio of the civil law. Reconvention is not identical with set-off, but more extensive. See Pacific Exp. Co. v. Malin, 132 U. S. 531, 10 Sup. Ct. 106, 33 L. Ed. 450; Suberville v. Adams, 47 La. Ann. 68, 16 South. 652; Grimbel v. Gomprecht, 80 Tex. 407, 35 S. W. 470.

RECONVERSION. That imaginary process by which a prior constructive conversion is annulled, and the converted property restored in contemplation of law to its original state.

RECONVEYANCE takes place where a mortgage debt is paid off, and the mortgaged property is conveyed again to the mortgagee or his representatives free from the mortgage debt. Sweet.


RECORD. v. To register or enroll; to write out on parchment or paper, or in a book, for the purpose of preservation and perpetual memorial; to transcribe a document, or enter the history of an act or series of acts, in an official volume, for the purpose of giving notice of the same, of furnishing authentic evidence, and for preservation. See Cady v. Purser, 131 Cal. 562, 63 Pac. 844, 82
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RECORD, n. A written account of some act, transaction, or instrument, drawn up, under authority of law, by a proper officer, and designed to remain as a memorial or permanent evidence of the matters to which it relates.

There are three kinds of records, viz.: (1) judicial, as an attainer; (2) ministerial, on oath, being an office or inquisition found; (3) by way of conveyance, as a deed enrolled. Wharton.

In practice. A written memorial of all the acts and proceedings in an action or suit, in a court of record. The record is the official and authentic history of the cause, consisting in entries of each successive step in the proceedings, chronicling the various acts of the parties and of the court, couched in the formal language established by usage, terminating with the judgment rendered in the cause, and intended to remain as a permanent memorial of the proceedings and judgment.

At common law, "record" signifies a roll of parchment upon which the proceedings and transactions of a court are entered or drawn up by its officers, and which is then deposited in its treasury as perpetual recollection. 3 Steph. Comm. 583; 3 Bl. Comm. 24. A court of record is that where the acts and judicial proceedings are enrolled in parchment for a perpetual memorial and testimony, which rolls are called the "records of the court," and are of such high and supereminent authority that their truth is not to be called in question. Hahn v. Kelly, 34 Cal. 422, 94 Am. Dec. 742. And see O'Connell v. Hotchkiss, 44 Conn. 53; Murrah v. State, 91 Miss. 636; Bellas v. Mc. Cart, 10 Watts (Pa.) 24; U. S. v. Taylor, 147 U. S. 685, 13 Sup. Ct. 478, 37 L. Ed. 335; State v. Proctor, 27 N. C. 403, 44 Am. Dec. 42; Veil v. Igehart, 60 Ill. 334; State v. Anderson, 64 Kan. 742, 68 Pac. 668; Wilkinson v. Railway Co. (C. C.) 23 Fed. 662; In re Christians, 42 N. Y. Supr. Ct. 531.

In the practice of appellate tribunals, the word "record" is generally understood to mean the history of the proceedings on the trial of the action below, with the pleadings, offers, objections to evidence, rulings of the court, exceptions, charge, etc., in so far as the same appears in the record furnished to the appellate court in the paper-books or other transcripts. Hence, derivatively, it means the aggregate of the various judicial steps taken on the trial below, in so far as they were taken, presented, or allowed in the formal and proper manner necessary to put them upon the record of the court. This is the meaning in such phrases as "no error in the record," "contents of the record," "outside the record," etc.

—Conveyances by record. Extraordinary assurances; such as private acts of parliament and royal grants. —Courts of record. Those whose judicial acts and proceedings are enrolled for a perpetual, for a permanent, for a perpetual, for a permanent, and testimony, which rolls are called the "records of the court," and are of such high and supereminent authority that their truth is not to be called in question. Every court of record has authority to fine and imprison for contempt of its authority. 8 Broom & H. Comm. 21, 50. —Debts due negative. Those which appear to be due by the evidence of a court of record; such as a judgment, recognizance, etc. —Diminution of record. Incomplete record sent up on appeal. See DIMINUTION. —Matter of record. See MATTER. —Null null record. See NULL. —Of record. See that title. —Pocket record. A statute so described. Broc. pt. 2, p. 81. —Public record. A record, memorial of some act or transaction, written evidence of some act done, or done, considered as either concerning or interesting the public, affording notice or information to the public, or open to public inspection. See Keesee v. Donovan, 92 Me. 151, 42 Atl. 345; Colton v. Orr, 71 Cal. 45, 11 Pac. 814. —Record and writ clerk. Four officers of the court of chancery were designated by this title, whose duty it was to file bills brought to them for that purpose. Business was distributed among them according to the initial letter of the surname of the first plaintiff in a suit. Hunt, Eq. These officers are now transferred to the high court of justice under the judicature acts. —Record and writs. A board of commissioners appointed for the purpose of searching out, classifying, indexing, or publishing the public records of a state or county. —Record of deed and prime. In English law. An official copy or transcript of the proceedings in an action, entered on parchment and "sealed and registered," as it is in the proper office; it serves as a warrant to the judge to try the cause, and is the only document at which he can judiciously look for information relative to the proceedings of the cause and the issues joined. Brown. —Title of record. A title to real estate, evidenced and provable by one of record, the contents of which are true. Instruments all of which are duly entered on the public land records. —Trial by record. A species of trial adopted for determining the existence or non-existence of a record. When a record is asserted by one party to exist, and the opposite party denies its existence under the form of a traverse that there is no such record remaining in court as alleged, and issue is joined thereon, this is called an "issue of real record," and in such case the court awards a trial by record. The same is true of the record. Upon this the party affirming its existence is bound to produce it in court on a day given for that purpose, and, if he fails to do so, judgment is given for his adversary. Co. Litt. 117b, 200a; 3 Bl. Comm. 331.

Records sunt vestigia vetustatis et veritatis. Records are vestiges of antiquity and truth. 2 Rolle, 296.


RECORDARI FACIAS LOQUELAM. In English practice. A writ by which a suit or plaint may be removed from a county court to one of the courts of Westminster Hall. 3 Bl. Comm. 140; 3 Steph. Ph. 522, 665. So termed from the emphatic words of the old writ, by which the sheriff was commanded to cause the plaint to be recorded, and to have the record before the superior court. Reg. Orig. 55.

RECORDATUR. In old English practice. An entry made upon a record, in order to
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PREVENT ANY AKERATION OF IT. 1 LD. RAYM. 211.

AN ORDER OR ALLOWANCE THAT THE VERDICT RETURNED ON THE "NISI PRIUS" ROLL BE RECORDED.

RECORDEER. V. L. FR. IN NORMAN LAW.

TO RECITE OR TESTIFY ON RECOLLECTION WHAT HAD PREVIOUSLY PASSED IN COURT. THIS WAS THE DUTY OF THE JUDGES AND OTHER PRINCIPAL PERSONS WHO PRESIDED AT THE "PLACITUM," THENCE CALLED "RECORDEURS." STEPH. PL. APPEND. NOTE 11.

RECORDEER, N. IN OLD ENGLISH LAW, A BARRISTER OR OTHER PERSON LEARNED IN THE LAW, WHOM THE MAYOR OR OTHER MAGISTRATE OF ANY CITY OR TOWN CORPORATE, HAVING JURISDICTION OR A COURT OF RECORD WITHIN THEIR PRECINCTS, ASSOCIATED TO HIM FOR HIS BETTER DIRECTION IN MATTERS OF JUSTICE AND PROCEEDINGS ACCORDING TO LAW. COWELL.

THE NAME "RECORDEER" IS ALSO GIVEN TO A MAGISTRATE, IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEMS OF SOME OF THE STATES, WHO HAS A CRIMINAL JURISDICTION ANALOGOUS TO THAT OF A POLICE JUDGE OR OTHER COMMITTING MAGISTRATE, AND USUALLY A LIMITED CIVIL JURISDICTION, AND SOMETIMES AUTHORITY CONFERRED BY STATUTE IN SPECIAL CLASSES OF PROCEEDINGS.

ALSO AN OFFICER APPOINTED TO MAKE RECORD OR ENROLMENT OF DEEDS AND OTHER LEGAL INSTRUMENTS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO BE RECORDED.


RECORDING ACTS. STATUTES ENACTED IN THE SEVERAL STATES RELATIVE TO THE OFFICIAL RECORDING OF DEEDS, MORTGAGES, BILLS OF SALE, CHATELAI MORTGAGES, ETC., AND THE EFFECT OF SUCH RECORDS AS NOTICE TO CREDITORS, PURCHASERS, INCUMBRANCERS, AND OTHERS INTERESTED.

RECOUP, OR RECOUPE. TO DEDUCT, DEFALK, DISCOUNT, SET OFF, OR KEEP BACK; TO WITHOLD PART OF A DEMAND.

RECOUPMENT. IN PRACTICE. DEFALCATION OR DISCOUNT FROM A DEMAND. A KEEPING BACK SOMETHING WHICH IS DUE, BECAUSE THERE IS AN EQUITABLE REASON TO WITHOLD IT. TOLMINS.


IT IS KEEPING BACK SOMETHING WHICH IS DUE BECAUSE THERE IS AN EQUITABLE REASON TO WITHOLD IT, AND IS NOW USUALLY APPLIED WHERE A MAN BRINGS AN ACTION FOR BREACH OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN HIM AND THE DEFENDANT; AND WHERE THE LATTER CAN SHOW THAT SOME STIPULATION IN THE SAME CONTRACT WAS MADE BY THE PLAINTIFF, WHICH HE HAS VIOLATED, THE DEFENDANT MAY, IF HE CHOOSE, INSTEAD OF Suing IN HIS TURN, RECOUP HIS DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE BREACH COMMITTED BY THE PLAINTIFF, WHETHER THEY BE LIQUIDATED OR NOT. Ives v. Van Evera, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 156.

AND SEE BARBER v. CHAPIN, 23 VT. 413; LAWTON v. RICKETS, 104 Ala. 430, 16 South. 59; AULTMAN v. TORREY, 55 MINN. 492, 57 N. W. 211; DIETRICH v. ELY, 63 PED. 413, 11 C. C. A. 206; THE WELLSVILLE v. GEISSE, 3 OHIO ST. 341; NICHOLS v. DUSENBURY, 2 N. Y. 296; MYERS v. ESTELL, 47 MISS. 23.


"RECOUPMENT" DIFFERS FROM "SET-OFF" IN THIS RESPECT: THAT ANY CLAIM OR DEMAND THE DEFENDANT MAY HAVE AGAINST THE PLAINTIFF MAY BE USED AS A SET-OFF, WHILE IT IS NOT A SUBJECT FOR RECOUPMENT UNLESS IT GROWS OUT OF THE SAME TRANSACTION WHICH FURNISHES THE PLAINTIFF'S CAUSE OF ACTION. THE TERM IS, AS APPEARS ABOVE, SYNONYMOUS WITH "REDUCTION;" BUT THE LATTER IS NOT A TECHNICAL TERM OF THE LAW; THE WORD "DEFALCATION," IN ONE OF ITS MEANINGS, EXPRESSES THE SAME IDEA, AND IS USED INTERCHANGEABLY WITH RECOUPMENT. RECOUPMENT, AS A REMEDY, CORRESPONDS TO THE RECONVENTION OF THE CIVIL LAW.

RECOUERSE. THE PHRASE "WITHOUT RECOUERSE" IS USED IN THE FORM OF MAKING A QUALIFIED OR RESTRICTIVE INDOREMENT OF A BILL OR NOTE. BY THESE WORDS THE ENDORSER SIGNS THAT, WHILE HE TRANSFERS HIS PROPERTY IN THE INSTRUMENT, HE DOES NOT ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AN ENDORSER. SEE LYNES v. FITZPATRICK, 52 LA. ANN. 697, 27 SOUTH. 111.

RECOUSS. FR. IN FRENCH LAW. RECAPTURE. EMERIG. TRAITÉ DES ASSUR. C. 12, § 23.

RECOVEREE. IN OLD CONVEYANCING. THE PARTY WHO SUFFERED A COMMON RECOVERY.

RECOVERER. THE DEMANDANT IN A COMMON RECOVERY, AFTER JUDGMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HIS FAVOR.

RECOVERY. IN ITS MOST EXTENSIVE SENSE, A RECOVERY IS THE RESTORATION OR VINDICATION OF A RIGHT EXISTING IN A PERSON, BY THE FORMAL JUDGMENT OR DECREE OF A COMPETENT COURT, AT HIS INSTANCE AND SUIT, OR THE OBTAINING, BY SUCH JUDGMENT, OF SOME RIGHT OR PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN TAKEN OR WITHHELD FROM HIM. THIS IS ALSO CALLED A "TRUE" RECOVERY, TO DIS-
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RECTOR SINECURE

RECTITUDO. Lat. Right or justice; legal dues; tribute or payment. Cowell.

RECTO, BREVE DE. A writ of right, which was of so high a nature that as other writs in real actions were only to recover the possession of the land, etc., in question, this aimed to recover the seisin and the property, and thereby both the rights of possession and property were tried together. Cowell.

RECTO DE ADVOCATIONE ECCLESIE. A writ which lay at common law, where a man had right of advowson of a church, and, the person dying, a stranger had presented. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 30.

RECTO DE CUSTODIA TERRE ET HEREDIS. A writ of right of ward of the land and heir. Abolished.

RECTO DE DOTE. A writ of right of dower, which lay for a widow who had received part of her dower, and demanded the residue, against the heir of the husband or his guardian. Abolished. See 23 & 24 Vict. c. 126, § 26.

RECTO DE DOTE UNDE NIHIL HABET. A writ of right of dower whereof the widow had nothing, which lay where her deceased husband, having diverse lands or tenements, had assured no dower to his wife, and she thereby was driven to sue for her thirds against the heir or his guardian. Abolished.

RECTO DE RATIONABILI PARTE. A writ of right, of the reasonable part, which lay between privies in blood; as brothers in gavelkind, sisters, and other coparceners, for land in fee-simple. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 9.

RECTO QUANDO (or Quia) DOMINUS REMISIT CURIAM. A writ of right, when or because the lord had remitted his court, which lay where land or tenements in the seignory of any lord were in demand by a writ of right. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 18.

RECTO SUR DISCLAIMER. An abolished writ on disclaimer.

RECTOR. In English law. He that has full possession of a parochial church. A rector (or parson) has, for the most part, the whole right to all the ecclesiastical dues in his parish; while a vicar has an appropriator over him, entitled to the best part of the profits, to whom the vicar is, in effect, perpetual curate, with a standing salary. 1 Bl. Comm. 384, 388. See Bird v. St. Mark's Church, 62 Iowa, 567, 17 N. W. 747.

RECTOR PROVINCE. Lat. In Roman law. The governor of a province. Cod. 1, 40.

RECTOR SINECURE. A rector of a parish who has not the cure of souls. 2 Steph. Qomm. 683.

distinguish it from a "féligned" or "common" recovery. See Common Recovery.

—Final recovery. The final judgment in an action. Also the final verdict in an action, as distinguished from the judgment entered upon it. Fisk v. Gray, 100 Mass. 153; Count Joannes v. Pangborn, 6 Allen (Mass.) 243.

RECREANT. Coward or craven. The word pronounced by a combatant in the trial by battle, when he acknowledged himself beaten. 3 Bl. Comm. 340.

RECRIAMINATION. A charge made by an accused person against the accuser; in particular a counter-charge of adultery or cruelty made by one charged with the same offense in a suit for divorce, against the person who has charged him or her. Wharton. Recrimination is a showing by the defendant of any cause of divorce against the plaintiff, in bar of the plaintiff's cause of divorce. Clv. Code Cal. § 122. And see Duberstein v. Duberstein, 171 Ill. 135, 49 N. E. 316; Bohan v. Bohan(Tex. Civ. App.) 56 S. W. 960.

RECRUIT. A newly-enlisted soldier.

RECTA PRISA REGIS. In old English law. The king's right to prisa, or taking of one butt or pipe of wine before and another behind the mast, as a custom for every ship laden with wines. Cowell.

RECTIFICATION. Rectification of instrument. In English law. To rectify is to correct or define something which is erroneous or doubtful. Thus, where the parties to an agreement have determined to embody its terms in the appropriate and conclusive form, but the instrument meant to effect this purpose (e.g., a conveyance, settlement, etc.) is, by mutual mistake, so framed as not to express the real intention of the parties, an action may be brought in the chancery division of the high court to have it rectified. Sweet.

Rectification of boundaries. An action to rectify or ascertain the boundaries of two adjoining pieces of land may be brought in the chancery division of the high court. Id.

Rectification of register. The rectification of a register is the process by which a person whose name is wrongly entered on (or omitted from) a register may compel the keeper of the register to remove (or enter) his name. Id.

RECTIFIER. As used in the United States internal revenue laws, this term is not confined to a person who runs spirits through charcoal, but is applied to any one who rectifies or purifies spirits in any manner whatever, or who makes a mixture of spirits with anything else, and sells it under any name. Quantity of Distilled Spirits, 3 Ben. 73, Fed. Cas. No. 11,494.
RECTORIAL Tithes

Great or pre-
dial tithes.

RECTORY. An entire parish church, with all its rights, glebes, tithes, and other profits whatsoever; otherwise commonly called a "benefice." See Gibson v. Brockway, 8 N. H. 470, 31 Am. Dec. 200; Pawlet v. Clark, 9 Cranch, 526, 3 L. Ed. 735.

A rector's manse, or parsonage house.

Spelman.

RECTUM. Lat. Right; also a trial or accusation. Bract.; Cowell.

---Rectum esse. To be right in court—Rectum rogare. To ask for right; to petition the judge to do right.—Rectum stare ad. To stand trial or abide by the sentence of the court.

RECTUS IN CURIA. Lat. Right in court. The condition of one who stands at the bar, against whom no one objects any offense. When a person outlawed has reversed his outlawry, so that he can have the benefit of the law, he is said to be "rectus in curia." Jacob.

RECOVERY. Lat. In old English law. Recovery; restitution by the sentence of a judge of a thing that has been wrongfully taken or detained. Co. Litt. 154a.

Recovering, L. e., ad rem, per injuri-um extortum sive detentam, per senten-

Recovery, i. e., restitution by sentence of a judge of a thing wrongfully extorted or detained.

Recovering est alienius rei in casu-alam, alterius adductae per judicem aq-
quisitio. Co. Litt. 154a. Recovery is the acquisition by sentence of a judge of anything brought into the cause of another.

RECOVERATORIUS. In Roman law. A species of judges first appointed to decide controversies between Roman citizens and strangers concerning rights requiring speedy remedy, but whose jurisdiction was gradually extended to questions which might be brought before ordinary judges. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 204.

Recovering est ad extraordinarium quando non valet ordinarium. We must have recourse to what is extraordinary, when what is ordinary fails.

RECUANTS. In English law. Persons who willfully absent themselves from their parish church, and on whom penalties were imposed by various statutes passed during the reigns of Elizabeth and James I. Wharton.

Those persons who separate from the church established by law. Termes de la Ley. The term was practically restricted to Roman Catholics.

RECUISIS TESTIS. Lat. In the civil law. Rejection of a witness, on the ground of incompetency. Best, Ev. Introd. 60, § 60.

RECUISATION. In the civil law. A species of exception or plea to the jurisdiction, to the effect that the particular judge is disqualified from hearing the cause by reason of interest or prejudice. Poth. Proc. Civile, pt. 1, c. 2, § 5.

The challenge of jurors. Code Prac. La. arts. 499, 500. An act, of what nature soever it may be, by which a strange heir, by deeds or words, declares he will not be heir. Dig. 29, 2, 95.

RED, RAED, or REDE. Sax. Advice; counsel.

RED BOOK OF THE EXCHEQUER. An ancient record, wherein are registered the holders of lands per baronium in the time of Henry II., the number of hides of land in certain counties before the Conquest, and the ceremonies on the coronation of Eleanor, wife of Henry III. Jacob; Cowell.

RED-HANDED. With the marks of crime fresh on him.

RED TAPE. In a derivative sense, order carried to fastidious excess; system run out into trivial extremes. Webster v. Thompson, 53 Ga. 454.

EDDO SINGULA SINGULI. Lat. By referring each to each; referring each phrase or expression to its appropriate object. A rule of construction.

REDDENDO SINGULAM SINGULI. Lat. In conveyancing. Rendering; yielding. The technical name of that clause in a conveyance by which the grantor creates or reserves some new thing to himself, out of what he had before granted; as "rendering therefor yearly the sum of ten shillings, or a pepper-corn," etc. That clause in a lease in which a rent is reserved to the lessor, and which commences with the word "yielding." 2 Bl. Comm. 290.

REDDENS CAUSAM SCIENTIELA. Lat. Giving the reason of his knowledge.

In Scotch practice. A formal phrase used in depositions, preceding the statement of the reason of the witness' knowledge. 2 How. State Tr. 715.

Reddere, aliud est quan acceptum restitutione; seu, reddere est quod retro dare, et redditur dicitarque redimenda, quin retro it. Co. Litt. 142. To render is nothing more than to restore that which has been received; or, to render is as it were to give back, and it is called "rendering" from "returning," because it goes back again.
REDDITUS SE. Lat. He has rendered himself.

In old English practice. A term applied to a principal who had rendered himself in discharge of his bail. Hollthouse.

REDDITARIUS. In old records. A renter; a tenant. Cowell.

REDDITARIUM. In old records. A rental, or rent-roll. Cowell.

REDDITION. A surrendering or restoring; also a judicial acknowledgment that the thing in demand belongs to the demandant, and not to the person surrendering Cowell.

REDEEM. To buy back. To liberate an estate or article from mortgage or pledge by paying the debt for which it stood as security. To repurchase in a literal sense; as, to redeem one's land from a tax-sale. See Maxwell v. Foster, 67 S. C. 377, 45 S. E. 927; Miller v. Ratterman, 47 Ohio St. 141, 24 N. E. 496; Swearingen v. Roberts, 12 Neb. 333, 11 N. W. 325; Pace v. Bartles, 47 N. J. Eq. 170, 20 Atl. 352.

REDEEMABLE. 1. Subject to an obligation of redemption; embodying, or conditioned upon, a promise or obligation of redemption; convertible into coin; as, a "redeemable currency." See U. S. v. North Carolina, 138 U. S. 211, 10 Sup. Ct. 629, 34 L. Ed. 336.

2. Subject to redemption; admitting of redemption or repurchase; given or held under conditions admitting of reacquisition by purchase; as, a "redeemable pledge."

—Redeemable right. Rights which return to the conveyer or disposer of land, etc., upon payment of the sum for which such rights are granted. Jacob.

REDELIVERY. A yielding and delivering back of a thing.

—Redelivery bond. A bond given to a sheriff or other officer, who has attached or levied on personal property, to obtain the release and repossession of the property, conditioned to redeliver the property to the officer or pay him its value in case the levy or attachment is adjudged good. See Drake v. Sworts, 24 Or. 195, 33 Pac. 653.

REDEMISE. A regranting of land demised or leased.

REDEMPTIO OPERIS. Lat. In Roman law, a contract for the hiring or letting of services, or for the performance of a certain work in consideration of the payment of a stipulated price. It is the same contract as "locatio operis," but regarded from the standpoint of the one who is to do the work, and who is called "redemptor operis," while the hirer is called "locator operis." See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 408.

REDEMNATION. In old English law. Heavy fines. Distinguished from misericordia, (which see.)

REDEUNDO. Lat. Returning; in returning; while returning. 2 Strange, 965.

REDEVANCE. In old French and Canadian law. Dues payable by a tenant to his lord, not necessarily in money.

REDHIBERE. Lat. In the civil law. To have again; to have back; to cause a seller to have again what he had before.

REDHIBITION. In the civil law. The avoidance of a sale on account of some vice or defect in the thing sold, which renders it either absolutely useless or its use so inconvenient and imperfect that it must be supposed that the buyer would not have purchased it had he known of the vice. Civ. Code La. art. 2520.

REDHIBITORY ACTION. In the civil law. An action for redhibition. An action to avoid a sale on account of some vice or defect in the thing sold, which renders its use impossible, or so inconvenient and imperfect that it must be supposed the buyer would not have purchased it had he known of the vice. Civ. Code La. art. 2530.

REDHIBITORY DEFECT (or VICE.) In the civil law. A defect in an article sold, for which the seller may be compelled to
to reduce all voluntary deeds granted to his prejudice by his predecessor within sixty days preceding the predecessor's death; provided the maker of the deed, at its date, was laboring under the disease of which he died, and did not subsequently go to kirk or market unsupported. Bell.—Redemption improbation. In Scotch law. One form of the action of reduction in which falsehood and forgery are alleged against the deed or document sought to be set aside.

REDUCTION INTO POSSESSION. The act of exercising the right conferred by a chose in action, so as to convert it into a chose in possession; thus, a debt is reduced into possession by payment. Sweet.

RENDUNDANCE. This is the fault of introducing superfluous matter into a legal instrument; particularly the insertion in a pleading of matters foreign, extraneous, and irrelevant to that which is intended to answer. See Carpenter v. Reynolds, 56 Wis. 666, 17 N. W. 300; Carpenter v. West, 5 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 55; Bowman v. Sheldon, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 660.

RE-ENTRY. The entering again unto or resuming possession of premises. Thus in leases there is a proviso for re-entry of the lessor on the tenant's failure to pay the rent or perform the covenants contained in the lease, and by virtue of such proviso the lessor may take the premises into his own hands again if the rent be not paid or covenants performed; and this resumption of possession is termed "re-entry." 2 Cruise, Dg. 8; Cowell. And see Michaels v. Pishel, 169 N. Y. 381, 62 N. E. 425; Earl Orchard Co. v. Fava, 138 Cal. 70, 70 Pac. 1073.

RE-EXAMINATION. An examination of a witness after a cross-examination, upon matters arising out of such cross-examination. See Examination.

RE-EXCHANGE. The damages or expenses caused by the dishonesty and protest of a bill of exchange in a foreign country, where it was payable, and by its return to the place where it was drawn or indorsed, and its being there taken up. Bangor Bank v. Hook, 5 Me. 175.

RE-EXTENT. In English practice. A second extent made upon lands or tenements, upon complaint made that the former extent was partially performed. Cowell.

RE EV. In old English law. A minis- terial officer of justice. His duties seem to have combined many of those now confided to the sheriff or constable and to the justice of the peace. He was also called, in Saxo, "gerefa."

—Land reeve. See Land.

REFALO. A word composed of the three initial syllables "re." "fa." "lo." for "recordari facias loquelam," (q. v.) 2 Sell. Pr. 100.
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437: De Volf v. De Volf, 76 Whe. 68, 44 N. W. 839.

It is to be observed that "reform" is seldom, if ever, used of the correction of defective pleadings, judgments, decrees or other judicial proceedings; "amend" being the proper term for that use. Again, "amend" seems to connote the idea of improving that which may have been well enough before, while "reform" might be considered as properly applicable only to something which before was quite worthless.

REFORM ACTS. A name bestowed on the statutes 2 Wm. IV. c. 45, and 30 & 31 Vict. c. 102, passed to amend the representation of the people in England and Wales; which introduced extended amendments into the system of electing members of the House of Commons.

REFORMATION. See Reform.

REFORMATORY. This term is of too wide and uncertain significations to support a bequest for the building of a "boys' reformatory." It includes all places and institutions in which efforts are made either to cultivate the intellect, instruct the conscience, or improve the conduct; places in which persons voluntarily assemble, receive instruction and submit to discipline, or are detained therein for either of these purposes by force. Hughes v. Daly, 49 Conn. 35. But see McAndrews v. Hamilton County, 106 Tenn. 399, 58 S. W. 483.

REFORMATORY SCHOOLS. In English law. Schools to which convicted juvenile offenders (under sixteen) may be sent by order of the court before which they are tried, if the offense be punishable with penal servitude or imprisonment, and the sentence be to imprisonment for ten days or more. Wharton.

REFRESHER. In English law. A further or additional fee to counsel in a long case, which may be, but is not necessarily, allowed on taxation.

REFRESHING THE MEMORY. The act of a witness who consults his documents, memoranda, or books, to bring more distinctly to his recollection the details of past events or transactions, concerning which he is testifying.


—Refunding bond. A bond given to an executor by a legatee, upon receiving payment of the legacy, conditioned to refund the same, or so much of it as may be necessary, if the assets prove deficient.—Refund. In the laws of the United States, this term is used to denote sums of money received by the government or its officers which, for any cause, are to be refunded or restored to the parties paying them; such as excessive duties or taxes, duties paid on goods destroyed by accident, duties received on goods which are re-exported, etc.

REFUSAL. The act of one who has, by law, a right and power of having or doing something of advantage, and declines it. Also, the declination of a request or demand, or the omission to comply with some requirement of law, as the result of a positive intention to disobey. In the latter sense, the word is often coupled with "neglect," as, if a party shall "neglect or refuse" to pay a tax, file an official bond, obey an order of court, etc. But "neglect" signifies a mere omission of a duty, which may happen through inattention, dilatoriness, mistake, or inability to perform, while "refusal" implies the positive denial of an application or command, or at least a mental determination not to comply. See Thompson v. Thimkem, 15 Minn. 299 (Gill. 225); People v. Perkins, 86 Cal. 500, 26 Pac. 245; Kimball v. Rowland, 6 Gray (Mass.) 225; Davis v. Lumpkin, 106 Ga. 582, 32 S. E. 628; Burns v. Fox, 113 Ind. 205, 14 N. E. 541; Cape Elizabeth v. Boyd, 86 Me. 317, 29 Atl. 1062; Taylor v. Mason, 9 Wheat. 344, 6 L. Ed. 101.

REFUTATION. In old records an acquittance or acknowledgment of renouncing all future claim. Cowell.

REG. GEN. An abbreviation of "Regula Generalis," a general rule, (of court).

REG. JUD. An abbreviation of "Registrum Judiciale," the register of judicial writs.

REG. LIB. An abbreviation of "Registram Liber," the register's book in chancery, containing all decrees.

REG. ORIG. An abbreviation of "Registram Originale," the register of original writs.

REG. PL. An abbreviation of "Regula Placitandi," rule of pleading.

REGAL FISH. Whales and sturgeons, so called in English law, as belonging to the king by prerogative when cast on shore or caught near the coast. 1 Bl. Comm. 290.

REGALE. In old French law. A payment made to the seigneur of a fief, on the election of every bishop or other ecclesiastical feodatory, corresponding with the relief paid by a lay feodatory. Steph. Lect. 233.

REGALE EPISCOPOREUM. The temporal rights and privileges of a bishop. Cowell.

REGALIA seems to be an abbreviation of "jura regalia," royal rights, or those...
REGALIA. A territorial jurisdiction in Scotland conferred by the crown. The land was said to be given in liberam regalitatem, and the persons receiving the right were termed "lords of regality." Bell.

REGALITY. In old English law. Inspection; supervision. Also a reward, fee, or perquisite.

—Regard, court of. In forest law. A tribunal held every third year, for the lawing or expeditation of dogs, to prevent them from chasing deer. Cowell—Regard of the forest. In old English law. The oversight or inspection of it, or the office and province of the regarder, who is to go through the whole forest, and every bailiwick in it, before the holding of the sessions of the forest, or justice-seat, to see and inquire after trespassers, and for the survey of dogs. Manwood.

REGARDANT. A term which was applied, in feudal law, to a villein annexed to a manor, and having charge to do all base services within the same, and to see the same freed from all things that might annoy his lord. Such a villein regardant was thus opposed to a villein en pros, who was transferable by deed from one owner to another. Cowell; 2 Bl. Comm. 93.

REGARDER OF A FOREST. An ancient officer of the forest, whose duty it was to take a view of the forest hunts, and to inquire concerning trespasses, offenses, etc. Manwood.

REGI INCUNSTOLTO. Lat. In English law. A writ issued from the sovereign to the judges, not to proceed in a cause which may prejudice the crown, until advised. Jenk. Cent. 97.

REGENCY. Rule; government; kingship. The man or body of men intrusted with the vicarious government of a kingdom during the minority, absence, insanity, or other disability of the king.

REGENT. A governor or ruler. One who vicariously administers the government of a kingdom, in the name of the king, during the latter's minority or other disability. A master, governor, director, or superintendant of a public institution, particularly a college or university.

Regia dignitas est indivisibili. Quamlibet aliqua derivativa dignitas est similier indivisibili. 4 Inst. 248. The kingly power is indivisible, and every other derivative power is similarly indivisible.

REGIA VIA. Lat. In old English law. The royal way; the king's highway. Co. Litt. 56a.

REGIAM MAJESTATEM. A collection of the ancient laws of Scotland. It is said to have been compiled by order of David I, king of Scotland, who reigned from A. D. 1124 to 1153. Hale, Com. Law. 271.

REGICIDE. The murder of a sovereign; also the person who commits such murder.

REGIDOR. In Spanish law. One of a body, never exceeding twelve, who formed a part of the ayuntamiento. The office of regidor was held for life; that is to say, during the pleasure of the supreme authority. In most places the office was purchased; in some cities, however, they were elected by persons of the district, called "capitulares." 12 Pet. 442, note.

RÉGIME. In French law. A system of rules or regulations.

—Régime dotal. The dote being the property which the wife brings to the husband as her contribution to the support of the burdens of the marriage, and which may either extend as well to future as to present property, or be expressly confined to the present property of the wife, is subject to certain regulations which are summarized in the phrase "régime dotal." The husband has the entire administration during the marriage; but, as a rule, where the dote consists of immovables, neither the husband nor the wife nor both of them together, can either sell or mortgage it. The dote is returnable upon the dissolution of the marriage, whether by death or otherwise. Brown—Régime en communautés. The community of interests between husband and wife which arises upon their marriage. It is either (1) legal or (2) conventional, the former existing in the absence of any "agreement" properly so called, and arising from a mere declaration of community; the latter arising from an "agreement," properly so called. Brown.

REGIMIENTO. In Spanish law. The body of regidores, who never exceeded twelve, forming a part of the municipal council, or ayuntamiento, in every capital of a jurisdiction. 12 Pet. 442, note.

REGINA. Lat. The queen.

REGIO ASSENSU. A writ whereby the sovereign gives his assent to the election of a bishop. Reg. Orig. 294.

REGISTER. An officer authorized by law to keep a record called a "register" or "reg-
ISTRY;” as the register for the probate of wills.

A book containing a record of facts as they occur, kept by public authority; a register of births, marriages, and burials.

**Register in bankruptcy.** An officer of the courts of bankruptcy, under the earlier acts of Congress in that behalf, having substantially the same powers and duties as "receivers in bankruptcy" under the act of 1898 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3418). See REFEREE.—

**Register of deeds.** The officer in some states to the officer whose duty is to record deeds, mortgages, and other instruments affecting real estate, the office being provided and kept for that purpose; more commonly called "recorder of deeds."—**Register of land office.** A federal officer appointed for each federal land district to take charge of the local records and attend to the preliminary matters connected with the sale, pre-emption, or other disposal of the public lands within the district. See Rev. St. U. S. § 2234 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1368).—

**Register of patents.** A book of patents, directed by St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 53, § 5, to be used in 1852, to be kept at the specific office, for public use. 2 Step. Comm. 29, note t.—Very detailed. A register kept by the collectors of customs, in which the names, ownership, and other facts relative to merchant vessels are required by law to be entered. This register is evidence of the name of the ship and its registry in the United States. The certificate of such registration, given by the collector to the owner or master of the ship, is stamped "Register of the United States."—Rapaport & Lawrence.—

**Register of the treasury.** An officer of the United States treasury, whose duty is to keep all accounts of the receipts and expenditures of public money, and of debts due to or from the United States, to preserve adjusted accounts with voucher holders, to record warrants drawn upon the treasury, to sign and issue government securities, and to take charge of the registry of vessels under United States laws. See Rev. St. U. S. §§ 312, 313 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 183).—

**Register of wills.** An officer in some of the states, whose function is to record and preserve all wills admitted to probate, to issue letters testamentary or of administration, to receive and file accounts of executors, etc., and generally to assist the clerk of the probate court.—

**Register of writings.** An officer employed in the English court of chancery, in which were entered the various forms of original and judicial writs.

**REGISTERED.** Entered or recorded in some official register or record list.

**Registered bond.** The bonds of the United States government (and of many municipal and private corporations) are either registered or "reportable" to the public. In the case of a registered bond, the name of the owner or lawful holder is entered in a register or record, and it is not negotiable or transferable except by an entry on the register and checks or warrants are sent to the registered holder for the successive installments of interest as they fall due. A bond held without the coupons is transferable by mere delivery, and the coupons are payable, as due, to the person who shall present them for payment. But the bond issues of many corporations do not require this; the individual bonds "may be registered as to principal," leaving the interest coupons payable to bearer, or that they may be registered as to both principal and interest, at the option of the holder. See Benwell v. New York, 55 N. J. Eq. 200, 36 Atl. 698.—

**Registered tonnage.** The registered tonnage of a vessel is the capacity or cubical contents of the ship, or the amount of weight which she will carry, as ascertained in some proper manner and entered on an official register or record. See Reck v. Phoenix Ins. Co., 54 Hun. 637, 7 N. Y. Supp. 447; Wheaton v. Weston (D. C.) 128 Fed. 153.—

**Registered trade-mark.** A trade-mark filed in the United States patent office, with the necessary description and other statements required by the act of Oct. 31, 1870, and duly recorded, securing its exclusive use to the person causing it to be registered. Rev. St. U. S. § 4475. See U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3501.—

**Registered voters.** The term is applied to the persons whose names are placed upon the registration books provided by law as the sole record or memorial of the duly qualified voters of the state. Chalmers v. Funk, 76 Va. 719.

**REGISTRAR’S COURT.** In American law. A court in the state of Pennsylvania which has jurisdiction in matters of probate.

**REGISTRANT.** One who registers; particularly, one who registers anything (c. p.), a trade-mark for the purpose of securing a right or privilege granted by law on condition of such registration.

**REGISTRAR.** An officer who has the custody or keeping of a register or register. This word is used in England; "register" is more common in America.

**Registrar general.** In English law. An officer appointed by the crown under the great seal, to whom, subject to such regulations as shall be made by a principal secretary of state, the general superintendence of the whole system of registration of births, deaths, and marriages is intrusted. 3 Step. Comm. 234.

**REGISTRARIUS.** In old English law. A notary; a registrar or register.

**REGISTRATION.** Recording; inserting in an official register; the act of making a list, catalogue, schedule, or register, particularly of a personal character, or of making entries therein. A book of records in the courts of the state of Virginia, the register of wills. See 2 Kent, Comment 139; Abb. Shipp. 58-96.

**Registration of stock.** In the practice of corporations this consists in recording in the official books of the company the name and address of the holder of each certificate of stock, with the date of its issue, and, in the case of a transfer of stock from one holder to another, the names of both parties and such other details as will identify the transaction and preserve a memorial or official record of its essential facts. See Fisher v. Jones, 82 Ala. 117, 3 South. 13.

**REGISTRUM BREVIUM.** The register of writings, (q. v.)

**REGISTRY.** A register, or book authorized or recognized by law, kept for the recording or registration of facts or documents.

**In commercial law.** The registration of a vessel at the custom-house, for the purpose of entitling her to the full privileges of a British or American built vessel. 3 Kent, Comment 139; Abb. Shipp. 58-96.

**Register of deeds.** The system of organized mode of keeping a public record of deeds, mortgages, and other instruments affecting title

REGIUS PROFESSOR. A royal professor or reader of lectures founded in the English universities by the king. Henry VIII. founded in each of the universities five professorships, viz., of divinity, Greek, Hebrew, law, and physic. Cowell.

REGLAMENTO. In Spanish colonial law. A written instruction given by a competent authority, without the observance of any peculiar form. Schm. Civil Law, Intro. 95, note.

REGNAL YEARS. Statutes of the British parliament are usually cited by the name and year of the sovereign in whose reign they were enacted, and the successive years of the reign of any king or queen are denominated the "regnal years."

REGNANT. One having authority as a king; one in the exercise of royal authority.

REGNI POPULI. A name given to the people of Surrey and Sussex, and on the seacoasts of Hampshire. Blount.

REGNUM ECCLESIASTICUM. The ecclesiastical kingdom. 2 Hale, P. C. 324.

Regnum non est divisibile. Co. Litt. 165. The kingdom is not divisible.

REGRANT. In the English law of real property, when, after a person has made a grant, the property granted comes back to him, (c. g., by escheat or forfeiture,) and he grants it again, he is said to regrant it. The phrase is chiefly used in the law of covenants.

REGRATING. In old English law. The offense of buying or getting into one's hands at a fair or market any provisions, corn, or other dead victual, with the intention of selling the same again in the same fair or market, or in some other within four miles thereof, at a higher price. The offender was termed a "regrator." 3 Inst. 195. See Forsyth Mfg. Co. v. Castlen, 112 Ga. 199, 37 S. E. 485, 81 Am. St. Rep. 28.

REGRESS is used principally in the phrase "free entry, egress, and regress" but it is also used to signify the re-entry of a person who has been dispossessed of land. Co. Litt. 318b.

REGULA. Lat. In practice. A rule. Regula generalis, a general rule; a standing rule or order of a court. Frequently abbreviated, "Reg. Gen."

Regula Catoiana. In Roman law. The rule of Cato. A rule respecting the validity of dispositions by will. See Dig. 34, 7.

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Regula est, juris quidem ignorantiam unique nocere, facti vero ignorantiam non nocere. Cod. 1, 18, 10. It is a rule, that every one is prejudiced by his ignorance of law, but not by his ignorance of fact.

REGULE GENERALES. Lat. General rules, which the courts promulgate from time to time for the regulation of their practice.

REGULAR. According to rule; as distinguished from that which violates the rule or follows no rule.

According to rule; as opposed to that which constitutes an exception to the rule or is not within the rule. See Zulich v. Bowman, 42 Pa. 87; Myers v. Rasback, 4 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 85.


Regulatorius non valet pactum de re mea non alienanda. Co. Litt. 223. It is a rule that a compact not to alienate my property is not binding.

REGULARS. Those who profess and follow a certain rule of life, (regula,) belong to a religious order, and observe the three approved vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Wharton.

REGULATE. The power to regulate commerce, vested in congress, is the power to prescribe the rules by which it shall be governed, that is, the conditions upon which it shall be conducted, to determine when it shall be free, and when subject to duties or other exactions. The power also embraces within its control all the instrumentalities by which that commerce may be carried on, and the means by which it may be aided and encouraged. Gloucester Ferry Co. v. Pennsylvania, 114 U. S. 196, 5 Sup. Ct. 826, 29 L. Ed. 158. And see Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 227, 6 L. Ed. 23; Gilman v. Philadelphia, 3 Wall. 724, 18 L. Ed. 96; Welton v. Missouri, 91 U. S. 279, 23 L. Ed. 347; Lesly v. Hardin, 135 U. S. 100, 10 Sup. Ct. 681, 34 L. Ed. 128; Kavanaugh v. Southern R. Co., 120 Ga. 62, 47 S. E. 523.

REGULATION. The act of regulating, a rule or order prescribed for management or government; a regulating principle; a precept. See Curry v. Marvin, 2 Fla. 415; Ames v. Union Pac. Ry. Co. (C. C.) 64 Fed. 178; Hunt v. Lambertville, 45 N. J. Law, 262.

REGULUS. Lat. In Saxon law. A title sometimes given to the earl or comea, in old charters. Spelman.
REHABERE FACIAS SEISINAM

When a sheriff in the "habere facias seisinam" had delivered seisin of more than he ought, this judicial writ lay to make him restore seisin of the excess. Reg. Jud. 13, 51, 54.

REHABILITATE. In Scotch and French criminal law. To reinstate a criminal in his personal rights which he has lost by a judicial sentence. Brande.

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In old English law. A papal bull or brief for re-enabling a spiritual person to exercise his function, who was formerly disabled; or a restoring to a former ability. Cowell.

REHEARING. In equity practice. A second hearing of a cause, for which a party who is dissatisfied with the decree entered on the former hearing may apply by petition. 3 Bl. Comm. 453. See Belmont v. Erie R. Co., 52 Barb. (N. Y.) 651; Emerson v. Davies, 8 Fed. Cas. 626; Read v. Patterson, 44 N. J. Eq. 211, 14 Atl. 490, 6 Am. St. Rep. 577.

REI INTERVENTUS. Lat. Things intervening; that is, things done by one of the parties to a contract, in the faith of its validity, and with the assent of the other party, and which have so affected its situation that the other will not be allowed to repudiate its obligation, although originally it was imperfect, and he might have renounced it. 1 Bell, Comm. 223, 229.

Rei turpis nullum mandatum est. The mandate of an immoral thing is void. Dig. 17, 1, 6, 3. A contract of mandate requiring an illegal or immoral act to be done has no legal obligation. Story, Bailm. § 158.

REIP. A robbery. Cowell.

REIMBURSE. The primary meaning of this word is "to pay back." Philadelphia Trust, etc., Co. v. Audenreid, 83 Pa. 264. It means to make return or restoration of an equivalent for something paid, expended, or lost; to indemnify, or make whole.

REINSTATE. To place again in a former state, condition, or office; to restore to a state or position from which the object or person had been removed. See Collins v. U. S., 15 Ct. Cl. 22.


Relipublieum interest voluntates defunctorum effectum sortiri. It concerns the state that the wills of the dead should have their effect.

REISSUABLE NOTES. Bank-notes which, after having been once paid, may again be put into circulation.

REJOIN. In pleading. To answer a plaintiff's replication in an action at law, by some matter of fact.

REJOINER. In common-law pleading. The second pleading on the part of the defendant, being his answer of matter of fact to the plaintiff's replication.

REJOINING GRATIS. Rejoining voluntarily, or without being required to do so by a rule to rejoin. When a defendant was under terms to rejoin gratis, he had to deliver a rejoinder, without putting the plaintiff to the necessity and expense of obtaining a rule to rejoin. 10 Mees. & W. 12; Lush, Pr. 396; Brown.

Relatio est factio juris et intentis ad unum. Relation is a fiction of law, and intended for one thing. 3 Coke, 28.

Relatio semper fiat ut valeat dispositio. Reference should always be had in such a manner that a disposition in a will may avail. 6 Coke, 76.

RELATION. 1. A relative or kinsman; a person connected by consanguinity or affinity.

2. The connection of two persons, or their situation with respect to each other, who are associated, whether by the law, by their own agreement, or by kinship, in some social status or union for the purposes of domestic life; as the relation of guardian and ward, husband and wife, master and servant, parent and child; so in the phrase "domestic relations."

3. In the law of contracts, when an act is done at one time, and it operates upon the thing as if done at another time, it is said to do so by relation; as, if a man deliver a deed as an escrow, to be delivered, by the party holding it, to the grantor, on the performance of some act, the delivery to the latter will have relation back to the first delivery. Termes de la Ley. See U. S. v. Anderson. 194 U. S. 394, 24 Sup. Ct. 716, 48 L. Ed. 1035; Peyton v. Desmond, 129 Fed. 11, 63 C. C. A. 651.

4. A recital, account, narrative of facts; information given. Thus, suits by quo war-
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RELATION. In old Scotch practice. Letters passing the signet by which a debtor was relaxed [released] from the horn; that is, from personal diligence. Bell.

RELEASE. 1. Liberation, discharge, or setting free from restraint or confinement. Thus, a man unlawfully imprisoned may obtain his release on habeas corpus. Parker v. U. S., 22 Ct. Cl. 100.

2. The relinquishment, concession, or giving up of a right, claim, or privilege, by the person in whom it exists or to whom it accrues, to the person against whom it might have been demanded or enforced. Jaqua v. Shewalter, 10 Ind. App. 234, 37 N. E. 1072; Winter v. Kansas City Cable Ry. Co., 160 Mo. 156, 61 S. W. 908.

3. The abandonment to (or by) a person, called as a witness in a suit of his interest in the subject-matter of the controversy, in order to qualify him to testify, under the common-law rule.

4. A receipt or certificate given by a ward to the guardian, on the final settlement of the latter's accounts, or by any other beneficiary on the termination of the trust administration, relinquishing all and any further rights, claims, or demands, growing out of the trust or incident to it.

5. In admiralty actions, when a ship, cargo, or other property has been arrested, the owner may obtain its release by giving bail, or paying the value of the property into court. Upon this being done he obtains a release, which is a kind of writ under the seal of the court, addressed to the marshal, commanding him to release the property. Sweet.

6. In estates. The conveyance of a man's interest or right which he hath unto a thing to another that hath the possession thereof or some estate therein. Shep. Touch. 320. The relinquishment of some right or benefit to a person who has already some interest in the tenement, and such interest as qualifies him for receiving the benefit of his own right or benefit so relinquished. Burt. Real Prop. 12; Field v. Columbet, 9 Fed. Cas. 13; Baker v. Woodward, 12 Or. 3, 6 Pac. 173; Miller v. Emans, 19 N. Y. 387.

A conveyance of an ulterior interest in lands or tenements to a particular tenant, or of an undivided share to a co-tenant, (the release being in either case in privity of estate with the releasor,) or of the right, to a person wrongfully in possession. 1 Steph. Comm. 470.

Deed of release. A deed operating by way of release, in the sense of the sixth definition given above; but more specifically, in those states where deeds of trust are in use instead of common-law mortgages, as a means of pledging real property as security for the payment of a debt, a "deed of release" is a conveyance in fee, executed by the trustee or trustees, to the grantor in the deed of trust, which conveys back to him the legal title to the estate, and which is to be given on satisfactory proof that he has paid the secured debt in full or otherwise com-
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plied with the terms of the deed of trust.—Release by conveyance or in an estate. A conveyance of the inferior interest in lands to the particular tenant; as, if there be tenant for life or years, remainder to another in fee, and he in remainder releases all his right to the particular tenant and his heirs, this gives him the estate in fee. 1 Step. Comm. 450; 2 Bl. Comm. 324.—Release by way of entry and fee-simple. As if there be two joint disseisees, and the disseisee releases to one of them, he shall be sole seised, and shall keep out his former co-tenant; which is the same in effect as if the disseisee had entered and thereby put an end to the disseisin, and afterwards had enfeoffed one of the disseisees in fee. 2 Bl. Comm. 325.—Release by way of extinguishment. As if my tenant for life makes a lease to A. for life, remainder to B. and his heirs, and I release to A., this extinguishes my right to the reversion, and shall inure to the advantage of B.'s remainder, as well as of A.'s particular estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 325.—Release by way of passing a right. As if a man be disseised and releaseth to his disseisor all his right, hereby the disseisor acquires a new right, which changes the quality of his estate, and renders that lawful which before was tortious or wrongfull. 2 Bl. Comm. 325.—Release by way of passing an estate. As, where one of two coparceners releases all her right to the other, this passes the fee-simple of the whole. 2 Bl. Comm. 324, 325.—Release of dower. The release by a married woman of her expectant dower interest or estate in a particular parcel of realty belonging to her husband, as, by living with him in a conveyance of it to a third person.—Release to use. The conveyance by a deed of release to one party to the use of another is so termed. Thus, when a conveyance of lands was effected, by those instruments of assurance termed a lease and release, from A. to B. and his heirs, to the use of C. and his heirs, in such case C. at once took the whole fee-simple in such lands; B., by the operation of the statute of uses, being made a mere conduit-pipe for conveying the estate to C. Brown.

RELEASEE. The person to whom a release is made.

RELEASEOR, or RELEASOR. The maker of a release.

RELEGATIO. Lat. A kind ofBanishment known to the civil law, which differed from "deportatio" in leaving to the person his rights of citizenship.

RELEGATION. In old English law. Banishment for a time only. Co. Litt. 133.

RELEVANCY. As a quality of evidence, "relevancy" means applicability to the issue joined. Relevancy is that which conduces to the proof of a pertinent hypothesis; a pertinent hypothesis being one which, if sustained, would logically influence the issue. Wh. Ev. § 20.

In Scotch law, the relevancy is the justice or sufficiency in law of the allegations of a party. A plea to the relevancy is therefore analogous to the demurrer of the English courts.

A distinction is sometimes taken between "logical" relevancy and "legal" relevancy, the former being judged merely by the standards of ordinary reasonable or the general laws of reasoning, the latter by the strict and artificial rules of the law with reference to the admissibility of evidence. See Hoag v. Wright, 54 App. Div. 200, 54 N. Y. Supp. 653.

RELEVANT. Applying to the matter in question; affording something to the purpose.

In Scotch law, good in law, legally sufficient; as, a "relevant" plea or defense.

—Relevant evidence. See EVIDENCE.

RELICT. This term is applied to the survivor of a pair of married people, whether the survivor is the husband or the wife; it means the relict of the united pair, (or of the marriage union,) not the relict of the deceased individual. Spiller v. Heeter, 42 Ohio St. 101.

RELICTA VERIFICATIONE. L. Lat. Where a judgment was confessed by cognovit actionem after plea pleaded, and the plea was withdrawn, it was called a "confession" or "cognovit actionem relicta verificatione." Wharton.


RELIEF. 1. In feudal law. A sum payable by the new tenant, the duty being incident to every feudal tenure, by way of fine or composition with the lord for taking up the estate which was lapsed or fallen in by the death of the last tenant. At one time the amount was arbitrary, but afterwards the relief of a knight's fee became fixed at one hundred shillings. 2 Bl. Comm. 65.

2. "Relief" also means deliverance from oppression, wrong, or injustice. In this sense it is used as a general designation of the assistance, redress, or benefit which a complainant seeks to confer on a court, particularly in equity. It may be thus used of such remedies as specific performance, or the reformation or rescission of a contract; but it does not seem appropriate to the awarding of money damages.

3. The assistance or support, pecuniary or otherwise, granted to indigent persons by the proper administrators of the poor-laws, is also called "relief."

RELIEVE. In feudal law, relieve is to depend; thus, the seignory of a tenant in capite relieves of the crown, meaning that the tenant holds of the crown. The term is not common in English writers. Sweet.

RELIGION. As used in constitutional provisions forbidding the "establishment of religion," the term means a particular system of faith and worship recognized and practised by a particular church, sect, or denomination. See Reynolds v. U. S., 98 U. S. 149,
RELOCATION. In Scotch law. A renewal of lease or a tacit relocation is permitting a tenant to hold over without any new agreement.

REMINISCENCE. In practice. A forsaking, abandoning, renouncing, or giving over a right.

RELIQUARY. The reliquary or debt which a person finds himself debtor in upon the balancing or liquidation of an account. Hence reliquary, the debtor of a reliquia; as also a person who only pays piece-meal. Enc. Lond.

RE LICIES. Remains; such as the bones, etc., of saints, preserved with great veneration as sacred memorials. They have been forbidden to be used or brought into England. St. 3 Jac. I. c. 26.

RELOCA TIO. Lat. In the civil law. A renewal of a lease or its determination. It may be either express or tacit; the latter is when the tenant holds over with the knowledge and without objection of the landlord. Mackeld. Rom. Law. § 412.
REMEDIES for rights are ever favorably extended. 18 Vin. Abr. 521.

REMEDY. Remedy is the means by which the violation of a right is prevented, redressed, or compensated. Remedies are of four kinds: (1) By act of the party injured; the principal of which are defense, recaption, distress, entry, abatement, and seizure; (2) by operation of law, as in the case of retainer and remitter; (3) by agreement between the parties, e.g., by accord and satisfaction and arbitration; and (4) by judicial remedy, e.g., action or suit. Sweet. See Knapp v. McCaffrey, 177 U. S. 398, 20 Sup. Ct. 524, 44 L. Ed. 921; Missionary Soc. v. Ely, 56 Ohio St. 405, 47 N. E. 587; U. S. v. Lyman, 26 Fed. Cas. 1,024; Frost v. Witter, 132 Cal. 421, 64 Pac. 705, 84 Am. St. Rep. 53.

Also a certain allowance to the master of the mint, for deviation from the standard weight and fineness of coins. Enc. Lond.

—Adequate remedy. See ADEQUATE.—Civil remedy. The remedy afforded by law to a private individual in the civil courts is the same as his private and individual rights have been injured by a delict or crime; as distinguished from the remedy by criminal prosecution for the injury to the rights of the public.—CUMULATIVE remedy. See CUMULATIVE.—Extraordinary remedy. See EXTRAORDINARY.—Legal remedy. A remedy available, under the particular circumstances of the case, by law, as distinguished from a remedy available only in equity. See State v. Sneed, 105 Tenn. 711, 58 S. W. 1070.—Remedy over. A person who is primarily liable or responsible, but who, in turn, can demand indemnification from another, who is responsible to him, is said to have a "remedy over." For example, a city, being compelled to pay for injuries caused by a defect in the highway, has a "remedy over" against the person whose act or negligence caused the defect, and such person is said to be "liable over" to the city. 2 Black, Judgm. § 575.

REMEMBRANCERS. The remembrancer of the city of London is parliamentary solicitor to the corporation, and is bound to attend all courts of aldermen and common council when required. Pull. Laws & Cust. Lond. 122.

REMEMBRANCERS. In English law. Officers of the exchequer, whose duty it is to put in remembrance the lord treasurer and the justices of that court of such things as are to be called and dealt in for the benefit of the crown. Jacob.

RÉMÉRÉ. In French law. Redemption: right of redemption. A sale à réméré is a species of conditional sale with right of re-purchase. An agreement by which the vendor reserves to himself the right to take back the thing sold on restoring the price paid, with costs and interest. Duverger.

REMISE. To remit or give up. A formal word in deeds of release and quitclaim: the usual phrase being "remise, release, and forever quitclaim." See American Mortg.
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Co. v. Hutchinson, 19 Or. 334, 24 Pac. 515; McAnaw v. Tiffin, 143 Mo. 667, 45 S. W. 656; Lynch v. Livingston, 6 N. Y. 434.

REMISE DE LA DETTE. In French law. The release of a debt.

REMISSION. In the civil law. A release of a debt. It is conventional, when it is expressly granted to the debtor by a creditor having a capacity to alieneate; or tacit, when the creditor voluntarily surrenders to his debtor the original title, under private signature constituting the obligation. Civ. Code La. art. 2195.

"Remission" also means forgiveness or condonation of an offense or injury.

At common law. The act by which a forfeiture or penalty is forgiven. United States v. Morris, 10 Wheat. 248, 6 L. Ed. 314.

Remissus imperanti melius pareatur. 3 Inst. 233. A man commanding not too strictly is better obeyed.

REMITTANCE. This term imports the doing of the act in question in a tardy, negligent, or careless manner; but it does not apply to the entire omission or forswearing of the act. Baldwin v. United States Tel. Co., 6 Abb. Prac. N. S. (N. Y.) 423.

REMIT. To send or transmit; as to remit money. Potter v. Morland, 3 Cush. (Mass.) 388; Hollowell v. Life Ins. Co., 126 N. C. 398, 35 S. E. 610.

To give up; to annul; to relinquish; as to remit a fine. Jungbluth v. Redfield, 14 Fed. Cas. 52; Gibson v. People, 5 Hun (N. Y.) 514.

REMIT. The act of sending back to custody; an annulment. Wharton.

REMITTANCE. Money sent by one person to another, either in specie, bill of exchange, check, or otherwise.

REMITTEE. A person to whom a remittance is made. Story, Balm. § 75.

REMITTER. The relation back of a later defective title to an earlier valid title. Remitter is where he who has the true property or jus propriatis in lands, but is out of possession thereof, and has no right to enter without recovering possession in an action, has afterwards the freehold cast upon him by some subsequent and of course defective title. In this case he is remitted, or sent back by operation of law, to his ancient and more certain title. The right of entry which he has gained by a bad title shall be ipsa facto annexed to his own inherent good one; and his defeasible estate shall be utterly defeated and annulled by the instantaneous act of law, without his participation or consent. 3 Bl. Comm. 19.

REMITTIT DAMNA. Lat. An entry on the record, by which the plaintiff declares that he remits a part of the damages which have been awarded him.

REMITTITUR DAMNA. Lat. In practice. An entry made on record, in cases where a jury has given greater damages than a plaintiff has declared for, remitting the excess. 2 Tidd, Pr. 306.

REMITTITUR OF RECORD. The returning or sending back by a court of appeal of the record and proceedings in a cause, after its decision thereon, to the court whence the appeal came, in order that the cause may be tried anew, (where it is so ordered,) or that judgment may be entered in accordance with the decision on appeal, or execution be issued, or any other necessary action be taken in the court below.

REMITTOR. A person who makes a remittance to another.

REMONSTRANCE. Expostulation; showing of reasons against something proposed; a representation made to a court or legislative body wherein certain persons unite in urging that a contemplated measure be not adopted or passed. See Girvin v. Simon, 127 Cal. 491, 60 Pac. 945; In re Mercer County License Applications, 8 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 45.

REMOTE. This word is used in law chiefly as the antithesis of "proximate," and conveys the idea of mediateness or of the intervention of something else.

—Remote cause. In the law of negligence, a "remote" cause of an accident or injury is one which does not by itself alone produce the given result, but which sets in motion another cause, called the "proximate" cause, which immediately brings about the given effect or, as otherwise defined, it is "that which may have happened and yet no injury have occurred, notwithstanding that no injury could have occurred if it had not happened." See Troy v. Railroad Co., 99 N. C. 208, 6 S. E. 77, 8 Am. St. Rep. 621; Maryland Steel Co. v. Marney, 88 Md. 482, 42 Atl. 69, 42 L. R. A. 842, 71 Am. St. Rep. 441; Hoey v. Metropolitan St. Ry. Co., 70 App. Div. 69, 74 N. Y. Supp. 1113; Claypool v. Wimgray, 34 Ind. App. 35, 71 N. E. 500.

—Remote damage. Damage is said to be too remote to be actionable when it is not the legal and natural consequence of the act complained of. —Remote possibility. In the law of estates, a double possibility, or a limitation dependent on two or more facts or events both or all of which are contingent and uncertain; as, for example, the limitation of an estate to a given man provided that he shall marry a certain woman and that she shall then die and he shall marry another.

REMO TEN ES. Want of close connection between a wrong and the injury, as cause and effect, whereby the party injured cannot claim compensation from the wrong-doer. Wharton.

REMO TEN ES OF EVIDENCE. When the fact or facts proposed to be establish-
ed as a foundation from which indirect evidence may be drawn, by way of inference, have not a visible, plain, or necessary connection with the proposition eventually to be proved, such evidence is rejected for "remoteness." See 2 Whart. Ev. § 1226, note.

Remoto impedimento, emergit actio. The impediment being removed, the action rises. When a bar to an action is removed, the action rises up into its original efficacy. Shep. Tough. 150; Wing. 20.

Removal from Office. The act of a person or body, having lawful authority thereto, in depriving one of an office to which he was appointed or elected.

Removal of Causes. The transfer of a cause from one court to another; commonly used of the transfer of the jurisdiction and cognizance of an action commenced but not finally determined, with all further proceedings therein, from one trial court to another trial court. More particularly, the transfer of a cause, before trial or final hearing thereof, from a state court to the United States circuit court, under the acts of congress in that behalf.

Removal of Pauper. The actual transfer of a pauper, by order of a court having jurisdiction, from a poor district in which he has no settlement, but upon which he has become a charge, to the district of his domicile or settlement.

Removal, Order Of. 1. An order of court directing the removal of a pauper from the poor district upon which he has illegally become a charge to the district in which he has his settlement.

2. An order made by the court a quo, directing the transfer of a cause therein depending, with all future proceedings in such cause, to another court.

Remover. In practice. A transfer of a suit or cause out of one court into another, which is effected by writ of error, certiorari, and the like. 11 Coke, 41.

Remuneration. Reward; recompense; salary. Dig. 17, 1, 7.

The word "remuneration" means a quid pro quo. If a man gives his services, whatever consideration he gets for giving his services seems to me a remuneration for them. Consequently, I think, if a person was in the receipt of a payment, or in the receipt of a percentage, or any kind of payment which would not be an actual money payment, the amount he would receive annually in respect of this would be "remuneration." 1 Q. B. Div. 663, 684.

Renant, or Reniant. In old English law. Denying. 32 Hen. VIII. c. 2.

Renounter. A sudden meeting; as opposed to a duel, which is deliberate.

Rendere, v. In practice. To give up; to yield; to return; to surrender. Also to pay or perform; used of rents, services, and the like.

—Rendere Judgment. To pronounce, state, declare, or announce the judgment of the court in a given case or on a given state of facts; not used with reference to judgments by confession, and not synonymous with "entering," "docketing," or "recording" the judgment. The rendition of a judgment is the judicial act of the court in pronouncing the sentence of the law, while the entry of a judgment is a ministerial act, which consists in spreading upon the record a statement of the final conclusion reached by the court in the matter, thus furnishing external and uncontestable evidence of the sentence given and designed to stand as a perpetual memorial of its action. See Schuster v. Bader, 13 Colo. 320, 22 Pac. 505; Farmers' State Bank v. Bales, 64 Neb. 700, 90 N. W. 945; Fleet v. Youngs, 11 Wend. (N. Y.) 622; Schults v. Romer, 81 Cal. 244, 22 Pac. 637; Winstead v. Evans (Tex. Civ. App.) 33 S. W. 530; Cos. v. Erb, 59 Ohio St. 339, 52 N. E. 640, 69 Am. St. Rep. 784.

Renervare, n. In feudal law, "rendere" was used in connection with rents and heriots. Goods subject to rent or retenant were said to lie in reneder, when the lord might not only seize the identical goods, but might also distrain for them. Cowell.

Rendezvous. Fr. A place appointed for meeting. Especially used of places appointed for the assembling of troops, the coming together of the ships of a fleet, or the meeting of vessels and their convoy.

Renegade. One who has changed his profession of faith or opinion; one who has deserted his church or party.

Renewal. The act of renewing or reviving. The substitution of a new grant, engagement, or right, in place of one which has expired of the same character and on the same terms and conditions as before; as, the renewal of a lease, a note, a lease, a patent. See Carter v. Brooklyn L. Ins. Co., 110 N. Y. 15. 17 N. E. 390; Gaunt v. McGrath, 32 Pa. 392; Kedey v. Petty. 153 Ind. 179, 54 N. E. 798; Pitts v. Hall, 19 Fed. Cas. 758.

Renounce. To reject; cast off; repudiate; disclaim; forsake; abandon; divest one's self of a right, power, or privilege. Usually it implies an affirmative act of disclaimer or disavowal.

Renouncing Probate. In English practice. Refusing to take upon one's self the office of executor or executrix. Refusing to take out probate under a will wherein one has been appointed executor or executrix. Holthouse.

Renovare. Lat. In old English law. To renew. Annuitim renovare, to renew annually. A phrase applied to profits which are taken and the product renewed again. Amb. 131.
RENT. At common law. A certain profit issuing yearly out of lands and tenements corporeal; a species of incorporeal hereditament. 2 Bl. Comm. 41. A compensation or return yielded periodically, to a certain amount, out of the profits of some corporeal hereditaments, by the tenant thereon. 2 Suth. Comm. 23. A certain yearly profit in money, provisions, chattels, or labor, issuing out of lands and tenements, in retribution for the use. 3 Kent, Comm. 460.


In Louisiana. The contract of rent of lands is a contract by which one of the parties conveys and cedes to the other a tract of land, or any other immovable property, and stipulates that the latter shall hold it as owner, but reserving to the former an annual rent of a certain sum of money, or of a certain quantity of fruits, which the other party binds himself to pay him. It is of the essence of the conveyance that it be made in perpetuity. If it be made for a limited time, it is a lease. Civ. Code La. arts. 2779, 2780.

-Fee farm rent. A rent charge issuing out of an estate in fee; a perpetual rent reserved on a conveyance of land in fee simple.-Ground rent. See GROUND.-Quitt rent. Certain established rents of the freeholders and ancient copyholders of manors were so called, because by their payment the tenant was free and "quitt" of all other services. Rent real rent. A rent of the full annual value of the tenement or near it. 2 Bl. Comm. * 43.-Rent-charge. This arises where the owner of the rent has no future interest or reversion in the land. It is usually created by deed or will, and is accompanied with powers of distress and entry.-Rent roll. A list of rents paid to a particular person or public body.-Rent seck. Barren rent; a rent reserved by deed, but without any clause of distress. 2 Bl. Comm. 42; 3 Kent, Comm. 461.-Rent-service. This consisted of fealty, together with a certain rent, and was the only kind of rent originally known to the common law. It was so called because it was given as a compensation for the services to which the land was originally liable. Brown.-Rents of assise. The certain and determined rents of the freeholders and ancient copyholders of manors are called "rents of assise," apparently because they were ascribed or made certain, and so distinguished from a redditus mobilis, which was a variable or fluctuating rent. 3 Cruise, Dig. 314; Brown.-Rents resolute. Rents annually payable to the crown from the occupants of all houses; and after their dissolution, notwithstanding that the lands were demised to others, yet the rents were still reserved and made payable again to the crown. Cowell.

Rent must be reserved from him under whom the state of the land moved. Co. Litt. 143.

RENTAGE. Rent.

RENTAL. (Said to be corrupted from "rent-roll."") In English law. A roll on which the rents of a manor are registered or set down, and by which the lord's bailiff collects the same. It contains the lands and tenements let to each tenant, the names of the tenants, and other particulars. Cunningham; Holthouse.

-Rental rolls. In Scotch law. When the tithes (tienda) have been liquidated and settled for so many rolls of corn yearly. Bell.-Rent-al-rights. In English law. A species of lease usually granted at a low rent and for life. Tenants under such leases were called "rentalers" or "kindly tenants."

RENTE. In French law. Rents is the annual return which represents the revenue of a capital or of an immovable alienated. The constitution of rente. is a contract by which one of the parties lends to the other a capital which he agrees not to recall, in consideration of the borrower's paying an annual interest. It is this interest which is called "rente." Duverger. The word is therefore nearly synonymous with the English "annuity."

"Rentes," is the term applied to the French government funds, and "rentier" to a fundholder or other person having an income from personal property. Wharton.

-Rente foncière. A rent which issues out of land, and it is of its essence that it be perpetual, for, if it be made but for a limited time, it is a lease. It may, however, be extinguished. Civ. Code La. art. 2780.-Rente viagère. That species of rente, the duration of which depends upon the contingency of the death of one or more persons indicated in the contract. The uncertainty of the time at which such death may happen causes the rente viagère to be included in the number of salatory contracts. Duverger. It is an annuity for life. Civ. Code La. art. 2764.

RENTS, ISSUES, AND PROFITS more commonly signify in the books a chattel real interest in land; a kind of estate growing out of the land, for life or years, producing an annual or other rent. Bruce v. Thompson, 26 Vt. 476.

RENUNCIATION. The act of giving up a right. See Renounce.

REO ABSENTE. Lat. The defendant being absent; in the absence of the defendant.

REPAIRS. Restoration to soundness; supply of loss; reparation; work done to an estate to keep it in good order.

-Repair of houses. By which the lord to its former condition; not to change either the form or material of a building. Ardesco Oil Co. v. Richardson, 63 Pa. 102.

-Necessary repairs. Necessary repairs (for which the master of a ship may lawfully bind the owner) are such as are reasonably fit and proper for the ship under the circumstances,
and not merely such as are absolutely indispensable for the safety of the ship or the accomplishment of the voyage. The Fortitude, 3 Sumn. 827, Fed. Cas. No. 4,063; Webster v. Seekamp, 4 Barn. & Ald. 352.

**REPARATION.** The redress of an injury; amends for a wrong inflicted.

**REPARATIONE FACIENDA.** For making repairs. The name of an old writ which lay in various cases; as if, for instance, there were three tenants in common of a mill or house which had fallen into decay, and one of the three was willing to repair it, and the other two not; in such case the party who was willing to repair might have this writ against the others. Cowell; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 127.

**REPARTIMENTO.** In Spanish law, a judicial proceeding for the partition of property held in common. See Steinbach v. Moore, 30 Cal. 565.

**REPATRIATION takes place when a person who has been expatriated regains his nationality.

**REPEAL.** The abrogation or annulling of a previously existing law by the enactment of a subsequent statute which declares that the former law shall be revoked and abrogated, (which is called "express" repeal,) or which contains provisions so contrary to or irreconcilable with those of the earlier law that only one of the two statutes can stand in force, (called "implied" repeal.) See Oakland Pav. Co. v. Hilton, 69 Cal. 479, 11 Pac. 3; Mernaugh v. Orlando, 41 Fla. 433, 27 South. 34; Hunter v. Memphis, 93 Tenn. 571, 26 S. W. 828.

Repellitur a sacramento infamia. An infamous person is repelled or prevented from taking an oath. Co. Litt. 158; Bract. fol. 185.

Repellitur exceptione oedendarum actionum. He is defeated by the plea that the actions have been assigned. Cheesebrough v. Millard, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 409, 414.

**REPERTORY.** In French law. The inventory or minutes which notaries make of all contracts which take place before them. Merl. Repert.

**REPETITION.** In the civil law. A demand or action for the restoration of money paid under mistake, or goods delivered by mistake or on an unperformed condition. Dig. 12, 6. See SOLUTIO INDEBITI.

**In Scotch law.** The act of reading over a witness' deposition, in order that he may adhere to it or correct it at his choice. The same as recollection (q. v.) in the French law. 2 Benth. Jud. Ev. 239.

**REPETITUM NAMIAM.** A repeated, second, or reciprocal distress; withernam. 3 Bl. Comm. 148.

**REPETUNDÆ, or PECUNIAE REPETUNDÆ.** In Roman law. The terms used to designate such sums of money as the socie of the Roman state, or individuals, claimed to recover from magistratus, judices, or public curatores, which they had improperly taken or received in the provincie, or in the urbe Roma, either in the discharge of their juridicio, or in their capacity of judices, or in respect of any other public function. Sometimes the word "repetunda" was used to express the illegal act for which compensation was sought. Wharton.

**REPETUNDARUM CRIMEN.** In Roman law. The crime of bribery or extortion in a magistrate, or person in any public office. Calvin.

**REPLEAD.** To plead anew; to file new pleadings.

**REPLEADER.** When, after issue has been joined in an action, and a verdict given thereon, the pleading is found (on examination) to have miscarried and failed to affect its proper object, viz., of raising an apt and material question between the parties, the court will, on motion of the unsuccessful party, award a repleader; that is, will order the parties to plead de novo for the purpose of obtaining a better issue. Brown.

Judgment of repleader differs from a judgment non obstante veredicto, in this: that it is allowed by the court to do justice between the parties where the defect is in the form or manner of stating the right, and the issue joined is on an immaterial point, so that it cannot tell for whom to give judgment; while judgment non obstante is given only where it is clearly apparent to the court that the party who has succeeded has upon his own showing, no merits, and cannot have by any manner of statement. 1 Chit. Pl. 687, 688.

**REPLEGIARE.** To reprieve; to redeem a thing detained or taken by another by putting in legal sureties.

—Replegiare de avaritia. Replevin of cattle. A writ brought by one whose cattle were detained, or put in the pound, upon any cause by another, upon surety given to the sheriff to prosecute or answer the action in law. Cowell.

**REPLEGIARI FACIAS.** You cause to be reprieved. In old English law. The original writ in the action of replevin; superseded by the statute of Maribridge, c. 21. 3 Bl. Comm. 146.

**REPLETION.** In canon law. Where the revenue of a benefice is sufficient to fill or occupy the whole right or title of the graduate who holds it. Wharton.

**REPLEVIALE, or REPLEVIALE.** Property is said to be repleviable or repleviable when proceedings in replevin may
be resorted to for the purpose of trying the right to such property.

**REPLEVIN.** A personal action as *debita* brought to recover possession of goods unlawfully taken, (generally, but not only, applicable to the taking of goods distrained for rent,) the validity of which taking is the mode of contesting, if the party from whom the goods were taken wishes to have them back in *specie*, whereas, if he prefer to have damages instead, the validity may be contested by action of trespass or unlawful distress. The word means a redelivery to the owner of the pledge or thing taken in distress. Wharton. And see Sinnott v. Felock, 105 N. Y. 444, 59 N. E. 265, 53 L. R. A. 565, 90 Am. St. Rep. 736; Healey v. Humphrey, 81 Fed. 990, 27 C. C. A. 59; McJunkin v. Mathers, 156 Pa. 337, 27 Atl. 873; Tracy v. Warren, 104 Mass. 377; Lazard v. Wheeler, 22 Cal. 142; Macaury v. Turner, 9 Houst. (Del.) 281, 32 Atl. 325; Johnson v. Boehme, 68 Kan. 72, 71 Pac. 243, 97 Am. St. Rep. 357.

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**Personal replevin.** A species of action to redeliver a man out of prison or out of the custody of any private person. It took the place of the old writ de homine repletiando; but, as a means of examining into the legality of an imprisonment, it is now superseded by the writ of *habeas corpus*.—*Replevin bond.* A bond executed to indemnify the officer who executed a writ of replevin and to indemnify the defendant or person from whose custody the property was taken for such damages as he may sustain. Imel v. Van Deren, 8 Colo. 90, 5 Pac. 903; Walker v. Kennison, 94 N. H. 258.

**REPLEVISH.** In old English law. To let one to malnurse upon surety. Cowell.

**REPLEVISOR.** The plaintiff in an action of replevin.

**REPLEVY.** This word, as used in reference to the action of replevin, signifies to redeliver goods which have been distrained, to the original possessors of them, on his pleading or giving security to prosecute an action against the distrainor for the purpose of trying the legality of the distress. It has also been used to signify the bailing or liberating a man from prison on his finding bail to answer for his forthcoming at a future time. Brown.

**REPLANT, or REPLICANT. A litigant who replies or files or delivers a replication.**

**REPLICARE.** Lat. In the civil law and old English pleading. To reply; to answer a defendant's plea.

**REPLICATIO.** Lat. In the civil law and old English pleading. The plaintiff's answer to the defendant's exception or plea; corresponding with and giving name to the *replication* in modern pleading. Inst. 4, 14, pr.

**REPLICATION.** In pleading. A reply made by the plaintiff in an action to the defendant's plea, or in a suit in chancery to the defendant's answer.

**General and special.** In equity practice, a general replication is a general denial of the truth of defendant's plea or answer, and of the sufficiency of the matter alleged in it to bar the plaintiff's suit, and an assertion of the truth and sufficiency of the bill. A special replication is occasioned by the defendant's introducing new matter into his plea or answer, which makes it necessary for the plaintiff to put in issue some additional fact of his part in avoidance of such new matter. Vanbibber v. Beirne, 6 W. Va. 180.

**REPLY.** In its general sense, a reply is what the plaintiff, petitioner, or other person who has instituted a proceeding says in answer to the defendant's case. Sweet.

**On trial or argument.** When a case is tried or argued in court, the speech or argument of the plaintiff in answer to that of the defendant is called his "reply."

Under the practice of the chancery and common-law courts, to reply is to file or deliver a replication, (q. v.) Under codes of reformed procedure, "reply" is very generally the name of the pleading which corresponds to "replication" in common-law or equity practice.

**REPONE.** In Scotch practice. To replace; to restore to a former state or right. 2 Alls. Crim. Pr. 351.

**REPORT.** An official or formal statement of facts or proceedings.

**In practice.** The formal statement in writing made to a court by a master in chancery, a clerk, or referee, as the result of his inquiries into some matter referred to him by the court.

The name is also applied (usually in the plural) to the published volumes, appearing periodically, containing accounts of the various cases argued and determined in the courts, with the decisions thereon.

Lord Coke defines "report" to be "a public relation, or a bringing again to memory cases judicially argued, debated, resolved, or adjudged in any of the king's courts of justice, together with such causes and reasons as were delivered by the judges of the same." Co. Litt. 293.

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**Report of committee.** The report of a legislative committee is that communication which the chairman of the committee makes to the house at the close of the investigation upon which it has been engaged. Brown.—Report office. A department of the English court of chancery. The authors' account there is discontinued by the 15 & 16 Vict. c. 87, § 36.

**REPORTER.** A person who reports the decisions upon questions of law in the cases adjudged in the several courts of law and equity. Wharton.

**REPORTS, THE.** The name given, per excellence, to Lord Coke's Reports, from 14 Eliz. to 13 Jac. I, which are cited as "Rep."
or "Coke." They are divided into thirteen parts, and the modern editions are in six volumes, including the index.

**REPOsITION OF THE FOREST.** In old English law. An act whereby certain forest grounds, being made *purlicu* upon view, were by a second view laid to the forest again, put back into the forest. Manwood; Cowell.

**REPOSITORY.** A storehouse or place wherein things are kept; a warehouse. Cro. Car. 555.

**REPRESENT.** To exhibit; to expose before the eyes. To represent a thing is to produce it publicly. Dig. 10, 4, 2, 3.

To represent a person is to stand in his place; to supply his place; to act as his substitute. Plummer v. Brown, 64 Cal. 423, 1 Pac. 705; Solon v. Williamsburg Sav. Bank, 35 Hun (N. Y.) 7.

**REPRESENTATION. In Contracts.** A statement made by one of two contracting parties to the other, before or at the time of making the contract, in regard to some fact, circumstance, or state of facts pertinent to the contract, which is influential in bringing about the agreement.

**In insurance.** A collateral statement, either by writing not inserted in the policy or by parol, of such facts or circumstances, relative to the proposed adventure, as are necessary to be communicated to the underwriters, to enable them to form a just estimate of the risks. 1 Marsh. Ins. 450.

The allegation of any facts, by the applicant to the insurer, or *vice versa*, preliminary to making the contract, and directly bearing upon it, having a plain and evident tendency to induce the making of the policy. The statements may or may not be in writing, and may be either express or by obvious implication. Lee v. Howard Fire Ins. Co., 11 Cush. (Mass.) 324; Augusta Insurance & Banking Co. of Georgia v. Abbott, 12 Md. 348.

In relation to the contract of insurance, there is an important distinction between a representation and a warranty. The former, which precedes the contract of insurance, and is no part of it, need be only materially true; the latter is a part of the contract, and must be exactly and literally fulfilled, or the contract is broken and inoperative. Glendale Woolen Co. v. Protection Ins. Co., 21 Conn. 19, 54 Am. Dec. 309.

**In the law of distribution and descent.** The principle upon which the issue of a deceased person take or inherit the share of an estate which their immediate ancestor would have taken or inherited, if living; the taking or inheriting *per stirpes*. 2 Bl. Comm. 217, 517.

**In Scotch law.** The name of a plea or statement presented to a lord ordinary of the court of session, when his judgment is brought under review.

**False representation.** A deceitful representation, or one contrary to the fact, made knowingly and with the design and effect of inducing the other party to enter into the contract to which it relates.—*Mennen v. Perry*. An intentional false statement respecting a matter of fact, made by one of the parties to a contract, which is material to the contract and influential in producing it.—*Promissory representation*. A term used chiefly in insurance, and meaning a representation made by the assured concerning what is to happen during the term of the insurance, stated as a matter of expectation or even of contract, and amounting to a promise to be performed after the contract has come into existence. New Jersey Rubber Co. v. Commercial Union Assur. Co., 64 N. J. Law, 550, 46 Atl. 777. **Representation of persons.** A fiction of the law, the effect of which is to put the representative in the place, degree, or right of the person represented. Civ. Code La. art. 804.

**REPRESENTATIVE.** Representation is the act of one person representing or standing in the place of another; and he who so represents or stands in the place of another is termed his "representative." Thus, an heir is the representative of the ancestor, and an executor is the representative of the testator, the heir standing in the place of his deceased ancestor with respect to his realty, the executor standing in the place of his deceased testator with respect to his realty; and since the heir is frequently denominated the "real" representative, and the executor the "personal" representative, Brown; 2 Steph. Comm. 243. And see Lee v. Dill, 39 Barb. (N. Y.) 520; Staples v. Lewis, 71 Conn. 288, 41 Atl. 815; McCravy v. McCravy, 12 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 1.

In constitutional law, representatives are those persons chosen by the people to represent their several interests in a legislative body.

**Legal representative.** A person who, in the law, represents the person and controls the rights of another. Primarily the term meant those artificial representatives of a deceased person, the executors and administrators of a deceased person by law represented the deceased, in distinction from the heirs, who were the "natural" representatives. But as, under statutes of distribution, executors and administrators are no longer the sole representatives of the deceased as to personal property, the phrase has lost much of its original distinctive force, and is now used to describe either executors and administrators or children, descendants, next of kin, or distributees. Moreover, the phrase is not always used in its technical sense nor always with reference to the estate of a decedent; and in such other connections its import must be determined from the context, so that, in its general sense of one person representing another, or succeeding to the rights of another, or standing in the place of another, it may include an assignee in bankruptcy or insolvency, an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a receiver, an assignee of a mortgage, a grantee of land, a guardian, a purchaser at execution sale, a widow, or a surviving partner. New Staples v. Lewis, 71 Conn. 288, 41 Atl. 815; Miller v. Metcalf, 77 Conn. 170, 58 Atl. 743; Warnecke v. Lemcke, 71 Ill. 65, 12 Am. Rep. 85; Pomeroy v. Pressey, 175 Mass. 225, 56 N. E. 5; Thompson v. U. S., 20 Ct. Cl. 278; Cox v. Curwen, 118 Mass. 200; Halsey v. Pateron,

This term, in its commonly accepted sense, means executors and administrators; but it may have a wider meaning according to the intention of the person using it, and may include heirs, next of kin, descendants, assigns, grantors, receivers, and trustees in insolvency. See Griswold v. Sawyer, 125 N. Y. 411, 26 N. E. 494; Wells v. Benes, 86 Mo. App. 294; Staples v. Lewis, 71 Conn. 223, 1 Atl. 818; Baynes v. Ottay, 1 Mylne & K. 405; In re Wilcox & Howe Co., 70 Conn. 220, 39 Atl. 163; -- Real representative. He who represents or stands in the place of another, with respect to his real property, is so termed, in contradistinction to him who stands in the place of another, with regard to his personal property, and who is termed the "personal representative." Thus the heir is the real representative of his deceased ancestor. Brown. -- Representative action or suit. A representative action or suit is one brought by a member of a class of persons on behalf of himself and the other members of the class. In the proceedings before judgment the plaintiff is, as a rule, dominus litis, (q. v.) and may discontinue or compromise the action as he pleases. Sweet. -- Representative democracy. A form of government where the powers of the sovereignty are delegated to a body of men, elected from time to time, who exercise them for the benefit of the whole nation. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 31. -- Representative peers. Those who, at the commencement of every new parliament, are elected to represent Scotland and Ireland in the British house of lords; sixteen for the former and twenty-eight for the latter country. Brown.

REPRIEVE. In criminal law. The withdrawing of a sentence of death for an interval of time, whereby the execution is suspended. 4 Bl. Comm. 394. And see Butler v. State, 97 Ind. 374; Sterling v. Drake, 29 Ohio St. 460, 23 Am. Rep. 702; In re Buchanan, 146 N. Y. 264, 40 N. E. 883.

REPRIMAND. A public and formal censure or severe reproof, administered to a person in fault by his superior officer or by a body to which he belongs. Thus, a member of a legislative body may be reprimanded by the presiding officer, in pursuance of a vote of censure, for improper conduct in the house. So a military officer, in some cases, is punished by a reprimand administered by his commanding officer, or by the secretary of war.

REPRISALS. The forcibly taking a thing by one nation which belonged to another, in return or satisfaction for an injury committed by the latter on the former. Vattel, b. 2, c. 18, a. 342.

REPRISES. In English law. Deductions and duties which are yearly paid out of a manor and lands, as rent-charge, rent seck, pensions, corrodies, annuities, etc., so that, when the clear yearly value of a manor is spoken of, it is said to be so much per annum plus reprises, besides all reprises. Cowell. See Delaware & H. Canai Co. v. Von Storch, 106 Pa. 102, 46 Atl. 375.

REPROBATA PECUNIA LIBERAT SOLVENTEM. Money refused (the refusal of money tendered) releases him who pays, [or tenders it.] 9 Coke, 705a.

REPROBATION. In ecclesiastical law. The interposition of objections or exceptions; as, to the competency of witnesses, to the due execution of instruments offered in evidence and the like.

REPROBATION, ACTION OF. In Scotch law. An action or proceeding intended to convict a witness of perjury, to which the witness must be made a party. Bell.

REP-SILVER. In old records. Money paid by servile tenants for exemption from the customary duty of reap ing for the lord. Cowell.

REPUBLIC. A commonwealth; a form of government which derives all its powers directly or indirectly from the general body of citizens, and in which the executive power is lodged in officers chosen by and representing the people, and holding office for a limited period, or at most during good behavior or at the pleasure of the people, and in which the legislative power may be (and in modern republics is) intrusted to a representative assembly. See Federalist, No. 39; Republic of Mexico v. De Arangoit, 5 Duer (N. Y.) 636; State v. Harris, 2 Bailey (S. C.) 559.

In a wider sense, the state, the common weal, the whole organized political community, without reference to the form of government; as in the maxim interregnum oppugnorum est sit finis sitium. Co. Litt. 303.

REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT. A government in the republican form; a government of the people; a government by representatives chosen by the people. See In re Duncan, 139 U. S. 449, 11 Sup. Ct. 573, 35 L. Ed. 219; Eckerson v. Des Moines, 137 Iowa, 452, 115 N. W. 177; Minor v. Happer seitt, 21 Wall. 175, 22 L. Ed. 627; Kadderly v. Portland, 44 Or. 115, 74 Pac. 710.

REPUBLICATION. The re-execution or re-establishment by a testator of a will which he had once revoked. A second publication of a will, either expressly or by construction.

REPUTABLE. To put away, reject, disclaim, or renounce a right, duty, obligation, or privilege.
**REPUDIATION.** Rejection; disclaimer; renunciation; the rejection or refusal of an offered or available right or privilege, or of a duty or relation. See Iowa State Sav. Bank v. Black, 91 Iowa, 490, 59 N. W. 283; Daley v. Saving Ass'n, 178 Mass. 13, 59 N. E. 452. The refusal on the part of a state or government to pay its debts, or its declaration that its obligations, previously contracted, are no longer regarded by it as of binding force.

**In the civil law.** The casting off or putting away of a woman betrothed; also, but less usually, of a wife; divorce.

**In ecclesiastical law.** The refusal to accept a benefice which has been conferred upon the party repudiating.

**REPUDIUM.** Lat. In Roman law. A breaking off of the contract of espousals, or of a marriage intended to be solemnized. Sometimes translated “divorce;” but this was not the proper sense. Dig. 50, 16, 191.

**REPUGNANCY.** An inconsistency, opposition, or contrariety between two or more clauses of the same deed or contract, or between two or more material allegations of the same pleading. See Lehman v. U. S., 127 Fed. 45, 61 C. C. A. 577; Swan v. U. S., 3 Wyo. 151, 9 Pac. 931.

**REPUGNANT.** That which is contrary to what is stated before, or insensible. A repugnant condition is void.

Reputatio est vulgaris opinio ubi non est veritas. Et vulgaris opinio est duplex, tell: Opinio vulgarius orta inter gravetes et discretos homines, et quae vulgum veritatis habet; et opinio tan-tum orta inter levos et vulgares homines, absque specie veritatis. Reputatio is common opinion where there is not truth. And common opinion is of two kinds, to-wit: Common reputation arising among grave and sensible men, and which has the appearance of truth; and mere opinion arising among foolish and ignorant men, without any appearance of truth. 4 Coke, 107.

**REPUTATION.** A person’s credit, honor, character, good name. Injuries to one’s reputation, which is a personal right, are defamatory and malicious words, libels, and malicious indictments or prosecutions.

Reputation of a person is the estimate in which he is held by the public in the place where he is known. Cooper v. Greeley, 1 Denio (N. Y.) 347.

In the law of evidence, matters of public and general interest, such as the boundaries of counties or towns, rights of common, claims of highway, etc., are allowed to be proved by general reputation; e.g., by the declaration of deceased persons made anteitem motum, by old documents, etc., notwithstanding the general rule against secondary evidence. Best, Ev. 632.

**REPUTED.** Accepted by general, vulgar, or public opinion. Thus, land may be reputed part of a manor, though not really so, and a certain district may be reputed a parish or a manor, or be a parish or a manor in reputation, although it is in reality no parish or manor at all. Brown.

**Reputed owner, see Owner.**

**REQUEST.** An asking or petition; the expression of a desire to some person for something to be granted or done; particularly for the payment of a debt or performance of a contract.

The two words, “request” and “require,” as used in notices to creditors to present claims against an estate, are of the same origin, and virtually synonymous. Prentice v. Whitney, 8 Hun (N. Y.) 300.

**In pleading.** The statement in the plaintiff’s declaration that the particular payment or performance, the failure of which constitutes the cause of action, was duly requested or demanded of the defendant.

**Request, letters of.** In English law. Many suits are brought before the Dean of the Arches in original judges, the cognizance of which properly belongs to inferior jurisdictions within the province, but in respect of which the inferior judge has waived his jurisdiction under a certain form of proceeding known in the common law by the denomination of “letters of request.” 3 Steph. Comm. 300.—Request note. In English law. A note requesting permission to remove dutiable goods from one place to another without paying the excise.—Requests, courts of. See COUNTS OF REQUESTS.—Special request. A request actually made, at a particular time and place. This term is used in contradistinction to a general request, which need not state the time when nor place where made. 3 Bouv. Inst. no. 2543.

**REQUISITION.** A demand in writing, or formal request or requirement. Balm v. State, 61 Ala. 79; Atwood v. Charlton, 21 R. I. 568, 45 Atl. 580.

**In international law.** The formal demand by one government upon another, or by the governor of one of the United States upon the governor of a sister state, of the surrender of a fugitive criminal.

**In Scotch law.** A demand made by a creditor that a debt be paid or an obligation fulfilled. Bell.

**Requisitions on title, in English conveyancing, are written inquiries made by the solicitor of an intending purchaser of land, or of any estate or interest therein, and addressed to the vendor’s solicitor, in respect of some apparent insufficiency in the abstract of title. Mosley & Whitley.”

**REREFIEFS.** In Scotch law. Inferior reliefs; portions of a relie or feud granted out to inferior tenants. 2 Bl. Comm. 57.

**Resum ordo confunditur si unamque jurisdicte non servetur.** 4 Inst. Proem. The order of things is confounded if every one preserve not his jurisdiction.
RES. Lat. In the civil law. A thing; an object. As a term of the law, this word has a very wide and extensive signification, including not only things which are objects of property, but also such as are not capable of individual ownership. See Inst. 2, 1, pr. 2. And in old English law it is said to have a general import, comprehending both corporeal and incorporeal things of whatever kind, nature, or species. 3 Inst. 182. See Bract. fol. 76.

By "res," according to the modern civilians, is meant everything that may form an object of rights, in opposition to "persona," which is regarded as a subject of rights. "Res," therefore, in its general meaning, comprises actions of all kinds; while in its restricted sense it comprehends every object of right, except actions. Mackeld. Rom. Law. § 146. This has reference to the fundamental division of the Institutes that all law relates either to persons, to things, or to actions. Inst. 1, 2, 12.

In modern usage, the term is particularly applied to an object, subject-matter, or status, considered as the defendant in an action, or as the object against which, directly, proceedings are taken. Thus, in a prize case, the captured vessel is "the res." And proceeding from this characteristic, is to be the term. (See In Personam; In Rem.) "Res" may also denote the action or proceeding, as when a cause, which is not between adversary parties, is entitled "In re ____."

Classification. Things (reses) have been variously divided and classified in law, c. g. in the following ways: (1) Corporeal and incorporeal things; (2) movables and immovables; (3) reses mancipi and reses nec mancipi; (4) things real and things personal; (5) things in possession and things in action; (6) things in seon; (7) fungible and things not fungible. (fungibilis est non fungibilis) and (7) reses singulare and reses pluralis, (i.e., individual objects) and universae res, (i.e., aggregates of things). Also persons are for some purposes and in certain respects regarded as things. Brown.

RES accessorius. In the civil law. An accessory thing; that which has none but a principal thing for its object in connection with it, i.e., res adjudicata. A common but indefensible misleading of res judicata. The latter term designates a point or question or subject-matter which was in controversy or dispute and has been authoritatively and finally settled by the decision of a court. RES ADJUDICATA (if there be such a term) could mean an article or subject of property "awarded to" a given person by the judgment of a court, which might perhaps be the case in replevin and similar actions. RES EXCELSA.

In the civil law. A fallen or escheated thing; an escheat. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 8, no. 60. RES COMMUNES. In the civil law. Things common to all; that is, those things which are used and enjoyed by every one, even in simple parts, but can never be exclusively acquired by an individual, e. g. public air. Inst. 2, 1, 1; Mackeld. Rom. Law. § 160.

RES CORONAE. In the civil law. A matter controverted; a thing in question; a question in question; a question for determination. Calvin.

RES CORPORAE. In the civil law. Corporeal things; things which can be touched, or are susceptible of the senses. Dig. 1, 8, 1, 1; Inst. 2, 2; Bract. fol. 79, 109, 130.

RES EXCELSA. Abandoned property; property thrown away or forsaken by the owner, so as to become open to the acquisition of the first finder. See Rhodes v. Whitehead, 27 Tex. 313, 84 Am. Dec. 631.

RES FUNGIBILES. In the civil law. Fungible things; things of such a nature that they can be replaced by equal quantities and qualities when returning a loan or delivering goods purchased, for example, so many bushels of wheat or so many dollars; but a particular horse or a particular jewel would not be of this character. RES FURTIVAE. In Scotch law. Goods which have been stolen. Bell. RES GESTAE. Things, their transactions, or circumstances surrounding the subject. The circumstances, facts, and declarations which grow out of the main fact, are contemporaneous with it, and serve to illustrate it and substantiate it. See Stirling v. Buckingham, 46 Conn. 464; Ft. Smith Oil Co. v. Slover, 58 Ark. 168, 24 S. W. 106; State v. Bower, 94 Iowa 672, 230; Davids v. People, 192 Ill. 176, 71 N. E. 537; Hall v. State, 48 Ga. 607; Railway Co. v. Moore, 24 Tex. Civ. App. 489, 69 S. W. 282.

RES HABITAT. In the civil law. Things which are prescribable; things to which a lawful title may be acquired by ordinary prescription. RES IMMOBILE. In the civil law. Immovable things, including land and that which is connected therewith, either by nature or art, such as trees and buildings. Mackeld. Rom. Law. § 160. RES INCORPORAE. In the civil law. Incorporeal things; things which cannot be touched; such as those things which consist in right. Inst. 2, 2; Bract. fol. 79, 109. Such things as the right of use, the right of estratagem. A whole thing; a new or unowned thing. The term is applied to those points of law which have not been decided, and are not touched by dictum or decision. 3 Mer. 269.

RES INTER ALIOS ACTA. A thing done between others, or between third parties or strangers. See Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R. R. Co. v. Schaeffer, 156 Ill. 446, 71 N. E. 1050. RES IPSE LIQUITUR. The thing speaks for itself. A phrase used in actions for injury by negligence where no proof of negligence is required beyond the accident itself which is such as necessarily to involve negligence; e. g., a collision between two trains upon the railroad. H. & R. Co. v. Evening Star, 88 Md. 52, 40 Atl. 1067, 41 L. R. A. 478. Grif- Fen v. Manice, 106 N. Y. 188, 59 N. E. 925, 32 L. R. A. 922, 82 Am. St. Rep. 690; Exxorador Electric Co. v. C. & E. Ry. Co., 67 N. J. L. 553; Atlantic v. Houston v. Brush, 80 Vt. 531, 29 Atl. 380; Scott v. London, etc., Docka Co., 3 Hurl. & C. 590; RES JUDICATA. A matter adjudged; a thing judicially acted upon or decided; a thing or matter settled by judgment. A phrase of the civil law, constantly quoted in the books. 2 Kent, Comm. 120. RES LEGITINUM. In Roman law, things which are in litigation; property or rights which constitute the subject-matter of a pending action or suit. In modern law. Certain classes of things which could not be alienated or transferred except by means of a certain formal ceremony of conveyance. In the United States, they include choses in land, houses, slaves, horses, and cattle. All other things were called "res nec mancipi." The distinction was abolished by Justinian.
Res mobiles. In the civil law. Movable things; things which may be transported from one place to another, without injury to their substance and form. Things corresponding with the chattels personal of the common law. 2 Kent, Comm. 347. —Res nos. A new matter; a new case; a question not before decided. —Res nullius. The property of nobody. A thing which has no owner, either because a former owner has finally abandoned it, or because it has never been appropriated by any person, or because (in the Roman law) it is not subject to private ownership. —Res perit domino. A phrase used to express that, when a thing is lost or destroyed, it is lost to the person who was the owner of it at the time. Broom, Max. 238. —Res privati. In the civil law. Things the property of one or more individuals. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 157. —Res publicae. Things belonging to the public; public property; such as the sea, navigable rivers, highways, etc. —Res quotidiane. Every-day matters; familiar points or questions. —Res religiosae. Things pertaining to religion. In Roman law, especially, burial-places, which were regarded as sacred, and could not be the subjects of commerce. —Res sacrae. In the civil law. Sacred things. Things consecrated by the pontiffs to the service of God; such as sacred edifices, and gifts or offerings. Inst. 2, 1, 8. Chalices, crosses, censers. Bract. fol. 8. —Res sanctae. In the civil law. Holy things; such as the walls and gates of a city. Inst. 2, 1, 10. Walls were said to be holy, because any offense against them was punished capitally. Bract. fol. 8. —Res universitatis. In the civil law. Things belonging to a community, (as, to a municipality,) the use and enjoyment of which, according to their proper purpose, is free to every member of the community, but which cannot be appropriated to the exclusive use of any individual: such as the public buildings, streets, etc. Inst. 2, 1, 6; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 170.


Res accessoria sequitur rem principalem. Broom, Max. 491. The accessory follows the principal.

Res denominatur a principali parte. 9 Coke, 47. The thing is named from its principal part.

Res est misera ubi jus est vagum et incertum. 2 Salk. 512. It is a wretched state of things when law is vague and mutable.

Res generalis habet significationem quia tam corpora quam incorpora curjusque sunt generalis, naturae sive speciei, comprehendit. 3 Inst. 182. The word "thing" has a general signification, because it comprehends corporeal and incorporeal objects, of whatever nature, sort, or species.

Res inter alios acta alteri nocere non debit. Things done between strangers ought not to injure those who are not parties to them. Co. Litt. 132; Broom, Max. 954, 957.
menced between two others; as, in an action by tenant for life or years, he in the reversion might come in and pray to be received to defend the land, and to plead with the demandant. Cowell.

Rescind of hommage. The lord's receiving hommage of his tenant at his admission to the land. Kitch. 148.


RESCISSIO. Lat. In the civil law. An annulling; avoiding, or making void; abrogation; rescission. Cod. 4, 44.

RESCISSION. Recission, or the act of rescinding, is where a contract is canceled, annulled, or abrogated by the parties, or one of them.

In Spanish law, nullity is divided into absolute and relative. The former is that which arises from a law, whether civil or criminal, the principle reason for which is the public interest; and the latter is that which affects only certain individuals. "Nullity" is not to be confounded with "rescission." Nulility takes place when the act is affected by a radical vice, which prevents it from producing any effect; as where an act is in contradiction of the laws or of good morals, or where it has been executed by a person who cannot be supposed to have any will, as a child under the age of seven years, or a madman, 

In Spain, rescission means to revoke a judgment or settlement of a court. Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 281, citing Escribia.

RESCISSORY ACTION. In Scotch law. One to rescind or annul a deed or contract.

RESCOUS. Rescue. The taking back by force of goods which had been taken under a distress, or the violently taking away a man who is under arrest, and setting him at liberty, or otherwise procuring his escape, are both so denominated. This was also the name of a writ which lay in cases of rescue. Co. Litt. 100; 3 Bl. Comm. 149; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 100; 9 Mees. & W. 694.

RESCRIPT. In canon law. A term including any form of apostolical letter emanating from the pope. The answer of the pope in writing. Dict. Drotl Can.

In the civil law. A species of imperial constitutions, being the answers of the prince BL. LAW DICT. (2d Ed.)—45

in individual cases, chiefly given in response to inquiries by parties in relation to litigated suits, or to inquiries by the judges, and which became rules for future litigated or doubtful legal questions. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 46.

At common law. A counterpart, duplicate, or copy.


The written statement by an appellate court of its decision in a case, with the reasons therefor, sent down to the trial court.

RESCRIPTION. In French law. A description by which one requests some one to pay a certain sum of money, or to account for him to a third person for it. Poith. Cont. de Chano, no. 225.

RESCRIPTUM. Lat. In the civil law. A species of imperial constitution, in the form of an answer to some application or petition; a rescript. Calvin.

RESCUE. The act of forcibly and intentionally delivering a person from lawful arrest or imprisonment, and setting him at liberty. 4 Bl. Comm. 131; Code Ga. § 4475; Robinson v. State, 82 Ga. 533, 9 S. E. 528.

The unlawfully or forcibly taking back goods which have been taken under a distress for rent, drainage, etc. Hamlin v. Mack, 33 Mich. 108.

In admiralty and maritime law. The deliverance of property taken as prize, out of the hands of the captors, either when the captured party retakes it by their own efforts, or when, pending the pursuit or struggle, the party about to be overpowered receive reinforcements, and so escape capture.

RESCUSSOR. In old English law. A rescuer; one who commits a rescous. Cro. Jac. 419; Cowell.

RECYCT. L. Fr. Rescitt; receipt; the receiving or harboring a felon, after the commission of a crime. Brit. c. 23.

RESEALING WRIT. In English law. The second sealing of a writ by a master so as to continue it, or to cure it of an irregularity.


Reservation non debet esse de professis ipsis, quis ea concedatur, sed de redditu novo extra professam. A reservation ought not to be of the profits themselves, because they are granted, but from the new rent, apart from the profits. Co. Litt. 142.

RESERVATION. A clause in a deed or other instrument of conveyance by which the
grantor creates, and reserves to himself, some right, interest, or profit in the estate granted, which had no previous existence as such, but is first called into being by the instrument reserving it; such as rent, or an easement. Stephens v. Reynolds, 6 N. Y. 458; In re Narragansett Indians, 20 R. I. 715, 40 Atl. 347; Miller v. Lapham, 44 Vt. 435; Eugel v. Ayer, 53 Me. 448, 27 Atl. 352; Smith v. Cornell University, 21 Misc. Rep. 220, 45 N. Y. Supp. 649; Wilson v. Hibgee (C. C.) 62 Fed. 726; Hurd v. Curtis, 7 Metc. (Mass.) 110.

A "reservation" should be carefully distinguished from an "exception," the difference between the two being this: By an exception, the grantor withdraws from the effect of the grant some part of the thing itself which is in esse, and included under the terms of the grant, as one acre from a certain field, a shop or mill standing within the limits of the granted premises, and the like; whereas, a reservation, though made to the grantor, lessor, or the one creating the estate, is something arising out of the thing granted not then in esse, or some new thing created or reserved, issuing or coming out of the thing granted, and not a part of the thing itself, nor of anything issuing out of another thing. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 645.

In public land laws of the United States, a reservation is a tract of land, more or less considerable in extent, which is by public authority withdrawn from sale or settlement, and appropriated to specific public uses; such as parks, military posts, Indian lands, etc. Jackson v. Whixon, 2 Ill. 344; Meehan v. Jones (C. C.) 70 Fed. 435; Cohn v. Barnes (C. C.) 5 Fed. 331.

In practice, the reservation of a point of law is the act of the trial court in setting it aside for future consideration, allowing the trial to proceed meanwhile as if the question, had been settled one way, but subject to alteration of the judgment in case the court in banc should decide it differently.

RESET. The receiving or harboring an outlawed person. Cowell.

—Reset of theft. In Scotch law. The receiving and keeping stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, with a design of feloniously retaining them from the real owner. Alis. Cim. Law, 328.

RESETTER. In Scotch law. A receiver of stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen.

RESIDENCE. Residence, abode, or continuance.

RESIDENT. One who has his residence in a place. "Resident" and "inhabitant" are distinguishable in meaning. The word "inhabitant" implies a more fixed and permanent abode than does "resident;" and a resident may not be entitled to all the privileges or subject to all the duties of an inhabitant. Frost v. Brabin, 19 Wend. (N. Y.) 114; 31 Dec. 423.

Also a tenant, who was obliged to reside on his landlord's land, and not to depart from the same; called, also, "homme levant et couchant," and in Normandy, "ressentant de fet." —Resident freeholder. A person who resides in the particular place (town, city, county, etc.) and who owns an estate in lands therein amounting at least to a freehold interest. Damp v. Dana, 29 Wis. 427; Campbell v. Moran, 71 Neb. 615, 90 N. W. 499; State v. Komoko, 106 Ind. 74, 8 N. E. 729.—Resident magistrate. In international law. A public minister who resides at a foreign court. Resident ministers are ranked in the third class of public ministers. Wheat. Int. Law, 204, 267.

RESIDUAL. Relating to the residue; relating to the part remaining.

RESIDUARY. Pertaining to the residue; constituting the residue; giving or bequeathing the residue; receiving the residue. Riker v. Cornell, 113 N. Y. 115, 20 N. E. 602; Kerr v. Dougherty, 79 N. Y. 530; Lamb v. Lamb, 60 Hun. 577, 14 N. Y. Supp. 206.

—Residuary account. In English practice. The account which every executor and adminis-
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trator, after paying the debts and particular legacies of the deceased, and before paying over the residuum, must pass before the board of inland revenue. Mosley & Witley—Residuary clause. The clause in a will by which that part of the property is disposed of which remains after satisfying previous bequests and devises—Residuary devise and devise. See Devise—Residuary estate. The remaining part of a testator's estate and effects, after payment of debts and legacies; or that portion of his estate which has not been particularly devised or bequeathed. See Weitmore v. St. Luke's Hospital, 56 Hun, 313, 9 N. Y. Supp. 753—Residuary legacy. See Legacy.

RESIDUE. The surplus of a testator's estate remaining after all the debts and particular legacies have been discharged. 2 Bl. Comm. 514.

The "residue" of a testator's estate and effects means what is left after all liabilities are discharged, and all the purposes of the testator, specifically expressed in his will, are carried into effect. Graves v. Howard, 56 N. C. 362.

RESIDUUM. That which remains after any process of separation or deduction; a residue or balance. That which remains of a decedent's estate, after debts have been paid and legacies deducted. See Parsons v. Colgate (C. C.) 15 Fed. 603; Robinson v. Millard, 133 Mass. 230; United States Trust Co. v. Black, 9 Misc. Rep. 653, 30 N. Y. Supp. 453.

Resignatio est juris proprii spontanea refutatio. Resignation is a spontaneous relinquishment of one's own right. Godb. 284.

RESIGNATION. The act by which an officer renounces the further exercise of his office and returns the same into the hands of those from whom he received it.

In ecclesiastical law. Resignation is where a parson, vicar, or other beneficed clergyman voluntarily gives up and surrenders his charge and preeminent to those from whom he received the same. It is usually done by an instrument attested by a notary. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 517.

In Scotch law. The return of a fee into the hands of the superior. Bell.

—Resignation bond. A bond or other engagement in writing taken by a patron from the clergyman presented by him to a living, to resign the benefice at a future period. This is allowable in certain cases under St. 9 Geo. IV. c. 94, passed in 1829. 2 Steph. Comm. 721.

RESIGNEE. One in favor of whom a resignation is made. 1 Bell, Comm. 125n.

RESILINE. Lat. In old English law. To draw back from a contract before it is made binding. Bract. fol. 38.

RESIST. To oppose. This word properly describes an opposition by direct action and quasi forcible means. State v. Welch, 27 Wis. 196.


RESISTING AN OFFICER. In criminal law, the offense of obstructing, opposing, and endeavoring to prevent (with or without actual force) a peace officer in the execution of a writ or in the lawful discharge of his duty while making an arrest or otherwise enforcing the law. See Davis v. State, 76 Ga. 722; Woodworth v. State, 28 Ohio St. 200; Jones v. State, 60 Ala. 99.

RESOLUCION. In Spanish colonial law. An opinion formed by some superior authority on matters referred to its decision, and forwarded to inferior authorities for their instruction and government. Schm. Civil Law, 93, note 1.

RESOLUTION. The determination or decision, in regard to its opinion or intention, of a deliberative or legislative body, public assembly, town council, board of directors or the like. Also a motion or formal proposition offered for adoption by such a body.

In legislative practice. The term is usually employed to denote the adoption of a motion, the subject-matter of which would not properly constitute a statute; such as a mere expression of opinion; an alteration of the rules; a vote of thanks or of censure, etc. See City of Cape Girardeau v. Fouque, 30 Mo. App. 566; McDowell v. People, 204 Ill. 499, 68 N. E. 379.

In practice. The judgment of a court. 5 Mod. 438; 10 Mod. 206.

In the civil law. The cancellation or annulling, by the act of parties or judgment of a court, of an existing contract which was valid and binding, in consequence of some cause or matter arising after the making of the agreement, and not in consequence of any inherent vice or defect, which, invalidating the contract from the beginning, would be ground for rescission. 7 Toullier, no. 351.

RESOLUTIVE. In Scotch conveyancing. Having the quality or effect of resolving or extinguishing a right. Bell.

Resoluto jure concedentes resolvitur jus cessuum. The right of the grantor being extinguished, the right granted is extinguished. Mackeld. Rom. Law, 170; Broom, Max. 467.

RESOLUTORY CONDITION. See Condition.

RESORT. n. To go back. "It resorted to the line of the mother." Hale, Com. Law. c. 11.
RESORT, n. A court whose decision is final and without appeal is, in reference to the particular case, said to be a "court of last resort."

RESOURCES. Money or any property that can be converted into supplies; means of raising money or supplies; capabilities of raising wealth or to supply necessary wants; available means or capability of any kind. Ming v. Woolfolk, 3 Mont. 396; Sacry v. Lobre, 84 Cal. 41, 23 Pac. 1088; Shelby County v. Tennessee Centennial Exposition Co., 96 Tenn. 653, 36 S. W. 894, 13 L. R. A. 717.

RESPECTU COMPUITI VICEOMINITIS HABENDO. A writ for respite a sheriff's account addressed to the treasurer and barons of the eschequer. Reg. Orig. 139.

RESPECTUS. In old English and Scotch law. Respite; delay; continuance of time; postponement.

Respiciendo est judicandi ne quid ant durium aut remissus constitutatur quam causas deposesit; nec anim ant se vicissitatis aut elemenstis gloria affectanda est. The judge must see that no order be made or judgment given or sentence passed either more hastily or more milder than the case requires; he must not seek renown, either as a severe or as a tender-hearted judge.

RESPITE. The temporary suspension of the execution of a sentence; a reprieve; a delay, forbearance, or continuation of time. 4 Bl. Comm. 394; Miebler v. Com., 62 Pa. 55, 1 Am. Rep. 377.

Continuance. In English practice, a jury is said, on the record, to be "resisted" till the next term. 3 Bl. Comm. 354.

In the civil law. A respite is an act by which a debtor, who is unable to satisfy his debts at the moment, transacts (compromises) with his creditors, and obtains from them time or delay for the payment of the sums which he owes to them. The respite is either voluntary or forced. It is voluntary when all the creditors consent to the proposal, which the debtor makes, to pay in a limited time the whole or part of the debt. It is forced when a part of the creditors refuse to accept the debtor's proposal, and when the latter is obliged to compel them by judicial authority to consent to what the others have determined, in the cases directed by law, Civ. Code La. arts. 3084, 3085.

Respite of appeal. Adjourning an appeal to some future time. Brown.—Respite of hommage. To dispense with the performance of homage by tenants who held their lands in consideration of performing homage to their lords. Cowell.

RESPOND. 1. To make or file an answer to a bill, libel, or appeal, in the character of a respondent, (q. v.)

2. To be liable or answerable; to make satisfaction or amends; as, to "respond in damages."

RESPONDENT. A book kept by the directors of chancery, in which are entered all non-entry and relief duties payable by heirs who take precepts from chancery. Bell.

RESPONDENT OF DEEDS. Upon an issue in law arising upon a dilatory plea, the form of judgment for the plaintiff is that the defendant answer over, which is thence called a judgment of "respondent over." This not being a final judgment, the pleading is resumed, and the action proceeds. Steph. Pl. 116; 3 Bl. Comm. 303; Bauer v. Roth, 4 Hawle (Pa.) 61.

Respondent raptor, qui ignorare non putet quod pupillus alienum abductit. flob. 99. Let the ravisher answer, for he cannot be ignorant that he has taken away another's ward.


RESPONDENT. The party who makes an answer to a bill or other proceeding in chancery.

The party who appeals against the judgment of an inferior court is termed the "appellant;" and he who contends against the appeal, "the respondent." The word also denotes the person upon whom an ordinary petition in the court of chancery (or a libel in admiralty) is served, and who is, as it were, a defendant thereto. The term "respondent" and "co-respondent" are used in like manner in proceedings in the divorce court. Brown; Brower v. Nellis, 6 Ind. App. 323, 33 N. E. 672; Code Cr. Proc. N. Y. 1903, § 516.

In the civil law. One who answers or is security for another; a fidejussoor. Dig. 2, 8, 6.

RESPONDENTIA. The hypothecation of the cargo or goods on board a ship as security for the repayment of a loan, the term "bottomry" being confined to hypothecations of the ship herself; but now the term "respondentia" is seldom used, and the expression "bottomry" is generally employed, whether the vessel or her cargo or both be the security. Maude & P. Shipp. 438; Smith, Merc. Law, 416. See Maitland v. The Atlantic, 16 Fed. Cas. 522.

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CARGO, OR SOME PART THEREOF, IS HYPOTHETIC AS SECURITY FOR A LOAN, THE REPAYMENT OF WHICH IS DEPENDENT ON MARITIME RISKS. CIV. CODE CAL. § 3038; CIV. CODE DAK. § 1796.

RESPONDERA SON SOVERAIGNE. HIS SUPERIOR OR MASTER SHALL ANSWER. ARTICULI SUP. CHART. C. 18.

RESPONDERE NON DEBET. LAT. IN PLEADING. THE PRAYER OF A PLAINT WHERE THE DEFENDANT INSISTS HE DID NOT ANSWER, AS WHEN HE CLAIMS A PRIVILEGE; FOR EXAMPLE, AS BEING A MEMBER OF CONGRESS OR A FOREIGN AMBASSADOR. 1 CHIT. PL. *433.

RESPONSA PRUDENTUM. LAT. ANSWERS OF JURISTS; RESPONSES GIVEN UPON CASES OR QUESTIONS OF LAW REFERRED TO THEM, BY CERTAIN LEARNED ROMAN JURISTS, WHO, THOUGH NOT MAGISTRATES, WERE AUTHORIZED TO RENDER SUCH OPINIONS. THESE RESPONSA CONSTITUTED ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SOURCES OF THE EARLIER ROMAN LAW, AND WERE OF GREAT VALUE IN DEVELOPING ITS SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY. THEY HELD MUCH THE SAME PLACE OF AUTHORITY AS OUR MODERN PRECEDENTS AND REPORTS.

RESPONALIS. IN OLD ENGLISH LAW. ONE WHO APPEARED FOR ANOTHER.

IN ECCLESIASTICAL LAW. A PROCTOR.

RESPONALIS AD LUCRANDUM VEL PETENDUM. HE WHO APPEARS AND ANSWERS FOR ANOTHER IN COURT AT A DAY ASSIGNED; A PROCTOR, ATTORNEY, OR DEPUTY. 1 REEVE, ENG. LAW, 180.

RESPONSIBILITY. THE OBLIGATION TO ANSWER FOR AN ACT DONE, AND TO REPAIR ANY INJURY IT MAY HAVE CAUSED.

RESPONSIBLE. TO SAY THAT A PERSON IS "RESPONSIBLE" MEANS THAT HE IS LIABLE TO PAY A SUM FOR WHICH HE IS OR MAY BECOME LIABLE, OR TO DISCHARGE AN OBLIGATION WHICH HE MAY BE UNDER. FARLEY V. DAY, 26 N. H. 531; PEOPLE V. KENT, 190 ILL. 635, 43 N. E. 760; COM. V. MITCHELL, 82 PA. 340. A PROMISE TO BE "RESPONSIBLE" FOR THE CONTRACT OF ANOTHER IS A GUARANTY RATHER THAN A SURETYSHIP. BICKEL V. AUNER, 9 PUHLA. (PA.) 490.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT. THIS TERM GENERALLY DESIGNATES THAT SPECIES OF GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM IN WHICH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUBLIC MEASURES OR ACTS OF STATE RESTS UPON THE MINISTRY OR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WHO ARE UNDER AN OBLIGATION TO RESIGN WHEN DISAPPROPRIATION OF THEIR COURSE IS EXPRESSED BY A VOTE OF WANT OF CONFIDENCE, IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, OR BY THE DEFEAT OF AN IMPORTANT MEASURE ADVOCATED BY THEM.

RESPONSIO UNIUS NON OMINUM ANXIATUR. THE ANSWER OF ONE WITNESS SHALL NOT BE HEARD AT ALL. A MAXIM OF THE ROMAN LAW OF EVIDENCE. 1 GREENL. EV. § 290.

RESPONSIVE. ANSWERING; CONSTITUTING OR COMPRISING A COMPLETE ANSWER. A "RE-

RESPONSIVE ALLEGATION" IS ONE WHICH DIRECTLY ANSWERS THE ALLEGATION IT IS INTENDED TO MEET.

RESPERIENS. THE TAKING OF LANDS INTO THE HANDS OF THE CROWN, WHERE A GENERAL LIEN OR OUSTER LE MAIN WAS FORMERLY MISUSED.

REST, V. IN THE TRIAL OF AN ACTION, A PARTY IS SAID TO "REST," OR "REST HIS CASE," WHEN HE INTIMATES THAT HE HAS PRODUCED ALL THE EVIDENCE HE INTENDS TO OFFER AT THAT STAGE, AND SUBMITS THE CASE, EITHER FINALLY, OR SUBJECT TO HIS RIGHT TO PRESENT FURTHER EVIDENCE.

REST, S. RESTS ARE PERIODICAL BALANCING OF AN ACCOUNT, PARTICULARLY IN MORTGAGE AND TRUST ACCOUNTS, MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONVERTING INTEREST INTO PRINCIPAL, AND CHARGING THE AMOUNT THEREON WITH COMPOUND INTEREST. MORLEY & WHITLEY.

RESTAMPING WRIT. PASSING IT A SECOND TIME THROUGH THE PROPER OFFICE, WHEREUPON IT RECEIVES A NEW STAMP. 1 CHIT. ARCH. PR. 212.

RESTAUR, OR RESTOR. THE REMEDY OR RECOVERY WHICH MARINE UNDERWITERS HAVE AGAINST EACH OTHER, ACCORDING TO THE DATE OF THEIR ASSURANCES, OR AGAINST THE MASTER, IF THE LOSS ARISE THROUGH HIS DEFAULT, AS THROUGH LL LOADING, WANT OF COLDING, OR WANT OF HAVING THE VESSEL TIGHT; ALSO THE REMEDY OR RECOVERY A PERSON HAS AGAINST HIS GUARDIAN OR OTHER PERSON WHO IS TO INDEMNIFY HIM FROM ANY DAMAGE SUSTAINED. ENC. LOWN.

RESTAURANT. THIS TERM, AS CURRENTLY UNDERSTOOD, MEANS ONLY, OR CHEF, AN EATING-HOUSE; BUT IT HAS NO SUCH FIXED AND DEFINITE LEGAL MEANING AS NECESSARILY TO EXCLUDE ITS BEING AN "INN" IN THE LEGAL SENSE. LEWIS V. HITCHCOCK (D. C.) 10 FED. 4.

RESTITUTIO IN INTEGRUM. LAT. IN THE CIVIL LAW. RESTORATION OR RESTITUTION TO THE PREVIOUS CONDITION. THIS WAS EFFECTED BY THE PRIEST ON EQUITABLE GROUNDS, AT THE REQUEST OF AN INJURED PARTY, BY RESCINDING OR ANNULING A CONTRACT OR TRANSACTION VALID BY THE STRICT LAW, OR ANNULING A CHANGE IN THE LEGAL CONDITION PRODUCED BY AN OMISSION, AND RESTORING THE PARTIES TO THEIR PREVIOUS SITUATION OR LEGAL RELATIONS. DIG. 4, 1; MACKEILD. ROM. LAW, § 290.

THE RESTORATION OF A CAUSE TO ITS FIRST STATE, ON PETITION OF THE PARTY WHO WAS CAST, IN ORDER TO HAVE A SECOND HEARING. HALLIFAX, CIVIL LAW, B. 5, C. 9, NO. 49.

RESTITUTION. IN MARITIME LAW. WHEN A PORTION OF A SHIP'S CARGO IS LOST BY JETTISON, AND THE REMAINDER SAVED, AND THE ARTICLES SO LOST ARE REPLACED BY A GENERAL CONTRIBUTION AMONG THE OWNERS OF THE CARGO, THIS IS CALLED "RESTITUTION."

IN PRACTICE. THE RETURN OF SOMETHING TO THE OWNER OF IT OR TO THE PERSON ENTITLED TO
RESTITUTION


If, after money has been levied under a writ of execution, the judgment be reversed by writ of error, or set aside, the party against whom the execution was sued out shall have restitution. 2 Tind, Pr. 1033; 1 Burrill, Pr. 292. So, on conviction of a felon, immediate restitution of such of the goods stolen as are brought into court will be ordered to be made to the several prosecutaors. 4 Steph. Comm. 454.

In equity: Restitution is the restoration of both parties to their original condition, (when practicable,) upon the rescission of a contract for fraud or similar cause.

Restitution of Conjugal Rights. In English ecclesiastical law, a species of matrimonial cause or suit which is brought whenever either a husband or wife is guilty of the injury of subtraction, or lives separate from the other without any sufficient reason; in which case the ecclesiastical jurisdiction will compel them to come together again, if either party be weak enough to desire it, contrary to the inclination of the other. 3 Bl. Comm. 94—Restitution of Minors. In Scotch law. A minor on attaining majority may obtain relief against a deed previously executed by him, which may be held void or voidable according to circumstances. This is called "restitution of minors." Bell—Writ of restitution. In practice. A writ which lies, after the reversal of a judgment, to restore a party to all that he has lost by occasion of the judgment. 2 Tind, Pr. 1180.

RESTITUTIONE EXTRACTI AB ECCLESIA. A writ to restore a man to the church which he had recovered for his sanctuary, being suspected of felony. Reg. Orig. 69.

RESTITUTIONE TEMPORALUM. A writ addressed to the sheriff, to restore the temporalities of a bishopric to the bishop elected and confirmed. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 169.

RESTRAIN. To limit, confine, abridge, narrow down, or restrict.

To prohibit from action; to put compulsion upon; to restrict; to hold or press back. To enjoin. (In equity.)

RESTRAINING ORDER. An order in the nature of an injunction. See Orders.

RESTRAINING POWERS. Restrictions or limitations imposed upon the exercise of a power by the donor thereof.

RESTRAINING STATUTE. A statute which restrains the common law, where it is too lax and luxuriant. 1 Bl. Comm. 87. Statutes restraining the powers of corporations in regard to leases have been so called in England. 2 Bl. Comm. 319, 320.

RESTRAINT. Confinement, abridgment, or limitation. Prohibition of action; holding or pressing back from action. Hindrance, confinement, or restriction of liberty.

"What, then, according to a common understanding, is the meaning of the term 'restraint'? Does it imply that the limitation, restriction, or confinement must be imposed by those who are in possession of the person to whom which is limited, restricted, or confined, or is the term satisfied by a restriction created by the application of external force? If, for example, a vessel is to be besieged, and the inhabitants confined within its walls by the besieging army, if, in attempting to come out, they are forced back, would the law say that they are restrained within those limits? The court believes that it would not; and, if it would not, then with equal propriety it might be said, when a port is blockaded, that the vessels within are confined, or restrained from coming out. The blockading force is not in possession of the vessels inclosed in the harbor, but it acts upon and restrains them. It is a vis major, applied directly and effectually to them, which prevents them from coming out the port. This appears to be, in correct language, 'a restraint,' by the power imposing the blockade; and when a vessel, attempting to come out, is boarded and turned back, it is correctly said to be 'restrained,' correctly applied to such vessel." Olivera v. Union Ins. Co., 3 Wheat. 189, 4 L. Ed. 365.

The terms "restraint" and "detention of princes," as used in policies of marine insurance, have the same meaning,—that of the effect of superior force, operating directly on the vessel. So long as the vessel is detained, it is said to be "in the harbor," "in port," "in the haven." If she is detained; and, whenever she is detained, she is under restraint. Richardson v. Insurance Co. 6 Mass. 102, 4 Am. Dec. 82.

Restraint of Marriage. A contract, covenant, bond, or devise is "in restraint of marriage" when its conditions unreasonably hamper or restrict the party's freedom to marry, or his choice, or under which he should not be permitted to marry. "Restrain of Trade. Contracts or combinations in restraint of trade are such as tend or are designed to eliminate or stifle competition, effect a monopoly, artificially restrict prices, or otherwise hamper or obstruct the course of trade and commerce as it would be carried on without the control of natural and economic forces. See U. S. v. Trans-Missouri Freight Ass'n, 106 U. S. 290, 17 Sup. Ct. 540, 41 L. Ed. 1007; Hodge v. Sloan, 107 N. Y. 244, 17 N. E. 366, 1 Am. St. Rep. 816. With reference to contracts between individuals, a restraint of trade is said to be "general" or "special." A contract which forbids the grantee to employ his talents, industry, or capital in any undertaking within the limits of the state or country is in "general" restraint of trade; if it forbids him to employ himself in a designated trade or business, either for a limited time or within a prescribed area or district, it is in "special" restraint of trade. See Holbrook v. Waters, 9 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 337. Restraint on alienation is where property is given to a married woman to her separate use, without power of alienation.

RESTRICTION. In the case of land registered under the English land transfer act, 1875, a restriction is an entry on the register made on the application of the registered proprietor of the land, the effect of which is to prevent the transfer of the land or the creation of any charge upon it, unless notice of the application for a transfer or charge be
Restrictive Indorsement

Retainer. The right of retainer is the right which the executor or administrator of a deceased person has to retain out of the assets sufficient to pay any debt due to him from the deceased in priority to the other creditors, when the debts are a personal interest. 3 Steph. Comm. 263; Miller v. Irby, 83 Ala. 463; Taylor v. Debilos, 23 Fed. Cas. 765.

2. In English practice, a "retainer," as applied to an attorney, is commonly used to signify a notice given to a counsel by an attorney on behalf of the plaintiff or a defendant in an action, in order to secure his services as advocate when the cause comes on for trial. Holtthouse v. Agnew v. Walden, 84 Ala. 502; South. 672; Blackman v. Webb, 38 Kan. 683, 17 Pac. 404.

3. A servant, not mendal or familiar,—that is, not continually dwelling in the house of his master, but only wearing his livery, and attending sometimes upon special occasions,—is, in old English usage, called a "retaining." Cowell.

General retainer. A general retainer of an attorney or solicitor "merely gives a right to expect professional service when requested, but none which is not requested. It binds the person retained not to take a fee from another against his retainer, but to do nothing except what he is asked to do, and for this he is to be distinctly paid." Rhode Island Exch. Bank v. Hawkins, 8 R. I. 206; Special retainer. An engagement or retainer of an attorney or solicitor for a special and designated purpose, as to prepare and try a particular case. Agnew v. Walden, 84 Ala. 502; South. 672.

Retaking. The taking one's goods, from another, who without right has taken possession thereof.

Retaliation. The les talionis. (q. v.)

Retallia. In old English law. Retal; the cutting up again, or division of a commodity into smaller parts.

Retenementum. In old English law. Restraint; detention; withholding.

Retention. In Scotch law. A species of lien; the right to retain possession of a chattel until the lienor is satisfied of his claim upon the article itself or its owner.

Retinentia. A retinue, or persons retained by a prince or nobleman. Cowell.

Retire. As applied to bills of exchange, this word is ambiguous. It is commonly used of an indorser who takes up a bill by handing the amount to a transferee, after which the indorser holds the instrument with all his remedies intact. But it is sometimes used of an acceptor, by whom, when a bill is taken up or retired at maturity, it is its effect paid, and all the remedies on it extinguished. Byles, Bills, 215. See Blam v. Denny, 15 C. B. 94.

RETONNA BREVIUM. The return of writs. The indorsement by a sheriff or other officer of his doings upon a writ.

RETONO HABENDO. A writ that lies for the distrainor of goods (when, on reprieve brought, he has proved his distress to be a lawful one) against him who was so distrained, to have them returned to him according to law, together with damages and costs. Brown.

RETORSION. In international law. A species of retaliation, which takes place where a government, whose citizens are subjected to severe and stringent regulation or harsh treatment by a foreign government, employs measures of equal severity and harshness upon the subjects of the latter government found within its dominions. See Vattel, lib. 2, c. 18, § 341.

RETOUR. In Scotch law. To return a writ to the office in chancery from which it issued.

RETOUR OF SERVICE. In Scotch law. A certified copy of a verdict establishing the legal character of a party as heir to a decedent.

RETOUR SANS FRAIS. Fr. In French law. A formula put upon a bill of exchange to signify that the drawer waives protest, and will not be responsible for costs arising thereon. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 573.

RETOUR SANS PROTÉT. Fr. Return without protest. A request or direction by a drawer of a bill of exchange that, should the bill be dishonored by the drawee, it may be returned without protest.

RETRACT. To take back. To retract an offer is to withdraw it before acceptance, which the offerer may always do.

RETRACTATION, in probate practice, is a withdrawal of a renunciation, (q. v.)

RETRACTO O TANTEO. In Spanish law. The right of revoking a contract of sale; the right of redemption of a thing sold. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 13, c. 2, § 4.

RETRACTUS AGUE. Lat. The ebb or return of a tide. Cowell.

RETRACTUS FEUDALIS. L. Lat. In old Scotch law. The power which a superior possessed of paying off a debt due to an adjudging creditor, and taking a conveyance to the adjudication. Bell.

RETRAIT. Fr. In old French and Canadian law. The taking back of a fief by the seignior, in case of alienation by the vassal. A right of pre-emption by the seignior, in case of sale of the land by the grantee.

RETRAXIT. Lat. In practice. An open and voluntary renunciation by a plaintiff of his suit in court, made when the trial is called on, by which he forever loses his action, or is barred from commencing another action for the same cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 296; 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 250. A retrait is the open, public, and voluntary renunciation by the plaintiff, in open court, of his suit or cause of action, and if this is done by the plaintiff, and a judgment entered thereon by the defendant, the plaintiff's right of action is forever gone. Code Ga. 1882, § 3445. And see U. S. v. Parker, 120 U. S. 88, 7 Sup. Ct. 454, 30 L. Ed. 601; Pethel v. McCullough, 49 W. Va. 520, 39 S. E. 199; Westbay v. Gray, 116 Cal. 690, 48 Pac. 800; Russell v. Rolfe, 50 Ala. 57; Lowry v. McMillan, 8 Pa. 163, 49 Am. Dec. 501; Broward v. Roche, 21 Fla. 477.

RETRIEVING TO THE WALL. In the law relating to homicide in self-defense, this phrase means that the party must avail himself of any apparent and reasonable avenues of escape by which his danger might be averted, and the necessity of slaying his assailant avoided. People v. Iams, 57 Cal. 120.

RETRIBUTION. This word is sometimes used in law, though not commonly in modern times, as the equivalent of "recompense," or a payment or compensation for services, property, use of an estate, or other value received.

RETRO. Lat. Back; backward; behind. Retrofeodum, a rerelief, or arriere fief. Spenman.

RETROACTIVE has the same meaning as "retrospective," (q. v.)

RETROCESSION. In the civil law. When the assignee of heritable rights conveys his rights back to the cedent, it is called a "retrocession." Esk. Inst. 3, 5, 1.

RETROACTIVE. Looking back; contemplating what is past.

—Retrospective law. A law which looks backward or contemplates the past; one which is made to affect acts or facts transpiring, or rights accruing, before it came into force. Every statute which takes away or impairs vested rights acquired under existing laws, or creates a new obligation, imposes a new duty, or attaches a new disability in respect to transactions or considerations already past, must be deemed retrospective. See Ex Puer Farcro. And see Deland v. Platte Co., (C. C.) 54 Fed. 832; Poole v. Fleeger, 11 Pet. 198, 9 L. Ed. 800; Nurnes v. Carter, 114 U. S. 511, 5 Sup. Ct. 1014, 29 L. Ed. 240; Merrill v. Sheh burn,
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RETTE. L Fr. An accusation or charge. St. Westm. 1, c. 2.

RETURN. The act of a sheriff, constable, or other ministerial officer, in delivering back to the court a writ, notice, or other paper, which he was required to serve or execute, with a brief account of his doings under the mandate, the time and mode of service or execution, or his failure to accomplish it, as the case may be. Also the indorsement made by the officer upon the writ or other paper, stating what he has done under it, the time and mode of service, etc.

The report made by the court, body of magistrates, returning board, or other authority charged with the official counting of the votes cast at an election.

In English practice, the election of a member of parliament is called his "return."

False return. A return to a writ, in which the officer charged with it falsely reports that he served it, when he did not, or makes some other false or incorrect statement, whereby injury results to a person interested. State v. Jenkins, 170 Mo. 16, 70 S. W. 132.—General return-day. The day for the general return of all writs of summons, subpoenas, etc., running to a particular term of the court.—Return-book. The book containing the list of members returned to the house of commons. May, Parl. Fr.—Return-day. The day named in a writ or process, upon which the officer is required to return it.—Return irrepugnable. A writ allowed by the statute of Westm. 2, c. 2, to a defendant who had had judgment upon verdict or demurrer in an action of replevin, or after the plaintiff had, on a writ of second deliverance, become a second time nonsuit in such action. By this writ the goods were returned to the defendant, and the plaintiff was restrained from suing out a fresh replevin. Previously to this statute, an unsuccessful plaintiff might bring actions of replevin in aliquotiam, in reference to the same matter. 3 Bl. Comm. 150.—Return of premium. The repayment of the whole or a ratable part of the premium paid for a policy of insurance, upon the cancellation of the contract before the time fixed for its expiration.—Return of writs. In practice. A short account, in writing, made by the sheriff, or other ministerial officer, of the manner in which he has executed a writ. Steph. Pl. 24.

RETURNABLE. In practice. To be returned; requiring a return. When a writ is said to be "returnable" on a certain day, it is meant that on that day the officer must return it.

RETURNING BOARD. This is the official title in some of the states of the board of canvassers of elections.

RETURNING FROM TRANSPORTATION. Coming back to England before the term of punishment is determined.


RETURNUM AVERIORUM. A judicial writ, similar to the returno habendo. Cowell.

RETURNUM IRREPUGNABLE. A judicial writ addressed to the sheriff for the final restitution or return of cattle to the owner when unjustly taken or detained, and so found by verdict. It is granted after a nonsuit in a second deliverance. Reg. Jud. 27.

REUS. Lat. In the civil and canon law. The defendant in an action or suit. A person judicially accused of a crime; a person criminally proceeded against. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 13, no. 7. A party to a suit, whether plaintiff or defendant; a litigant. This was the ancient sense of the word. Calvin. A party to a contract. Reus stipulandi, a party stipulating; the party who asked the question in the form prescribed for stipulations. Reus promissendi, a party promising; the party who answered the question.

Reus excipiendae in acto. The defendant, by excepting or pleading, becomes a plaintiff; that is, where, instead of simply denying the plaintiff's action, he sets up some new matter in defense, he is bound to establish it by proof, just as a plaintiff is bound to prove his cause of action. Bonnler, Tr. des Freures, §§ 152, 320; Best, Ev. p. 294, § 252.

Reus lesem majestatis punitur at percat um no percat omnes. A traitor is punished that one may die lest all perish. 4 Coke, 124.

REVE. In old English law. The bailiff of a franchise or manor; an officer in parishes within forests, who marks the commonable cattle. Cowell.

REVE MOTE. In Saxon law. The court of the reve, reeve, orshire reeve. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 6.

REVEL. A criminal complaint charged that the defendant did "revel, quarrel, commit mischief, and otherwise behave in a disorderly manner." Held. that the word "revel" has a definite meaning; i.e., "to behave in a noisy, boisterous manner, like a bacchanal." In re Began, 12 B. I. 309.

REVELAND. The land which in Domesday is said to have been "thane-land," and afterwards converted into "reveland." It seems to have been land which, having reverted to the king after the death of the thane, who had it for life, was not granted out to any by the king, but rested in charge.
REVELS. On the account of the rev or bailiff of the

REVELS. Sports of dancing, masking, etc., formerly used in princes' courts, the
ins of court, and noblemen's houses, commonly performed by night. There was an
officer to order and supervise them, who was entitled the "master of the revels." Cowell.

REVENDICATION. In the civil law.
The right of a vendor to reclaim goods sold
out of the possession of the purchaser, where
the price was not paid. Story, Confl. Laws,
461. See Benedict v. Schaeffle, 12 Ohio
St. 520; Ellis v. Davis, 109 U. S. 485, 3 Sup.
Ct. 827, 27 L. Ed. 1096.

REVENUE. As applied to the income
of a government, this is a broad and general
term, including all public moneys which the
state collects and receives from whatever
source and in whatever manner. U. S. v.
Bromley, 12 How. 99, 13 L. Ed. 905; State
v. School Fund Com'r, 4 Kan. 268; Fletcher
v. Oliver, 25 Ark. 295.

It also designates the income of an
individual or private corporation.

-Public revenue. The revenue of the
government of the state or nation; sometimes,
perhaps, that of a municipality. —Revenue law.
Any law which provides for the assessment and
collection of a tax to defray the expenses
of the government is a revenue law. Such legis-
lation is commonly referred to under the genera-
term "revenue measures," and those measures
include all the laws by which the government
provides means for meeting its expenditures.
Payton v. Bliss, 173, Fed. Cas. No. 11,
555; The Nashville, 17 Fed. Cas. 1178; Twin
-Revenue side of the exchequer. That juris-
diction of the court of exchequer, or of the ex-
chequer division of the high court of justice, by
which it ascertains and enforces the proprietary
right of the crown against the subjects of the
realm. The practice in revenue cases is not
affected by the orders and rules under the judi-
cature act of 1873. Mosley & Whitley.

REVERSAL. The annulling or making
void a judgment on account of some error or
irregularity. Usually spoken of the action
of an appellate court.

In international law. A declaration by
which a sovereign promises that he will ob-
serve a certain order or certain conditions,
which have been once stipulated, notwithstanding any changes that may happen
to cause a deviation therefrom. Bouvier.

REVERSE, REVERSED. A term fre-
quently used in the judgments of an appel-
late court, in disposing of the case before it.
It then means "to set aside; to annul; to va-
chte." Latthe v. McDonald, 7 Kan. 264.

REVERSER. In Scotch law. The pro-
priator of an estate who grants a wadset (or
mortgage) of his lands; and who has "a right,
on repayment of the money advanced to
him, to be replaced in his right. Bell.

REVERSIBLE ERROR. See Error.

REVERSIO. L. Lat. In old English
law. The returning of land to the donor
Fleta, lib. 3, cc. 10, 12.

Reversio terrae est tangam terra
vertat in possessione donatoris, aevi
hereditibus suis post domum finitum.
C. Litt. 142. A reversion of land is, as it were,
the return of the land to the possession of the
donor or his heirs after the termina-
tion of the estate granted.

REVERSION. In real property law.
A reversion is the residue of an estate left
by operation of law in the grantor or his
heirs, or in the heirs of a testator, com-
mencing in possession on the determination
of a particular estate granted or devised.
How. St. Mich. 1852, § 552; Civ Code Cal.
§ 708; 2 Bl. Comm. 175. And see Barber
v. Bruntage, 50 App. Div. 123, 63 N. Y.
Sup. 347; Payn v. Beal, 44 N. Y. (N. S.)
411; Powell v. Railroad Co., 16 Or. 33, 18
Pac. 963, 8 Am. St. Rep. 251; Wingate v.
James, 121 Ind. 69, 22 N. E. 735; Byrne v.
Weller, 61 Ark. 306, 33 S. W. 421.

When a person has an interest in lands, and
grants a portion of that interest, or, in other
terms, a less estate than he has in himself, the
possessions of these lands shall, on the determi-
nation of the granted interest or estate, return
or revert to the grantor. This interest is what
is called the "grantor's reversion," or, more
properly, his "right of reverter," which, how-
ever, is deemed an actual estate in the land.
Watk. Conv. 16.

Where an estate is derived, by grant or other-
wise, out of a larger one, leaving in the original
owner an inferior estate immediately expectant
on that which is so derived, the ulterior interest
is called the "reversion." 1 Steph. Comm. 290.
A reversion is the residue of an estate left
in the grantor, to commence in possession after
the determination of some particular estate; while a
remainder is an estate limited to take effect
and be enjoyed after another estate is determin-

In personality. "Reversion" is also used
to denote a reversionary interest; c. g., an interest
in personal property subject to the life
interest of some other person.

In Scotch law. A reversion is a right
of redeeming landed property which has been
either mortgaged or adjudicated to secure
the payment of a debt. In the former case,
the reversion is called "conventional;" in
the latter case, it is called "legal;" and the
period of seven years allowed for redemption is
called the "legal." Bell; Paterson.

-Legal reversion. In Scotch law. The peri-
od within which a proprietor is at liberty to re-
deem land adjudged from him for debt.

REVERSIONARY. That which is to
be enjoyed in reversion.

-Reversionary interest. The interest
which a person has in the reversion of lands or
other property. A right to the future enjoy-
REVERSIONARY

REVISION CHURCH ORDINANCES: An offense against religion punishable in England by fine and imprisonment. 4 Steph. Comm. 206.

REVISE. To review, re-examine for correction; to go over a thing for the purpose of amending, correcting, rearranging, or otherwise improving it; as, to revise statutes, or a judgment. Casey v. Harmel, 5 Iowa, 12; Vinsant v. Knox, 27 Ark. 272; Falconer v. Robinson, 46 Ala. 345.

REVISED STATUTES. A body of statutes which have been revised, collected, arranged in order, and re-enacted as a whole. This is the legal title of the collections of compiled laws of several of the states, and also of the United States. Such a volume is usually cited as "Rev. Stat.", "Rev. St.", cf. "R. S."

REVISING ASSESSORS. In English law. Two officers elected by the burgesses of non-parliamentary municipal boroughs for the purpose of assisting the mayor in revising the parish burgess lists. Wharton.

REVISING BARRISTER. In English law. Barristers appointed to revise the list of voters for county and borough members of parliament, and who hold courts for that purpose throughout the county. 6 Vict. c. 18.

—Revining barristers' courts. In English law. Courts held in the autumn throughout the country, to revise the list of voters for county and borough members of parliament.

REVIVAL. The process of renewing the operative force of a judgment which has remained dormant or unexecuted for so long a time that execution cannot be issued upon it without new process to commence it. See Brier v. Traders' Nat. Bank, 24 Wash. 695, 64 Pac. 831; Havens v. Sea Shore Land Co., 57 N. J. Eq. 142, 41 Atl. 755.

The act of renewing the legal force of a contract or obligation, which had ceased to be sufficient foundation for an action, on account of the running of the statute of limitations, by giving a new promise or acknowledgment of it.

REVIVE. To renew, revivify; to make one's self liable for a debt barred by the statute of limitations by acknowledging it, or for a matrimonial offense, once committed, by committing another. See Lindsey v. Lyman, 37 Iowa, 207.

REVISER, BILL OF. In equity practice. A bill filed for the purpose of reviving or calling into operation the proceedings in a suit, when, from some circumstance, (as the death of the plaintiff,) the suit had abated.

REVISOR Writ Of. In English practice. Where it became necessary to revive a...
REVOCABLE. Susceptible of being revoked.

REVOCATION. The recall of some power, authority, or thing granted, or a destroying or making void of some deed that had existence until the act of revocation made it void. It may be either general, of all acts and things done before; or special, to revoke a particular thing. 5 Coke, 90. See Wilmington City Ry. Co. v. Wilmington & B. S. Ry. Co., 8 Del. Ch. 468, 46 Atl. 12.

Revocation by act of the party is an intentional or voluntary revocation. The principal instances occur in the case of authorities and powers of attorney and wills.

A revocation in law, or constructive revocation, is produced by a rule of law, irrespective of the intention of the parties. Thus, a power of attorney is in general revoked by the death of the principal. Sweet.

—Revocation of probate is where probate of a will, having been granted, is afterwards recalled by the court of probate, on proof of a subsequent will, or other sufficient cause. —Revocation of will. The recalling, annulling, or rendering inoperative an existing will, by some subsequent act of the testator, which may be by the making of a new will inconsistent with the terms of the first, or by destroying the old will, or by disposing of the property to which it related, or otherwise. See Boudinot v. Bradford, 2 Dall. 288, 1 L. Ed. 325; Lathrop v. Dunlop, 4 How. (N. Y.) 215; Carter v. Thomas, 4 Me. 342; Langdon v. Astor, 3 Duer (N. Y.) 301; Graham v. Burch, 47 Minn. 171; 40 N. W. 537, 28 Am. St. Rep. 230; Gardner v. Gardiner, 65 N. H. 230, 19 Atl. 651, 8 L. R. A. 383; Cutler v. Cutter, 130 N. C. 1, 40 S. E. 580, 57 L. R. A. 263, 99 Am. St. Rep. 854.

REVOCATIONES PARLIAMENTI. An ancient writ for recalling a parliament. 4 Inst. 44.

REVOCATUR. Lat. It is recalled. This is the term, in English practice, appropriate to signify that a judgment is annulled or set aside for error in fact; if for error in law, it is then said to be reversed.

REVOCATE. To call back; to recall; to annul an act by calling or taking it back.

REVOLT. The endeavor of the crew of a vessel, or any one or more of them, to overthrow the legitimate authority of her commander, with intent to remove him from his command, or against his will to take possession of the vessel by assuming the government and navigation of her, or by transferring their obedience from the lawful commander to some other person. United States v. Kelly, 11 Wheat. 417, 6 L. Ed. 508.

REWARD. A recompense or premium offered by government or an individual in return for special or extraordinary services to be performed, or for special attainments or achievements, or for some act resulting to the benefit of the public; as, a reward for useful inventions, for the discovery and apprehension of criminals, for the restoration of lost property. See Kinn v. First Nat. Bank, 118 Wis. 537, 95 N. W. 909, 99 Am. St. Rep. 1012; Campbell v. Mercer, 108 Ga. 103, 33 S. E. 871.

REWRITE. In old records. Realm, or kingdom.

EX. Lat. The king. The king regarded as the party prosecuting in a criminal action; as in the form of entitling such actions, "Rex v. Doe."

Rex debet esse sub lege quia lex facit regem. The king ought to be under the law, because the law makes the king. 1 Bl. Comm. 239.

Rex est legalis et politicus. Lane, 27. The king is both a legal and political person.

Rex est lex vivens. Jenk. Cent. 17. The king is the living law.

Rex est major singularis, minor universis. Bract. l. 1, c. 8. The king is greater than any single person, less than all.

Rex hoc solum non potest facere quod non potest iustae agere. 11 Coke, 72. The king can do everything but an injustice.

Rex non debet esse sub homine, sed sub Deo et sub lege, quia lex facit regem. Bract. fol. 5. The king ought to be under no man, but under God and the law, because the law makes a king. Broom, Max. 47.

Rex non potest pecorare. The king cannot do wrong; the king can do no wrong. 2 Rolle. 304. An ancient and fundamental principle of the English constitution. Jenk. Cent. p. 9, case 18; 1 Bl. Comm. 246.

Rex nuncquam moritur. The king never dies. Broom, Max. 50; Brauch, Max. (5th Ed.) 197; 1 Bl. Comm. 249.

RHANDIR. A part in the division of Wales before the Conquest; every township
comprehended four gavels, and every gavel had four randirs, and four houses or tenements constituted every randir. Tayl. Hist. Gav. 69.

RHODIAN LAWS. This, the earliest code or collection of maritime laws, was formulated by the people of the island of Rhodes, who, by their commercial prosperity and the superiority of their navies, had acquired the sovereignty of the seas. Its date is very uncertain, but is supposed (by Kent and others) to be about 900 B.C. Nothing of it is now extant except the article on jettison, which has been preserved in the Roman collections. (Dig. 14, 2, "Les Rhodia-de Factis.") Another code, under the same name, was published in more modern times, but is generally considered, by the best authorities, to be spurious. See Schomberg, Mar. Laws Rhodes, 37, 38; 3 Kent, Comm. 3, 4; Assunz, Mar. Law, 263-296.

RIAL. A piece of gold coin current for 10s. in the reign of Henry VI., at which time there were half-rials and quarter-rials or rial-farthings. In the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign, golden rials were coined at 15s. a piece; and in the time of James I. there were rose-rials of gold at 30s. and spur-rials at 15s. Lown. Essay Coins, 38.

RIBAUD. A rogue; vagrant; whore-monger; a person given to all manner of wickedness. Cowell.

RIBBONMEN. Associations or secret societies formed in Ireland, having for their object the dispossession of landlords by murder and fire-raising. Wharton.

RICHARD BOE, otherwise TROUBLE-SOME. The casual ejector and fictitious defendant in ejectment, whose services are no longer invoked.

RICOHOME. Span. In Spanish law. A nobleman; a count or baron. 1 White, Rep. 36.

RIDER. A rider, or rider-roll, signifies a schedule or small piece of parchment annexed to some part of a roll or record. It is frequently familiarly used for any kind of a schedule or writing annexed to a document which cannot well be incorporated in the body of such document. Thus, in passing bills through a legislature, when a new clause is added after the bill has passed through committee, such new clause is termed a "rider." Brown. See also, Cowell; Blount; 2 Tidd, Pr. 730; Com. v. Barnett, 199 Pa. 161, 48 Atl. 976, 55 L. R. A. 882.

RIDER-ROLL. See RIDER.


RIDING ARMED. In English law. The offense of riding or going armed with dangerous or unusual weapons is a misdemeanor tending to disturb the public peace by terrifying the good people of the land. 4 Steph. Comm. 357.

RIDING CLERK. In English law. One of the six clerks in chancery who, in his turn for one year, kept the controlment books of all grants that passed the great seal. The six clerks were superseded by the clerks of records and writs.

RIDINGS, (corrupted from trithings.) The names of the parts or divisions of Yorkshire, which, of course, are three only, viz., East Riding, North Riding, and West Riding.

RIEN. L. Fr. Nothing. It appears in a few law French phrases.

—Rien dit. In old pleading. Says nothing. (nul dict.)—Rien luy doit. In old pleading. Owes him nothing. The pleas of nul debet.—Riens en arriere. Nothing in arrear. A plea in an action of debt for arrearages of account. Cowell.—Riens pour demot. Not their debt. The old form of the plea of nul debet. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 332.—Riens passa per le fait. Nothing passed by the deed. A plea by which a party might avoid the operation of a deed, which had been enrolled or acknowledged in court; the pleas of non est factum not being allowed in such case.—Riens per disen. Nothing by descent. The plea of an heir, where he is sued for his ancestor's debt, and has no land from him by descent, or assets in his hands. Cro. Car. 151; 1 Tidd, Pr. 645; 2 Tidd, Pr. 397.

RIER COUNTY. In old English law. After-county; i.e., after the end of the county court. A time and place appointed by the sheriff for the receipt of the king's money after the end of his county, or county court. Cowell.

RIFLETUM. A coppice or thicket. Cowell.

RIGA. In old European law. A species of service and tribute rendered to their lords by agricultural tenants. Supposed by Spelman to be derived from the name of a certain portion of land, called, in England, a "rig" or "ridge," an elevated piece of ground, formed out of several furrows. Burrill.

RIGGING THE MARKET. A term of the stock-exchange, denoting the practice of inflating the price of given stocks, or enhancing their quoted value, by a system of pretended purchases, designed to give the air of an unusual demand for such stocks. See L. R. 13 Eq. 447.

RIGHT. As a noun, and taken in an abstract sense, the term means justice, ethical correctness, or consonance with the rules of law or the principles of morals. In this sig-
nification it answers to one meaning of the Latin "ius," and serves to indicate law in the abstract, considered as the foundation of all rights, or the complex of underlying moral principles which impart the character of justice to all positive law, or give it an ethical content.

As a noun, and taken in a concrete sense, a right signifies a power, privilege, faculty, or demand, inherent in one person and incident upon another. "Rights" are defined generally as "powers of free action," and the prudential rights pertaining to men are undoubtedly enjoyed by human beings purely as such, being grounded in personality, and existing antecedently to their recognition by positive law. But leaving the abstract moral sphere, and giving to the term a juristic content, a "right" is well defined as "a capacity residing in one man of controlling, with the assent and assistance of the state, the actions of others." Holt, Jur. 68.

The noun substantive "a right" signifies that which is "in the person of an individual," that which resides in a determinate person, by virtue of a given law, and which avails against a person (to a power or a duty lying on person) other than the person in whom it resides. And the noun substantive "rights" is the plural of the noun substantive "a right." But the expression "right," when it is used as an adjective, is equivalent to the adjective "just," as the adverb "rightly" is equivalent to the adverb "justly." And, when used as the substantive name corresponding to the adjective "right," the noun substantive "right" is synonymous with the noun substantive "justice." Aust. Jur. § 294, note.

In a narrower signification, the word denotes an interest or title in an object of property; a just and legal claim to hold, use, or enjoy it, or to convey or dispose of it, as he may please. See Co. Litt. 345a.

The term "right," in civil society, is defined to mean that which a man is entitled to have, or to do, or to receive from others within the limits prescribed by law. Atchison & N. R. Co. v. Baty, 29 Ind. 40, 29 Am. Rep. 326. "That which one person ought to have or receive from another, it being withheld from him, or not in his possession. In this sense, "right" has the force of "claim," and is properly expressed by the Latin "ius." Lord Coke considers this to be the proper signification of the word, especially in writings and pleadings, where an estate is turned to a right; as by discontinuance, disseisin, etc. Co. Litt. 345a.

Classification. Rights may be described as perfect or imperfect, according as their action or scope is clear, settled, and determinate, or is vague and unfixed.

Rights are either in personam or in rem. A right in personam is one which imposes an obligation on a definite person. A right in rem is one which imposes an obligation on persons generally; i.e., either on all the world or on all the world except certain determinate persons. Thus, if I am entitled to exclude all persons from a given piece of land, I have a right in rem in respect of that land; and, if there are one or more persons, A., B., and C., whom I am not entitled to exclude from it, my right is still a right in rem. Sweet.

Rights may also be described as either primary or secondary. Primary rights are those which can be created without reference to rights already existing. Secondary rights can only arise for the purpose of protecting or enforcing primary rights. They are either preventive (protective) or remedial (reparative). Sweet.

Preventive or protective secondary rights exist in order to prevent the infringement or loss of primary rights. They are judicial when they require the assistance of a court of law for their enforcement, and extrajudicial when they are capable of being exercised by the party himself. Remedial or reparation secondary rights are also either judicial or extrajudicial. They may further be divided into (1) rights of restitution or restoration, which entitle the person injured to be replaced in his original position; (2) rights of enforcement, which entitle the person injured to the performance of an act by the person bound; and (3) rights of satisfaction or compensation. Id.

With respect to the ownership of external objects of property, rights may be classed as absolute and qualified. An absolute right gives to the person in whom it inheres the uncontrolled dominion over the object at all times and for all purposes. A qualified right gives the possessor a right to the object for certain purposes or under certain circumstances only. Such is the right of a bailee to recover the article bailed when it has been unlawfully taken from him by a stranger.

Rights are also either legal or equitable. The former is the case where the person seeking to enforce the right for his own benefit has the legal title and a remedy at law. The latter are such as are enforceable only in equity; as, at the suit of cestui que trust.

In constitutional law. There is also a classification of rights, with respect to the constitution of civil society. Thus, according to Blackstone, "the rights of persons, considered in their natural capacities, are of two sorts,—absolute and relative; absolute, which are such as appertain and belong to particular men, merely as individuals or single persons; relative, which are incident to them as members of society, and standing in various relations to each other." 1 Bl. Comm. 123. And, see In re Jacobs, 33 Hun (N. Y.) 374; Atchison & N. R. Co. v. Baty, 6 Neb. 37, 29 Am. Rep. 366; Johnson v. Johnson, 32 Ala. 637; People v. Berberrich, 20 Barb. (N. Y.) 224.

Rights are also classified in constitutional law as natural, civil, and political, to which there is sometimes added the class of "personal rights." Natural rights are those which grow out of the nature of man and depend upon personality, as distinguished from such as are
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under BILL—Marital rights. See Marital—Marital—Mere right. In the law of real estate, the mere right of property in land; the right of a proprietor, but without possession or even the right of possession; the abstract right of property. See Patent. Right to possess. See Patent. Petition of right. See Petition. Private rights. Those rights which appertain to a particular individual or individuals, and relate either to the person, or to personal or real property. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 3—Real right. In Scotch law. That which entitles him who is vested with it to possess the subject as his own, and, if in the possession of another, to demand from him its actual possession. Real right affects the subject itself; personal are founded in obligation. Erskine, Inst. 3, 1, 2—Right heir. See Heir. Riparian rights. See Riparian—Vested rights. See Vested.

And see also the following titles.

RIGHT CLOSE, WRIT OF. An abolished writ which lay for tenants in ancient demesne, and others of a similar nature, to try the right of their lands and tenements in the court of the lord exclusively. 1 Steph. Comm. 224.

RIGHT IN ACTION. This is a phrase frequently used in place of chose in action, and having an identical meaning.

RIGHT IN COURT. See Rectus in curia.

RIGHT OF ACTION. The right to bring suit; a legal right to maintain an action, growing out of a given transaction or state of facts, and based thereon. Hibbard v. Clark, 56 N. H. 155, 22 Am. Rep. 442; Webster v. County Com'r, 63 Me. 29.

By the old writers, "right of action" is commonly used to denote that a person has lost a right to sue, and nothing but a right of action left. Co. Litt. 3039.

RIGHT OF DISCUSSION. In Scotch law. The right which the cautioner (surety) has to insist that the creditor shall do his best to compel the performance of the contract by the principal debtor, before he shall be called upon. 1 Bell, Comm. 347.

RIGHT OF DIVISION. In Scotch law. The right which each of several cautioners (sureties) has to refuse to answer for more than his own share of the debt. To entitle the cautioner to this right the other cautioners must be solvent, and there must be no words in the bond to exclude it. 1 Bell. Comm. 347.

RIGHT OF ENTRY. A right of entry is the right of taking or resuming possession of land by entering on it in a peaceable manner.

RIGHT OF HABITATION. In Louisiana. The right to occupy another man's house as a dwelling, without paying rent or other compensation. 1 Civ. Code La. art. 229.
RIGHT OF POSSESSION. The right, to possession which may reside in one man, while another has the actual possession, being the right to enter and turn out such actual occupant; e.g., the right of a disseisee. An apparent right of possession is one which may be defeated by a better; an actual right of possession, one which will stand the test against all opponents. 2 Bl. Comm. 196.

RIGHT OF PROPERTY. The mere right of property in land; the abstract right which remains to the owner after he has lost the right of possession, and to recover which the writ of right was given. United with possession, and the right of possession, this right constitutes a complete title to lands, tenements, and hereditaments. 2 Bl. Comm. 197.

RIGHT OF REDEMPTION. The right to disencumber property or to free it from a claim or lien; specifically, the right (granted by statute only) to free property from the incumbrance of a foreclosure or other judicial sale, or to recover the title passing thereby, by paying what is due, with interest, costs, etc. Not to be confounded with the “equity of redemption,” which exists independently of statute but must be exercised before sale. See Mayer v. Farmers’ Bank, 44 Iowa, 216; Millett v. Mullen, 95 Me. 400, 49 Atl. 871; Case v. Spelter Co., 62 Kan. 69, 61 Pac. 406.

RIGHT OF RELIEF. In Scotch law. The right of a cautioner (surety) to demand reimbursement from the principal debtor when he has been compelled to pay the debt. 1 Bell, Comm. 347.

RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION AND PERFORMANCE. By the acts 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 15, and 5 & 6 Vict. c. 45, the author of a play, opera, or musical composition, or his assignee, has the sole right of representing or causing it to be represented in public at any place in the British dominions during the same period as the copyright in the work exists. The right is distinct from the copyright, and requires to be separately registered. Sweet.

RIGHT OF SEARCH. In international law. The right of one vessel, on the high seas, to stop a vessel of another nationality and examine her papers and (in some cases) her cargo. Thus, in time of war, a vessel of either belligerent has the right to search a neutral ship, encountered at sea, to ascertain whether the latter is carrying contraband goods.

RIGHT OF WAY. The right of passage or of way is a servitude imposed by law or by convention, and by virtue of which one has a right to pass on foot, or horseback, or in a vehicle, to drive beasts of burden or carts, through the estate of another. When this servitude results from the law, the exercise of it is confined to the wants of the person who has it. When it is the result of a contract, its extent and the mode of using it is regulated by the contract. Civ. Code La. art. 722.

"Right of way," in its strict meaning, is the right of passage over another man’s ground; and in its legal and generally accepted meaning, in reference to a railway, it is a mere easement in the lands of others, obtained by lawful condemnation to public use or by purchase. It would be using the term in an unusual sense, by applying it to an absolute purchase of the fee-simple of lands to be used for a railway or any other kind of a way. Williams v. Western Union Ry. Co., 50 Wis. 76, 5 N. W. 482. And see Kripp v. Curtis, 71 Cal. 62, 11 Pac. 879; Johnson v. Lewis, 47 Ark. 66, 2 S. W. 229; Bodish v. Bodish, 105 Mass. 317; New Mexico v. United States Trust Co., 172 U. S. 171, 19 Sup. Ct. 128, 43 L. Ed. 407; Stuyvesant v. Woodruff, 21 N. J. Law, 158, 57 Am. Dec. 158.

RIGHT PATENT. An absolute writ, which was brought for lands and tenements, and not for an advowson, or common, and lay only for an estate in fee-simple, and not for him who had a lesser estate; as tenant in tail, tenant in frank marriage, or tenant for life. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 1.

RIGHT TO BEGIN. On the hearing or trial of a cause, or the argument of a demurrer, petition, etc., the right to begin is the right of first addressing the court or jury. The right to begin is frequently of importance, as the counsel who begins has also the right of replying or having the last word after the counsel on the opposite side has addressed the court or jury. Sweet.

RIGHT TO REDEEM. The term “right of redemption,” or "right to redeem," is familiarly used to describe the estate of the debtor when under mortgage, to be sold at auction, in contradistinction to an absolute estate, to be set off by appraisement. It would be more consonant to the legal character of this interest to call it the "debtor’s estate subject to mortgage.” White v. Whitley, 3 Metc. (Mass.) 96.

RIGHT, WRIT OF. A procedure for the recovery of real property after not more than sixty years’ adverse possession; the highest writ in the law, sometimes called, to distinguish it from others of the drouthral class, the "writ of right proper." Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27. 3 Steph. Comm. 392.

RIGHTS OF PERSONS. Rights which concern and are annexed to the persons of men. 1 Bl. Comm. 122.

RIGHTS OF THINGS. Such as a man may acquire over external objects, or things unconnected with his person. 1 Bl. Comm. 122.
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RIGOR JURIS. Lat. Strictness of law. Latch, 350. Distinguished from gratia curiae, favor of the court.

RIGOR MORTIS. In medical jurisprudence. Cadaveric rigidity; a rigidity or stiffening of the muscular tissue and joints of the body, which sets in at a greater or less interval after death, but usually within a few hours, and which is one of the recognized tests of death.

RING. A clique; an exclusive combination of persons for illegitimate or selfish purposes; as to control elections or political affairs, distribute offices, obtain contracts, control the market or the stock-exchange, etc. Schomburg v. Walker, 132 Cal. 224, 64 Pac. 290.

RING-DROPPING. A trick variously practiced. One mode is as follows, the circumstances being taken from 2 East, P. C. 678: The prisoner, with accomplices, being with their victim, pretend to find a ring wrapped in paper, appearing to be a jeweler's receipt for a "rich, brilliant diamond ring." They offer to leave the ring with the victim if he will deposit some money and his watch as a security. He lays down his watch and money, is beckoned out of the room by one of the confederates, while the others take away his watch, etc. This is a larceny.

RINGING THE CHANGE. In criminal law. A trick practised by a criminal, by which, on receiving a good piece of money in payment of an article, he pretends it is not good, and, changing it, returns to the buyer a spurious coin. See 2 Leach, 788; Bouvier.

RINGING UP. A custom among commission merchants and brokers (not unlike the clearing-house system) by which they exchange contracts for sale against contracts for purchase, or reciprocally cancel such contracts, adjust differences of price between themselves, and surrender margin. See Ward v. Vesburgh (C. C.) 31 Fed. 12; Williar v. Irwin, 30 Fed. Cas. 38; Partridge v. Cutler, 68 Ill. App. 573; Samuels v. Oliver, 130 Ill. 73, 22 N. E. 499.

RINGS, GIVING. In English practice. A custom observed by serjeants at law, on being called to that degree or order. The rings are given to the judges, and bear certain mottoes, selected by the serjeant about to take the degree. Brown.

RIOT. In criminal law. A tumultuous disturbance of the peace by three persons or more, assembling together of their own authority, with an intent mutually to assist each other against any who shall oppose them, in the execution of some enterprise of a private nature, and afterwards actually executing the same in a violent and tumultuous manner, to the terror of the people, whether the act intended were of itself lawful or unlawful. Hawk. P. C. c. 65, § 1. And see State v. Stalcup, 23 N. C. 30, 35 Am. Dec. 732; Dixon v. State, 105 Ga. 787, 31 S. E. 750; State v. Brazil, Rice (S. C.) 260; Marshall v. Buffalo, 50 App. Div. 149, 64 N. Y. Supp. 411; Aron v. Wausau, 98 Wis. 592, 74 N. W. 334, 40 L. R. A. 733; Lycoming F. Ins. Co. v. Schwenk, 95 Pa. 96, 40 Am. Rep. 629.

When three or more persons together, and in a violent or tumultuous manner, assemble together to do an unlawful act, or together do a lawful act in an unlawful, violent, or tumultuous manner, to the disturbance of others, they are guilty of a riot. Rev. Code Iowa 1880, § 4067.

Any use of force or violence, disturbing the public peace, or any threat to use such force or violence, if accompanied by immediate power of execution, by two or more persons acting together, and without authority of law, is a riot. Pen. Code Cal. § 404.

—Riot act. A celebrated English statute, which provides that, if any twelve persons or more are unlawfully assembled and disturbing the peace, any sheriff, under-sheriff, justice of the peace, or mayor may, by proclamation, command them to disperse, (which is familiarly called "reading the riot act") and that if they refuse to obey, and remain together for the space of one hour after such proclamation, they are all guilty of felony. The act is 1 Geo. I. St. 2, c. 5.

BIOTOSUS. L. Lat. Rutously. A formal and essential word in old indictments for riots. 2 Strange, 384.

BIOTOUS ASSEMBLY. In English criminal law. The unlawful assembling of twelve persons or more, to the disturbance of the peace, and not dispersing upon proclamation. 4 Bl. Comm. 142; 4 Steph. Comm. 273. And see Madisonville v. Bishop, 113 Ky. 106, 67 S. W. 289, 57 L. R. A. 130.

BIOTOUSLY. A technical word, properly used in indictments for riot. It of itself implies force and violence. 2 Chit. Crim. Law, 403.

RIPA. Lat. The banks of a river, or the place beyond which the waters do not in their natural course overflow.

RIPAIA. A medieval Latin word, which Lord Coke takes to mean water running between two banks; in other places it is rendered "bank."

RIPARIAN. Belonging or relating to the bank of a river; of or on the bank. Land lying beyond the natural watershed of a stream is not “riparian.” Bathgate v. Irvine, 121 Cal. 153, 58 Pac. 442, 77 Am. St. Rep. 158. The term is sometimes used as re-

Riparium usus publiones est jure gentium, sicut ipsius animinis. The use of river-banks is by the law of nations public, like that of the stream itself. Dig. 1, 8, 5, pr.; Fleta, 1. 3, c. 1, § 5.

RIPE. A suit is said to be "ripe for judgment" when it is so far advanced, by verdict, default, confession, the determination of all pending motions, or other disposition of preliminary or disputed matters, that nothing remains for the court but to render the appropriate judgment. See Hosmer v. Holtz, 161 Mass. 178, 96 N. E. 853.

RIPTOWELL, or REAP TOWEL. A gratuity or reward given to tenants after they had reaped their lord's corn, or done other customary duties. Cowell.

RIPUARIAN LAW. An ancient code of laws by which the Ripuarii, a tribe of Franks who occupied the country upon the Rhine, the Meuse, and the Scheldt, were governed. They were first reduced to writing by Theodoric, king of Austrasia, and completed by Dagobert. Spelman.

RIPUARIAN PROPRIETORS. Owners of lands bounded by a river or watercourse.

RISCUS. L. Lat. In the civil law. A chest for the keeping of clothing. Calvin.

RISING OF COURT. Properly the final adjournment of the court for the term, though the term is also sometimes used to express the cessation of judicial business for the day or for a recess; it is the opposite of "sitting" or "session." See State v. Weaver, 11 Neb. 163, 8 N. W. 885.

RISK. In insurance law: the danger or hazard of a loss of the property insured; the casualty contemplated in a contract of insurance; the degree of hazard; and, colloquially, the specific house, factory, ship, etc., covered by the policy.

Risks of navigation. It is held that this term is not the equivalent of "perils of navigation," but is of more comprehensive import than the latter. Pitcher v. Hennessey, 45 N. Y. 419.

RISTOURNE. Fr. In insurance law: the dissolution of a policy or contract of insurance for any cause. Emerig. Traité des Assur. c. 16.

RITE. Lat. Duly and formally; legally; properly; technically.

RIVAGE. In French law. The shore, as of the sea.

In English law. A toll anciently paid to the crown for the passage of boats or vessels on certain rivers. Cowell.

RIVEARE. To have the liberty of a river for fishing and fowling. Cowell.

RIVER. A natural stream of water, of greater volume than a creek or rivulet, flowing in a more or less permanent bed or channel, between defined banks or walls, with a current which may either be continuous in one direction or affected by the ebb and flow of the tide. See Howard v. Ingersoll, 13 How. 391, 14 L. Ed. 159; Alabama v. Georgia, 23 How. 513, 16 L. Ed. 556; The Garden City (D. C.) 26 Fed. 772; Berlin Mills Co. v. Wentworth's Location, 60 N. H. 158; Dudden v. Guardians of Clutton Union, 1 Hurl. & N. 627; Chamberlain v. Hemingway, 63 Conn. 1, 27 Atl. 239, 22 L. R. A. 45, 38 Am. St. Rep. 330.

Rivers are public or private; and of public rivers some are navigable and others not. The common-law distinction is that navigable rivers are those only wherein the tide ebbs and flows. But, in familiar usage, any river is navigable which affords passage to ships and vessels, irrespective of its being affected by the tide.

—Public river. A river where there is a common navigation exercised; otherwise called a "navigable river." 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 111, § 106.

RIXA. Lat. In the civil law. A quarrel; a strife of words. Calvin.

RIXATRIX. In old English law. A scold; a scolding or quarrelsome woman. 4 Bl. Comm. 108.

ROAD. A highway; an open way or public passage; a line of travel or communication extending from one town or place to another; a strip of land appropriated and used for purposes of travel and communication between different places. See Stokes v. Scott.
ROBBER. One who commits a robbery. The term is not in law synonymous with "thief," but applies only to such a person as inures force or open violence. See De Rothschild v. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., 7 Exch. 742; The Manitoba (D. C.) 104 Fed. 151.


Robbery is the wrongful, fraudulent, and violent taking of money, goods, or chattels, from the person of another by force or intimidation, without the consent of the owner. Code Ga. 1882, § 6389.

Robbery is where a person, either with violence or with threats of injury, and putting the person robbed in fear, takes and carries away a thing which is on the body, or in the immediate presence of the person from whom it is taken, under such circumstances that, in the absence of violence or threats, the act committed would be a theft. Steph. Crim. Dig. 208; 2 Russ. Crimes, 78. And see, further, State v. Osborne, 116 Iowa 470, 59 N. W. 1077; In re Coffey, 123 Cal. 522, 56 Pac. 448; Matthews v. State, 4 Ohio St. 540; Benson v. McMahon, 127 U. S. 457, 8 Sup. Ct. 1240, 52 L. Ed. 234; State v. McGlannis, 158 Mo. 106, 59 S. W. 85; State v. Burke, 73 N. C. 87; Heardon v. State, 4 Tex. App. 610; Houston v. Com., 87 Va. 297, 12 S. E. 388; Thomas v. State, 21 Ala. 34, 4 South. 51; Hickey v. State, 23 Ind. 22.

—Road. A linear measurement of sixteen feet and a half, otherwise called "a perch." ROBBER Y. FR. A word anciently used by sailors for the cargo of a ship. The Italian "roba" had the same meaning.

ROBERDSMEN. In old English law. Persons who, in the reign of Richard I., committed great outrages on the borders of England and Scotland. Said to have been the followers of Robert Hood, or Robin Hood. 4 Bl. Comm. 246.

ROCK. A known general station for ships, notoriously used, and distinguished by the name; and not any spot where an anchor-will find bottom and fix itself. 1 C. Rob. Adm. 232.

ROGARE. Lat. In Roman law. To ask or solicit. Rogare legem, to ask for the adoption of a law, i.e., to propose it for enactment, to bring in a bill. In a derivative sense, to vote for a law so proposed; to adopt or enact it.

ROGATIO. Lat. In Roman law. An asking for a law; a proposal of a law for adoption or passage. Derivatively, a law passed by such a form.

ROGATIO TESTUM, in making a non-cumulative will, is where the testator formally calls upon the persons present to bear witness that he has declared his will. Williams' Ex'rs, 116; Browne, Prob. Pr. 59.

ROGATION WEEK. In English ecclesiastical law. The second week before Whitsunday, thus called from three facts observed therein, the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, called "Rogation days," because of the extraordinary prayers then made for the fruits of the earth, or as a preparation for the devotion of Holy Thursday. Wharton.

Rogationes, questiones, et positiones debent esse simplices. Hob. 143. Demands, questions, and claims ought to be simple.

ROGATOR. Lat. In Roman law. The proposer of a law or rogation.

ROGATORY LETTERS. A commission from one judge to another requesting him to examine a witness. See Letter.


ROGUE. In English criminal law. An idle and disorderly person; a trickster; a wandering beggar; a vagrant or vagabond. 4 Bl. Comm. 109.

ROLE D'ÉQUIPAGE. In French mercantile law. The list of a ship's crew; a muster roll.

ROLL. A schedule of parchment which may be turned up with the hand in the form of a pipe or tube. Jacob.

A schedule or sheet of parchment on which legal proceedings are entered. Thus, in English practice, the roll of parchment on which the issue is entered is termed the "issue roll." So the rolls of a manor, wherein the names, rents, and services of the tenants are copied and enrolled, are termed the "court rolls." There are also various other rolls; as those which contain the records of the court of chancery, those which contain the registers of the proceedings of old parliaments, called "rolls of parliament," etc. Brown.

In English practice, there were formerly a great variety of these rolls, appropriated to the different proceedings; such as the warrant of attorney roll, the process roll, the recognizance roll, the impalance roll, the plea roll, the issue roll, the judgment roll, the scire facias roll, and the roll of proceedings on writs of error. 2 Tidd, Pr. 729, 730.

In modern practice, the term is sometimes used to denote a record of the proceedings of a court, or public office. Thus, the "judgment roll" is the file of records comprising the pleadings in a case, and all the other proceedings up to the judgment, arranged in order. In this sense the use of the word has survived its appropriateness; for such records are no longer prepared in the form of a roll.

Assessment roll. In taxation, the list or roll of taxable persons and property, completed, verified, and deposited by the assessors. Bank v. Geno, 28 Mich. 77; G. R. v. N. H. R. R., 820; Adams v. Brennan, 72 Miss. 804, 14 South. 482. Judgment roll. See supra.—Master of the rolls. See Master.—Rolls of parliament. The manuscript registers of the proceedings of old parliaments; in these rolls are likewise a great many decisions of difficult points of frequency, which were formerly referred to the determination of this supreme court by the judges of both benches, etc.—Rolls of the exchequer. There are several in this court relating to the revenue of the country.—Rolls of the temple. In English law. In each of the two Temples is a roll called the "calves-head roll," wherein every bancher, barrier, and student is taxed yearly; also meals to the cook and other officers of the houses, in consideration of a dinner of calves-head, provided in Easter term. Or. Jur. 179.—Rolls office of the chancery. In English law. An office in Chancery Lane, London, which contains rolls and records of the high court of chancery, the master whereof is the second person in the chancery, etc. The rolls court was there held, the master of the rolls sitting as judge; and that judge still sits there as a judge of the chancery division of the high court of justice. Wharton.—Tax roll. A schedule or list of the persons and property subject to the payment of a particular tax, with the amounts severally due, prepared and authenticated in proper form to warrant the collecting officers to proceed with the payment of the tax. Babcock v. Beaver Creek Tp., 64 Mich. 601, 31 N. W. 423; Smith v. Scully, 66 Kan. 139, 71 Pac. 249.

ROLLING STOCK. The portable or moveable apparatus and machinery of a railroad, particularly such as moves on the road, viz., engines, cars, tenders, coaches, and trucks. See Beardsley v. Ontario Bank, 31 Barb. (N.Y.) 635; Ohio & M. R. Co. v. Weber, 96 Ill. 448; Pittsburgh, etc., R. Co. v. Backus, 154 U. S. 421, 14 Sup. Ct. 1114, 38 L. Ed. 1031.—Rolling stock protection act. The act of 35 & 36 Vict. c. 50, passed to protect the rolling stock of railways from distress or sale in certain cases.

ROMA PEDITE. Lat. Pilgrims that traveled to Rome on foot.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES ACT. The statute 23 & 24 Vict. c. 134, providing a method for enjoying estates given upon
trust for Roman Catholics, but invalidated by reason of certain of the trusts being superstitious or otherwise illegal. 3 Steph. Comm. 76.

**ROMAN LAW.** This term, in a general sense, comprehends all the laws which prevailed among the Romans, without regard to the time of their origin, including the collections of Justinian.

In a more restricted sense, the Germans understand by this term merely the law of Justinian, as adopted by them. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 18.

In England and America, it appears to be customary to use the phrase, indifferently with "the civil law," to designate the whole system of Roman jurisprudence, including the Corpus Juris Civilis; or, if any distinction is drawn, the expression "civil law" denotes the system of jurisprudence obtaining in those countries of continental Europe which have derived their juridical notions and principles from the Justinian collection, while "Roman law" is reserved as the proper appellation of the body of law developed under the government of Rome from the earliest times to the fall of the empire.

**ROME-SCOT, or ROME-PENNY.** Peter-pence, (q. v.) Cowell.

**ROMNEY MARSH.** A tract of land in the county of Kent, England, containing twenty-four thousand acres, governed by certain ancient and equitable laws of sewers, composed by Henry de Bathe, a venerable judge in the reign of king Henry III.; from which laws all commissioners of sewers in England may receive light and direction. 3 Bl. Comm. 73, note t; 4 Inst. 276.

**ROOD OF LAND.** The fourth part of an acre in square measure, or one thousand two hundred and ten square yards.

**ROOT OF DESCENT.** The same as "stock of descent."

**ROOT OF TITLE.** The document with which an abstract of title properly commences is called the "root" of the title. Sweet.

**ROS.** A kind of rushes, which some tenants were obliged by their tenure to furnish their lords withal. Cowell.

**ROSLAND.** Heathy ground, or ground full of ling; also watery and moorish land. 1 Inst. 5.

**ROSTER.** A list of persons who are to perform certain legal duties when called upon in their turn. In military affairs it is a table or plan by which the duty of officers is regulated. See Matthews v. Bowman, 25 Me. 167.

**ROTA.** L. Lat. Succession; rotation. "Rota of presentations;" "rota of the terms." 2 W. Bl. 772, 773.

The name of two ancient courts, one held at Rome and the other at Genoa.


**ROther-BEASTS.** A term which includes oxen, cows, steers, heifers, and such like horned animals. Cowell.

**Rotten Boroughs.** Small boroughs in England, which prior to the reform act, 1832, returned one or more members to parliament.

**ROTTEN CLAUSE.** A clause sometimes inserted in policies of marine insurance, to the effect that "if, on a regular survey, the ship shall be declared unseaworthy by reason of being rotten or unsound," the insurers shall be discharged. 1 Phil. Ins. § 849. See Steinmetz v. United States Ins. Co., 2 Berg. & R. (Pa.) 296.

**Rotulus Wintonie.** The roll of Winton. An exact survey of all England, made by Alfred, not unlike that of Domesday; and it was so called because it was kept at Winchester, among other records of the kingdom; but this roll time has destroyed. Ingulph. Hist. 516.

**Roune.** Fr. In old French and Canadian law. A free tenure without the privilege of nobility; the tenure of a free commoner.

**ROTUIER.** Fr. In old French and Canadian law. A free tenant of land on services exigible either in money or in kind. Steph. Lect. 229. A free commoner; one who held of a superior, but could have no inferior below him.

**Round-Robin.** A circle divided from the center, like Arthur's round table, whence its supposed origin. In each compartment is a signature, so that the entire circle, when filled, exhibits a list, without priority being given to any name. A common form of round-robin is simply to write the names in a circular form. Wharton.

**ROP.** In Scotch law. A sale by auction. Bell.

**Rout.** A rout is an unlawful assembly which has made a motion towards the execution of the common purpose of the persons assembled. It is, therefore, between an unlawful assembly and a riot. Steph. Crim. Dig. 41.

Whenever two or more persons, assembled and acting together, make any attempt or
advance: toward the commission of an act which would be a riot if actually committed, such assembly is a rout. Pen. Code Cal. § 406. And see People v. Judson, 11 Daly (N. Y.) 23; Follis v. State, 87 Tex. Cr. R. 535, 40 S. W. 277.

ROUTE, Fr. In French insurance law. The way that is taken to make the voyage insured. The direction of the voyage assured.

ROUTOUSLY. In pleading. A technical word in indictments, generally coupled with the word "riotously." 2 Chit. Crim. Law, 488.

ROY. L. Fr. The king.

Roy est l'original de toutes franchises. Kellw. 138. The king is the origin of all franchises.

Roy n'est lie per anym statutum si il me suit expressament nomme. The king is not bound by any statute, unless expressly named. Jenk. Cent. 507; Broom, Max. 72.

Roy post dispensa ovem malum prohibitum, maio non malum per se. Jenk. Cent. 307. The king can grant a dispensation for a malum prohibitum, but not for a malum per se.

ROYAL. Of or pertaining to or proceeding from the king or sovereign in a monarchical government.

—Royal assent. The royal assent is the last form through which a bill goes previously to becoming an act of parliament. It is, in the words of Lord Hale, "the complement and perfection of a law." The royal assent is given either by the queen in person or by royal commission by the queen herself, signed with her own hand. It is rarely given in person, except when at the end of the session the queen attends to prorogue parliament, if she should do so. Brown—Royal burghs. Boroughs incorporated in Scotland by royal charter. Bell—Royal courts of justice. Under the statute 42 & 43 Vict. c. 78, § 28, this is the same given to the buildings, together with all additions thereto, erected under the courts of justice building act, 1853, (28 & 29 Vict. c. 48,) and courts of justice concentration (site) act, 1905, (28 & 29 Vict. c. 49.) Brown—Royal fish. See Fishe.—Royal grants. Conveyances of record in England. They are of two kinds: (1) Letters patent; and (2) letters close, or writs close. 1 Steph. Comm. 615-918.—Royal honors. In the language of diplomacy, this term designates the privilege enjoyed by every empire or kingdom in Europe, by the pope, the grand duchy of Germany, and the Germanic and Swiss confederations, to precedence over all others who do not enjoy the same rank, with the exclusive right of sending to other states public ministers of the first rank, as ambassadors, together with other distinctive titles and ceremonials. Wheat. Int. Law, pt. 2, c. 3, § 2. Royal mines. Mines of silver and gold belonged to the king of England, as part of his prerogative of coinage, to furnish him with material. 1 Bl. Comm. 204.

ROYALTIES. Realities; royal property.

ROYALITY. A payment reserved by the grantor of a patent, lease of a mine, or similar right, and payable proportionately to the use made of the right by the grantee. See Reynolds v. Hanna (C. L.) 55 Fed. 800; Hubenthal v. Kennedy, 76 Iowa, 707, 39 N. W. 694; Western Union Tel. Co. v. American Bell Tel. Co., 125 Fed. 342, 60 C. C. A. 220.

Royalty also sometimes means a payment which is made to an author or composer by an assignee or licensee in respect of each copy of his work which is sold, or to an inventor in respect of each article sold under the patent. Sweet.

RUBRIC. Directions printed in books of law and in prayer-books, so termed because they were originally distinguished by red ink.

—Rubric of a statute. Its title, which was anciently printed in red letters. It serves to show the object of the legislation, and thence affords the means of interpreting the body of the act; hence the phrase, of an argument, "rubro ad nigrum." Wharton.

RUDENESS. Roughness; incivility; violence. Touching another with rudeness may constitute a battery.

RUINA. Lat. In the civil law. Ruin, the falling of a house. Dig. 47, 9.

RULE. v. This verb has two significations: (1) to command or require by a rule of court; as, to rule the sheriff to return the writ, to rule the defendant to plead. (2) To settle or decide a point of law arising upon a trial at nisi prius; and, when it is said of a judge presiding at such a trial that he "ruled" so and so, it is meant that he laid down, settled, or decided such and such to be the law.

RULE, n. 1. An established standard, guide, or regulation; a principle or regulation set up by authority, prescribing or directing action or forbearance; as, the rules of a legislative body, of a company, court, public office, of the law, of ethics. 2. A regulation made by a court of justice or public office with reference to the conduct of business therein.

3. An order made by a court, at the instance of one of the parties to a suit, commanding a ministerial officer, or the opposite party, to do some act, or to show cause why some act should not be done. It is usually upon some interlocutory matter, and has not the force or solemnity of a decree or judgment.

4. "Rule" sometimes means a rule of law. Thus, we speak of the rule against perpetuities; the rule in Shelley's Case, etc.

—Cross-rules. These were rules where each of the opposite litigants obtained a rule nisi, as the plaintiff to increase the damages, and the defendant to enter a nonsuit. Wharton.—General rules. General or standing orders of
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court, in relation to practice, etc.—Rule absolute. One which commands the subject-matter of the rule to be forthwith enforced. It is usual, when the party has failed to show sufficient cause to make the rule, to use the term “rule absolute,” i.e., imperative and final—Rule-day. In practice. The day on which a rule is returnable, or on which the act or duty enjoined by a rule is to be performed. See Cook v. Cook, 18 Fla. 637.—Rule in Shelley's Case. A celebrated rule in English law, propounded in Lord Coke's reports in the following form: That whenever by any gift or conveyance, takes an estate of freedom, and in the same gift or conveyance an estate is limited medially, if necessary, to his heirs in fee or in tail, the word heirs is a word of limitation and not of purchase. In other words, it is to be understood as expressing the quantity of estate which the party is to take, and not as conferring any distinct estate on the persons who may become his representatives. 1 Coke, 1044; 1 Summ. Comm. 305. See Zabriskie v. Wood, 23 N. J. Eq. 544; Duf- fyy v. Jarvis (C. C.) 84 Fed. 733; Hampton v. Ratner, 52 Misc. 268; Hancock v. Butler, 71 N. Y. 79; Rogers v. Rogers, 311, 20 Am. Dec. 716; Smith v. Smith, 24 S. C. 314.—Rule nisi. A rule which will become imperative and uncompelling cause being against it. This rule commands the party to show cause why he should not be compelled to do the act required, or why the object of the rule should not be enjoined. Rule of international law, first practically established in 1756, by which neutrals, in time of war, are prohibited from carrying on with a belligerent power a trade which is not open to them in time of peace. 1 Kent. Comm. 82.—Rule of course. There are some rules which the courts authorize their officers to grant a matter of course, without formal application being made to a judge in open court, and these are technically termed, in English practice, "side-bar rules," because formerly they were moved for by the attorneys at the side bar in court. They are now generally termed "rules of course." Brown.—Rules of court. The rules for regulating the practice of the different courts, which the judges are empowered to frame and put in force as occasion may require, are termed "rules of court." Brown.—Rules of procedure. Certain orders made by the courts for the purpose of regulating the practice in actions and other proceedings before them.—Rules of procedure. Rules made by a legislative body concerning the mode and manner of conducting its business, and for the purpose of making an orderly and proper disposition of the matters before it, such as rules prescribing what committees shall be appointed, on what subjects they shall act, what shall be the daily order in which business shall be taken up, and in what order certain motions shall be received and acted on. Hei- skell v. Haymore, 85 Miss. 257; Atl. 116, 57 Am. Rep. 308; Heuer v. Lofgren, 119 Ky. 509, 50 S. W. 850.—Rule of property. A settled rule or principle, resting usually on precedents or a course of decisions, regulating the ownership or devolution of property. Yaozo & Y. V. R. Co. v. Adams, 81 Miss. 90, 32 South. (C. C.) 753; Edwards v. Davenport (C. C.) 20 Fed. 793. The name of the rule of the common popular English name for the regulations governing the navigation of vessels in public waters, with a view to avoiding collisions. See Rule to plead. A rule of court, taken by a plaintiff as of course, requiring the defendant to plead within a given time, on pain of having judgment taken against him by default.—Rule to show cause. A rule commanding the party to appear and show cause why he should not be compelled to do what is required by the object of the rule should not be enforced; a rule nisi, (q. v.).—Special rule. Rules granted without any motion in court, or when the motion is only assumed to have been made, if it is not actually made, are called "common" rules; while the rules granted upon motion actually made to the action in term, or upon a judge's order in vacation, are termed "special" rules. Brown. The term may also be understood as opposed to "general" rule; in which case it means a particular direction. In a matter of practice, made for the purposes of a particular case.

RULES. In American practice. This term is sometimes used, by metonymy, to denote a time or season in the judicial year when motions may be made and rules taken, as special terms or argument-days, or even the vacations, as distinguished from the regular terms of the courts for the trial of causes; and, by a further extension of its meaning, it may denote proceedings in an action taken out of court. Thus, "an irregularity committed at rules may be corrected at the next term of the court." Southall's Adm't v. Exchange Bank, 12 Grat. (Va.) 312.

RULES OF A PRISON. Certain limits without the walls, within which all prisoners in custody in civil actions were allowed to live, upon giving sufficient security to the marshal not to escape.—Rules of the king's bench prison. In English practice. Certain limits beyond the walls of the prison, within which all prisoners in custody in civil actions were allowed to live, upon giving security by bond, with two sufficient sureties, to the marshal, not to escape, and paying him a certain percentage on the amount of the debts for which they were detained. Holthouse.

RUMOR. Flying or popular report; a current story passing from one person to another without any known authority for the truth of it. Webster. It is not generally admissible in evidence. State v. Culler, 82 Mo. 626; Smith v. Moore, 74 Vt. 81, 52 Atl. 320.

RUN, v. To have currency or legal validity in a prescribed territory; as, the writ runs throughout the state. To have applicability or legal effect during a prescribed period of time; as, the statute of limitations has run against the claim. To follow or accompany; to be attached to another thing in pursuing a prescribed course or direction; as, the covenant runs with the land.


BUNCARIA. In old records. Land full of brambles and briars. 1 Inst. 50.
RUNCINUS. In old English law. A load-horse; a sumpter-horse or cart-horse.

RUNDLET, or RUNLET. A measure of wine, oil, etc., containing eighteen gallons and a half. Cowell.

RUNNING ACCOUNT. An open unsettled account, as distinguished from a stated and liquidated account. "Running accounts mean mutual accounts and reciprocal demands between the parties, which accounts and demands remain open and unsettled." Brackenridge v. Baltzell, 1 Ind. 333; Leonard v. U. S., 18 Ct. Cl. 385; Picker v. Fitzelle, 28 App. Div. 519, 51 N. Y. Supp. 205.

RUNNING AT LARGE. This term is applied to wandering or straying animals.

RUNNING DAYS. Days counted in their regular succession on the calendar, including Sundays and holidays. Brown v. Johnson, 10 Mees. & W. 334; Crowell v. Barreda, 16 Gray (Mass.) 472; Davis v. Pendergast, 7 Fed. Cas. 162.

RUNNING LEASE. Where a lease provided that the tenancy should not be confined to any portion of the land granted, but allowed the tenant the use of all the land he could clear. It was called in the old books a "running lease," as distinguished from one confined to a particular division, circumscribed by metes and bounds, within a larger tract. Cowan v. Hatcher (Tenn. Ch. App.) 59 S. W. 691.

RUNNING OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. A metaphorical expression, by which is meant that the time mentioned in the statute of limitations is considered as passing. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 881.

RUNNING POLICY. A running policy is one which contemplates successive insurances, and which provides that the object of the policy may be from time to time defined, especially as to the subjects of insurance, by additional statements or endorsements. Civ. Code Cal. § 2297. And see Corporation of London Assurance v. Paterson, 106 Ga. 538, 32 S. E. 650.

RUNNING WITH THE LAND. A covenant is said to run with the land when either the liability to perform it or the right to take advantage of it passes to the assignee of that reversion. Brown.

RUNNING WITH THE REVERSION. A covenant is said to "run with the reversion" when either the liability to perform it or the right to take advantage of it passes to the assignee of that reversion. Brown.

RUNNIG LANDS. Lands in Scotland where the ridges of a field belong alternately to different proprietors. Anciently this kind of possession was advantageous in giving a united interest to tenants to resist inroads. By the act of 1695, c. 23, a division of these lands was authorized, with the exception of lands belonging to corporations. Wharton.

RUPEE. A silver coin of India, rated at 2s. for the current, and 2s. 8d. for the Bombay, rupee.

RUPTEM. Lat. In the civil law. Broken. A term applied to a will. Inst. 2, 17, 3.

RURAL DEANERY. The circuit of an archdeacon's and rural dean's jurisdictions. Every rural deanery is divided into parishes. See 1 Steph. Comm. 117.

RURAL DEANS. In English ecclesiastical law... Very ancient officers of the church, almost grown out of use, until about the middle of the present century, about which time they were generally revived, whose deaneries are as an ecclesiastical division of the diocese or archdeaconry. They are deputies of the bishop, planted all round his diocese, to inspect the conduct of the parochial clergy, to inquire into and report dilapidations, and to examine candidates for confirmation, armed in minister matters with an inferior degree of judicial and coercive authority. Wharton.

RURAL SERVITUDE. In the civil law. A servitude annexed to a rural estate, (pradium rusticum.)

RUSE DE GUERRE. Fr. A trick in war; a stratagem.

RUSTICI. Lat. In feudal law. Natives of a conquered country.

In old English law. Inferior country tenants, churls, or churls, who held cottages and lands by the services of plowing, and other labors of agriculture, for the lord. Cowell.

RUSTICUM FORUM. Lat. A rude, unlearned, or unlettered tribunal; a term sometimes applied to arbitrators selected by the parties to settle a dispute. See Underhill v. Van Cortlandt, 2 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 339; Dickinson v. Chesapeake & O. R. Co., 7 W. Va. 423.

RUSTICUM JUDICUM. Lat. In maritime law. A rough or rude judgment or decision. A judgment in admiralty dividing
the damages caused by a collision between the two ships. 3 Kent, Comm. 231; Story, Ballm. § 608a. See The Victory, 68 Fed. 400, 15 C. C. A. 490.

**RUTA.** Lat. In the civil law. Things extracted from land; as sand, chalk, coal, and such other matters.

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**Ruta et osse.** In the civil law. Things dug, (as sand and lime,) and things cut, (as wood, coal, etc.) Dig. 19, 1, 17, 6. Words used in conveyancing.

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**RYOT.** In India. A peasant, subject, or tenant of house or land. Wharton.

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**Ryot-tenure.** A system of land-tenure, where the government takes the place of landowners and collects the rent by means of tax gatherers. The farming is done by poor peasants, (ryots,) who find the capital, so far as there is any, and also do the work. The system exists in Turkey, Egypt, Persia, and other Eastern countries, and in a modified form in British India. After slavery, it is accounted the worst of all systems, because the government can fix the rent at what it pleases, and it is difficult to distinguish between rent and taxes.
S. As an abbreviation, this letter stands for "section," "statute," and various other words of which it is the initial.

S. B. An abbreviation for "senate bill."

S. C. An abbreviation for "same case." Inserted between two citations, it indicates that the same case is reported in both places. It is also an abbreviation for "supreme court," and for "select cases;" also for "South Carolina."

S. D. An abbreviation for "southern district."

S. F. S. An abbreviation in the civil law for "sine fraude sua," (without fraud on his part) Calvin.

S. L. An abbreviation for "session [or statute] laws."

S. P. An abbreviation of "sine prole," without issue. Also an abbreviation of "same principle," or "same point," indicating, when inserted between two citations, that the second involves the same doctrine as the first.

S. V. An abbreviation for "sub voce," under the word; used in references to dictionaries, and other works arranged alphabetically.

SABBATH. One of the names of the first day of the week; more properly called "Sunday." (q. v.) See State v. Drake, 64 N. C. 501; Gunn v. State, 89 Ga. 341, 15 S. E. 458.


SABBATUM. L. Lat. The Sabbath; also peace. Domesday.

SABBULONARIUM. A gravel pit, or liberty to dig gravel and sand; money paid for the same. Cowell.

SABINIANS. A school or sect of Roman jurists, under the early empire, founded by Aelius Capito, who was succeeded by M. Sabinus, from whom the name.

SABLE. The heraldic term for black. It is called "Saturn," by those who blazon by planets, and "diamond," by those who use the names of jewels. Engravers commonly represent it by numerous perpendicular and horizontal lines, crossing each other. Wharton.


SAC. In old English law. A liberty of holding pleas; the jurisdiction of a manor court; the privilege claimed by a lord of trying actions of trespass between his tenants, in his manor court, and imposing fines and amercements in the same.

SACABURTH, SACABERE, SAKABERE. In old English law. He that is robbed, or by theft deprived of his money or goods, and puts in surety to prosecute the felon with fresh suit. Bract. fol. 154b. See SACABURTH.

SACCABOR. In old English law. The person from whom a thing had been stolen, and by whom the thief was freshly pursued. Bract. fol. 154b. See SACABURTH.


SACCUS CUM BROCHIA. L. Lat. In old English law. A service or tenure of finding a sack and a broach (pitcher) to the sovereign for the use of the army. Bract. 1. 2, c. 16.

SACQUIER. In maritime law. The name of an ancient officer, whose business was to load and unload vessels laden with salt, corn, or fish, to prevent the ship's crew defrauding the merchant by false tale, or cheating him of his merchandise otherwise. Laws Oleron, art. 11; 1 Pett. Adm. Append. 25.


SACRAMENTALES. L. Lat. In feudal law. Compurgators; persons who came to purge a defendant by their oath that they believed him innocent.

SACRAMENTI ACTIO. Lat. In the older practice of the Roman law, this was one of the forms of legis actio, consisting in the deposit of a stake or juridical wager. See SACRAMENTUM.

SACRAMENTUM. Lat. In Roman law. An oath, as being a very sacred thing; more particularly, the oath taken by soldiers to be true to their general and their country. Ainsw. Lex.

In one of the formal methods of beginning an action at law (leges actiones) known to the early Roman jurisprudence, the sacramentum was a sum of money deposited in court by each of the litigating parties, as a kind of wager or forfeit, to abide the re-
sult of the suit. The successful party received back his stake; the losing party forfeited his, and it was paid into the public treasury, to be expended for sacred objects, (in sacris rebus,) whence the name. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 203.

In common law. An oath. Cowell.

—Sacramentum decisionis. The voluntary or decisive oath of the civil law, where one of the parties to a suit, not being able to prove his case, offers to refer the decision of the cause to the oath of his adversary, who is bound to accept or make the same offer on his part, or the whole is considered as confessed by him. 3 Bl. Comm. 342.—Sacramentum fidelitatis. In old English law. The oath of fealty. Reg. Orig. 263.

Sacramentum habet in se tres comites,—veritatem, justitiam, et judiciem; veritas habenda est in iurato; justitia et iusticium in iudice. An oath has in it three component parts,—truth, justice, and judgment; truth in the party swearing; justice and judgment in the judge administering the oath. 3 Inst. 160.

Sacramentum si fatum fuerit, host falso, tamen non committat perjurium. 2 Inst. 167. A foolish oath, though false, makes not perjury.


In old English law. The desecration of anything considered holy; the alienation to lay-men or to profane or common purposes of what was given to religious persons and to pious uses. Cowell.

SACRILEGIUM. Lat. In the civil law. The stealing of sacred things, or things dedicated to sacred uses; the taking of things out of a holy place. Calvin.

SACRILEGUS. Lat. In the civil and common law. A sacrilegious person; one guilty of sacrilege.

Sacrilegus omnium predornum cupiditate et scelera superst. 4 Coke, 106. A sacrilegious person transcends the stupidity and wickedness of all other robbers.

SACRISTAN. A sexton, anciently called "sagerson," or "sagistion," the keeper of things belonging to divine worship.

SADBERGE. A denomination of part of the county palatine of Durham. Wharton.

SAMEND. In old English law. An umpire, or arbitrator.

Sepe constitutum est, res inter alios judicatas allis non prejudicabile. It has often been settled that matters adjudged be-
tween others ought not to prejudice those who were not parties. Dig. 42, 1, 83.

Sepe viatorum nova, non vetus, orbita fallit. 4 Inst. 34. A new road, not an old one, often deceives the traveler.

Sempenumero ubi proprietas verborum attenditur, sensus veritatis amittitur. Oftentimes where the propriety of words is attended to, the true sense is lost. Branch, Princ.; 7 Coke, 27.

SEVITIA. Lat. In the law of divorce. Cruelty; anything which tends to bodily harm, and in that manner renders cohabitation unsafe. 1 Hagg. Const. 458.

SAFE-CONDUCT. A guaranty or security granted by the king under the great seal to a stranger, for his safe coming into and passing out of the kingdom. Cowell.

One of the papers usually carried by vessels in time of war, and necessary to the safety of neutral merchants. It is in the nature of a license to the vessel to proceed on a designated voyage, and commonly contains the name of the master, the name, description, and nationality of the ship, the voyage intended, and other matters.

SAFE-PLEDGE. A surety given that a man shall appear upon a certain day. Bract. L 4, c. 1.

SAFEGUARD. In old English law. A special privilege or license, in the form of a writ, under the great seal, granted to strangers seeking their right by course of law within the king's dominions, and apprehending violence or injury to their persons or property from others. Reg. Orig. 26.

SAGAMAN. A tale-teller; a secret accuser.

SAGES DE LA LET. L Fr. Sages of the law; persons learned in the law. A term applied to the chancellor and justices of the king's bench.

SAGIBARO. In old European law. A judge or justice; literally, a man of causes, or having charge or supervision of causes. One who administered justice and decided causes in the mallum, or public assembly. Spelman.

SAID. Before mentioned. This word is constantly used in contracts, pleadings, and other legal papers, with the same force as "aforesaid." See Shuttruck v. Balcom, 170 Mass. 245, 49 N. E. 87; Cubine v. State, 44 Tex. Cr. R. 596, 73 S. W. 306; Hlurichsen v. Hlurichsen, 172 Ill. 462, 50 N. E. 355; Wilkinson v. State, 10 Ind. 373.

SAIGA. In old European law. A German coin of the value of a penny, or of three pence.
SAIL. In insurance law. To put to sea; to begin a voyage. The least locomotion, with readiness of equipment and clearance, satisfies a warranty to sail. Pittigrew v. Pringle, 3 Burn. & Adol. 514.

SAILING. When a vessel quits her moorings, in complete readiness for sea, and it is the actual and real intention of the master to proceed on the voyage, and she is afterwards stopped by head winds and comes to anchor, still intending to proceed as soon as wind and weather will permit, this is a sailing on the voyage within the terms of a policy of insurance. Bowen v. Hope Ins. Co., 20 Pick. (Mass.) 278, 32 Am. Dec. 213.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS. Written or printed directions, delivered by the commanding officer of a convey to the several masters of the ships under his care, by which they are enabled to understand and answer his signals, to know the place of rendezvous appointed for the fleet in case of dispersion by storm, by an enemy, or otherwise. Without sailing instructions no vessel can have the protection and benefit of convey. Marsh. Ins. 368.

SAILORS. Seamen; mariners.

SAINT MARTIN LE GRAND, COURT OF. An ancient court in London, of local importance, formerly held in the church from which it took its name.

SAINT SIMONISM. An elaborate form of non-communistical socialism. It is a scheme which does not contemplate an equal, but an unequal, division of the produce. It does not propose that all should be occupied alike, but differently, according to their vocation or capacity; the function of each being assigned, like grades in a regiment, by the choice of the directing authority, and the remuneration being by salary, proportioned to the importance, in the eyes of that authority, of the function itself, and the merits of the person who fulfils it. 1 Mill, Pol. Econ. 235.

SAILO. In Gothic law. The ministerial officer of a court or magistrate, who brought parties into court and executed the orders of his superior. Spelman.

SAISIE. Fr. In French law. A judicial seizure or sequestration of property, of which there are several varieties. See INFRA.

—Saisie-arrêt. An attachment of property in the possession of a third person.—Saisie-exécution. A writ resembling that of fieri facias; defined as that species of execution by which a creditor places under the hand of justice (custody of the law) his debtor's movable property liable to seizure, in order to have it sold, so that he may obtain payment of his debt out of the proceeds. Dalloz, Dict.—Saisie-foraline. A species of foreign attachment; that which a creditor, by the permission of the president of a tribunal of first instance or a juge de paix, may exercise, without preliminary process, upon the effects, found within the commune where he lives, belonging to his foreign debtor. Dalloz, Dict.—Saisie-gagnerie. A conservatory act of execution, by which the owner or principal lessor of a house or farm causes the furniture of the house or farm leased, and on which he has a lien, to be seized; similar to the distress of the common law. Dalloz, Dict.—Saisie-immobilière. The proceeding by which a creditor places under the hand of justice (custody of the law) the movable property of his debtor, in order that the same may be sold, and that he may obtain payment of his debt out of the proceeds. Dalloz, Dict.

SAKE. In old English law. A lord's right of amercing his tenants in his court. Kellw. 145.

Acquittance of suit at county courts and hundred courts. Fitela, 1, c. 47, § 7.

SALADINE TENTH. A tax imposed in England and France, in 1188, by Pope Innocent III., to raise a fund for the crusade undertaken by Richard I. of England and Philip Augustus of France, against Saladin, sultan of Egypt, then going to besiege Jerusalem. By this tax every person who did not enter himself a crusader was obliged to pay a tenth of his yearly revenue and of the value of all his movables, except his wearing apparel, books, and arms. The Carthusians, Bernardines, and some other religious persons were exempt. Gibbon remarks that when the necessity for this tax no longer existed, the church still clung to it as too lucrative to be abandoned, and thus arose the tithing of ecclesiastical benefits for the pope or other sovereigns. Enc. Lond.

SALARIUM. Lat. In the civil law. An allowance of provisions. A stipend, wages, or compensation for services. An annual allowance or compensation. Calvin.

SALARY. A recompense or consideration made to a person for his pains and industry in another person's business; also wages, stipend, or annual allowance. Cowell.

A fixed periodical compensation to be paid for services rendered; a stated compensation, amounting to so much by the year, month, or other fixed period, to be paid to public officers and persons in some private employments, for the performance of official duties or the rendering of services of a particular kind, more or less definitely described, involving professional knowledge or skill, or at least employment above the grade of manual or mechanical labor. See State v. Speed, 183 Mo. 186, 81 S. W. 1260; Dane v. Smith, 54 Ala. 50; Fidelity Ins. Co. v. Shenandoah Iron Co. (C. C.) 42 Fed. 376; Codwin v. Huff, 10 Ind. 80; In re Chancellor, 1 Bland (M. D.) 596; Hueter v. Umatilla County, 30 Or. 496, 49 Pac. 867; Thompson v. Phillips, 12 Ohio
SALE


SALE. A contract between two parties, called, respectively, the "seller" (or vendor) and the "buyer," (or purchaser) by which the former, in consideration of the payment or promise of payment of a certain price in money, transfers to the latter the title and the possession of an object of property. See Pard. Droit Comm. § 6; 2 Kent, Comm. 863; Poth. Cont. Sale, § 1.

Sale is a contract by which, for a pecuniary consideration called a "price," one transfers to another an interest in property. Civil Code Cal. § 1721.

The contract of sale is an agreement by which one gives a thing for a price in current money, and the other gives the price in order to have the thing itself. Three circumstances concur to the perfection of the contract, to wit, the thing sold, the price, and the consent. Civil Code La. art. 2439.

A tranmutation of property from one man to another in consideration of some price or recompense in value. 2 Bl. Comm. 446.

"Sale" is a word of precise legal import, both at law and in equity. It means, at all times, a contract between parties to give and to pass rights of property for money, which the buyer pays or promises to pay to the seller for the thing bought and sold. See Butler v. Thomson, 92 N. S. 414, 22 L. Ed. 684; Ward v. State, 45 Ark. 333; Williamson v. Berry, 8 How. 544, 12 L. Ed. 1170; White v. Treat (C. C.) 100 Fed. 291; Iowa v. McFarland, 110 U. S. 471, 4 Sup. Ct. 210, 23 L. Ed. 188; Goodwin v. Kerr, 50 Mo. 281; State v. Wentworth, 35 N. H. 443; Com. v. Packard, 5 Gray (Mass.) 105; Clemens v. Davis, 7 Pa. 294; Tompkins v. Hunter, 149 N. Y. 117, 48 N. E. 532.

Synonyms. The contract of "sale" is distinguished from "barter" (which applies only to goods and is exchange, which is usual of both land and goods) and both of the latter terms denote a commutation of property for property; i.e., the price or consideration is always paid in money if the transaction is a sale, but, if it is a barter or exchange, it is paid in specific property susceptible of valuation. "Sale" differs from "gift" in that the latter transaction involves no return or recompense for the thing transferred. But an onerous gift sometimes approaches the nature of a sale, at least where the charge it imposes is a payment of money. "Sale" is also to be discriminated from "bailment," the difference to be found in the fact that the contract of bailment always contemplates the return to the bailor of the specific article delivered, either in its original form or in a modified or altered form, or the return of an article which, though not identical, is of the same class, and is equivalent. But sale never involves the return of the article itself, but only a consideration in money. This contract differs also from "accord and satisfaction," because in the latter the object of transferring the property is to compromise and settle a claim, while the object of a sale is the price given.

—Absolute and conditional sales. An absolute sale is one where the property in chattels passes to the buyer upon the completion of the bargain between the parties. Trux v. Pars. 174 Mass. 109, 52 Atl. 279. A conditional sale is one in which the transfer of title is made to depend on the performance of a condition; or a purchase for a price paid or to be paid to become absolute on a particular event, or a purchase accompanied by an agreement to resell upon particular terms. POINDEXTER v. MC Cannon, 111 Ala. 722, 4 Am. L. R. 82; v. McCormick Const. Co., 72 Fed. 366, 18 C. C. A. 595; Churchill v. Demerritt, 71 N. H. 110, 43 Atl. 254; V. Van Allen v. Francis, 123 Cal. 747, 56 Pac. 329. Conditional sales are distinguishable from mortgages. They are to be taken strictly as independent dealings between strangers. A mortgage is a security for a debt, while a conditional sale is a purchase for a price paid, or to be paid, to become absolute on a particular event; or a purchase accompanied by an agreement to resell all upon a particular event. Turner v. Kerr, 44 Mo. 429; Crane v. Bonnell, 2 N. J. Eq. 264; Weatherly v. Weatherly, 40 Miss. 869, 60 Am. Dec. 119; McMahan v. Stryer, 90 Mo. 363, 45 Atl. 206.—Bill of sale. See BILL. —Executed and executory sales. An executed sale is one which is final and complete in all its particulars and details, and nothing remaining to be done by either party to effect an absolute transfer of the subject-matter of the sale. An executory sale is an incomplete sale; one which has been definitely agreed on as to terms and conditions, but which has not yet been carried into full effect in respect to some of its terms and details, as when the buyer is required to determine the price, quantity, or identity of the thing sold, or to pay installments of purchase-money, or to effect a delivery. See McFadden v. Henderson, 128 Ala. 221, 59 South. 340; Vogel v. Brukab, 122 Pa. 7, 15 Atl. 602; Smith v. Barron County Sup'r, 44 Wis. 691.—Forced sale. A sale made without the consent or concurrency of the owner of the property, but by virtue of judicial process, such as a writ of execution or an order under a decree of foreclosure.—Fraudulent sale. One made for the purpose of defrauding the creditors of the owner of the property, by covering up or removing from their reach and converting into cash property which has been sold as a part of the act of disposition of their claims.—Judicial sale. A judicial sale is one made under the process of a court having competent authority to sell the property, by an officer duly appointed and commissioned to sell, as distinguished from a sale by a owner in virtue of his right of property. Williamson v. Berry, 8 How. 547, 12 L. Ed. 1170; Teague v. Cole, 80 Va. 701; Black v. Caldwell (C. C.) 88 Fed. 280; Woodward v. Dillworth, 75 Fed. 415, 21 C. C. A. 417.—Memorandum sale. A name sometimes applied to that form of conditional sale in which the goods are placed in the possession of the purchaser subject to his approval, the title remaining in the seller until they are either accepted or rejected by the vendee.—Private sale. One negotiated and concluded privately between buyer and seller, and not made by advertisement and sale by public outcry. See Barcello v. Hapgood, 118 N. C. 712, 24 S. E. 124.—Public sale. A sale made in pursuance of a notice, by advertisement and sale by public outcry. Robins v. Bellas, 4 Watts (Pa.) 298.

—Sale and return. This is a species of contract by which the seller (usually a manufacturer or wholesaler) sells to the buyer a quantity of goods to be returned to the seller, on the understanding that, if the latter should desire to retain or use or resell any portion of such goods, he will consider such part as having been sold to him, and will repay the price, and the balance he will return to the seller, or hold them, as bailee, subject to his order.
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Sturm v. Boker, 150 U. S. 312, 14 Sup. Ct. 99, 87 L. Ed. 1035; Haskins v. Bern, 19 Utah, 88, 58 Pac. 933; Hickman v. Shimp, 106 Pa. 10. — Sale in gross. The term "sale in gross," when applied to the thing sold, means a sale by the tract, without regard to quantity, and is in that sense a contract of hazard. Yost v. Milli- cove, 77 Va. 516.—Sale of note. A memorandum of the purchase and terms of a sale, given by a broker or factor to the seller, who hailed him the goods for that purpose, and to the buyer, who pledged with him the goods sold and sold notes.—Sale on credit. A sale of property accompanied by delivery of possession, but where payment of the price is deferred to a future date or date of approval on approval. A species of conditional sale, which is to become absolute only in case the buyer, on trial, approves or is satisfied with the article sold. The approval, however, need not be express; it may be inferred from his keeping the goods beyond a reasonable time. Benj. Sales. § 611. —Sale per aver- slonem. In the civil law, a sale where the goods are taken in bulk, or not by weight or measure, and for a single price, or where a piece of land is sold for a gross sum to be paid for the whole premises, and not at a fixed price by the acre or foot. Winston v. Browning, 61 Ala. 581; State v. Buck, 40 La. Ann. 636, 15 South. 53. —Sale with all faults. On what is called "sale with all faults." unless the seller fraudulently and inconsistently represents the article sold or the faults, or any of them, to con- ceal any fault from the purchaser, the latter must take the article for better or worse. 3 Camp. 374; Brown.—Sheriff's sale. A sale of property, conducted by a sheriff, or sheriff's deputy, in virtue of his authority as an officer holding process. —Tax-sale. A sale of land for unpaid taxes; a sale of property, by authority of law, for the collection of a tax assessed upon it, or upon its owner, which remains unpaid.—Voluntary sale. One made freely, without constraint, by the owner of the thing sold. 1 Beav, Inst. no. 574.

SALET. In old English law. A head- piece; a steel cap or morion. Cowell.

SALFORD HUNDRED COURT OF RECORD. An inferior and local court of record having jurisdiction in personal actions where the debt or damage sought to be recovered does not exceed £50. If the cause of action lies within the hundred of Salford. St. 31 & 32 Vict. c. 130; 2 Exch. Div. 346.

SALIC LAW. A body of law framed by the Sallan Franks, after their settlement in Gaul under their king Pharamond, about the beginning of the fifth century. It is the most ancient of the barbarian codes, and is considered one of the most important com- plications of law in use among the feudal nations of Europe. See Sali sa. In French jurisprudence. The name is frequently applied to that fundamental law of France which excluded females from suc- cession to the crown. Supposed to have been derived from the sixty-second title of the Salic Law, "De Alode." Brande.

SALOON does not necessarily import a place to sell liquors. It may mean a place for the sale of general refreshments. Kitson v. Ann Arbor, 26 Mich. 325.

"Saloons" has not acquired the legal signification of a house kept for retailing in- toxicating liquor. It may mean a room for the reception of company, for exhibition of works of art, etc. State v. Mansker, 30 Tex. 394.

SALOON-KEEPER. This expression has a definite meaning, namely, a retailer of cigars, liquors, etc. Cahill v. Campbell, 105 Mass. 40.

SALT DUTY IN LONDON. A custom in the city of London called "grange," formerly payable to the lord mayor, etc., for salt brought to the port of London, being the twentieth part. Wharton.

SALT SILVER. One penny paid at the feast day of St. Martin, by the tenants of some manors, as a commutation for the ser- vice of carrying their lord's salt from market to his larder. Paroch. Antiq. 496.

SALUS. Lat. Health; prosperity; safety.

Salus populi suprema lex. The welfare of the people is the supreme law. Boc. Max. reg. 12; Broom, Max. 1-10; Montesq. Esprit des Lois, lib. 26, c. 23; 13 Coke, 139.

Salus reipublicae suprema lex. The welfare of the state is the supreme law. Inhabitants of Springfield v. Connecticut River R. Co., 4 Cush. (Mass.) 71; Cochituate Bank v. Colt, 1 Gray (Mass.) 380; Broom, Max. 396.

Salus ubi multi consilarii. 4 Inst. 1. Where there are many counselors, there is safety.

SALUTE. A gold coin stamped by Henry V. in France, after his conquests there, whereon the arms of England and France were stamped quarterly. Cowell.


SALVAGE. In maritime law. A compensa- tion allowed to persons by whose assist- ance a ship or its cargo has been saved, in whole or in part, from impending danger, or recovered from actual loss, in cases of shipwreck, derelict, or recapture. 3 Kent, Comm. 245. Cope v. Vallette Dry-Dock Co., 119 U. S. 625, 7 Sup. Ct. 336, 30 L. Ed. 501; The Ittica, 62 Fed. 763, 10 C. C. A. 629; The Lyman M. Law (D. C.) 122 Fed. 822; The Blackwall, 10 Wall. 11, 19 L. Ed. 870; The Spokane (D. C.) 67 Fed. 236.

In the older books of the law, (and some- times in modern writings,) the term is also used to denote the goods or property saved.

—Equitable salvage. By analogy, the term "salvage" is sometimes also used in cases which have nothing to do with maritime perils, but in which property has been preserved from loss by the last of several advances by different persons.
In such a case, the person making the last advance is frequently entitled to priority over the others, on the ground that, without his advance, the property would have been lost altogether. This right, which is sometimes called that of “equitable salvage,” and is in the nature of a lien, is chiefly of importance with reference to payments made to prevent leases or policies of insurance from being forfeited, or to prevent mines and similar undertakings from being stopped or injured. See 1 Fish. Mortz. 149; 3 Co. R. 41; 7 Ves. R. 14 Eq. 4; 7 Ch. R. 12 Eq. 227.

-Salvage charges. This term includes all the expenses and costs incurred in the work of saving and preserving the property which was in danger. The salvage charges ultimately fall upon the insurers. -Salvage loss. See Loss. -Salvage service. In maritime law. Any service rendered in saving property on the sea, or wrecked on the coast of the sea. The Emanuel, 1 Summ. 210, Fed. Cas. No. 4,480.

-SALVIAN INTERDICT. See Interdict Salvianum.

-SALVO. Lat. Saving; excepting; without prejudice to. Salvo me et heredibus meis, except me and my heirs. Salvo jure cüusulicet, without prejudice to the rights of any one.

-SALVOR. A person who, without any particular relation to a ship in distress, professes useful service, and gives it as a volunteer adventurer, without any pre-existing covenant that connected him with the duty of employing himself for the preservation of that ship. The Clara, 23 Wall. 16, 23 L. Ed. 150; The Dumper, 129 Fed. 99, 63 C. C. A. 600; Central Stockyard Co. v. Mears, 59 App. Div. 452, 88 N. Y. Supp. 795.

-SALVUS PLEGIUS. L. Lat. A safe pledge; called, also, “certus plegius,” a sure pledge. Bract. fol. 100b.

-SAME. The word “same” does not always mean “identical,” not different or other. It frequently means of the kind or species, not the specific thing. Crapo v. Brown, 40 Iowa, 487, 489.

-SAMPLE. A specimen; a small quantity of any commodity, presented for inspection or examination as evidence of the quality of the whole; as a sample of cloth or of wheat.

-Sample, sale by. A sale at which only a sample of the goods sold is exhibited to the buyer.


-SANCTIO. Lat. In the civil law. That part of a law by which a penalty was ordained against those who should violate it. Inst. 2, 1, 10.

-SANCTION. In the original sense of the word, a “sanction” is a penalty or punishment provided as a means of enforcing obedience to a law. In jurisprudence, a law is said to have a sanction when there is a state which will intervene if it is disobeyed or disregarded. Therefore international law has no legal sanction. Sweet.

-In a more general sense, a “sanction” has been defined as a conditional evil annexed to a law to produce obedience to that law; and, in a still wider sense, a “sanction” means simply an authorization of anything. Occasionally, “sanction” is used (e. g., in Roman law) to denote a statute, the part (penal clause) being used to denote the whole. Brown.

-The vindictory part of a law, or that part which ordains or denounced a penalty for its violation. 1 Bl. Comm. 56.

-SANCTUARY. In old English law. A consecrated place which had certain privileges annexed to it, and to which offenders were accustomed to resort for refuge, because they could not be arrested there, nor the laws be executed.

-SAND-GAVEL. In old English law. A payment due to the lord of the manor of Rodley, in the county of Gloucester, for liberty granted to the tenants to dig sand for their common use. Cowell.

-SANE. Of natural and normal mental condition; healthy in mind.

-Sane memory. Sound mind, memory, and understanding. This is one of the essential elements in the capacity of contracting; and the absence of it in lunatics and idiots, and its imaturity in infants, is the cause of their respective incapacies or partial incapacities to bind themselves. The like circumstance is their ground of exemption in cases of crime. Brown.

-SANG, or SANO. In old French. Blood.

-SANGUINE, or MURRAY. An heraldic term for “blood-color,” called, in the arms of princes, “dragon’s tail,” and, in those of lords, “sardonyx.” It is a tincture of very infrequent occurrence, and not recognized by some writers. In engraving, it is denoted by numerous lines in saltire. Wharton.

-SANGUINEM EMERE. Lat. In feudal law. A redemption by vellinns, of their blood or tenure, in order to become freemen.


-SANGUIS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. Blood; consanguinity. The right or power which the chief lord of the fee had to judge and determine cases where blood was shed. Mon. Aug. t. f. 1021.

-SANIS. A kind of punishment among the Greeks; inflicted by binding the malefactor fast to a piece of wood. Enc. Land.
SANITARY AUTHORITIES. In English law. Bodies having jurisdiction over their respective districts in regard to sewerage, drainage, scavenging, the supply of water, the prevention of nuisances and offensive trades, etc., all of which come under the head of "sanitary matters" in the special sense of the word. Sanitary authorities also have jurisdiction in matters coming under the head of "local government." Sweet.

SANITY. Sound understanding; the reverse of insanity. (q. v.)

SANSE CÔT QUE. L. Fr. Without this. See ABSQUE HOC.

SANSE FRAIS. Fr. Without expense. See RETOUR SANS PROIT.

SANSE IMPEACHMENT DE WAST. L. Fr. Without impeachment of waste. Litt. § 152. See ABSQUE IMPETITONE VASTI.

SANSE JOUR. Fr. Without day; sine die.

SANSE NOMBRE. Fr. A term used in relation to the right of putting animals on a common. The term "common sans nombre" does not mean that the beasts are to be innumerable, but only indefinite; not certain. Willes, 227.

SANSE RECOURS. Fr. Without recourse. See INDOREMENT.

Sapiens incipit a fine, et quod primum est in iunctione, ultimum est in executione. A wise man begins with the last, and what is first in intention is last in execution. 10 Coke, 25.

Sapiens omnis agit cum consilio. A wise man does everything advisedly. 4 Inst. 4.


Sapientis judicis est cogitare tantum sibi esse permissum, quantum commissum et ereditum. It is the part of a wise judge to think that a thing is permitted to him, only so far as it is committed and intrusted to him. 4 Inst. 163. That is, he should keep his jurisdiction within the limits of his commission.


SART. In old English law. A piece of woodland, turned into arable. Cowell.


SASNE. In Scotch law. The symbolic delivery of land, answering to theivery of selsin of the old English law. 4 Kent, Comm. 459.

SASSE. In old English law. A kind of wear with flood-gates, most commonly in cut rivers, for the shutting up and letting out of water, as occasion required, for the more ready passing of boats and barges to and fro; a lock; a turnpike; a sluice. Cowell.

SASSONS. The corruption of Saxons. A name of contempt formerly given to the English, while they affected to be called "Angles;" they are still so called by the Welsh.

SATISDARE. Lat. In the civil law. To guaranty the obligation of a principal.

SATISDATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Security given by a party to an action, as by a defendant, to pay what might be adjudged against him. Inst. 4, 11; 3 Bl. Comm. 291.

SATISFACTION. The act of satisfying a party by paying what is due to him, (as on a mortgage, lien, or contract,) or what is awarded to him, by the judgment of a court or otherwise. Thus, a judgment is satisfied by the payment of the amount due to the party who has recovered such judgment, or by his levying the amount. See Miller v. Beck, 108 Iowa, 705, 79 N. W. 544; Rivers v. Blom, 163 Mo. 442, 63 S. W. 812; Maryck v. Coll, 3 Rich. Law (S. C.) 230; Green v. Green, 49 Ind. 423; Bryant v. Fairfield, 51 Me. 152; Armour Bros. Banking Co. v. Addington, 1 Ind. T. 304, 37 S. W. 100.

In practice. An entry made on the record, by which a party in whose favor a judgment was rendered declares that he has been satisfied and paid.

In equity. The doctrine of satisfaction in equity is somewhat analogous to performance in equity, but differs from it in this respect: that satisfaction is always something given either in whole or in part as a substitute or equivalent for something else, and not (as in performance) something that may be construed as the identical thing considered to be done. Brown.

—Satisfaction piece. In practice. A memorandum in writing, entitled in a cause, stating that satisfaction is acknowledged between the parties, plaintiff and defendant. Upon this being duly acknowledged and filed in the office where the record of the judgment is, the judgment becomes satisfied, and the defendant discharged from it. 1 Archb. Pr. 722.

Satisfaction should be made to that fund which has sustained the loss. 4 Bouv. Inst. no. 3731.

SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE. See EVIDENCE.
SATISFIED TERM. A term of years in land is thus called when the purpose for which it was created has been satisfied or executed before the expiration of the set period.

-Satisfied terms act. The statute 8 & 9 Vict. c. 112, passed to abolish satisfied outstanding terms of years in land. By this act, terms which shall henceforth become attendant upon the inheritance, either by express declaration or construction of law, are to cease and determine. This, in effect, abolishes outstanding terms. 1 Steph. Comm. 389-392; Williams, Real Prop. pt. 4, c. 1.

SATISFY, in technical use, generally means to comply actually and fully with a demand; to extinguish, by payment or performance.

Satius est petere fontes quam sectari rivulos. Loft. 606. It is better to seek the source than to follow the streamlets.

SATURDAY'S STOP. In old English law. A space of time from even-song on Saturday till sun-rising on Monday, in which it was not lawful to take salmon in Scotland and the northern parts of England. Cowell.

SAUNKEFIN. L. Fr. End of blood; failure of the direct line in successions. Spelman; Cowell.

SAUVAGINE. L. Fr. Wild animals.


SAVE. To except, reserve, or exempt; as where a statute "saves" vested rights. To toll, or suspend the running or operation of; as to "save" the statute of limitations.

SAVER DEFAULT. L. Fr. In old English practice. To excuse a default. Termes de la Ley.

SAVING CLAUSE. A saving clause in a statute is an exception of a special thing out of the general things mentioned in the statute; it is ordinarily a restriction in a repealing act, which is intended to save rights, pending proceedings, penalties, etc., from the annihilation which would result from an unrestricted repeal. State v. St. Louis, 174 Mo. 123, 73 S. W. 623, 61 L. R. A. 593; Clark Thread Co. v. Kearney Tp., 55 N. J. Law, 50, 25 Atl. 327.

SAVING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. A creditor is said to "save the statute of limitations" when he saves or preserves his debt from being barred by the operation of the statute. Thus, in the case of a simple contract debt, if a creditor commence an action for its recovery within six years from the time when the cause of action accrued, he will be in time to save the statute. Brown.

SAVINGS BANK. See Bank.

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SAVOUR. To partake the nature of; to bear affinity to.

SAVOY. One of the old privileged places, or sanctuaries. 4 Steph. Comm. 227n.

SAXON LAGE. The laws of the West Saxons. Cowell.

SAY ABOUT. This phrase, like "more or less," is frequently introduced into conveyances or contracts of sale, to indicate that the quantity of the subject-matter is uncertain, and is only estimated, and to guard the vendor against the implication of having warranted the quantity.

SAYER. In Hindu law. Variable imposts distinct from land, rents, or revenues; consisting of customs, tolls, licenses, duties on goods; also taxes on houses, shops, bazaars, etc. Wharton.

SC. An abbreviation for "scilicet," that is to say.

SCABINI. In old European law. The judges or assessors of the judges in the court, held by the count. Assistants or associates of the count; officers under the count. The permanent selected judges of the Franks. Judges among the Germans, Franks, and Lombards, who were held in peculiar esteem. Spelman.

SCACCARIUM. A chequered cloth resembling a chess-board which covered the table in the exchequer, and on which, when certain of the king's accounts were made up, the sums were marked and scored with counters. Hence the court of exchequer, or curia scaccarii, derived its name. 3 Bl. Comm. 44.

SCALAM. At the scale; the old way of paying money into the exchequer. Cowell.

SCALE. In early American law. To adjust, graduate, or value according to a scale. Walden v. Payne, 2 Wash. (Va.) 5, 6.

SCAMNUM CADUCUM. In old records, the cucking-stool. (q. v.) Cowell.

SCANDAL. Defamatory reports or rumors; aspersions or slanderous talk, uttered recklessly or maliciously.

In pleading. "Scandal consists in the allegation of anything which is unbecoming the dignity of the court to hear, or is contrary to good manners, or which charges some person with a crime not necessary to be shown in the cause; to which may be added that any unnecessary allegation, bearing cruelly upon the moral character of an individual, is also scandalous." Danell, Ch. Pr. 290. And see McNulty v. Wiesen (D. C.) 130 Fed. 1013; Kelley v. Boetcher, 55 Fed.
SCANDALOUS MATTER. In equity pleading. See SCANDAL.

SCANDALUM MAGNATUM. In English law. Scandal or slander of great men or nobles. Words spoken in derogation of a peer, a judge, or other great officer of the realm, for which an action lies, though it is now rarely resorted to. 3 Bl. Comm. 123; 3 Steph. Comm. 473. This offense has not existed in America since the formation of the United States. State v. Shepherd, 177 Mo. 205, 76 S. W. 79, 99 Am. St. Rep. 624.

SCEPELLARE. In old European law. To chop; to chop or haggle. Speelman.

SCAPHA. Lat. In Roman law. A boat; a lighter. A ship's boat.

SCAVAGE, SCHEVAGE, SCHEWAGE, or SHEWAGE. A kind of toll or custom, exacted by mayors, sheriffs, etc., of merchant strangers, for wares showed or offered for sale within their liberties. Prohibited by 19 Hen. VII. c. 7. Cowell.

SCAVAILDUS. The officer who collected the scavage money. Cowell.

SCEATTA. A Saxon coin of less denomination than a shilling. Speelman.

SCEPPA SALS. An ancient measure of salt, the quantity of which is now not known. Wharton.

SCHARN-PENNY, SCHRANN-PENNY, or SCHORN-PENNY. A small duty or compensation. Cowell.

SCHEDULE. A sheet of paper or parchment annexed to a statute, deed, answer in equity, deposition, or other instrument, exhibiting in detail the matters mentioned or referred to in the principal document.

A list or inventory; the paper containing an inventory.

In practice. When an indictment is returned from an inferior court in obedience to a writ of certiorari, the statement of the previous proceedings sent with it is termed the "schedule." 1 Saund. 3064, n. 2.

In constitutional law. A schedule is a statement annexed to a constitution newly adopted by a state, in which are described the particulars in which it differs from the former constitution, or which contains provisions for the adjustment of matters affected by the change from the old to the new constitution.

SCHEME. In English law, a scheme is a document containing provisions for regulating the management or distribution of property, or for making an arrangement between persons having conflicting rights. Thus, in the practice of the chancery division, where the execution of a charitable trust in the manner directed by the founder is difficult or impracticable, or requires supervision, a scheme for the management of the charity will be settled by the court. Tud. Char. Trusts, 257; Hunt, Eq. 248; Danieli, Ch. Pr. 1763.

SCHETES. Usury. Cowell.

SCHIREMAN. In Saxon law. An officer having the civil government of a shire, or county; an earl. 1 Bl. Comm. 396.

SCHIRRENS-GELD. In Saxon law. A tax paid to sheriffs for keeping the shire or county court. Cowell.

SCHISM. In ecclesiastical law. A division or separation in a church or denomination of Christians, occasioned by a diversity of faith, creed, or religious opinion. Nelson v. Benson, 91 Ill. 29; McKinney v. Griggs, 5 Bush (Ky.) 407, 96 Am. Dec. 360.

Schein-bill. In English law. The name of an act passed in the reign of Queen Anne, which restrained Protestant dissenters from educating their own children, and forbade all tutors and schoolmasters to be present at any conventicle or dissenting place of worship. The queen died on the day when this act was to have taken effect, (August 1, 1714) and it was repealed in the fifth year of Geo. I. Wharton.

SCHOOL. An institution of learning of a lower grade, below a college or a university. A place of primary instruction. The term generally refers to the common or public schools, maintained at the expense of the public. See American Asylum v. Phoenix Bank, 4 Dec. 177; in re Sanders, 63 Kan. 191, 86 Pac. 348, 23 L. R. A. 603; Com. v. Banks, 198 Pa. 397, 48 Atl. 277.

Common schools. Schools maintained at the public expense and administered by a bureau of the state, district, or municipal government, for the gratuitous education of the children of all citizens without distinction. Jenkins v. Anndover, 103 Mass. 98; People v. Board of Education, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 410; Le Couteulx v. Buffalo, 33 N. Y. 337; Roach v. Board of Directors, 7 Mo. App. 567. —District school. A common or public school for the education at public expense of the children residing within a given district; a public school maintained by a "school district." See infra. —High school. A school in which higher branches of learning are taught than in the common schools. 123 Mass. 306. A school in which such instruction is given as will prepare the students to enter a college or university. Attorney Gen. v. Butler, 123 Mass. 306; State v. School Dist., 31 Neb. 532, 48 N. W. 393; Whitlock v. State, 30 Neb. 813, 47 N. W. 284. —Normal school. A training school for teachers; one in which instruction is given in the theory and practice of teaching; particularly, in the system of schools generally established throughout the United States, a school for the training and instruction of those who are already teachers in the public schools or those who desire and expect
to become such. See Gordon v. Cornes, 47 N. Y. 616; Board of Regents v. Painter, 102 Mo. 464, 14 S. W. 938, 10 L. R. A. 493.—Private school. One maintained by private individuals, not at public expense, and open only to pupils selected and admitted by the proprietors or governors, or to pupils of a certain class or possessing certain qualifications, (racial, religious, or otherwise,) and generally supported, in part at least, by tuition fees or charges. See Quigley v. State, 5 Ohio Cir. Ct. R. 638.—Public school. One established by the State under the laws of the state, (and usually regulated in matters of detail by the local authorities,) in the various districts, counties, or towns, maintained at public expense by taxes, and open without charge to the children of all the residents of the town or other district. Jenkins v. Andover, 103 Mass. 97; Bingham's Ch. Tech v. Assessors of Taxes, 12 R. I. 19, 54 Am. Rep. 567; Merrick v. Amberst, 12 Allen (Mass.) 508. A public school is one belonging to the public and established and conducted under public authority; not one owned and conducted by private parties, though it may be open to the public generally and though tuition may be free. Gerke v. Furlow, 25 Ohio St. 220.—School board. A board of municipal officers charged with the administration of the affairs of the public schools. They are composed, as a rule, of persons organized under the general laws of the state, and fall within the class of quasi corporations, sometimes coterminous with a county or borough, but not necessarily so. The members of the school board are sometimes termed "school directors," or the official style may be "the board of school directors." The circuit of their territorial jurisdiction is called a "school district," and each school district is usually a separate taxing district for school purposes.—School directors. See School Board.—School district. A public and quasi municipal corporation, organized by legislative authority or direction, comprising a defined territory, for the election, maintenance, government, and support of the public schools within its territory in accordance with and in subordination to the general school laws of the state, invested, for these purposes only, with powers of local self-government and generally of local taxation, and administered by a board of officers, usually elected by the voters of the district; they are variously styled "school directors," or "trustees," "commissioners," or "superintendents" of schools. See Hamilton v. San Diego County, 13 Cal. 360; Hix v. San Diego School, 77 Cal. 364; Ashworth, 57 N. J. Law, 500, 31 Atl. 1017; Travelers' Ins. Co. v. Osweeke Tp., 50 Fed. 64, 7 C. C. A. 696; Board of Education v. Sinton, 41 Tex. 535; School law.—School master. One employed in teaching a school.

SCHOUT. In Dutch law. An officer of a court whose functions somewhat resemble those of a sheriff.

SCI. FA. An abbreviation for "scire facias, (q. v.)

SCIENDUM. Lat. In English law. The name given to a clause inserted in the record by which it is made "known that the Justice here in court, in this same term, delivered a writ thereupon to the deputy-sheriff of the county aforesaid, to be executed in due form of law." Lee, Dict. "Record."

SCIENDUM EST. Lat. It is to be known; be it remarked. In the books of the civil law, this phrase is often found at the beginning of a chapter or paragraph, by way of introduction to some explanation, or directing attention to some particular rule.

SCIENTER. Lat. Knowingly. The term is used in pleading to signify an allegation (or that part of the declaration or indictment which contains it) setting out the defendant's previous knowledge of the cause which led to the injury complained of, or rather his previous knowledge of a state of facts which it was his duty to guard against, and his omission to do which has led to the injury complained of. The insertion of such an allegation is called "laying the action (or indictment) with a scirenter." And the term is frequently used to signify the defendant's guilty knowledge.

Scienti et volenti non fit injuria. Bract. fol. 20. An injury is not done to one who knows and wills it.

Sciencia scolorum est mixta ignorantia. 8 Coke, 159. The knowledge of smatterers is dilated ignorance.

Sciencia utrimque par partes contraentes facit. Equal knowledge on both sides makes contracting parties equal. 3 Burrows, 1905. An insured need not mention what the underwriter knows, or what he ought to know. Broom, Max. 772.

SCILICET. Lat. To wit; that is to say. A word used in pleadings and other instruments, as introductory to a more particular statement of matters previously mentioned in general terms. Hob. 171, 172.

SCINTILLA. Lat. A spark; a remaining particle; the least particle.

—Scintilla‾: a term of real property law. A spark of right or interest. By this figurative expression was denoted the small particle of interest which, by a fiction of law, was supposed to remain in feud and to support contingent uses afterwards coming into existence, and thereby enable the statute of uses (27 Hen. VIII. c. 10) to execute them. See 2 Washb. Real Prop. 125; 4 Kent, Comm. 233.

—Scintilla of evidence. A spark, glimmer, or faint show of evidence. A metaphorical expression to describe a very insignificant or trifling item or particle of evidence; used in the statement of the common-law rule that if there is any evidence at all in a case, even a mere scintilla, tending to support a material issue, the case cannot be taken from the jury, but must be left to their decision. See Offutt v. World's Columbian Exposition, 175 Ill. 472, 61 N. E. 601.

Scire debes cum quo contrahis. You ought to know with whom you deal. 11 Mees. & W. 403, 632; 13 Mees. & W. 171.

Scire et scire debere equipsans tur in jure. To know a thing, and to be bound to know it, are regarded in law as equivalent. Tram. Leg. Max. 551.

SCIRE FACIAS. Lat. In practice. A judicial writ, founded upon some record, and
requiring the person against whom it is brought to show cause why the party bringing the suit shall not have the advantage of such record, or (in the case of a scire facias to repeal letters patent) why the record should not be annulled and vacated. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 86; Pub. St. Mass. p. 1235.

The most common application of this writ is as a process to revive a judgment, after the lapse of a certain time, or on a change of parties, or otherwise to have execution of the judgment, in which cases it is merely a continuation of the original action. It is used more rarely as a mode of proceeding against special ball on their recognizance, and as a means of repealing letters patent, in which cases it is an original proceeding. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 86. And see Knapp v. Thomas, 39 Ohio St. 383, 48 Am. Rep. 462; Walker v. Wells, 17 Ga. 551, 63 Am. Dec. 222; Chestnut v. Chestnut, 77 Ill. 349; Lyon v. Ford, 20 D. C. 335; State Treasurer v. Foster, 7 Vt. 53; Lafayette County v. Wonderly, 92 Fed. 314, 34 C. C. A. 300; Hadaway v. Hynson, 80 Md. 305, 43 Atl. 806.

—Scire facias ad audiamendum errores. The name of a writ which is sued out after the plaintiff in error has assigned his errors. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 20.—Scire facias ad disprobandum debitum. The name of a writ in use in Pennsylvania, which lies by a defendant in foreign attachment against the plaintiff, in order to enable him, within a year and a day next ensuing the time of payment to the plaintiff in the attachment, to disprove or avoid the debt recovered against him. Bouvier.—Scire facias ad rehabeendum terram. A scire facias ad rehabeendum terram lies to enable a judgment debtor to recover back his lands taken under an ejectment when the judgment creditor has satisfied or been paid the amount of his judgment. Chit. 692; Fost. on Sci. Fa. 58.—Scire facias for the crown. In English law. The summary proceeding by writ is only resorted to when a crown debtor is insolvent, and there is good ground for supposing that the debt may be lost by delay. In ordinary cases where a debt or duty has been adjudged by record to be owing to the crown, the process for the crown is a writ of scire facias for the crown executed non; but should the defendant become insolvent pending this writ, the crown may abandon the proceeding and resort to an extent. Wharton.—Scire facias quare restitutionem non. This writ lies where execution on a judgment has been levied, but the money has not been paid over to the plaintiff, and the judgment is afterwards reversed in error or on appeal; in such a case a scire facias is necessary before a writ of restitution can issue. Chit. 582; Fost. on Sci. Fa. 64.—Scire facias sur mortgage. A writ of scire facias issued upon the default of a mortgagee to make payments or observe conditions, requiring him to show cause why the mortgage should not be foreclosed, and the mortgaged property taken and sold in execution.—Scire facias sur municipal claim. A writ of scire facias, authorized to be issued, in Pennsylvania, as a means of enforcing payment of a municipal claim (q. v.) out of the real estate upon which such claim is a lien.

SCIRE FECI. Lat. In practice. The name given to the sheriff's return to a writ of scire facias that he has caused notice to be given to the party or parties against whom the writ was issued. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 98, 99.

SCIRE PEERI INQUIRY. In English law. The name of a writ formerly used to recover the amount of a judgment from an executor.

Scire leges non hoc est verba carum tenere, sed vim no potestatem. To know the laws is not to observe their mere words, but their force and power; [that is, the essential meaning in which their efficacy resides.] Dig. 1, 3, 17; 1 Kent, Comm. 462.

Scire proprietum est rem ratione et per causam cognoscere. To know properly is to know a thing in its reason, and by its cause. We are truly said to know anything, where we know the true cause thereof. Co. Litt. 183b.

SCIRE WYTHE. In old English law. A tax or prestation paid to the sheriff for holding the assizes or county courts. Cowell.


SCITE, or SITE. The sitting or standing on any place; the seat or situation of a capital message, or the ground whereon it stands. Jacob.

SCOLD. A troublesome and angry woman, who, by brawling and wrangling among her neighbors, breaks the public peace, increases discord, and becomes a public nuissance to the neighborhood. 4 Steph. Comm. 270.


SCOT. In old English law. A tax, or tribute; one's share of a contribution.

—Scot and lot. In English law. The name of a customary contribution, laid upon all subjects according to their ability. Brown.—Scot and lot voters. In English law. Voters in certain boroughs entitled to the franchise in virtue of their paying this contribution. 2 Steph. Comm. 390.

SCOTAL. In old English law. An extortionate practice by officers of the forest who kept ale-houses, and compelled the people to drink at their houses for fear of their displeasure. Prohibited by the charter of the forest, c. 7. Wharton.

SCOTCH MARRIAGES. See GRETA GREEN.

SCOTCH PEERS. Peers of the kingdom of Scotland; of these sixteen are elected to parliament by the rest and represent the whole body. They are elected for one parliament only.
SCOTS. In English law. Assessments by commissioners of severs.

SCOTTARE. To pay scot, tax, or customary dues. Cowell.

SCOUNDREL. An approbrious epithet, implying rascality, villany, or a want of honor or integrity. In slander, this word is not actionable per se. 2 Bouv. Inst. 2250.

SCRAMBLING POSSESSION. See Possession.

SCRAWL. A word used in some of the United States for scrawl or scroll. "The word 'seal,' written in a scroll attached to the name of an obligor, makes the instrument a specialty." Comerford v. Cobb, 2 Fla. 418.

SCRIBA. Lat. A scribe; a secretary. Scriba regis, a king's secretary; a chancellor. Spelman.

Scribere est agere. To write is to act. Tresonable words set down in writing amount to overt acts of treason. 2 Rolle, 80; 4 Bl. Comm. 80; Broom, Max. 312, 967.

SCRIP. Certificates of ownership, either absolute or conditional, of shares in a public company, corporate profits, etc. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1295.

A scrip certificate (or shortly 'scrip') is an acknowledgment by the projectors of a company or the issuers of a loan that the person named therein (or more commonly the holder for the time being of the certificate) is entitled to a certain specified number of shares, debentures, bonds, etc. It is usually given in exchange for the letter of allotment, and in its turn is given up for the shares, debentures, or bonds which it represents. Lindl. Partn. 127; Sweet.

The term has also been applied in the United States to warrants or other like orders drawn on a municipal treasury (Alma v. Guaranty Sav. Bank, 60 Fed. 207, 8 C. C. A. 564,) to certificates showing the holder to be entitled to a certain portion or allotment of public or state lands, (Walt v. State Land Office Com'rs, 87 Mich. 333, 49 N. W. 600,) and to the fractional paper currency issued by the United States during the period of the Civil War.

—Scrip dividend. See Dividend.

SCRIPT. Where instruments are executed in part and counterpart, the original or principal is so called.

In English probate practice. A will, codicil, draft of will or codicil, or written instructions for the same. If the will is destroyed, a copy or any paper embodying its contents becomes a script, even though not made under the direction of the testator. Browne, Prob. Pr. 280.

SCUTAGE. In feudal law. A tax or contribution raised by those that held lands by knight's service, toward furnishing the king's army, at the rate of one, two or three marks for every knight's fee. A pecuniary composition or commutation

Scriptae obligationes scriptis tolluntur, et nulli consensus obligatio contraria consensus dissolvitur. Written obligations are superseded by writings, and an obligation of naked assent is dissolved by assent to the contrary.

SCRIPTORIUM. In old records. A place in monasteries, where writing was done. Spelman.

SCRIPTUM. Lat. A writing; something written. Flota, l. 2, c. 60, § 25.

—Scriptum indentatum. A writing indent ed; an indenture or deed. —Scriptum obligatorium. A writing obligatory. The technical name of a bond in old pleadings. Any writing under seal.

SCRIVENER. A writer; scribe; conveyancer. One whose occupation is to draw contracts, write deeds and mortgages, and prepare other species of written instruments. Also an agent to whom property is entrusted by others for the purpose of lending it out at an interest payable to his principal, and for a commission or bonus for himself, whereby he gains his livelihood.

—Money scrivener. A money broker. The name was also formerly applied in England to a person (generally an attorney or solicitor) whose business was to find investments for the money of his clients, and see to perfecting the security, and who was often intrusted with the custody of the securities and the collection of the interest and principal. See Williams v. Walker, 2 Sandif. Ch. (N. Y.) 325.

SCROLL. A mark intended to supply the place of a seal, made with a pen or other instrument of writing. A paper or parchment containing some writing, and rolled up so as to conceal it.

SCROOP'S INN. An obsolete law society, also called "Serjeants' Place," opposite to St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, London.

SCRUET-ROLL. In old practice. A species of roll or record, on which the ball on habeas corpus was entered.

SCRUTATOR. Lat. In old English law. A searcher or bailiff of a river; a water-bailiff, whose business was to look to the king's rights, as his wrecks, his flotsam, jet-sam, water-strays, royal fishes. Hale, de Jure Mar. pars 1, c. 5.

SCUSSUS. In old European law. Shaken or beaten out; threshed, as grain. Spelman.

SCUTAGE. In feudal law. A tax or contribution raised by those that held lands by knight's service, toward furnishing the king's army, at the rate of one, two or three marks for every knight's fee. A pecuniary composition or commutation
made by a tenant by knight-service in lieu of actual service. 2 Bl. Comm. 74.

A pecuniary aid or tribute originally reserved by particular lords, instead or in lieu of personal service, varying in amount according to the expenditure which the lord had to incur in his personal attendance upon the king in his wars. Wright, Ten. 121-134.

SCUTAGIO HABENDO. A writ that anciently lay against tenants by knight's service to serve in the wars, or send sufficient persons, or pay a certain sum. Fitz. Nat. Brev. 83.

SCUTE. A French coin of gold, coined A. D. 1427, of the value of 3s. 4d.

SCUTELLA. A scuttle; anything of a flat or broad shape like a shield. Cowell.

—Scutella eleeosynaria. An alms-basket.

SCUTIFER. In old records. Esquire; the same as "armiger." Spelman.

SCUTUM ARMORUM. A shield or coat of arms. Cowell.

SOCRA. In old English law. Shire county; the inhabitants of a county.

SOCYREGEMOTE. In Saxon law. The meeting or court of the shire. This was the most important court in the Saxon polity, having jurisdiction of both ecclesiastical and secular causes. Its meetings were held twice in the year. Its Latin name was "cura comitatus."

SE DEFENDENDO. Lat. In defending himself; in self-defense. Homicide committed se defendendo is excusable.


—Beyond sea. In England, this phrase means beyond the limits of the British Isles: in America, outside the limits of the United States or of the particular state, as the case may be.

—High seas. The ocean, the public waters. According to the English doctrine, the high seas begin at the distance of three miles from the coast of any country; according to the American view, at low-water mark, except in the case of small harbors and roadsteads enclosed within the fauces terra. Ross v. McIntyre, 140 U. S. 433, 11 Sup. Ct. 807, 35 L. Ed. 581; U. S. v. Grush, 36 Fed. Cas. 50; U. S. v. Rodgers, 150 U. S. 249, 14 Sup. Ct. 109; 1 Iowa 101; 21 Wash. 36; 22 Fed. 405. The open ocean outside of the fauces terra, as distinguished from arms of the sea, the waters of the ocean without the boundary of any country. Any waters on the sea-coast which are without the boundaries of low-water mark,—Main sea. The open, unincluded ocean; or that portion of the sea which is without the fauces terra on the sea-coast, in contradistinction to that which is surrounded or inclosed between narrow headlands or promontories. People v. Richmond County, 73 N. Y. 396; U. S. v. Grush, 26 Fed. Cas. 48; U. S. v. Rodgers, 150 U. S. 249, 14 Sup. Ct. 109, 97, 37 L. Ed. 1071; Baker v. Hogg, 7 N. Y. 561, 59 Am. Dec. 431; 2 East. P. C. c. 17, § 10. See—farticulars. Laws relating to the sea, as the laws of Oleron, etc. See—sea-laws.

A species of manifest, containing a description of the ship's cargo, with the port from which it comes and the port of destination. This is one of the documents necessary to be carried by all neutral vessels, in the merchant service, in time of war, as an evidence of their nationality. 4 Kent, Comm. 157. See Sleigh v. Hartshorne, 2 Johns. (N. Y.) 540. See—reevo. An officer in maritime towns and places who took care of the maritime rights of the lord of the manor, and watched the shore, and collected the wrecks for the lord. Tomlin.—See—reevo. Pirates and robbers at sea. See—shore. The margin of the sea in its usual and ordinary state. When the tide is out, low-water mark is the margin of the sea; and, when the sea is full, the margin is high-water mark. The sea-shore is therefore all the land between the ordinary low-water mark and low-water mark. It cannot be considered as including any ground always covered by the sea, for then it would have no definite limit on the sea-board. Neither can it include any part of the upland, for the same reason. Porter v. Freeman, 6 Mass. 439, 4 Am. Dec. 155; Church v. Meeker, 34 Conn. 424. That space of land over which the waters of the sea are spread in the highest water during the very season. Civ. Code La. art. 442.

SEAWORTHY. Seaworthiness. See those titles.


A seal is a particular sign, made to attest in the most solemn manner, the execution of an instrument. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1390.

Merlin defines a seal to be a plate of metal with a flat surface, on which is engraved the arms of a prince or nation, or private individual, or other device, with which an impression may be made on wax or other substance on paper or parchment in order to authenticate them. The impression thus made is also called a "seal." Répert. mot "Seau."

—Common seal. A seal adopted and used by a corporation for authenticating its corporate acts and executing legal instruments.—Corporate seal. The official or common seal of an incorporated company or association. See—farticulars in English law. A seal by virtue of which a great part of the royal authority is exercised. The office of the great seal is carried on by the master of the rolls, clerk, and others, and is created by the delivery of the great seal into his custody. There is one great seal for all public acts of state which concern the United Kingdom. Many of the states in the United States and also each of the states has and uses a seal, always carefully described by law, and some persons officially called the "great" seal, though in some instances known
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simply as "the seal of the United States," or "the seal of the state."—Private seal. The seal (however made) of a private person or corporation, as distinguished from a seal employed by a state or government or any of its bureaus or departments.—Privy seal. In English law. A seal used in making out grants or letters patent, preparatory to their passing under the great seal. 2 Bl. Comm. 347.—Public seal. A seal belonging to and used by one of the bureaus or departments of government, for authenticating or attesting documents, its process, or records. An impression made of some device, by means of a piece of metal or other hard substance, kept and used by public authority. Turl. King’s Cases, 7 Term. 354; 31 Am. Dec. 722.—Quarter seal. In Scotch law. A seal kept by the director of the chancery; in shape and impression the fourth part of the great seal, and called in statutes the "testimonial" of the great seal. Bell.—Seal days. In English practice. Motion days in the court of chancery, so called because every motion had to be stamped with the seal, which did not lie in court in the ordinary sittings out of term. Wharton.—Seal witness. In English practice. An office for the sealing of judicial writings.—Seal-paper. In English law. A document issued by the lord chancellor, previously to the coming on of the sittings, detailing the business to be done for each day in his court, and in the courts of the lords justices and vice-chancellor. The manner in which it is done. The manner in which paper is issued in respect of the business to be heard before him. Smith, Ch. Pr. 9.

SEALED. Authenticated by a seal; executed by the affixing of a seal. Also fastened up in any manner so as to be closed against inspection of the contents.

-Sealed and delivered. These words, followed by the signatures of the witnesses, constitute the usual formula for the attestation of conveyances.—Sealed instrument. An instrument of writing to the party to be bound has affixed, not only his name, but also his seal, (in those jurisdictions where it is allowed) a scroll, (e.g.)—Sealed verdict. When the jury have agreed upon a verdict, if the court is not in session at the time, they are permitted (ordinarily) to put the finding in a sealed envelope, and then separate. This verdict they return when the court again convenes. The verdict thus returned has the same effect, and may be treated in the same manner, as if returned in open court before any separation of the jury had taken place. The process is called "sealing a verdict."—Sealing. Gilbert, 8 Ohio, 408; Young v. Seymour, 4 Neb. 59.

SEALING. By seals, in matters of succession, is understood the placing, by the proper officer, of seals on the effects of a succession for the purpose of preserving them, and for the interest of third persons. The seals are affixed by order of the judge having jurisdiction. Civ. Code La. art. 1075.

SEALING UP. Where a party to an action has been ordered to produce a document part of which is either relevant to the matters in question or is privileged from production, he may, by leave of the court, seal up that part, if he makes an affidavit stating that it is irrelevant or privileged. Daniell, Ch. Pr. 1861. The sealing up is generally done by fastening pieces of paper over the part with gum or wafers. Sweet.

SEALS. In Louisiana. Seals are placed upon the effects of a deceased person, in certain cases, by a public officer, as a method of taking official custody of the succession. See Sealing.

SEAMEN. Sailors; mariners; persons whose business is navigating ships. Commonly exclusive of the officers of a ship.

SEANCE. In French law. A session; as of some public body.

SEARCH. In international law. The right of search is the right on the part of ships of war to visit and search merchant vessels during war, in order to ascertain whether the ship or cargo is liable to seizure. Resistance to visitation and search by a neutral vessel makes the vessel and cargo liable to confiscation. Numerous treaties regulate the manner in which the right of search must be exercised. Man. Int. Law, 433; Sweet.

In criminal law. An examination of a man’s house or other buildings or premises, or of his person, with a view to the discovery of contraband or illicit or stolen property, or some evidence of guilt to be used in the prosecution of a criminal action for some crime or offense with which he is charged.

In practice. An examination of the official books and dockets, made in the process of investigating a title to land, for the purpose of discovering if there are any mortgages, judgments, tax-liens, or other incumbrances upon it.

Search-warrant. A search-warrant is an order in writing, issued by a justice or other magistrate, in the name of the state, directed to a sheriff, constable, or other officer, commanding him to search a specified house, shop, or other place, or the personal property alleged to have been stolen, or for unlawful goods, and to bring the same, when found, before the magistrate, and usually also the body of the person occupying the premises, to be dealt with according to law. Pen. Code Cal. § 1523; Code Ala. 1886, § 4727; Rev. Code Iowa 1880, § 4623.

SEARCHER. In English law. An officer of the customs, whose duty it is to examine and search all ships outward bound, to ascertain whether they have any prohibited or uncustomed goods on board. Wharton. Jacob.

SEATED LAND. See Land.

SEAWAN. The name used by the Algonguin Indians for the shell beads (or wampum) which passed among the Indians as money. Webster.

SEAWORTHINESS. In marine insurance. A warranty of seaworthiness means that the vessel is competent to resist the
ordinary attacks of wind and weather, and is competently equipped and manned for the voyage, with a sufficient crew, and with sufficient means to sustain them, and with a captain of general good character and nautical skill. 3 Kent, Comm. 287.

A warranty of seaworthiness extends not only to the condition of the structure of the ship itself, but requires that it be properly laden, and provided with a competent master, a competent crew of officers and seamen, and the requisite appurtenances and equipments, such as ballast, cables and anchors, cordage and sails, food, water, fuel, and lights, and other necessary or proper stores and implements for the voyage. Civil Code Cal. § 2684.

The term "seaworthy" is somewhat equivocal. In its more literal sense, it signifies capable of navigating the sea; but, more exactly, it implies a condition to be and remain in safety, in the condition she is in, whether at sea, in port, or on a railway, stripped and under repairs. If the warrant attaches, she is in a suitable place, and capable, when repaired and equipped, of navigating the sea, she is seaworthy. But when, as is usually warranted, it is warranted seaworthiness for a specified voyage, the place and usual length being given, something more is implied than mere physical strength and capacity; she must be suitably officered and manned, supplied with provisions and water, and furnished with charts and instruments, and, especially in time of war, with documents necessary to her security against hostile capture. The term "seaworthy," as used in the law and practice of insurance, does not mean, as the term would seem to imply, capable of going to sea or of being navigated on the sea; it imports something very different, and much more, viz., that she is sound, staunch, and strong, in all respects, and equipped, furnished, and provided with officers and men, provisions and documents, for a certain service. In a policy for a definite voyage, the term "seaworthy" means "sufficient for such a vessel and voyage." Capen v. Washington Ins. Co., 12 Cush. (Mass.) 517, 536.

SEAWORTHY. This adjective, applied to a vessel, signifies that she is properly constructed, prepared, manned, equipped, and provided, for the voyage intended. See Seaworthiness.

SECK. A want of remedy by distress. Litt. § 218. See Rent. Want of present fruit or profit, as in the case of the reversion without rent or other service, except fealty. Co. Litt. 151b, n. 5.

SECOND. This term, as used in law, may denote either sequence in point of time or inferiority or postponement in respect to rank, lien, order, or privilege.


SECONDARY, n. In English practice. An officer of the courts of king's bench and common pleas; so called because he was second or next to the chief officer. In the king's bench he was called "Master of the King's Bench Office," and was a deputy of the prothonotary or chief clerk. 1 Archb. Pr. K. B. 11, 12. By St. 7 Wm. IV. and 1 Vict. c. 30, the office of secondary was abolished.

An officer who is next to the chief officer. Also an officer of the corporation of London, before whom inquiries to assess damages are held, as before sheriffs in counties. Wharton.

SECONDARY, adj. Of a subsequent, subordinate, or inferior kind or class; generally opposed to "primary."


SECONDS. In criminal law. Those persons who assist, direct, and support others engaged in fighting a duel.

SECRET. Concealed; hidden; not made public; particularly, in law, kept from the knowledge or notice of persons liable to be affected by the act, transaction, deed, or other thing spoken of.


SECRETARY. The secretary of a corporation or association is an officer charged with the direction and management of that part of the business of the company which is concerned with keeping the records, the official correspondence, with giving and receiving notices, counter-signing documents, etc.

The name "secretary" is also given to several of the heads of executive departments in the government of the United States; as the "Secretary of War," "Secretary of the Interior," etc. It is also the style of some of the members of the English cabinet; as the "Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs." There are also secretaries of embassies and legations.

SECRETARY of decrees and injunctions. An officer of the English court of chancery. The office was abolished by St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 87, § 23.—Secretary of embassy. A diplomatic officer appointed as secretary or assistant to an ambassador or minister plenipotentiary.—Secretary of legation. An officer employed to attend a foreign mission and to perform certain duties as clerk.—Secretary of state. In American law. This is the title of the chief of the executive bureau of the United States called the "Department of State." He is a member of the cabinet, and is charged with the general administration of the international and diplomatic affairs of the government. In many of the state governments there is an executive officer bearing the same title and exercising important functions. In English law. The secretaries of state are cabinet ministers attending the sovereign for the receipt and dispatch of letters, grants, petitions, and many of the most important affairs of the king—
dom, both foreign and domestic. There are five principal secretaries—one for the home department, another for foreign affairs, a third for the colonies. A suit for the cavalry, a fourth for war, and a fifth for India. Wharton.

SECRET. To conceal or hide away. Particularly, to put property out of the reach of creditors, either by corporally hiding it, or putting the title in another's name, or otherwise hindering creditors from levying on it or attaching it. Pearse v. Hawkins, 62 Tex. 457; Gulle v. McNanny, 14 Minn. 522 (Gill. 291); 100 Am. Dec. 244; Sturs v. Fischer, 15 Misc. Rep. 410, 36 N. Y. Supp. 894.

SECT. "A religious sect is a body or number of persons united in tenets, but constituting a distinct organization or party, by holding sentiments or doctrines different from those of other sects or people." State v. Hallock, 16 Nev. 335.

SECTA. In old English law. Suit; attendance at court; the plaintiff's suit or following, e. g., the witnesses whom he was required, in the ancient practice, to bring with him and produce in court, for the purpose of confirming his claim, before the defendant was put to the necessity of answering the declaration. See 3 Bl. Comm. 344; Bract. fol. 214a. A survival from this proceeding is seen in the formula still used at the end of declarations, "and therefore he brings his suit." (et in deo producti sectam.) This word, in its secondary meaning, signifies suit in the courts; lawsuit.

---SECTA ad curiam. A writ that lay against him who refused to perform his suit either to the county court or the court-baron. Cowell.

---SECTA ad furnum. In old English law. Suits of persons in the public house-keeps. 3 Bl. Comm. 235.---SECTA ad justiciam faciendam. In old English law. A service which a man is bound to perform by his fee.---SECTA ad molendinum. A writ which lay for the owner of a mill against the inhabitants of a place where such mill is situated, for not doing suit to the plaintiff's mill; that is, for not having their corn ground at it. Brown.---SECTA ad terrare. In old English law. Suit due to a man's kiln or malthouse. 3 Bl. Comm. 335.

---SECTA curiae. In old English law. Suit of court; attendance at court. The service, incumbent upon feudal tenants, of attending the lord at his court, both to form a jury when required, and also to answer for their own actions when complained of.---SECTA faciendae per illam quam habet sustentation partem. A writ to compel the heir, who has the elder part of the co-heirs, to perform suit and services for all the coparceners. Reg. Orig. 177.

---SECTA regalis. A suit so called by which all persons were bound twice in the year to attend in the sheriff's town, in order that they might be informed of things relating to the public peace. It was so called because the sheriff's town was the king's feet, and it was held in order that the people might be bound by oath to bear true allegiance to the king. Cowell.---SECTA unica tantum faciend. pro pluribus hereditatibus. A writ for an heir who was distrained by the lord to do more suits than one, that he should be allowed to do one suit only in respect of the land of divers heirs descended to him. Cowell.

---SECTA est pugna civilis; siout actores armantur actionibus, et quasi, gladiis acclinuntur, ita rei munimentur exceptionibus, et defenduntur, quasi, clypeis. Hob. 20. A suit is a civil warfare; for as the plaintiffs are armed with actions, and, as it were, girded with swords, so the defendants are fortified with pales, and are defended, as it were, by shields.

---SECTA quae scripto notitur a scripto variari non debet. Jenk. Cent. 65. A suit which is based upon a writing ought not to vary from the writing.

SECTARES. Sultors of court who, among the Saxons, gave their judgment or verdict in civil suits upon the matter of fact and law. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law. 22.

SECTION. In text-books, codes, statutes, and other judicial writings, the smallest distinct and numbered subdivisions are commonly called "sections," sometimes "articles," and occasionally "paragraphs."

SECTION OF LAND. In American land law. A division or parcel of land, on the government survey, comprising one square mile or 640 acres. Each "township" (six miles square) is divided by straight lines into thirty-six sections, and these are again divided into half-sections and quarter-sections.

The general and proper acceptance of the terms "section," "half," and "quarter section," as well as their construction by the general land department, denotes the land in the sectional and subdivisional lines, and not the exact quantity which a perfect admeasurement of an unobstructed surface would declare. Brown v. Hardin, 21 Ark. 327.

SECTS NON FACIENDIS. A writ which lay for a dowress, or one in wardship, to be free from suit of court. Cowell.

SECTORES. Lat. In Roman law. Purchasers at auction, or public sales.

SECULAR. Not spiritual; not ecclesiastical; relating to affairs of the present world.

---SECULAR business. As used in Sunday laws, this term includes all forms of activity in the business affairs of life, the prosecution of a trade or employment, and commercial dealings, such as the making of promissory notes, lending money, and the like. See Lovejoy v. Whipple, 16 Vt. 383, 46 Am. Dec. 157; Pinn v. Donahue, 35 Conn. 227; Allen v. Deming, 14 N. H. 139, 40 Am. Dec. 179; Smith v. Foster, 41 N. Y. 221.---SECULAR clergy. In ecclesiastical law, this term is applied to the parochial clergy, who perform their ministry in seculo (in the world), and who are thus distinguished from the monastic or "regular" clergy. Steph. Conn. 631, note.

SECUNDUM. Lat. In the civil and common law. According to. Occurring in many phrases of familiar use, as follows:

---SECUNDUM sequum et bonum. According to what is just and right.---SECUNDUM alie-
gata et probata. According to what is alleged and proved; according to the allegations and proofs. 15 East, 51; Cloutman v. Tunislon, 1 Sunn. 375, Fed. Cas. No. 2507.—Secundum artem. According to the art, trade, business, or science.—Secundum bonos mores. According to good usages; according to established custom; regularly; orderly.—Secundum consuetudinem maneri. According to the custom of the manor.—Secundum formam chartae. According to the form of the charter, (deed.)—Secundum formam doni. According to the form of the gift or grant. See For- kemdon.—Secundum formam statuti. According to the form of the statute.—Secundum legem communem. According to the common law.—Secundum normam legis. According to the rule of law; by the rule of law.—Secundum regulam. According to the rule; by rule.—Secundum subjectam materiam. According to the subject-matter. 1 Bl. Comm. 229. All agreements must be construed secundum subjectam materiam if the matter will bear it. 2 Mod. 80, arg.

Secundum naturam est commoda ex-jusque rei et eum sequi, quem sequatur incommoda. It is according to nature that the advantages of anything should attach to him to whom the disadvantages attach. Dig. 50, 17, 10.

SECURE. To give security; to assure of payment, performance, or indemnity; to guaranty or make certain the payment of a debt or discharge of an obligation. One "secures" his creditor by giving him a lien, mortgage, pledge, or other security, to be used in case the debtor fails to make payment. See Pennell v. Rhode, 9 Q. B. 114; Ex parte Reynolds, 52 Ark. 330, 12 S. W. 570; Foot v. Webb, 59 Barb. (N. Y.) 52.

SECURED CREDITOR. A creditor who holds some special pecuniary assurance of payment of his debt, such as a mortgage or lien.

SECRITAS. In old English law. Security; surety.

In the civil law. An acquittance or release. Spelman; Calvin.

SECRITATEM INVENIENDI. An ancient writ, lying for the sovereign, against any of his subjects, to stay them from going out of the kingdom to foreign parts; the ground whereof is that every man is bound to serve and defend the commonwealth as the crown shall think fit. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 118.

SECRITATIS PACIS. In old English law. Security of the peace. A writ that lay for one who was threatened with death or bodily harm by another, against him who so threatened. Reg. Orig. 88.

SECURITY. Protection; assurance; indemnification. The term is usually applied to an obligation, pledge, mortgage, deposit, lien, etc., given by a debtor in order to make sure the payment or performance of his debt, by furnishing the creditor with a resource to be used in case of failure in the principal obligation. The name is also sometimes given to one who becomes surety or guarantor for another. See First Nat. Bank v. Hollinsworth, 75 Iowa, 575, 43 N. W. 356, 6 L. R. A. 92; Storm v. Waddell, 2 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 507; Goggins v. Jones, 115 Ga. 506, 41 S. E. 605; Jennings v. Davis, 31 Conn. 139; Maze v. Buchanan (Tenn. Ch.) 52 S. W. 507.

—Collateral security. See COLLATERAL.—Counter security. See COUNTER.—Marshalling securities. See MARSHALLING.—Personal security. (1) A person's legal and uninterrupted enjoyment of his life, his limbs, his body, his health, and his reputation. 1 Bl. Comm. 129. Sanderson v. Hunt, 25 Ky. Law Rep. 629, 76 S. W. 179. (2) Evidences of debt which bind the person of the debtor, not real property, are distinguished from such as are liens on land by the name of "personal securities." Merrill v. National Bank, 173 U. S. 131, 19 Sup. Ct. 360, 43 L. Ed. 640.—Public securities. Bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, and other negotiable or transferable instruments evidencing the public debt of a state or government.—Real security. The security of mortgages or other liens or incumbrances upon land. See Merrill v. National Bank, 173 U. S. 131, 19 Sup. Ct. 360, 43 L. Ed. 640.—Security for costs. See Costs.—Security for good behavior. A bond or recognizance which the magistrate exacts from a defendant brought before him on a charge of disorderly conduct or threatening violence, conditioned upon his being of good behavior, or keeping the peace, for a prescribed period, towards all people in general and the complainant in particular.

Securius expediantur negotia commissas pluribus, et plus vident oculi quam oculus. 4 Coke, 46a. Matters intrusted to several are more securely dispatched, and eyes see more than eye, [i.e., “two heads are better than one.”]

SECUS. Lat. Otherwise; to the contrary. This word is used in the books to indicate the converse of a foregoing proposition, or the rule applicable to a different state of facts, or an exception to a rule before stated.

SED NON ALLOCATUR. Lat. But it is not allowed. A phrase used in the old reports, to signify that the court disagreed with the arguments of counsel.

SED PER CURIAM. Lat. But by the court.—This phrase is used in the reports to introduce a statement of the court, on the argument, at variance with the propositions advanced by counsel, or the opinion of the whole court, where that is different from the opinion of a single judge immediately before quoted.

SED QUÆRE. Lat. But inquire; examine this further. A remark indicating, briefly, that the particular statement or rule laid down is doubted or challenged in respect to its correctness.
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SED VIDE. Lat. But see. This remark, followed by a citation, directs the reader's attention to an authority or a statement which conflicts with or contradicts the statement or principle laid down.

SEDATO ANIMO. Lat. With settled purpose. 5 Mod. 291.

SEDE FLENA. Lat. The see being filled. A phrase used when a bishop's see is not vacant.

SEDENTE CURIA. Lat. The court sitting; during the sitting of the court.

SEDERUNT, ACTS OF. In Scotch law. Certain ancient ordinances of the court of session, conferring upon the courts power to establish general rules of practice. Bell.

SEDES. Lat. A see; the dignity of a bishop. 3 Steph. Comm. 65.

SEDE FLAT, like “sea-shore,” imports a tract of land below high-water mark. Church v. Meeker, 34 Conn. 421.

SEDOTION. An insurrectionary movement tending towards treason, but wanting an overt act; attempts made by meetings or speeches, or by publications, to disturb the tranquillity of the state.

The distinction between “sedition” and “treason” consists in this: that though the ultimate object of sedition is a violation of the public peace, or at least such a course of measures as evidently engenders it, yet it does not aim at direct and open violence against the laws or the subversion of the constitution. Allen, Crim. Law, 590.

In Scotch law. The raising commotions or disturbances in the state. It is a revolt against legitimate authority. Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 14.

In English law. Sedition is the offense of publishing, verbally or otherwise, any words or document with the intention of exciting disaffection, hatred, or contempt against the sovereign, or the government and constitution of the kingdom, or either house of parliament, or the administration of justice, or of exciting his majesty's subjects to attempt, otherwise than by lawful means, the alteration of any matter in church or state, or of exciting feelings of ill will and hostility between different classes of his majesty's subjects. Sweet. And see State v. Shepherd, 177 Mo. 205; 76 S. W. 79, 99 Am. St. Rep. 624.

—Seditions libel. See Libel.

SEDUCE. To entice a woman to the commission of fornication or adultery, by persuasion, solicitation, promises, bribes, or otherwise; to corrupt; to debauch.

The word “seduce,” when used with reference to the conduct of a man towards a woman, has a precise and determinate signification, and “as of itself contains the commission of fornication. An information for the crime of seduction need not charge the offense in any other words. State v. Bierc, 27 Conn. 319.

SEDUCING TO LEAVE SERVICE. An injury for which a master may have an action on the case.

SEDUCTION. The act of a man in enticing a woman to commit unlawful sexual intercourse with him, by means of persuasion, solicitation, promises, bribes, or other means without the employment of force.

In order to constitute seduction, the defendant must use insinuating arts to overcome the opposition of the seduced, and must by his wiles and persuasions, without force, debauch her. This is the ordinary meaning and acceptance of the word “seduce.” Hogan v. Oregan, 6 Rob. (N. Y.) 150.

SEE. The circuit of a bishop's jurisdiction; or his office or dignity, as being bishop of a given diocese.

SEEN. This word, when written by the drawee on a bill of exchange, amounts to an acceptance by the law merchant. Spear v. Pratt, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 582; Am. Dec. 800; Barnett v. Smith, 30 N. H. 256, 64 Am. Dec. 220; Peterson v. Hubbard, 28 Mich. 197.

SEIGNIOR, in its general signification, means “lord,” but in law it is particularly applied to the lord of a fee or of a manor; and the fee, dominions, or manor of a seignior is thence termed a “seigniorcy,” i. e., a lordship. He who is a lord, but of no manor, and therefore unable to keep a court, is termed a “seignior in gross.” Kitch. 208; Cowell.

SEIGNIORAGE. A royalty or prerogative of the sovereign, whereby an allowance of gold and silver, brought in the mass to be exchanged for coin, is claimed. Cowell. Mintage; the charge for coinage bullion into money at the mint.

SEIGNIORESS. A female superior.

SEIGNIORY. In English law. A lordship; a manor. The rights of a lord, as such, in lands.

SEIZED IN DEMESNE AS OF FEE. This is the strict technical expression used to describe the ownership in “an estate in fee-simple in possession in a corporeal hereditament.” The word “seized” is used to express the “seisin” or owner's possession of a freehold property; the phrase “in desmesne,” or “in his demesne,” (as dominico suo) signifies that he is seized as owner of the land itself, and not merely of the seigniory or services; and the concluding words, “as of fee,” import that he is seized of an estate of inheritance in fee-simple. Where
the subject is incorporeal, or the estate expectant on a precedent freehold, the words "in his demesne" are omitted. (Co. Litt. 17a; Fleta, l. 5, c. 5, § 18; Bract. l. 4, tr. 5, c. 2, § 2) Brown.

SEISIN. In old English law. Seised; possessed.

SEISINA. The completion of the feudal investiture, by which the tenant was admitted into the feud, and performed the rights of homage and fealty. Stearns, Real Act. 2.

Possession with an intent on the part of him who holds it to claim a freehold interest.


Upon the introduction of the feudal law into England, the word "seisin" was applied only to the possession of an estate of freehold, in contradistinction to the kind of possession by which tenants in villeinage held their lands, which was considered to be the possession of one in whom the freehold continued. The word still retains its original signification, being applied exclusively to the possession of a land of a freehold tenure. It being inaccurate to use the word as expressive of the possession of leasesholds or terms of years, or even of copyholds. Brown.

Under our law, the word "seisin" has no accurately defined technical meaning. At common law, it imported a feudal investiture of title by actual possession. With us it has the force of possession, under some legal title or right to hold. This possession, so far as possession alone is involved, may be shown by parol; but, if it is intended to show possession under a legal title, then the title must be shown by proper conveyance for that purpose. Ford v. Garner, 49 Ala. 402.

Every person in whom a seisin is required by any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to have been seised, if he may have had actual possession or interest in the inheritance. Code N. C. 1883, § 1251, rule 12.

—Actual seisin means possession of the freehold by the predis positio of one's self or one's tenant or agent, or by construction of law, as in the case of a copyhold, conveyance under the statutes of uses, or (probably) of grant or devise where there is no actual adverse possession; it means actual possession as distinguished from constructive possession or possession in law. Carpenter v. Garrett, 75 Va. 123, 195; Anderson v. App. Div. 6, 39 N. Y. Supp. 740.—Constructive seisin. Seisin in law where there is no seisin in fact; as where the state issues a patent to a person who never takes any sort of possession of the lands granted, he has constructive seisin of all the land in his grant, though another person is at the time in actual possession. Garrett v. Ramsey, 26 W. Va. 351.—Covenanted seisin. See COVENANT.—Equitable seisin. A seisin which is analogous to legal seisin; that is, seisin of an equitable estate in land. Thus a mortgagee is said to have equitable seisin of the land by receipt of the rents. Sweet.—Equiv of delivery of possession; called, by the feudalists, "inventurise."—Primer seisin. In English law. The right which the king had, when any of his tenants died seised of a knight's fee, to take the lands. The seisin was not destroyed if the lands were in reversion, expectant on an estate for life; 2 Bl. Comm. 95.—Real seisin. A term applied to the possession which a copyholder has of the land to which he has been admitted. The freehold in copyhold lands being in the lord, the copyholder cannot have seisin of them in the proper sense of the word, but he has a customary or quasi seisin analogous to that of a freeholder. Williams, Seis. 120; Sweet.—Seisin in deed. Actual possession of the freehold; the same as actual seisin or seisin in fact. Vanderheyden v. Crandall, 2 Denio (N. Y.) 21; Backus v. McCoy, 3 Ohio, 231, 17 Am. Dec. 585; Tate v. Hay, 31 Ark. 236.—Seisin in fact. Possession with intent on the part of him who holds it to claim a freehold interest in the same as actual seisin or seisin in fact. W. Va. 77, 24 S. E. 994; Savage v. Savage, 19 Or. 112, 25 Pac. 890, 20 Am. St. Rep. 705.—Seisin in law. A right of immediate possession according to the nature of the estate. Martin v. Trail, 142 Mo. 85, 43 S. W. 655; Savage v. Savage, 19 Or. 112, 25 Pac. 890, 20 Am. St. Rep. 705. As the old doctrine of corporeal investiture is no longer in force, the delivery of a deed gives seisin in law. Watkins v. Nugen, 118 Ga. 372, 45 S. E. 267.—Seisin ex. In Scotch law. A perquisite formerly due to the sheriff when he gave possession to an heir holding crown lands. It was long since converted into a payment in money, proportioned to the value of the estate. Bell.

SEISINA. L. Lat. Seisin.

Seisin facti stipitem. Seisin makes the stock. 2 Bl. Comm. 209; Broom, Max. 525, 526.

SEISINA HABENDA. A writ for delivery of seisin to the lord, of lands and tenements, after the sovereign, in right of his prerogative, had had the year, day, and waste on a felony committed, etc. Reg. Orig. 165.

SEIZING OF HERIOTS. Taking the best beast, etc., where an heriot is due on the death of the tenant. 2 Bl. Comm. 422.

SEIZURE. In practice. The act performed by an officer of the law, under the authority and exigence of a writ, in taking into the custody of the law the property, real or personal, of a person against whom the judgment of a competent court has passed, condemning him to pay a certain sum of money. In order that such property may be sold, by authority and due course of law, to satisfy the judgment. Or the act of taking possession of any lands in consequence of a judgment of public law. See Carey v. Insurance Co., 54 Wis. 80, 54 N. W. 18, 20 L. R. A. 267, 36 Am. St. Rep. 907; Goubeau v. Railroad Co., 6 Rob. (La.) 348; Fluker v. Bullard, 2 La. Ann. 338; Pelham v. Rose, 9 Wall. 100, 19 L. Ed. 602; The Josefa Segunda, 10 Wheat. 326, 6 L. Ed. 329.

Seizure, even though hostile, is not necessarily capture, though such is its usual and probable result. The ultimate object of the act or the indicia of the act is to take possession of the lands of the state, by which the seizure has been made, assigns the proper and conclusive quality and denomination to the original proceeding. A condemnation asserts a capture atattle; an award
of restitution pronounces upon the act as having been not a valid act of capture, but an act of temporary seizure only. Appleton v. Crownsinfield, 3 Mass. 443.

In the law of copyholds. Seizure is where the lord of copyhold lands takes possession of them in default of a tenant. It is either seizure quousque or absolute seizure.

SEELDA. A shop, shed, or stall in a market; a wood of sailows or willows; also a sawipt. Co. Litt. 4.

SELECT COUNCIL. The name given, in some states, to the upper house or branch of the council of a city.

SELECTI JUDICES. Lat. In Roman law. Judges who were selected very much like our juries. They were returned by the praetor, drawn by lot, subject to be challenged, and sworn. 3 Bl. Comm. 366.

SELECTMEN. The name of certain municipal officers, in the New England states, elected by the towns to transact their general public business, and possessing certain executive powers. See Felch v. Weare, 69 N. H. 617, 45 Atl. 591.

SELF-DEFENSE. In criminal law. The protection of one's person or property against some injury attempted by another. The right of such protection. An excuse for the use of force in resisting an attack on the person, and especially for killing an assaulting. See Whart. Crim. Law, §§ 1019, 1026.

SELF-MURDER, or SELF-SLAUGHTER. See Felo de Se; Suicide.

SELF-REGARDING EVIDENCE. Evidence which either serves or disserves the party is so called. This species of evidence is either self-serving (which is not in general receivable) or self-disserving, which is invariably receivable, as being an admission against the party offering it, and that either in court or out of court. Brown.

SEION OF LAND. In old English law. A ridge of ground rising between two furrows, containing no certain quantity, but sometimes more and sometimes less. Terms de la Ley.

SELL. To dispose of by sale, (q. v.)

SELLER. One who sells anything; the party who transfers property in the contract of sale. The correlative is "buyer," or "purchaser." Though these terms are not applicable to the persons concerned in a transfer of real estate, it is more customary to use "vendor" and " vendee" in that case.

SEMAINE'S CASE. This case decided in 1904, that "every man's house [meaning his dwelling-house only] is his castle," and that an officer executing civil process may not break open outer doors in general, but only inner doors, but that (after request made) he may break open even outer doors to find goods of another wrongfully in the house. Brown. It is reported in 5 Coke, 91.

SEMBLE. L. Fr. It seems: it would appear. This expression is often used in the reports to prefix a statement by the court upon a point of law which is not directly decided, when such statement is intended as an intimation of what the decision would be if the point were necessary to be passed upon. It is also used to introduce a suggestion by the reporter, or his understanding of the point decided when it is not free from obscurity.


Semel malus semper praecepsit esse malus in sodem generis. Whoever is once bad is presumed to be so always in the same kind of affairs. Cro. Car. 317.

SEMESTRIA. Lat. In the civil law. The collected decisions of the emperors in their councils.

SEMI-MATRIMONIUM. Lat. In Roman law. Half-marriage. Concubinage was so called. Tyl. Civil Law, 293.

SEMI-PLENA PROBATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Half-full proof; half-proof. 3 Bl. Comm. 370. See HALF-PROOF.

SEMINARIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A nursery of trees. Dig. 7, 1, 9, 6.

SEMINARY. A place of education. Any school, academy, college, or university in which young persons are instructed in the several branches of learning which may qualify them for their future employments. Webster.


SEMINAUFRAUGIUM. Lat. In maritime law. Half-shipwreck, as where goods are cast overboard in a storm; also where a ship has been so much damaged that her repair costs more than her worth. Wharton.

SEMITA. In old English law. A path. Flora, l. 2, c. 52, § 20.
SEMPER. Lat. Always. A word which introduces several Latin maxims, of which some are also used without this prefix.

Semper in dubbis benigniora præferrenda sunt. In doubtful cases, the more favorable constructions are always to be preferred. Dig. 50, 17, 56.

Semper in dubbis id agendum est, ut quam tussissimo loco res sit bona fide contracta, nisi quem aperire contra leges scriptum est. In doubtful cases, such a course should always be taken that a thing contracted bona fide should be in the safest condition, unless when it has been openly made against law. Dig. 34, 5, 21.

Semper in obscuris, quod minimum est sequitur. In obscure constructions we always apply which is the least obscure. Dig. 50, 17, 9; Broom. Max. 687a.

Semper in stipulationibus, et in oessoris contractibus, id sequitur quod actum est. In stipulations and in other contracts we follow that which was done, [we are governed by the actual state of the facts.] Dig. 50, 17, 34.

Semper ita fiat ratio ut valset dispositio. Reference [of a disposition in a will] should always be so made that the disposition may have effect. 6 Coke, 769.

Semper necessitas probandi incumbit ei qui agit. The claimant is always bound to prove, [the burden of proof lies on the actor.]

SEMPER PARATUS. Lat. Always ready. The name of a plea by which the defendant alleges that he has always been ready to perform what is demanded of him. 3 Bl. Comm. 303.

Semper presumitur pro legitimatise puerorum. The presumption always is in favor of the legitimacy of children. 5 Coke, 986; Co. Litt. 129a.

Semper presumitur pro matrimonio. The presumption is always in favor of the validity of a marriage.

Semper presumitur pro negante. The presumption is always in favor of the one who denies. See 10 Clark & F. 534; 3 El. & Bl. 723.

Semper presumitur pro sententia. The presumption always is in favor of a sentence. 3 Bulst. 42; Branch, Princ.

Semper qui non prohibit pro se intervenire, mandare creditur. He who does not prohibit the intervention of another in his behalf is supposed to authorize it. 2 Kent, Comm. 610; Dig. 14, 6, 16; 1d. 46, 3, 12, 4.

Semper sexus masculinus etiam femininum sexum continet. The masculine sex always includes the feminine. Dig. 32, 62.

Semper specialia generalibus insunt. Specials are always included in generals. Dig. 50, 17, 147.

SEN. This is said to be an ancient word, which signified “justice.” Co. Litt. 61a.

SENAGE. Money paid for synodals.

SENATE. In American law. The name of the upper chamber, or less numerous branch, of the congress of the United States. Also the style of a similar body in the legislatures of several of the states.

In Roman law. The great administrative council of the Roman commonwealth.

SENATOR. In Roman law. A member of the senatus.

In old English law. A member of the royal council; a king’s councillor.

In American law. One who is a member of a senate, either of the United States or of a state.

Senatores sunt partes corporis regii. Senators are part of the body of the king. Staunef. 72, E.; 4 Inst. 63, in marg.

SENATORS OF THE COLLEGE OF JUSTICE. The judges of the court of session in Scotland are called “Senators of the College of Justice.”

SENATUS. Lat. In Roman law. The senate; the great national council of the Roman people.

The place where the senate met. Calvin.

SENATUS CONSULTUM. In Roman law. A decision or decree of the Roman senate, having the force of law, made without the concurrence of the people. These enactments began to take the place of laws enacted by popular vote, when the commons had grown so great in number that they could no longer be assembled for legislative purposes. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 38; Hunter, Rom. Law,xxvi; Inst. 1, 2, 5.

—Senatus consultum Marcianum. A decree of the senate, in relation to the celebration of the Bacchanalian mysteries, enacted in the consulate of Q. Marcus and S. Postumus.

—Senatus consultum Orfielium. An enactment of the senate (Orficius being one of the consuls and Marcus Antoninus emperor) for admitting both sons and daughters to the succession of a mother dying intestate. Inst. 3, 4, pr.—Senatus consultum Pegasianum. The Pegasian decree of the senate. A decree
SENATUS CONSULTUM

SENTENCE

SENILITY. Incapacity to contract arising from the impairment of the intellectual faculties by old age.

SENIOR. Lord; a lord. Also the elder. An addition to the name of the elder of two persons having the same name.

SENIOR COUNSEL. Of two or more counsel retained on the same side of a cause, he is the "senior" who is the elder, or more important in rank or estimation, or who is charged with the more difficult or important parts of the management of the case. Senior judge. Of several judges composing a court, the "senior" judge is the one who holds the oldest commission, or who has served the longest time under his present commission.

SENIORITIES. In old English law. Seniors; ancients; elders. A term applied to the great men of the realm. Spelman.

SENIORIO. In Spanish law. Dominion or property.

SENSUS. Lat. Sense, meaning, specification. Malo sensu, in an evil or derogatory sense. Miitiori sensu, in a milder, less severe, or less stringent sense. Sensu honesto, in an honest sense; to interpret words sensu honesto is to take them as if not to impute impropriety to the persons concerned.

Sensus verborum est anima legis. 5 Coke, 2. The meaning of the words is the spirit of the law.

Sensus verborum est duplex,—mitis et asper; et verba semper accipiendas sunt in mittiori sensu. 4 Coke, 13. The meaning of words is two-fold,—mild and harsh; and words are always to be received in their milder sense.

Sensus verborum ex causa dicendi accipiendus est; et sermones semper accipiendius sunt secundum subjectam materiam. The sense of words is to be taken from the occasion of speaking them; and courses are always to be interpreted according to the subject-matter. 4 Coke, 139. See 2 Kent, Comm. 555.

SENTENCE. The judgment formally pronounced by the court or Judge upon the defendant after his conviction in a criminal prosecution, awarding the punishment to be inflicted. The word is properly confined to this meaning. In civil cases, the terms "judgment," "decision," "award," "finding," etc., are used. See Featherstone v. People, 194 Ill. 325, 62 N. E. 684; State v. Barnes, 24 Fla. 153, 4 South. 500; Pennington v. State, 11 Tex. App. 281; Com. v. Bischoff, 18 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 505; People v. Adams, 96 Mich. 541, 55 N. W. 461; Bugbee v. Boyce, 68 Vt. 311, 35 Atl. 330.

Ecclesiastical. In ecclesiastical procedure, "sentence" is analogous to "judgment" (q. v.) in an ordinary action. A definite sen-
sentence is one which puts an end to the suit, and regards the principal matter in question. An interlocutory sentence determines only some incidental matter in the proceedings. Philim. Ecc. Law, 1290.

—Cumulative sentences. Separate sentences (each additional to the others) imposed upon a defendant who has been convicted upon an indictment containing several counts, each of such counts charging a distinct offense, or who is under conviction at the same time for several distinct offenses; one of such sentences being made to begin at the expiration of another. Carter v. McCloughry, 183 U. S. 305, 22 Sup. Ct. 151, 46 L. Ed. 256; State v. Hammond, 126 N. C. 1066, 35 S. E. 614.—Final sentence. One which puts an end to a case. Distinguished from interlocutory. Indeterminate sentence. A form of sentence to imprisonment upon conviction of crime, now authorized by statute in several states, which, instead of fixing rigidly the duration of the imprisonment, declares that it shall be for a period "not less than" so many years "nor more than" so many years, nor more than the minimum period prescribed by statute as the punishment for the particular offense nor more than the maximum period, the exact length of the term to be fixed, within the limits assigned by the court or the statute, by an executive authority, (the governor, board of parole, etc.) on consideration of the previous record of the convict, his behavior while in prison or while out on parole, the apparent prospect of reformation, and other such considerations as interlocutory sentence. In the civil law. A sentence on some indirect question arising from the principal cause. Halley's Civil Law, 3, 9, p. 40.—Sentence of death recorded. In English practice. The recording of a sentence of death, not actually pronounced, on the understanding that it will not be executed. Such a record has the same effect as if the judgment had been pronounced and the offender reprieved by the court. The practice is now disused. Suspension of sentence. This term may mean either a withholding or postponing the sentencing of a prisoner after the conviction, or a postponing of the execution of the sentence after it has been pronounced. In the latter case, it may, for reasons addressed themselves to the discretion of the judge, indefinite as to time, or during the good behavior of the prisoner. See People v. Webster, 14 Misc. Rep. 617, 30 N. Y. Supp. 745; In re Buchanan, 146 N. Y. 204, 40 N. E. 850.

SENTENCIA. Lat. In the civil law. (1) Sense; import; as distinguished from mere words. (2) The deliberate expression of one's will or intention. (3) The sentence of a judge or court.

Sententia a non judico late semini do- bret noocres. A sentence pronounced by one who is not a judge should not harm any one. Fleta, 1, 6, c. 8, § 7.

Sententia contra matrimonium nun- quam transit in rem judicatam. 7 Coke, 43. A sentence against marriage never becomes a matter finally adjudged, 4, c., res judicata.


Sententia interlocutoria revocari potest, definitiva non potest. Bac. Max. 20. An interlocutory judgment may be recalled, but not a final.

Sententia non fortur de rebus non liquidis. Sentence is not given upon matters that are not clear. Jenk. Cent. p. 7, case 9.

SEPARABLE CONTROVERSY. In the acts of congress relating to the removal of causes from state courts to federal courts, this phrase means a separate and distinct cause of action existing in itself, for which a separate and distinct suit might properly have been brought and complete relief afforded as to such cause of action; or the case must be one capable of separation into parts, so that, in one of the parts, a controversy will be presented, wholly between citizens of different states, which can be determined without the presence of any of the other parties to the suit as it has been begun. Fraser v. Jennison, 106 U. S. 191, 1 Sup. Ct. 171, 27 L. Ed. 131; Gudger v. Western N. C. R. Co. (C. C.) 21 Fed. 551; Security Co. v. Pratt (C. C.) 34 Fed. 405; Seaboard Air Line Ry. v. North Carolina R. Co. (C. C.) 123 Fed. 620.

SEPARALITER. Lat. Separately. Used in indictments to indicate that two or more defendants were charged separately, and not jointly, with the commission of the offense in question. State v. Edwards, 60 Mo. 400.

SEPARATE. Individual; distinct; particular; disconnected. Generally used in law as opposed to "joint," though the more usual antithesis of the latter term is "several." Either of these words implies division, distribution, disconnection, or aloofness. See Merrill v. Pepperdine, 9 Ind. App. 410, 36 N. E. 921; Larzelere v. Starkweather, 38 Mich. 104.

—Separate action. As opposed to a joint action, this term signifies an action brought for himself alone by each of several complainants who are all concerned in the same transaction, but cannot legally join in the suit—Separate demises in ejectment. A demise in a declaration in ejectment used to be termed a "separate demise" when made by the lessor separately or individually, as distinguished from a demise made jointly by two or more persons, which was termed a "joint demise." No such demise, either separate or joint, is now necessary in this action. Brown.—Separate estate. The individual property of one of two persons who stand in a social or business relation, as distinguished from that which they own jointly or are jointly interested in. Thus, "separate estate," within the meaning of the bankrupt law, is that in which each person is separately interested at the time of the bankruptcy. The term can only be applied to such property as belonged to one or more of the part-
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SEPURAGESIMA. In ecclesiastical law. The third Sunday before Quadragesima Sunday, being about the seventieth day before Easter.

SEPTUAGESIMA. In ecclesiastical law. The third Sunday before Quadragesima Sunday, being about the seventieth day before Easter.

SEPTNUM. Lat. In Roman law. An inclosure; an inclosed place where the people voted; otherwise called "ocult." In old English law. An inclosure or close. Cowell.

SEPULCHRE. A grave or tomb. The place of interment of a dead human body. The violation of sepulchres is a misdemeanor or at common law.

SEPULTURA. Lat. An offering to the priest for the burial of a dead body.

Sequamur vestigle patrum nostrorum. Henk. Cent. Let us follow the footsteps of our fathers.

SEQUATUR SUB SUO PERICULO. In old English practice. A writ which issued where a sheriff had returned nihil, upon a summoneas ad warrantizandum, and after an alias and pluribus had been issued. So called because the tenant lost his lands without any recovery in value, unless upon that writ he brought the vouchee into court. Rosc. Real Act. 208; Cowell.

SEQUELA. L. Lat. In old English law. Suit; process or prosecution. Sequela causa, the process of a cause. Cowell.

SEQUELA CURIAE. Suit of court. Cowell. Sequela villanorum. The family retinue and appurtenances to the goods and chattles of villeins, which were at the absolute disposal of the lord. Par. Antiq. 216.

SEQUELS. Small allowances of meal, or manufactured victual, made to the servants at a mill where corn was ground, by tenure, in Scotland. Wharton.

SEQUENS, v. In the civil law. To renounce or disclaim, etc. As when a widow came into court and disclaimed having anything to do with her deceased husband's estate, she was said to sequester. The word more commonly signifies the act of taking in execution under a writ of sequestration. Brown.

SEQUESTER, v. In the civil law. To deposit a thing which is the subject of a controversy in the hands of a third person, to hold for the contending parties. To take a thing which is the subject of a controversy out of the possession of the contending parties, and deposit it in the hands of a third person. Calvin.

In equity practice. To take possession of the property of a defendant, and hold it...
in the custody of the court, until he purges himself of a contempt.

In English ecclesiastical practice. To gather and take care of the fruits and profits of a vacant benefice, for the benefit of the next incumbent.

In international law. To confiscate; to appropriate private property to public use; to seize the property of the private citizens of a hostile power, as when a belligerent nation sequesters debts due from its own subjects to the enemy. See 1 Kent, Comm. 62.

SEQUESTER, n. Lat. In the civil law. A person with whom two or more contending parties deposited the subject-matter of the controversy.

SEQUESTRARI FACIAS. In English ecclesiastical practice. A process in the nature of a levare facias, commanding the bisho- op to enter into the rectory and parish church, and to take and sequester the same, and hold them until, of the rents, tithes, and profits thereof, and of the other ecclesiastical goods of a defendant, he have levied the plaintiff's debt. 3 Bl. Comm. 413; 2 Archb. Pr. 1284.

SEQUESTRATIO. Lat. In the civil law. The separating or setting aside of a thing in controversy, from the possession of both parties that contend for it. It is two-fold.—voluntary, done by consent of all parties; and necessary, when a judge orders it. Brown.

SEQUESTRATION. In equity practice. A writ authorizing the taking into the custody of the law of the real and personal estate (or rents, issues, and profits) of a defendant who is in contempt, and holding the same until he shall comply. It is sometimes directed to the sheriff, but more commonly to four commissioners nominated by the complainant. 3 Bl. Comm. 444; Ryan v. Kingsbery, 88 Ga. 361, 14 S. E. 596.

In Louisiana. A mandate of the court, ordering the sheriff, in certain cases, to take in his possession, and to keep, a thing of which another person has the possession, until after the decision of a suit, in order that it be delivered to him who shall be adjudged entitled to have the property or possession of that thing. This is what is properly called a "judicial sequestration." Code Prac. LA. art. 269; American Nat. Bank v. Childs, 49 La. Ann. 1359, 22 South. 384.

In contracts. A species of deposit which two or more persons, engaged in litigation about anything, make of the thing in contest with an indifferent person who binds himself to restore it, when the issue is decided, to the party to whom it is adjudged to belong. CIV. Code La. art. 2973.

In English ecclesiastical law. The act of the ordinary in disposing of the goods and chattels of one deceased, whose estate no one will meddle with. Cowell. Or, in other words, the taking possession of the property of a deceased person, where there is no one to claim it.

Also, where a benefice becomes vacant, a sequestration is usually granted by the bish- op to the church-wardens, who manage all the profits and expenses of the benefice, plow and sow the glebe, receive tithes, and provide for the necessary cure of souls. Sweet.

In international law. The seizure of the property of an individual, and the appropriation of it to the use of the government.

Mayor's court. In the mayor's court of London, "a sequestration is an attachment of the property of a person in a warehouse or other place belonging to and abandoned by him. It has the same object as the ordinary attachment, viz., to compel the appearance of the defendant to an action," and, in default, to satisfy the plaintiff's debt by appraisement and execution.

Judicial sequestration. In Louisiana, a mandate ordering the sheriff in certain cases to take into his possession and to keep a thing of which another person has the possession until after the decision of a suit in order that it may be delivered to him who shall be adjudged to have the property or possession of it. Baldwin v. Black, 119 U. S. 643, 7 Sup. Ct. 320, 30 L. Ed. 530.

SEQUESTRATOR. One to whom a sequestration is made. One appointed or chosen to perform a sequestration, or execute a writ of sequestration.

SEQUESTRO HABENDO. In English ecclesiastical law. A judicial writ for the discharging a sequestration of the profits of a church benefice, granted by the bishop at the sovereign's command, thereby to compel the parson to appear at the suit of another. Upon his appearance, the parson may have this writ for the release of the sequestration. Reg. Jud. 36.

Sequi debet potestas justitidix non procedere. 2 Inst. 454. Power should follow justice, not precede it.

SERF. In the feudal polity, the serfs were a class of persons whose social condition was servile, and who were bound to labor and onerous duties at the will of their lords. They differed from slaves only in that they were bound to their native soil, instead of being the absolute property of a master.

SERGEANT. In military law. A non-commissioned officer, of whom there are several in each company of infantry, troop of cavalry, etc. The term is also used in the organization of a municipal police force.

-Sergeant at arms. See Sergeant.-Sergeant at law. See Sergeant.-Town sergeant. In several states, an officer having the powers and duties of a chief constable or head of the police department of a town or village.
SERIATIM. Lat. Severally; separately; individually; one by one.

SERIOUS. Important; weighty; momentous, and not trifling; as in the phrases "serious consideration," "serious injury," etc. Lawlor v. People, 74 Ill. 231; Union Mut. L. Ins. Co. v. Wilkinson, 18 Wall. 220, 20 L. Ed. 617.

SERJEANT. The same word etymologically with "sergeant," but the latter spelling is more commonly employed in the designation of military and police officers, (see SERGEANT,) while the former is preferred when the term is used to describe certain grades of legal practitioners and certain officers of legislative bodies. See SERGEANT.

—Common serjeant. A judicial officer attached to the corporation of the city of London, who assists the recorder in disposing of the criminal business at the Old Bailey sessions, or central trial court. Brown.—Serjeant at arms. An executive officer appointed by, and attending on, a legislative body, whose principal duty is to execute its warrants, preserve order, and arrest offenders. Serjeant at law. A barrister of the common-law courts of high standing, and of much the same rank as a doctor of law in the ecclesiastical courts. These serjeants seem to have derived their title from the old knights templar, (among whom there existed a peculiar class under the denomination of "fratres serpens," or "fratres servientes," and to have continued as a separate fraternity from a very early period in the history of the legal profession. The barristers who first assumed the old monastic title were those who practiced in the court of common pleas, and until a recent period (the 25th of April, 1834, 9 & 10 Vict. c. 54) the serjeants at law always had the exclusive privilege of practice in that court. Every judge of a common-law court, previous to his elevation to the bench, used to be created a serjeant at law; but since the judicature act this is no longer necessary. Brown.—Serjeant of the maces. In English law. An officer who attends the lord mayor of London, and the chief magistrates of the city. Brown.—Serjeants' Inn. The inn to which the serjeants at law belonged, near Chancery lane; formerly called "Faryndon Inn."

Serjeants idem est quod servitium. Co. Litt. 105. Serjeanty is the same as service.

SERJEANTY. A species of tenure by knight service, which was due to the king only, and was distinguished into grand and petit serjeanty. The tenant holding by grand serjeanty was bound, instead of attending the king generally in his wars, to do some honorary service to the king in person, as to carry his banner or sword, or to be his butler, champion, or other officer at his coronation. Petit serjeanty differed from grand serjeanty, in that the service rendered to the king was not of a personal nature, but consisted in rendering him annually some small implement of war, as a bow, sword, arrow, lance, or the like. Cowell; Brown.

SERMENT. In old English law. Oath; an oath.

Sermo index animi. 5 Coke, 118. Speech is an index of the mind.

Sermo relatus ad personam intelligi debet de conditione personae. Language which is referred to a person ought to be understood of the condition of the person. 4 Coke, 16.

Sermones semper accepienti sunt secundum subjectam materiam, et conditionem personarum. 4 Coke, 14. Language is always to be understood according to its subject-matter, and the condition of the persons.

SERPENT-VENOM REACTION. A test for insanity by means of the breaking up of the red corpuscles of the blood of the suspected person on the injection of the venom of cobras or other serpents; recently employed in judicial proceedings in some European countries and in Japan.

SERRATED. Notched on the edge; cut in notches like the teeth of a saw. This was anciently the method of trimming the top or edge of a deed of indenture. See Indent, v.

SERVAGE, in feudal law, was where a tenant, besides payment of a certain rent, found one or more workmen for his lord's service. Tomlins.

Servanda est consuetudo loci ubi causa agitur. The custom of the place where the action is brought is to be observed. Decouche v. Savetier, 3 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 190, 219, 8 Am. Dec. 478.

SERVANT. A servant is one who is employed to render personal services to his employer, otherwise than in the pursuit of an independent calling, and who in such service remains entirely under the control and direction of the latter, who is called his master. Civ. Code Cal. § 2090.

Servants or domestics are those who receive wages, and stay in the house of the person paying and employing them for his services or that of his family; such are valets, footmen, cooks, butlers, and others who reside in the house. Civ. Code La. art. 3205.

Free servants are in general all free persons who let, hire, or engage their services to another in the state, to be employed there, in any work, commerce, or occupation whatever for the benefit of him who has contracted with them, for a certain price or retribution, or upon certain conditions. Civ. Code La. art. 163.

Servants are of two kinds,—menial servants, being persons retained by others to live within the walls of the house, and to perform the work and business of the household; and persons employed by men of trades and professions under them, to assist them in their particular callings. Mosley & Whitley. See also, Flesh v. Lindsay, 115 Mo. 1.
SERVE. In Scotch practice. To render a verdict or decision in favor of a person claiming to be an heir; to declare the fact of his heirship judicially. A jury are said to serve a claimant heir, when they find him to be heir, upon the evidence submitted to them. Bell.

As to serving papers, etc., see SERVICE OF PROCESS.

SERV. Let. In old European law. Slaves; persons over whom their masters had absolute dominion.
In old English law. Bondmen; servile tenants. Cowell.

SERVI REDEMPTIONE. Criminal slaves in the time of Henry I. 1 Henry, Sax. 197, (1849.)

SERVICE. In contracts. The being employed to serve another; duty or labor to be rendered by one person to another.
The term is used also for employment in one of the offices, departments, or agencies of the government; as in the phrases "civil service," "public service," etc.

In feudal law. Service was the consideration which the feudal tenants were bound to render to the lord in recompense for the lands they held of him. The services, in respect of their quality, were either free or base services, and, in respect of their quantity and the time of exacting them, were either certain or uncertain. 2 Bl. Comm. 60.

In practice. The exhibition or delivery of a writ, notice, Indictment, etc., by an authorized person, to a person who is thereby officially notified of some action or proceeding in which he is concerned, and is thereby advised or warned of some action or step which he is commanded to take or to forbear. See Walker v. State, 82 Ala. 193; U. S. v. McMahon, 104 U. S. 51, 17 Sup. Ct. 23, 41 L. Ed. 357; Stanford v. Dick, 17 Conn. 213; Cross v. Barber, 16 R. I. 205, 15 Atl. 69.

-Civil service. See that title.-Constructive service of process. Any form of service other than actual personal service; notification of an action or of some proceeding therein, given to a person affected by sending it to him in the mails or causing it to be published in a newspaper.-Personal service. Personal service of a writ or notice is made by delivering it to the person named, in person, or handing him a copy and informing him of the nature and terms of the original. Leaving a copy at his place of abode is not personal service. Moyer v. Cook, 12 Wis. 336.-Salvage service. See Salvage.-Secular service. Worldly employment or service, as contrasted with spiritual or ecclesiastical.-Service by publication. Service of a summons or other process upon an absent or non-resident defendant, by publishing the same as an advertisement in a designated newspaper, with such other efforts to give him actual notice as the particular statute may prescribe.-Service of an heir. An old form of Scotch law, fixing the right and character of an heir to the estate of his ancestor. The service of process. The service of writs, summonses, rules, etc., signifies the delivering to or leaving them with the party to whom or with whom they ought to be delivered or sent; and, when they are so delivered, they are then said to have been served. Usually a copy only is served and the original is shown. Brown.-Special service. In Scotch law. That form of service by which the heir is served to the ancestor who was feudally vested in the lands. Bell.-Substituted service. This term generally denotes any form of service of process other than personal service, such as service by mail or by publication in a newspaper; but it is sometimes employed to denote service of a writ or notice on some person other than the one directly concerned, for example, his attorney of record, who has authority to represent him or to accept service for him.

SERVICES FONCIERS. Fr. These are, in French law, the easements of English law. Brown.

SERVIDUMBRE. In Spanish law. A servitude. The right and use which one man has in the buildings and estates of another, for the benefit of his own. Las Partidas, 3, 31, 1.

SERVIES AD CLAVAM. Serjeant at arms. 2 Mod. 58.

SERVIENS AD LEGEM. In old English practice. Serjeant at law.

SERVIENS DOMINI REGIS. In old English law. King's serjeant; a public officer, who acted sometimes as the sheriff's deputy, and had also judicial powers. Bract. folia. 1450, 1500, 390, 368.

SERVIENT. Serving; subject to a service or servitude. A servient estate is one which is burdened with a servitude.

-Servient tenure. An estate in respect of which a service is owing, as the dominant tenement is that to which the service is due.

Servile est explicationis crimen; sola innocentiia libera. 2 Inst. 573. The crime of theft is slavish; innocence alone is free.

Servitia personalia sequantur personam. 2 Inst. 374; Personal services follow the person.

SERVITUS ACQUIETANDIS. A judicial writ for a man distrained for services to one, when he owes and performs them to
another, for the acquittal of such services. Reg. Jud. 27.

**SERVITIUM.** Lat. in feudal and old English law. The duty of obedience and performance which a tenant was bound to render to his lord, by reason of his fee. Spelman.

---Servitium feodale et prediale. A personal service, but due only by reason of lands which were held in fee. Bract. loc. 2, c. 10.—Servitium formans servitum. Foreign, or extra service; a kind of service that was due to the king, over and above the service due to the lord.—Servitium intrinsecum. Intrinsic or ordinary service; the ordinary service due the chief lord, from tenants within the fee. Bract. fols. 360, 365.—Servitium liberum. A service to be done by feudatory tenants, who were called "liberi homines," and distinguished from vassals, as was their service, for they were not bound to any of the base services of plowing the lord's land, etc., but were to find a man and horse, or go with the lord into the army, or to do the service, etc. Cowell.—Servitium militare. Knight-service; military service. 2 Bl. Comm. 62.—Servitium regale. Royal service; service due to the right by the vassals of magnates, which relate to the king and lord of the same, and which were generally reckoned to be six, viz.: Power of judicature; in matters of property; power of life and death, in felonies and murder; a right to waives and strays; assessments; minting of money; and assest of churches, monasteries, and mitres. Cowell.—Servitium sententia. Service of the shield; that is, knight-service.—Servitium soma. Service of the plow; that is, socage.

Servitium, in loge Anglise, regulariter servitium servitio quod per tenentes domini sub debita ratione foediti sunt. Co. Litt. 65. Service, by the law of England, means the service which is due from the tenants to the lords, by reason of their fee.

**SERVITOR.** A serving-man; particularly applied to students at Oxford, upon the foundation, who are similar to sizaras at Cambridge. Wharton.

**SERVITORS OF BILLS.** In old English practice. Servants or messengers of the marshal of the king's bench, sent out with bills or writs to summon persons to that court. Now more commonly called "tvp-staves." Cowell.

**SERVITUDE.** 1. The condition of being bound to service; the state of a person who is subordinated, voluntarily or otherwise, to another person as his servant. 

---Involuntary servitude. See INVOLUNTARY.—Penal servitude. In English criminal law, a punishment which consists in keeping the offender in confinement and compelling him to labor.

2. A charge or burden resting upon one estate for the benefit or advantage of another; a species of incorporeal right derived from the civil law (see Servitus) and closely corresponding to the "easement" of the common-law, except that "servitude" rather has relation to the burden or the estate burdened, while "easement" refers to the benefit or advantage or the estate to which it accrues. See Neilis v. Munson, 24 Hun (N. Y.) 376; Rowe v. Nally, 81 Md. 367, 32 Atl. 196; Los Angeles Terminal Land Co. v. Muir, 136 Cal. 36, 68 Pac. 356; Laumiere v. Francis, 23 Mo. 184; Ritter v. Parker, 8 Cush. (Mass.) 145, 54 Am. Dec. 744; Kleffer v. Imhoff, 26 Pa. 438.

The term "servitude," in its original and popular sense, signifies the duty of service, or rather the condition of one who is liable to the performance of services. The word, however, in its legal sense, is applied figuratively to things. When the freedom of ownership in land is fettered or restricted, by reason of some person, other than the owner thereof, having some right therein, the land is said to "serve" such person. The restricted condition of the ownership or the right which forms the subject-matter of the restriction is termed a "servitude," and the land so burdened with another's right is termed a "servient tenement," while the land belonging to the person enjoying the right is called the "dominant tenement." The word "servitude" may be said to have both a positive and a negative aspect; in the former sense denoting the restrictive right belonging to the entitled party; in the latter, the restrictive duty entailed upon the proprietor or possessor of the servient land. Brown.

**Classification.** All servitudes which affect lands may be divided into two kinds, personal and real. Personal servitudes are those attached to the person for whose benefit they are established, and terminate with his life. This kind of servitude is of three sorts,—usufruct, use, and habitation. Real servitudes, which are also called "predial" or "landed" servitudes, are those which the owner of an estate enjoys on a neighboring estate for the benefit of his own estate. They are called "predial" or "landed" servitudes because, being established for the benefit of an estate, they are rather due to the estate than to the owner personally. Clv. Code La. art. 646.

Real servitudes are divided, in the civil law, into rural and urban servitudes. Rural servitudes are such as are established for the benefit of a landed estate; such, for example, as a right of way over the servient tenement, or of access to a spring, a coalmine, a sand-pit, or a wood that is upon it. Urban servitudes are such as are established for the benefit of one building over another. (But the buildings need not be in the city, as the name would apparently imply.) They are such as the right of support, or of view, or of drip or sewer, or the like. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 316, et seq.

Servitudes are also classed as positive and negative. A positive servitude is one which obliges the owner of the servient estate to permit or suffer something to be done on his property by another. A negative servitude is one which does not bind the servient proprietor to permit something to be done upon his property by another. But neither restrains him from using a certain use of his property which would impair the easement en-
joyed by the dominant tenement. See Rowe v. Nally, 81 Md. 367, 32 Atl. 198.

S E R V I T U S. Lat. In the civil law. Slavery; bondage; the state of service. Defined as "an institution of the conventional law of nations, by which one person is subjected to the dominion of another, contrary to nature." Inst. 1, 3, 2.

Also a service or servitude; an easement.

-Servitus actus. The servitude or right of walking, riding, or driving over another's ground. Inst. 2, 3, pr. A species of right of way.

-Servitus altius non tollendi. The servitude of not building higher. A right attached to a house, by which its proprietor can prevent his neighbor from building his own house higher. Inst. 2, 3, 4.

-Servitus aquae ductus. The servitude of leading water; the right of leading water through one's house to another's land. Inst. 2, 3, pr.

-Servitus aquae e ductu. The servitude of leading water; the right of leading of water from one's own onto another's ground. Dig. 8, 3, 23.

-Servitus aquae haerentiae. The servitude of receiving draining water from another's spring or well. Inst. 2, 3, 2.

-Servitus elonae mittendae. The servitude or right of having a sewer through the house or land of one's neighbor. Dig. 8, 1, Int. 10, 4.

-Servitus funi immitteri. The servitude or right of leading off smoke or vapor through the chimney or over the roof of one's neighbor. Dig. 8, 5, 8, 5-7.

-Servitus itineris. The servitude or privilege of walking, riding, and being carried over another's ground. Inst. 2, 3, 2.

-Servitus migrationis. The servitude of making use of a common wall, in order to obtain light for one's building. Dig. 8, 2, 4.

-Servitus us luminibus officiatus. A servitude not to hinder lights; the right of having one's lights or windows unobstructed or darkened by a neighbor's building, etc. Inst. 2, 3, 4.

-Servitus us prospectus descendit. A servitude not to obstruct one's prospect, i.e., not to intercept the view from one's house. Dig. 8, 2, 15.

-Servitus oneris forendi. The servitude of bearing weight; the right to have one's building upon the building, wall, or pillars of one's neighbor. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 317. Servitus passendi. The right of pasturing one's cattle on another's ground; otherwise called "jus passendi." Inst. 2, 3, 2.

-Servitus pradis rusticis. The servitude of a rural or country estate; a servitude. Inst. 2, 3, pr., and 3.

-Servitus pradis urbani. The servitude of an urban or city estate; an urban servitude. Inst. 2, 3.

-Servitus projiciendi. The servitude of driving a projection from one's house in the open space belonging to one's neighbor. Dig. 8, 2, 2.

-Servitus stilliti. The right of drip; the right of having the water drip from the eaves of one's house onto the eaves of one's neighbor. Inst. 2, 3, 1, 4; Dig. 8, 2, 2.

-Servitus tignal improdendi. The servitude of letting in a beam; the right of inserting beams in a new house. Inst. 8, 3, 1, 4.

-Servitus vicin. The servitude or right of way; the right of walking, riding, and driving over another's land. Inst. 2, 3, pr.

SETTLE. To adjust, ascertain, or liquidate; to pay. Parties are said to settle an account when they go over its items and ascertain and agree upon the balance due from one to the other. And, when the party indebted pays such balance, he is also said to settle it. Anzerais v. Naglee, 74 Cal. 69, 15 Pac. 371; Jackson v. Ely, 57 Ohio St. 450, 49 N. E. 782; People v. Green, 5 Daly (N. Y.) 201; Lynch v. Nugent, 80 Iowa, 422, 46 N. W. 61.

To settle property is to limit it, or the income of it, to several persons in succession, so that the person for the time being in the possession or enjoyment of it has no power to deprive the others of their right of future enjoyment. Sweet.

To settle a document is to make it right in form and in substance. Documents of difficulty or complexity, such as mining leases, settlements by will or deed, partnership agreements, etc., are generally settled by counsel. Id.

The term "settle" is also applied to paupers.

Settle up. A term, colloquial rather than legal, which is applied to the final collection, adjustment, and distribution of the estate of a decedent, a bankrupt, or an insolvent corporation. It includes the processes of collecting the property, paying debts and charges, and turning over the surplus to those entitled to receive it.

--Settled estate. See Estate--Settling a bill of exceptions. When the bill of exceptions prepared for an appeal is not accepted as correct by the respondent, it is settled (i.e., adjusted and finally made conformable to the truth) by being taken before the judge who presided at the trial, and by him put into a form
agreeing with his minutes and his recollection. See Railroad Co. v. Cone, 37 Kan. 507, 15 Pac. 466; Higginbotham v. Co., 111 N. Y. Supp. 160.—Settling day. The day on which transactions for the “account” are made up on the English stock-exchange. In consols they are monthly; in other investments, twice in the month.—Settling interrogatories. The determination by the court of objections to interrogatories and cross-interrogatories prepared to be used in taking a deposition.—Settling issues. In English practice. Arranging or determining the form of the issues in a cause. “Where, in any action, it appears to the judge that the statement of claim or defense or reply does not sufficiently disclose the issues of fact between the parties, he may direct the parties to prepare issues; and such issues shall, if the parties differ, be settled by the judge.” Judicature Act 1875, schedule, art. 19.

SEVERALITY. A term, as applied to the administration of an estate, is usually understood to have reference to the order of court approving the account which closes the business of the estate, and which finally discharges the executor or administrator from the duties of his trust. Roberts v. Spencer, 112 N. E. 122; Sims v. Waters, 65 Ala. 445.—Strict settlement. This phrase was formerly used to denote a settlement whereby land was limited to a parent for life, and after his death to his first and other sons or children in tail, with trustees interposed to preserve contingent remainders. 1 Steph. Comm. 392, 393.—Voluntary settlement. A settlement of property upon a wife or other beneficiary, made gratuitously or without valuable consideration.

SETTLE. A person who, for the purpose of acquiring a pre-emption right, has gone upon the land in question, and is actually resident there. See Hume v. Gracy, 86 Tex. 671, 27 S. W. 584; Davis v. Young, 2 Dana (Ky.) 299; McIntyre v. Sherwood, 82 Cal. 139, 22 Pac. 987.

SETTLOR. The grantor or donor in a deed of settlement.

SEVER. To separate. When two joint defendants separate in the action, each pleading separately his own plea and relying upon a separate defense, they are said to sever.

SEVERABLE. Admitting of severance or separation, capable of being divided; capable of being severed from other things to which it was joined, and yet maintaining a complete and independent existence.

SEVERAL. Separate; individual; independent. In this sense the word is distinguished from “joint.” Also exclusive; individual; appropriated. In this sense it is opposed to “common.”

Several actions. Where a separate and distinct action is brought against each of two or more persons who are all liable to the plaintiff in respect to the same subject-matter, the actions are said to be “several.” If all the persons are joined as defendants in one and the same action, it is called a “joint” action.—Several Inheritance. An inheritance conveyed so as to descend to two persons severally, by moieties, etc.—Several issues. This occurs where there is more than one issue involved in a case. 3 Steph. Comm. 509.

As to several “Counts,” “Covenant,” “Deémise,” “Fishery,” “Tail,” and “Tenancy,” see those titles.

SEVERALITY. A state of separation. An estate in severalty is one that is held, by a person in his own right only, without any other person being joined or connected with him, in point of interest, during his estate therein. 2 Bl. Comm. 179.

The term “severality” is especially applied, in England, to the case of adjoining meadows undivided from each other, but belonging, either permanently or in what are called “shifting severalties,” to separate owners, and held in severalty until the crops have been carried, when the whole is thrown open
as pasture for the cattle of all the owners, and in some cases for the cattle of other persons as well; each owner is called a "severancy owner," and his rights of pasture are called "severancy rights," as opposed to the rights of persons not owners. Cooke, Incl. Acts, 47, 163n.

**SEVERANCE.** In pleading. Separation; division. The separation by defendants in their pleas; the adoption, by several defendants, of separate pleas, instead of joining in the same plea. Steph. Pl. 257.

In estates. The destruction of any one of the unities of a joint tenancy. It is so called because the estate is no longer a joint tenancy, but is severed.

The word "severance" is also used to signify the cutting of the crops, such as corn, grass, etc., or the separating of anything from the reality. Brown.

**SEWARD, or SEAWARD.** One who guards the sea-coast; custos maris.

**SEWER.** A fresh-water trench or little river, encompassed with banks on both sides, to drain off surplus water into the sea. Cowell. Properly, a trench artificially made for the purpose of carrying water into the sea, (or a river or pond.) Crabb, Real Prop. § 113.

In its modern and more usual sense, a "sewer" means an under-ground or covered channel used for the drainage of two or more separate buildings, as opposed to a "drain," which is a channel used for carrying off the drainage of one building or set of buildings in one curtilage. Sweet. See Valparaiso v. Parker, 148 Ind. 379, 47 N. E. 330; Fuchs v. St. Louis, 167 Mo. 630, 67 S. W. 610, 57 L. R. A. 136; State Board of Health v. Jersey City, 55 N. J. Eq. 116, 35 Atl. 835; Aldrich v. Palne, 106 Iowa, 461, 76 N. W. 812.

—Commissioners of sewers. In English law. The court of commissioners of sewers is a temporary tribunal erected by virtue of a commission under the great seal. Its jurisdiction is to overlook the repairs of sea-banks and seawalls, and the cleansing of public rivers, streams, ditches, and other conduits whereby any waters are carried off, and is confined to such county or particular district as the commission expressly names. Brown.

**SEX.** The distinction between male and female; or the property or character by which an animal is male or female. Webster.

**SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.** In ecclesiastical law. The second Sunday before Lent, being about the sixtieth day before Easter.

**SEXHENDINI.** In Saxo law. The middle thanes, valued at 600s.

**SEXTANS.** Lat. In Roman law. A subdivision of the as, containing two uncia; the proportion of two-twelfths, or one-sixth. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note.

**SEXTARY.** In old records. An ancient measure of liquids, and of dry commodities; a quarter or seam. Spelman.

**SEXTERY LANDS.** Lands given to a church or religious house for maintenance of a sexton or sacristan. Cowell.

**SEXTUS DECRETALIUM.** Lat. The sixth (book) of the decretals; the sext, or sixth decretal. So called because appended, in the body of the canon law, to the five books of the decretals of Gregory IX.; it consists of a collection of supplementary decrees, and was published A. D. 1208. Butl. Hor. Jur. 172; 1 Bl. Comm. 82.

**SEXUAL INSTINCT, INVERSION AND PERVERSION OF.** See INSANITY; PEDERASTY; SODOMY.


**SHACK.** In English law. The straying and escaping of cattle out of the lands of their owners into other uninclosed land; an intercomming of cattle. 2 H. Bl. 416.

It sometimes happens that a number of adjacent fields, though held in severalty, i. e., by separate owners, and cultivated separately, are, after the crop on each parcel has been carried in, thrown open as pasture to the cattle of all the owners. "Arable lands cultivated on this plan are called 'shack fields,' and the right of each owner of a part to feed cattle over the whole during the autumn and winter is known in law as 'common of shack,' a right which is distinct in its nature from common because of vicinage, though sometimes said to be nearly identical with it." Elton, Commons, 30; Sweet.

**SHALL.** As used in statutes and similar instruments, this word is generally imperative or mandatory; but it may be construed as merely permissive or directory (as equivalent to "may,") to carry out the legislative intention and in cases where no right or benefit to any one depends on its being taken in the imperative sense, and where no public or private right is impaired by where its interpretation in the other sense. Also, as against the government, "shall" is to be construed as "may," unless a contrary intention is manifest. See Wheeler v. Chicago, 24 Ill. 165, 76 Am. Dec. 735; People v. Chicago Sanitary Dist., 184 Ill. 607, 56 N. E. 953; Madison v. Daley (C. C.) 58 Fed. 763; Cairo & F. R. Co. v. Hecht, 95 U. S. 170, 24 L. Ed. 423.

**SHAM PLEA.** See PLEA.
SHARE. A portion of anything. When a whole is divided into shares, they are not necessarily equal.

In the law of corporations and joint-stock companies, a share is a definite portion of the capital of a company.

Share and Share alike. In equal shares or proportions, Share-certificate. A share-certificate is an instrument under the seal of the company, certifying that the person therein named is entitled to a certain number of shares; it is prima facie evidence of his title thereto. Lindl. Partn. 150, 1157. Share-warrant. A share-warrant to bearer is a warrant or certificate under the seal of the company, stating that the bearer of the warrant is entitled to a certain number or amount of fully paid up shares or stock. Coupons for payment of dividends may be annexed to it. Delivery of the share-warrant operates as a transfer of the shares or stock. Sweet.

SHAREHOLDER. In the strict sense of the term, a "shareholder" is a person who has agreed to become a member of a corporation or company, and with respect to whom all the required formalities have been gone through; e.g., signing of deed of settlement, registration, or the like. A shareholder by estoppel is a person who has acted and been treated as a shareholder, and consequently has the same liabilities as if he were an ordinary shareholder. Lindl. Partn. 130. See Beal v. Essex Sav. Bank, 67 Fed. 816, 15 C.C.A. 128; State v. Mitchell, 104 Tenn. 336, 58 S. W. 365.

SHARP. A "sharp" clause in a mortgage or other security (or the whole instrument described as "sharp") is one which empowers the creditor to take prompt and summary action upon default in payment or breach of other conditions.

SHARPING CORN. A customary gift of corn, which, at every Christmas, the farmers in some parts of England give to their smith for sharpening their plow-irons, harrow-tines, etc. Blount.


SHAVE. While "shave" is sometimes used to denote the act of obtaining the property of another by oppression and extortion, it may be used in an innocent sense to denote the buying of existing notes and other securities for money, at a discount. Hence to charge a man with using money for shaving is not libelous per se. See Stone v. Cooper, 2 Denio (N. Y.) 301; Trentham v. Moore, 11 Tenn. 346, 78 S. W. 904; Bronson v. Wilman, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 428.


SHAWATORES. Solders. Cowell.

SHEADING. A riding, titling, or division in the Isle of Man, where the whole island is divided into six sheadings, in each of which there is a coroner or chief constable appointed by a delivery of a rod at the Tinewald court or annual convention. King, Isle of Man, 7.

SHEEP. A weher more than a year old. Rex v. Birke, 4 Car. & P. 218.

SHEEP-HEAVES. Small plots of pasture, in England, often in the middle of the waste of a manor, of which the soil may or may not be in the lord, but the pasture is private property, and leased or sold as such. They principally occur in the northern counties, (Cooke, Incl. Acts, 44.) and seem to be corporeal hereditaments, (Elton, Commons, 35.) although they are sometimes classed with rights of common, but erroneously, the right being an exclusive right of pasture. Sweet.

SHEEP-SILVER. A service turned into money, which was paid in respect that anciently the tenants used to wash the lord's sheep. Wharton.

SHEEP-SKIN. A deed; so called from the parchment it was written on.

SHEEP-WALK. A right of sheep-walk is the same thing as a fold-course, (q.v.) Elton, Commons, 44.

SHELLEY'S CASE, RULE IX. "When the ancestor, by any gift or conveyance, takeeth an estate of freehold, and in the same gift or conveyance an estate is limited, either mediatly or immediately, to his heirs in fee or in tail, the 'heirs' are words of limitation of the estate, and not words of purchase." 1 Coke, 104.

Intimately connected with the quantity of estate which a tenant may hold in reality is the antique feudal doctrine generally known as the "Rule in Shelley's Case," which is reported by Lord Coke in 1 Coke, 928, (22 Eliz. 1 B.) This rule was not first laid down or established in that case, but was then simply admitted in argument as a well-founded and settled rule of law, and has always since been quoted as the "Rule in Shelley's Case." Wharton.

SHEPWAY, COURT-OF. A court held before the lord warden of the Cinque Ports. A writ of error lay from the mayor and jurats of each port to the lord warden in this court, and thence to the queen's bench. The civil jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports is abolished by 18 & 19 Vict. c. 48.

SHEREFFE. The body of the lordship of Cardiff in South Wales, excluding the members of it. Powel, Hist. Wales, 123.

SHERIFF. In American law. The chief executive and administrative officer of a county, being chosen by popular election.
His principal duties are in aid of the criminal courts and civil courts of record; such as serving process, summoning juries, executing judgments, holding judicial sales, and the like. He is also the conservator of the peace within his territorial jurisdiction. See State v. Finn, 4 Mo. App. 352; Com. v. Martin, 9 Kulp (Pa.) 69; In re Executive Communication, 13 Fla. 687; Pearce v. Stephens, 18 App. Div. 101, 45 N. Y. Supp. 422; Denson v. Sledge, 13 N. C. 140; Hockett v. Alston, 110 Fed. 912, 49 C. C. A. 180.

In English law, the sheriff is the principal officer in every county, and has the transacting of the public business of the county. He is an officer of great antiquity, and was also called the "shire-reeve," "reeve," or "bailiff." He is called in Latin "vicarius," as being the deputy of the earl or comr., to whom anentcych the custody of the shire was committed. The duties of the sheriff principally consist in executing writs, precepts, warrants from justices of the peace for the apprehension of offenders, etc. Brown.

In Scotch law, the office of sheriff differs somewhat from the same office under the English law, being, from ancient times, an office of important judicial power, as well as ministerial. The sheriff exercises a jurisdiction of considerable extent, both of civil and criminal character, which is, in a proper sense, judicial, in addition to powers resembling those of an English sheriff. Tomlin; Bell.

-Deputy sheriff. See Deputy.-High sheriff. One holding the office of sheriff, as distinguished from his deputies or assistants or under sheriffs.-Pocket sheriff. In English law. A sheriff appointed by the sole authority of the crown, without the usual form of nomination by the judges in the exchequer. 1 Bl. Comm. 342; 3 Steph. Comm. 22.-Sheriff-depute. The clerk of the sheriff's court in Scotland.-Sheriff-depute. In Scotch law. The principal sheriff of a county, who is also a judge.-Sheriff-geld. A rent formerly paid by a sheriff, and it is proved that they lie in his account may be discharged thereof. Rot. Parl. 50 Edw. III. Sheriff-tooth. In English law. A tenancy by the service of providing entertainment for the sheriff at his county-curts; a common tax, formerly levied for the sheriff's diet. Wharton.-Sheriff's court. The court held before the sheriff's deputy, that is, the under-sheriff, and wherein actions are brought for recovery of debts under £20. Writs of inquiry are also brought here to be executed. The sheriff's court for the county of Middlesex is that wherein damages are assessed in proper cases after trial at Westminster. Brown.-Sheriff's jury. In practice. A jury composed of no determined number, but which may be more or less than twelve, summoned by the sheriff for the purposes of an inquisition or inquest of office. 3 Bl. Comm. 258.-Sheriff's officers. Bailiffs, who are either bailiffs of hundreds or bound-bailiffs.-Sheriff's sale. See Sale.-Sheriff's town. A court of record in England, held twice every year, within a month after Easter and Michaelmas, before the sheriff, in different parts of the county. It is, indeed, only the turmo or rotation of the sheriff to keep a court-leet in the respective parts of the county. It is the great court-leet of the county, as the county court is the court-baron; for out of this, for the case of the sheriff, was taken the court-leet or view of frank-pledge. 4 Bl. Comm. 273.

Sheriffalty. The time of a man's being sheriff. Cowell. The term of a sheriff's office.


Shererrie. A word used by the authorities of the Roman Church, to specify contemptuously the technical parts of the law, as administered by non-clerical lawyers. Wharton.

Shewer. In the practice of the English high court, when a view by a jury is ordered, persons are named by the court to show the property to be viewed, and are hence called "shewers." There is usually a shewer on behalf of each party. Archb. Pr. 330, et seq.

Shewing. In English law. To be quit of attachment in a court, in plaints shewed and not avowed. Obsolete.

Shifting. Changing; varying; passing from one person to another by substitution. "Shifting the burden of proof" is transferring it from one party to the other, or from one side of the case to the other, when he upon whom it rested originally has made out a prima facie case or defense by evidence, of such a character that it then becomes incumbent upon the other to rebut it by contradictory or defensive evidence.

Shifting clause. A shifting clause in a settlement is a clause by which some other mode of devolution is substituted for that primarily prescribed. Examples of shifting clauses are: The ordinary name and arms clause, and the clause of less frequent occurrence by which a settled estate is destined as the foundation of a second family, in the event of the elder branch becoming otherwise enriched. These shifting clauses take effect under the statute of uses. Sweet.-Shifting risk. In insurance, a risk created by a contract of insurance on a stock of merchandise, or other similar property, which is kept for sale, or is subject to change in items by purchase and sale; the policy being conditioned to cover the goods in the stock at any and all times and not to be affected by changes in its composition. Farmers, etc., Ins. Ass'n v. Kryder, 5 Ind. App. 450, 31 N. E. 351, 31 Am. St. Rep. 244.-Shifting severality. See Severalty.-Shifting use. See Use.

Shilling. In English law. The name of an English coin, of the value of one-twentieth part of a pound. This denomination of money was also used in America, in colonial times, but was not everywhere of uniform value.

Shin-plaster. Formerly, a jocose term for a bank-note greatly depreciated in value; also for paper money of a denomina-
tion less than a dollar. Webster. See Madison Ins. Co. v. Forsythe, 2 Ind. 483.

SHIP, n. In maritime law. To put on board a ship; to send by ship.

To engage to serve on board a vessel as a seaman.

SHIP, n. A vessel of any kind employed in navigation. In a more restricted and more technical sense, a three-masted vessel navigated with sails.

The term "ship" or "shipping," when used in this Code, includes steam-boats, sailing vessels, canal-boats, barges, and every structure adapted to be navigated from place to place for the transportation of merchandise or persons. Cvt. Code Cal. § 960.

Nautical men apply the term "ship" to distinguish a vessel having three masts, each consisting of a lower mast, a topmast, and a top-gallant mast, with their appropriate rigging. In the ordinary language, it is not employed to distinguish any large vessel, however rigged. It is also frequently used as a general designation for all vessels navigated with sails; and it is in this sense in which it is employed in law. Tomlins. And see Cope v. Vallette Dry-Dock Co., 119 U. S. 625, 7 Sup. Ct. 530, 30 L. Ed. 501; U. S. v. Open Boat, 27 Fed. Cas. 347; Raft of Cypress Logs, 20 Fed. Cas. 170; Tucker v. Alexandroff, 183 U. S. 424, 22 Sup. Ct. 185, 46 L. Ed. 204; King v. Cowlitz, 210 U. S. 417; U. S. v. Derwenger, 158 U. S. 274, 23 Sup. Ct. 415, 47 L. Ed. 463; Swan v. U. S., 19 Ct. Cl. 62.

—General ship. Where a ship is not chartered wholly to one person, but the owner offers her generally to carry the goods of all comers, or where, if chartered to one person, he offers her to several subfreighters for the conveyance of their goods, she is called a "general" ship, as opposed to a "chartered" one. Brown. A vessel in which the master or owners engage separately with a number of persons unconnected with each other to convey their respective goods to the place of the ship's destination. Ward v. Green, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 173, 16 Am. Dec. 437—Ship-Pending.

In Scotch w. The offense of breaking into a ship. Arkley, 401.—Ship-broker. An agent for the transaction of business between shipowners and charterers or those ship cargoes. Little Rock v. Barton, 33 Ark. 444.—Ship-chandler. This is a term of extensive import, and includes everything necessary to furnish and equip a vessel, so as to render her seaworthy for the intended voyage. Not only stores, stoves, hardware, and crockery have been held to be within the term, but masts and other arms also, the voyage being round Cape Horn to California, in the course of which voyage arms are sometimes carried for safety. Webster. Twt. S. G. Owen, 1 Wall. Jr. 368, Fed. Cas. No. 17,310.—Ship-channel. In rivers, harbors, etc., the channel in which the water is deep enough for vessels of large size, usually marked out in harbors by buoys. The Oliver (I. C.) 22 Fed. 418.—Ship-damage. In the charter-parties with the English East India Company, these words occur. Their meaning is, damage from negligence, insufficiency, or bad stowage in the ship. Abb. Shipp. 294.—Ship-money. The captain of a merchant ship, appointed and put in command by the owner, and having general control of the vessel and cargo, with power to bind the owner for lawful acts and engagements in the management of the ship.—Ship-money. In English law. An imposition formerly levied on port-towns and other places for fitting out ships; revived by Charles I., and abolished in the same reign. 17 Car. 1. c. 14.—Ship's bill. The copy of the bill of lading retained by the master, called the "ship's bill" or "ship's act," is not authoritative as to the terms of the contract of affreightment; the bill delivered to the ship's master on the control, if the cargo and not agree. The Tharsis, 14 Wall. 98, 20 L. Ed. 804.—Ship's company. A term embracing all the officers of the ship, as well as the mariners or common seamen, but not a passenger. U. S. v. Libby, 26 Fed. Cas. 928; U. S. v. Winn, 28 Fed. Cas. 735.—Ship's husband. In maritime law. A person appointed by the several part-owners of a ship, and usually by the largest in number, to manage the concerns of the ship for the common benefit. Generally understood to be the general agent of the owners in regard to all the affairs of the ship in the home port. Story, Ag. § 33; 3 Kent. Comm. 151; Webster v. The Andes, 18 Ohio, 187; Muldov v. Whitlock, 1 Cow. (N. Y.) 307, 13 Am. Dec. 533; Gillespie v. Winberg, 4 Daly (N. Y.) 322; Mitchell v. Chambers, 43 Mich. 150. 5 N. W. 57, 38 Am. Rep. 167.—Ship's papers. The papers which must be carried by a vessel on a voyage, in order to furnish evidence of her national character, the nature and destination of the goods, and of compliance with the navigation laws. The ship's papers are of two sorts: Those required by the law of a particular country, such as the certificate of registry, libras, etc., and in the case of charter-party, bills of lading and of health, required by the law of England to be on board all British ships. Those required by the law of nations to be on board neutral ships, to vindicate their title to that character; these are the pass port, sea-brief, or sea-letter, proofs of property, the muster-roll or rôle d'équipage, the charter-party, the bills of lading and invoices, the log-book or ship's journal, and the bill of health. 1 Marsh. Ins. c. 9, § 6.

SHIPPED. This term, in common maritime and commercial usage, means "placed on board of a vessel for the purchaser or consignee, to be transported at his risk." Fisher v. Minot, 10 Gray (Mass.) 262.

SHIPPER. 1. The owner of goods who intrusts them on board a vessel for delivery abroad, by charter-party or otherwise.

2. Also, a Dutch word, signifying the master of a ship. It is mentioned in some of the statutes; is now generally called "skipper." Tomlins.

SHIPPING. Ships in general; ships or vessels of any kind intended for navigation. Relating to ships; as, shipping interest, shipping affairs, shipping business, shipping concerns. Putting on board a ship or vessel, or receiving on board a ship or vessel. Webster; Worcester.

The "law of shipping" is a comprehensive term for all that part of the maritime law which relates to ships and the persons employed in or about them. It embraces such subjects as the building and equipment of vessels, their registration and nationality, their ownership and inspection, their employment. (Including charter-parties, freight, demurrage, towage, and salvage) and their sale, transfer, and mortgage; also, the employment, rights, powers, and duties of mar-
Shipping

Shipping. A written agreement between the master of a vessel and the mariners, specifying the voyage or term for which the latter are shipped, and the rate of wages.

Shipping commissioner. An officer of the United States appointed by the several circuit courts, within their respective jurisdictions, for each port of entry (the same being also a port of ocean navigation) which, in the judgment of such court, or by the rules in the same; the duties being to supervise the engagement and discharge of seamen; to see that men engaged as seamen report on board at the proper time; to facilitate the apprenticing of persons to the marine service; and other similar duties, such as may be required by law. Rev. St. U. S. 11 4501-4605 (U. S. Comp. St. 1911, pp. 3061-3067).

Shipwreck. The demolition or shattering of a vessel, caused by her driving ashore or on rocks and shoals in the mid-seas, or by the violence of winds and waves in tempests. 2 Arn. Ins. p. 734.

Shire. In English law. A county. So called because every county or shire is divided and parted by certain meres and boundaries. Commonw. Co. Litt. 224.

-Knights of the shire. See Knight.

Shire-clerk. He that keeps the county court.

Shire-man, or Scryre-man. Before the Conquest, the judge of the county, by whom trials for land, etc., were determined. Tomlins; Mosley & Whitley. Scire-mote. The assize of the shire, or the assembly of the people, was so called by the Saxons. It was nearly, if not exactly, the same as the sciremote, and in most respects corresponded with what were afterwards called the "county courts." Brown. Scire-reve. In Saxon law. The reve or bailiff of the shire. The viscount of the Anglo-Normans, and the sheriff of later times. Co. Litt. 1686.

Shock. In medical jurisprudence. A sudden and severe depression of the vital functions, particularly of the nerves and the circulation, due to the nervous exhaustion following trauma, surgical operation, or sudden and violent emotion, resulting (if not in death) in more or less prolonged prostration; it is spoken of as being either physical or psychical, according as it is caused by disturbance of the bodily powers and functions or of the mind. See Maynard v. Oregon R. Co., 43 Or. 63, 72 Pac. 590.

Shoopta. In Mohammedan law. Premption, or a power of possessing property which has been sold, by paying a sum equal to that paid by the purchaser. Wharton.

Shop. A building in which goods and merchandise are sold at retail, or where mechanics work, and sometimes keep their products for sale. See State v. Morgan, 98 N. C. 941; 3 S. E. 927; State v. O'Connell, 26 Ind. 267; State v. Sprague, 149 Mo. 409, 50 S. W. 901.

Strictly, a shop is a place where goods are sold by retail, and a store a place where goods are deposited; but, in this country, shops for the sale of goods are frequently called "stores." Com. v. Annie, 15 Gray (Mass.) 197.

Shop-books. Books of original entry kept by tradesmen, shop-keepers, mechanics, and the like, in which are entered their accounts and charges for goods sold, work done, etc.

Shope. In old records, a shop. Cowell.

Shore. Land on the margin of the sea, or a lake or river.

In common parlance, the word "shore" is understood to mean the line that separates the tide-water from the land about it, wherever that line may be, and in whatever stage of the tide. The word "shore," in its legal and technical sense, indicates the lands adjacent to navigable waters, where the tide flows and refloows, which at high tides are submerged, and at low tides are bare. Shively v. Bowby, 132 U. S. 1, 14 Sup. Ct. 548, 38 L. Ed. 331; Mather v. Chapman, 40 Conn. 400, 16 Am. Rep. 46; U. S. v. Facheco, 2 Wall. 500, 17 L. Ed. 865; Harlan & Hollingsworth v. Co. v. Paschal, 5 Del. Ch. 483; Lacy v. Green, 84 Pa. 519; Axline v. Shaw, 39 Fla. 305, 17 South. 411, 28 L. R. A. 301; Sea-shore is that space of land over which the waters of the sea spread in the highest water, during the winter season. Civ. Code La. art. 451.

When the sea-shore is referred to as a boundary, the meaning must be understood to be the margin of the sea in its usual and ordinary state; the ground between the ordinary high-water mark and low-water mark is the shore. Hence, a deed of land bounded at or by the 'shore' will convey the flats as appurtenant. Storer v. Freeman, 6 Mass. 435, 4 Am. Dec. 155.

Short cause. A cause which is not likely to occupy a great portion of the time of the court, and which may be entered on the list of "short causes," upon the application of one of the parties, and will then be heard more speedily than it would be in its regular order. This practice obtains in the English chancery and in some of the American states.

Short entry. A custom of bankers of entering on the customer's pass-book the amount of notes deposited for collection, in such a manner that the amount is not carried to the latter's general balance until the notes are paid. See Giles v. Perkins, 9 East. 12; Blaine v. Bourne, 11 R. I. 121. 25 Am. Rep. 429.

Short lease. A term applied colloquially, but without much precision, to a lease for a short term, (as a month or a year,) as distinguished from one running for a long period.

Short notice. In practice. Notice of less than the ordinary time; generally of half that time. 2 Tidt. Pr. 757.
SHORT SUMMONS. A process, authorized in some of the states, to be issued against an abscinding, fraudulent, or non-resident debtor, which is returnable within a less number of days than an ordinary writ of summons.

SHORTFORD. An old custom of the city of Exeter. A mode of foreclosing the right of a tenant by the chief lord of the fee, in cases of non-payment of rent. Cowell.

SHOW. Although the words “show” and “indicate” are sometimes interchangeable in popular use, they are not always so. To “show” is to make apparent or clear by evidence; to prove; while an “indication” may be merely a symptom; that which points to or gives direction to the mind. Coyle v. Com., 104 Pa. 133.

SHOW CAUSE. To show cause against a rule nisi, an order, decree, execution, etc., is to appear as directed, and present to the court such reasons and considerations as one has to offer why it should not be confirmed, take effect, be executed, or as the case may be.

SHRIEVALTY. The office of sheriff; the period of that office.


Si a jure discedas, vagus eris, et erunt omnia omnia incerta. If you depart from the law, you will go astray, and all things will be uncertain to everybody. Co. Litt. 2276.

SI ACTIO. Lat. The conclusion of a plea to an action when the defendant demands judgment, if the plaintiff ought to have his action, etc. Obsolete.

Si alienius rei societas sit et finis negotio impositas est, finitur societas. If there is a partnership in any matter, and the business is ended, the partnership ceases. Griswold v. Waddington, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 438, 480.

Si aliquid ex solemnibus deficiat, cum sequitas poscit, subvenendum est. If any one of certain required forms be wanting, where equity requires, it will be aided. 1 Kent, Comm. 157. The want of some of a neutral vessel’s papers is strong presumptive evidence against the ship’s neutrality, yet the want of any one of them is not absolutely conclusive. Id.

SI ALIQUID SAPIT. Lat. If he knows anything; if he is not altogether devoid of reason.

Si assuetis mederi possis, nova non sunt tentanda. If you can be relieved by accustomed remedies, new ones should not be tried. 10 Coke, 1425. If an old wall can be repaired, a new one should not be made. Id.

SI CONSTET DE PERSONA. Lat. If it be certain who is the person meant.

SI CONTINGAT. Lat. If it happen. Words of condition in old conveyances. 10 Coke, 42a.

SI FECERIT TE SECURUM. Lat. If [he] make you secure. In practice. The initial and emphatic words of that description of original writ which directs the sheriff to cause the defendant to appear in court, without any option given, provided the plaintiff gives the sheriff security effectively to prosecute his claim. 3 Bl. Comm. 274.

Si ingratum dixeris, omnia dixeris. If you affirm that one is ungrateful, in that you include every charge. A Roman maxim. Tray. Lat. Max.

SI ITA EST. Lat. If it be so. Emphatic words in the old writ of mandamus to a judge, commanding him, if the fact alleged be truly stated, (si ita est.) to affix his seal to a bill of exceptions. Ex parte Crane, 5 Pet. 192, 2 L. Ed. 92.

Si maliores sunt quos duxit amor, plures sunt quos corrigit timor. If those are better who are led by love, those are the greater number who are corrected by fear. Co. Litt. 392.

Si non apparent quid actum est, erit consequent ut id sequamur quod in regione in qua actum est frequentatur. If it does not appear what was agreed upon, the consequence will be that we must follow that which is the usage of the place where the agreement was made. Dig. 50, 17, 34.

SI NON OMNES. Lat. In English practice. A writ of association of justices whereby, if all in commission cannot meet at the day assigned, it is allowed that two or more may proceed with the business. Cowell: Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 111 C.

Si nulla sit conjectura quae ducat alio, verba intelligenda sunt ex proprietate, non grammatica sed populari ex usu. If there be no inference which leads to a different result, words are to be understood according to their proper meaning, not in a
grammatical, but in a popular and ordinary, sense. 2 Kent, Comm. 553.

SI PARET. Lat. If it appears. In Roman law. Words used in the formula by which the praetor appointed a judge, and instructed him how to decide the cause.

Si plures sint idem jussores, quotquot erunt numero, singuli in solidum tenentur. If there are more sureties than one, how many sooner they shall be, they shall each be held for the whole. Inst. 3, 20, 4.

SI PRIUS. Lat. In old practice. If before. Formal words in the old writs for summoning juries. Fleta, i. 2, c. 65, § 12.

Si quid universitat debetur singulis non debetur, nec quod debet universitas singuli debant. If anything be owing to an entire body, it is not owing to the individual members; nor do the individuals owe that which is owing by the entire body. Dig. 3, 4, 7, 1.

Si quidem in nomine, cognomine, prænomine legatarii testator erraverit, cum de persona constat, nihilominus valet legatum. Although a testator may have mistaken the nomen, cognomen, or prænomem of a legatee, yet, if it be certain who is the person meant, the legacy is valid. Inst. 2, 20, 29; Broom, Max. 645.

SI QVIS. Lat. In the civil law. If any one. Formal words in the praetorian edicts. The words "quvis," though masculine in form was held to include women. Dig. 50, 16, 1.

Si quis custos fraudem pupillo fecerit, a tutela remoendam est. Jenk. Cent. 89. If a guardian do fraud to his ward, he shall be removed from his guardianship.

Si quis praegnantem uxorem reliquit, non videtur sine liberis decessisse. If a man leave his wife pregnant, he shall not be considered to have died without children. A rule of the civil law.

Si quis unum percussit, cum altum percussere vellet, in felonia tenetur. 3 Inst. 51. If a man kill one, meaning to kill another, he is held guilty of felony.

SI RECONOSCAT. Lat. If he acknowledge. In old practice. A writ which lay for a creditor against his debtor for money numbered (pecunia numerata) or counted; that is, a specific sum of money, which the debtor had acknowledged in the county court, to owe him, as received in pecunia numerata. Cowell.

Si suggestio non sit vera, littera patentes vacue sunt. 10 Coke, 113. If the suggestion be not true, the letters patent are void.

SIB. Sax. A relative or kinsman. Used in the Scotch tongue, but not now in English.

SIC. Lat. Thus; so; in such manner.

Sic eum debere quem meliorem agrum sumum facere ne vicini deteriorem faciant. Every one ought so to improve his land as not to injure his neighbor. 3 Kent, Comm. 441. A rule of the Roman law.

Sic interpretandum est ut verba secipiantur cum effectu. 3 Inst. 80. [A statute] is to be so interpreted that the words may be taken with effect.

SIC SUBSCRIBITUR. Lat. In Scotch practice. So it is subscribed. Formal words at the end of depositions, immediately preceding the signature. 1 How. State Tr. 1379.

Sic utere tuo ut alienum non lades. Use your own property in such a manner as not to injure that of another. 9 Coke, 59; 1 Bl. Comm. 306; Broom, Max. 365.

SICHER. A little current of water, which is dry in summer; a water furrow or gutter. Cowell.

SICIUS. A sort of money current among the ancient English, of the value of 2d.

SICKNESS. Disease; malady; any morbid condition of the body (including Insanity) which, for the time being, hinders or prevents the organs from normally discharging their several functions. L. R. 8 Q. B. 265.

SICUT ALIAS. Lat. As at another time, or heretofore. This was a second writ sent out when the first was not executed. Cowell.

SICUT ME DEUS ADJUVET. Lat. So help me God. Fleta, i. 1, c. 18, § 4.

Sicut natura nil factit per saltum, ita nec lex. Co. Litt. 238. In the same way as nature does nothing by a bound, so neither does the law.

SIDE. The same court is sometimes said to have different sides; that is, different provinces or fields of jurisdiction. Thus, an admiralty court may have an "instance side," distinct from its powers as a prize court; the "crown side," (criminal jurisdiction) is to be distinguished from the "plea side," (civil jurisdiction;) the same court may have an "equity side" and a "law side."

SIDE-BAR RULES. In English practice. There are some rules which the courts authorize their officers to grant as a matter of course without formal application being made to them in open court, and these are technically termed "side-bar rules," because
formerly they were moved for by the attorneys at the side bar in court; such, for instance, was the rule to plead, which was an order or command of the court requiring a defendant to plead within a specified number of days. Such also were the rules to reply, to rejoin, and many others, the granting of which depended upon settled rules of practice rather than upon the discretion of the courts, all of which are rendered unnecessary by recent statutory changes. Brown, voc. "Rule."

SIDE LINES. In mining law, the side lines of a mining claim are those which measure the extent of the claim on each side of the middle of the vein at the surface. They are not necessarily the side lines as laid down on the ground or on a map or plat; for if the claim, in its longer dimension, crosses the vein, instead of following it, the platted side lines will be treated in law as the end lines, and vice versa. See Argentine Min. Co. v. Terrible Min. Co., 122 U. S. 478, 7 Sup. Ct. 1356, 30 L. Ed. 1140; Del Monte Min. Co. v. Last Chance Min. Co., 171 U. S. 55, 18 Sup. Ct. 805, 43 L. Ed. 72.

SIDE REPORTS. A term sometimes applied to unofficial volumes or series of reports, as contrasted with those prepared by the official reporter of the court, or to collections of cases omitted from the official reports.

SIDESMEN. In ecclesiastical law. These were originally persons whom, in the ancient episcopal synods, the bishops were wont to summon out of each parish to give information of the disorders of the clergy and people, and to report heretics. In process of time they became standing officers, under the title of "synodsmen," "sidesmen," or "questmen." The whole of their duties seems now to have devolved by custom upon the churchwardens of a parish. 1 Burn, Ecc. Law, 300.


SIEZ. An obsolete form of the word "selon," meaning offering or descendant. Co. Litt 1239.


SIETE PARTIDAS. Span. Seven parts. See LAS PARTIDAS.

SIGHT. When a bill of exchange is expressed to be payable "at sight," it means on presentment to the drawer. See Campbell v. French, 6 Term, 212.

SIGIL. In old English law, a seal, or a contracted or abbreviated signature used as a seal.

SIGILLUM. Lat. In old English law. A seal; originally and properly a seal impressed upon wax.

Sigillum est cetula impressam, quia cetera impositione non est sigillum. A seal is a piece of wax impressed, because wax without an impression is not a seal. 3 Inst. 169.

SIGLA. Lat. In Roman law. Marks or signs of abbreviation used in writing. Cod. 1, 17, 11, 13.

SIGN. To affix one's name to a writing or instrument, for the purpose of authenticating it, or to give it effect as one's act.

To "sign" is merely to write one's name on paper, or declare assent or attestation by some sign or mark, and does not, like "subscribe," require that one should write at the bottom of the instrument signed. See Sheehan v. Kearney, 82 Miss. 489, 21 South. 41, 45 L. R. A. 102; Robins v. Coryell, 27 Barb. (N. Y.) 509; James v. Fitten, 6 N. Y. 8, 55 Am. Dec. 376.

SIGN-MANUAL. In English law. The signature or subscription of the king is termed his "sign-manual." There is this difference between what the sovereign does under the sign manual and what he or she does under the great seal, viz., that the former is done as a personal act of the sovereign; the latter as an act of state. Brown.

SIGNATORIUS ANNULUS. Lat. In the civil law. A signet-ring; a seal-ring. Dig. 50, 16, 74.

SIGNATURE. In ecclesiastical law. The name of a sort of rescript, without seal, containing the supplication, the signature of the pope or his delegate, and the grant of a pardon.

In contracts. The act of writing one's name upon a deed, note, contract, or other instrument, either to identify or authenticate it, or to give it validity as one's own act. The name so written is also called a "signature."

SIGNET. A seal commonly used for the sign manual of the sovereign. Wharton. The signet is also used for the purpose of civil justice in Scotland. Bell.

SIGNIFICATION. In French law. The notice given of a decree, sentence, or other judicial act.

SIGNIFICAVIT. In ecclesiastical law. When this word is used alone, it means the
SIGNING JUDGMENT. In English practice. The signature or allowance of the proper officer of a court, obtained by the party entitled to judgment in an action, expressing generally that judgment is given in his favor, and which stands in the place of its actual delivery by the judges themselves. Steph. PI. 110, 111; French v. Pease, 10 Kan. 54.

In American practice. Signing judgment means a signing of the judgment record itself, which is done by the proper officer, on the margin of the record, opposite the entry of the judgment. 1 Burrill, Pr. 268.


A species of proof. By "signa" were meant those species of indicia which come more immediately under the cognizance of the senses; such as stains of blood on the person of the accused. Best,Pres. 13, note f.

In Saxon law. The sign of a cross prefixed as a sign of assent and approbation to a charter or deed.


Silent leges inter arma. The power of law is suspended during war. Bacon.

SILENTIARIUS. In English law. One of the privy council; also an usher, who sees good rule and silence kept in court. Wharton.

SILK GOWN. Used especially of the gowns worn in England by king's counsel; hence, "to take silk" means to attain the rank of king's counsel. Mosley & Whitley.

SILVA. Lat. In the civil law. Wood; a wood.

SILVA CÆDUA. In the civil law. That kind of wood which was kept for the purpose of being cut.

In English law. Under wood; coppice wood. 2 Inst. 642; Cowell. All small wood.

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and under timber, and likewise timber when cut down, under twenty years' growth; withenable wood. 3 Salk. 347.

SIMILAR. This word is often used to denote a partial resemblance only; but it is also often used to denote sameness in all essential particulars. Thus, a statutory provision in relation to "previous conviction of a similar offense" may mean conviction of an offense identical in kind. Com. v. Fontain, 127 Mass. 454.

SIMILITER. Lat. In pleading. Likewise; the like. The name of the short formula used either at the end of pleadings or by itself, expressive of the acceptance of an issue of fact tendered by the opposite party; otherwise termed a "joinder in issue." Steph. Pl. 57, 237. See Solomon v. Chesley, 57 N. H. 163.

Similitudo legalis est casuum diversiorum inter se collatorum similis ratio; quod in uno simulium valet, valabit in altero. Dissimilium, dissimilis est ratio. Legal similarity is a similar reason which governs various cases when compared with each other; for what avails in one similar case will avail in the other. Of things dissimilar, the reason is dissimilar. Co. Litt. 191.

Simonis est voluntas sive desiderium emendii vel vendendi spiritualis vel spiritualibus adherentia. Contractus ex turpi causa et contra bonos mores. Hob. 167. Simony is the will or desire of buying or selling spiritualities, or things pertaining thereto. It is a contract founded on a bad cause, and against morality.

SIMONY. In English ecclesiastical law. The corrupt presentation of any one to an ecclesiastical benefice for money, gift, or reward. 2 Bl. Comm. 278. An unlawful contract for presenting a clergyman to a benefice. The buying or selling of ecclesiastical preloments or of things pertaining to the ecclesiastical order. Hob. 167. See State v. Buswell, 40 Neb. 155, 58 N. W. 728, 24 L. R. A. 68.

SIMPLA. Lat. In the civil law. The single value of a thing. Dig. 21, 2, 37, 2.

SIMPLE. Pure; unmixed; not compounded; not aggravated; not evidenced by sealed writing or record.


SIMPLEX. Lat. Simple; single; pure; unqualified.

Simplex beneficium. In ecclesiastical law. A minor dignity in a cathedral or collegi-
SIMPLEX

ate church, or any other ecclesiastical benifice, as distinguished from a cure of souls. It may therefore be held with any parochial cure, without coming under the prohibitions against pluridens. Wharton.—Simplex dictum. In old English practice. Simple aversent; mere assertion without proof.—Simplex justitiari-um. In old records. Simple justice. A name sometimes given to a plural justice. Cowell.—Simplex loquela. In old English prac-tice. Simple speech; the mere declaration or plain of a plaintiff.—Simplex obligatio. A simple obligation; a bond without a condition. 2 Bl. Comm. 340.—Simplex peregri-natio. In old English law. Simple pilgrimage. Fleta, l. 4, c. 2, § 2.

Simplex commendatio non obligat. Mere recommendation [of an article] does not bind, [the vendor of it.] Dig. 4, 3, 87; 2 Kent, Comm. 485; Broom, Max. 781.

Simplex et pura donatio dici poterit, ubi nulla est planta conditione noster. A gift is said to be pure and simple when no condition or qualification is annexed. Bract. 1.

Simplicitas est legibus amica; et nisi substantia in jure reprobatur. 4 Coke, 8. Simplicity is favorable to the laws; and too much sedulity in law is to be repro-bated.

SIMPLIFIER. Lat. Simply; without ceremony; in a summary manner. Directly; immediately; as distinguished from inferentially or indirectly. By itself; by its own force; per se.

SIMUL. Lat. Together with. In actions of tort and in prosecutions, where several persons united in committing the act complained of, some of whom are known and others not, it is usual to allege in the dec-laration or indictment that the persons therein named did the injury in question, "together with (simul cum) other persons unknown."

SIMUL ET SEMEL. Lat. Together and at one time.

SIMULAT. To feign, pretend, or counterfeit. To engage, usually with the co-operation or connivance of another person, in an act or series of acts, which are apparently transacted in good faith, and intended to be followed by their ordinary legal consequences, but which in reality conceal a fraudu-lent purpose of the party to gain thereby some advantage to which he is not entitled, or to injure, delay, or defraud others. See Cartwright v. Bamberger, 90 Ala. 403, 8 South. 294.

—Simulated fact. In the law of evidence. A fabricated fact; an appearance given to things by human device, with a view to deceive and mislead. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 151.—Simulated judgment. One which is apparently rendered in good faith, upon an actual debt, and intended to be collected by the usual pro-
cess of law, but which in reality is entered by the fraudulent contrivance of the parties, for the purpose of giving to one of them an advantage to which he is not entitled, or of defraud- ing or injuring the third party.—Simulated sale. One which has all the appearance of an actual sale in good faith, intended to transfer the ownership of property for a considera-tion, but which in reality covers a collusive design of the parties to put the property beyond the reach of creditors, or proceeds from some other fraudulent purpose.

SIMULATIO LATENS. Lat. A spec- 
sies of feigned disease, in which disease is actually present, but where the symptoms are falsely aggravated, and greater sickness is pretended than really exists. Beck, Med. Jur. 3.

SIMULATION. In the civil law. Mis-representation or concealment of the truth; as where parties pretend to perform a trans-action different from that in which they really are engaged. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 181.

In French law. Collusion; a fraudulent arrangement between two or more persons to give a false or deceptive appearance to a transaction in which they engage.

SINDERESIS. "A natural power of the soul, set in the highest part thereof, moving and stirring it to good, and adorning evil. And therefore sinderesis never sineth nor ereth. And this sinderesis our Lord put in man, to the intent that the order of things should be observed. And therefore sindere-sis is called by some men the 'law of reason,' for it ministereth the principles of the law of reason, the which be in every man by na-ture, in that he is a reasonable creature." Doct. & Stud. 39.

SINE. Lat. Without.

—Sine animo revertendi. Without the in-tention of returning. 1 Kent, Comm. 78.— 
Sine assecur Capitolii. Without the consent of the Emperor. In old English practice. A writ which lay where a dean, bishop, prebendary, abbot, prior, or master of a hospital aliened the lands held in the right of his house, abbey, or priory, without the consent of the chapter; in which case his successor might have this writ. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 194, 1. Cowel—Sine considerationes curiam. Without the judgment of the court. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 47, § 13.—Sine decreto. Without authority of a judge. 2 Kames, Eq. 115.—Sine die. Without day: without assigning a day for a further meeting or hearing. Hence, a final adjournment; final dismissal of a cause. Quod est sine die, that he go without day; the old form of a judgment for the defendant, i. e., a judgment discharging the defendant from any further appearance in court.—Sine hoc quod. Without this, that. A technical phrase in old pleading having the same import with the modern "obseque hoc quod."—Sine numero. Without stint or limit. A term applied to common. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 19, § 8.—Sine prole. Without issue. Used in genealogical tables, and often abbreviated into "a. p."—Sine qua non. Without which not. That without which the thing cannot be. An indispensable requisite or con-dition.
SINE POSSESSIONE

Sine possessione usus acpio procedere non potest. There can be no prescription without possession.

SINECURE. In ecclesiastical law. When a rector of a parish neither resides nor performs duty at his benefice, but has a vicar under him endowed and charged with the cure thereof, this is termed a "sinecure." (Brown.)

An ecclesiastical benefice without cure of souls.

In popular usage, the term denotes an office which yields a revenue to the incumbent, but makes little or no demand upon his time or attention.

SINGLE. Unitary; detached; individual; affecting only one person; containing only one part, article, condition, or covenant. As to single "Adultery," "Bail," "Bond," "Combat," "Demise," "Entry," "Escheat," and "Original," see those titles.

SINGULAR. Each; as in the expression "all and singular." Also, individual.

As to singular "Successor," and "Title," see those titles.

SINKING FUND. See FUND.

SIPRESSCUA. In old English law. A franchise, liberty, or hundred.


SIST, n. In Scotch practice. A stay or suspension of proceedings; an order for a stay of proceedings. Bell.

SISTER. A woman who has the same father and mother with another, or has one of them only. The word is the correlative of "brother."

SIT. To hold a session, as of a court, grand jury, legislative body, etc. To be formally organized and proceeding with the transaction of business. See Allen v. State, 102 Ga. 619, 29 S. E. 470; Cock v. State, 8 Tex. App. 659.

SITHCUNDAMM. In Saxon law. The high constable of a hundred.

SITIO GANADO MAYOR. Sp. In Spanish and Mexican land law, a tract of land in the form of a square, each side of which measures 5,000 varas; the distance from the center of each sitio to each of its sides should be measured directly to the cardinal points of the compass, and should be 2,500 varas. U. S. v. Cameron, 3 Ariz. 100, 21 Pac. 177.

SITTINGS. In practice. The holding of a court, with full form, and before all the judges; as a sitting in banc. 3 Steph. Comm. 423.

The holding of a court of nisi prius by one or more of the judges of a superior court, instead of the ordinary nisi prius judge. 3 Steph. Comm. 422.

---Sittings after term. Sittings in banc after term were held by authority of the St. 1 & 2 Vict. c. 32. The courts were at liberty to transact business at their sittings as in term-time, but the custom was to dispose only of cases standing for argument or judgment. Wharton---Sittings in banc or banco. The sessions of a court, with the full bench present, for the purpose of determining matters of law argued before them.---Sittings in camera. See CHAMBERS.

SITUS. Lat. Site; position; location; the place where a thing is, considered, for example, with reference to jurisdiction over it, or the right or power to tax it. See Boyd v. Selma, 96 Ala. 440; 10 L. R. A. 729; Bullock v. Guildford, 59 Vt. 516; 9 Atl. 300; Fenton v. Edwards, 122 Cal. 45; 56 Pac. 320, 46 L. R. A. 832; 77 Am. St. Rep. 141.

Sive tota res vocatur, sive pars, habet regressum etiam in venditorum. The purchaser who has been ejected in whole or in part has an action against the vendor. Dig. 21, 2, 1; Broom, Max. 708.

SIX ACTS, THE. The acts passed in 1819, for the pacification of England, are so called. They, in effect, prohibited the training of persons to arms; authorized general searches and seizure of arms; prohibited meetings of more than fifty persons for the discussion of public grievances; repressed with heavy penalties and confiscations seditious and blasphemous libels; and checked pamphleteering by extending the newspaper stamp duty to political pamphlets. Brown.

SIX ARTICLES, LAWS OF. A celebrated act entitled "An act for abolishing diversity of opinion." (31 Hen. VIII. c. 14.) enforcing conformity to six of the strongest points in the Roman Catholic religion, under the severest penalties; repealed by St. 1 Eliz. c. 1. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 378.

SIX CLERKS. In English practice. Officers of the court of chancery, who received and filed all bills, answers, replications, and other papers, signed office copies of pleadings, examined and signed docketts of decrees, etc., and had the care of all records in their office. Holthouse; 3 Bl. Comm. 443. They were abolished by St. 5 Vict. c. 5.

SIX-DAY LICENSE. In English law. A liquor license, containing a condition that the premises in respect of which the license is granted shall be closed during the whole of Sunday, granted under section 49 of the licensing act, 1872 (55 & 56 Vict. c. 94.)

SIXHINDI. Servants of the same nature as rod knights, (q. v.) Anc. Inst. Eng.
SKELETON BILL.  One drawn, indorsed, or accepted in blank.

SKILL.  Practical and familiar knowledge of the principles and processes of an art, science, or trade, combined with the ability to apply them in practice in a proper and approved manner and with readiness and dexterity. See Dole v. Johnson, 50 N. H. 454; Akridge v. Noble, 114 Ga. 949, 41 S. E. 78; Graham v. Gautier, 21 Tex. 119; Haworth v. Severs Mfg. Co., 87 Iowa, 755, 51 N. W. 68.

—Reasonable skill. Such skill as is ordinarily possessed and exercised by persons of common capacity, engaged in the same business or employment. Mechanics' Bank v. Merchants' Bank, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 26.—Skilled witnesses. Witnesses who are allowed to give evidence on matters of opinion and abstract fact.

SLADE. In old records. A long, flat, and narrow piece or strip of ground. Faroch. Antiq. 465.

SLAINS. See LETTERS OF SLAINS.


—Slander of title. This is a statement of something tending to cut down the extent of title to some estate vested in the plaintiff. Such statement, in order to be actionable, must be false and malicious; i. e., both untrue and done on purpose to injure the plaintiff. Damage must also have resulted from the statement. Brown. See Burdett v. Griffith, 90 Cal. 532, 27 Pac. 527, 13 L. R. A. 767, 25 Am. St. Rep. 151; Carboudale Inv. Co. v. Burdick, 67 Kan. 329, 72 Pac. 751; Butts v. Long, 94 Mo. App. 687, 68 S. W. 754.

SLANDERER. One who maliciously and without reason impuports a crime or fault to another of which he is innocent. See Slander.

SLAVE. A person who is wholly subject to the will of another; one who has no freedom of action, but whose person and services are wholly under the control of another. Webster.

One who is under the power of a master, and who belongs to him; so that the master may sell and dispose of his person, of his industry, and of his labor, without his being able to do anything, have anything, or acquire anything, but what must belong to his master. CIV. Code La. art. 35.

SLAVE-TRADE. The traffic in slaves, or the buying and selling of slaves for profit.

SLAVERY. The condition of a slave; that civil relation in which one man has absolute power over the life, fortune, and liberty of another.

SLAY. This word, in an indictment, adds nothing to the force and effect of the word "kill," when used with reference to the taking of human life. It is particularly applicable to the taking of human life in battle; and, when it is not used in this sense, it is synonymous with "kill." State v. Thomas, 22 La. Ann. 431.

SLEDGE. A hurdle to draw traitors to execution. 1 Hale, F. C. 82.

SLEEPING PARTNER. A dormant partner; one whose name does not appear in the firm, and who takes no active part in the business, but who has an interest in the concern, and shares the profits, and thereby becomes a partner, either absolutely, or as respects third persons.

SLEEPING RENT. In English law. An expression frequently used in coal-mine leases and agreements for the same. It signifies a fixed or dead, 4. e., certain, rent, as distinguished from a rent or royalty varying with the amount of coal or is payable although the mine should not be worked at all, but should be sleeping or dead, whence the name. Brown.

SLIGHT. As to slight "Care," "Evidence," "Fault," and "Negligence," see those titles.

SLIP. 1. In negotiations for a policy of insurance. In England, the agreement is in practice concluded between the parties by a memorandum called the "slip," containing the terms of the proposed insurance, and intitled by the underwriters. Sweet.

2. Also that part of a police court which is divided off from the other parts of the court, for the prisoner to stand in. It is frequently called the "dock." Brown.

3. The intermediate space between two wharves or docks; the opening or vacant space between two piers. See Thompson v. New York, 11 N. Y. 120; New York v. Scott, 1 Calns (N. Y.) 543.

SLIPPA. A stirrup. There is a tenure of land in Cambridgeshire by holding the sovereign's stirrup. Wharton.

SLOUGH. An arm of a river, flowing between islands and the main-land, and separating the islands from one another. Sloughs have not the breadth of the main river, nor does the main body of water of the stream flow through them. Dunlith & D. Bridge Co. v. Dubuque County, 55 Iowa, 565, 8 N. W. 443.
SLOUGH SILVER

SLUDGE. A rent paid to the castle of Wigmore, in lieu of certain days' work in harvest, heretofore reserved to the lord from his tenants. Cowell.

SLUDGEWAY. An artificial channel into which water is let by a sluice. Specifically, a trench constructed over the bed of a stream, so that logs or lumber can be floated down to a convenient place of delivery. Webster. See Anderson v. Munch, 29 Minn. 416, 18 N. W. 192.

SMASH. In old records. A small, light vessel; a smack. Cowell.

SMALL DEBTS COURTS. The several county courts established by St. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 96, for the purpose of bringing justice home to every man's door.

SMALL TITHES. All personal and mixed tithes, and also hops, flax, saffron, potatoes, and sometimes, by custom, wood. Otherwise called "privy tithes." 2 Steph. Comm. 728.


SMOKE-FARTHINGS. In old English law. An annual rent paid to cathedral churches; another name for the pentecostals or customary oblations offered by the dispersed inhabitants within a diocese, when they made their processions to the mother cathedral church. Cowell.

SMOKE-SILVER. In English law. A sum paid to the ministers of divers parishes as a modus in lieu of tithe wood. Blount.

SMUGGLE. The act, with intent to defraud, of bringing into the United States, or with like intent, attempting to bring into the United States, dutiable articles, without passing the same, or the package containing the same, through the custom-house, or submitting them to the officers of the revenue for examination. 18 U. S. St. at Large, 196 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1018).

"The word is a technical word, having a known and accepted meaning. It implies something illegal, and is inconsistent with an innocent intent. The idea conveyed by it is that of a secret introduction of goods, with intent to avoid payment of duties." U. S. v. Claffin, 33 Blatchf. 184, Fed. Cas. No. 14,798.

SMUGGLING. The offense of importing prohibited articles, or of defrauding the revenue by the introduction of articles into consumption, without paying the duties chargeable upon them. It may be committed indifferently either upon the excise or customs revenue. Wharton.

SNOTTERING SILVER. A small duty which was paid by servile tenants in Wylye to the abbot of Colchester. Cowell.

SO. This term is sometimes the equivalent of "hence," or "therefore," and it is thus understood whenever what follows is an illustration of, or conclusion from, what has gone before. Clem v. State, 33 Ind. 431.

SO HELP YOU GOD. The formula, at the end of a common oath.

SOBER. Span. Above; over; upon. Ruil v. Chambers, 15 Tex. 586, 592.


SOBRINA and SOBRINO. Lat. In the civil law. The children of cousins german in general.

SOC, SOK, or SOKA. In Saxon law. Jurisdiction; a power or privilege to administer justice and execute the laws; also a shire, circuit, or territory. Cowell.

SOCA. A seigniory or lordship, enfranchised by the king, with liberty of holding a court of his own in the name of socmen or socagers; i. e., his tenants.

SOCAGE. Socage tenure, in England, is the holding of certain lands in consideration of certain inferior services of husbandry to be performed by the tenant to the lord of the fee. "Socage," in its most general and extensive signification, seems to denote a tenure by any certain and determinate service. And in this sense it is by the ancient writers constantly put in opposition to tenure by service, and commonly put in opposition to tenure by chivalry or knight-service, where the render was precarious and uncertain. Socage is of two sorts,—free socage, where the services are not only certain, but honorable; and villein socage, where the services, though certain, are of baser nature. Such as hold by the former tenure are also called in Glamulv and other authors by the name of "liberi socemens," or tenants in free socage. By the statute 12 Car. 2, c. 24, all the tenures by knight-service were, with one or two immaterial exceptions, converted into free and common socage. See Cowell; Bract. l. 2, c. 35; 2 Bl. Comm. 79; Fleta, lib. 3, c. 14, § 9; Litt. § 117; Glan. l. 3, c. 7.

SOCAGER. A tenant by socage.

Socagium idem est quod servitum soc;
et soca, idem est quod servans. Co. Litt. 88. Socage is the same as service of the soc; and soc is the same thing as a plow.
SOCER. Lat. In the civil law. A wife's father; a father-in-law. Calvin.

SOCIALISM. A scheme of government aiming at absolute equality in the distribution of the physical means of life and enjoyment. It is on the continent employed in a larger sense; not necessarily implying communism, or the entire abolition of private property, but applied to any system which requires that the land and the instruments of production should be the property, not of individuals, but of communities or associations or of the government. 1 Mill, Pol. Econ. 248.


—Sociedad anonima. In Spanish and Mexican law. A business corporation. "By the corporate name, the shareholders' names are unknown to the world; and, as far as their connection with the corporation is concerned, their own names may be said to be anonymous, the business is not. Hence the derivation of the term 'anonymous' as applied to a body of persons associated together in the form of a company to transact any given business under a company name which does not disclose any of their own." Hall, Mex. Law, § 749.

SOCIETAS. Lat. In the civil law. Partnership; a partnership; the contract of partnership. Inst. 3, 26. A contract by which the goods or labor of two or more are united in a common stock, for the sake of sharing in the gain. Hal1fax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 18, no. 12.

—Societas reiunia. That kind of society or partnership by which the entire profits belong to some of the partners, in exclusion of the rest. So called in allusion to the fable of the lion, who, having entered into partnership with other animals for the purpose of hunting, appropriated all the prey to himself. It was void. Wharton.—Societas navalis. A naval partnership, an association of ships; a number of ships pursuing their voyage in company, for purposes of mutual protection.

SOCIÉTÉ. Fr. In French law. Partnership. See COMMANDAM.

—Société anonyme. An association where the liability of all the partners is limited. It had in England until lately no other name than that of "chartered company," meaning thereby a joint-stock company whose shareholders, by a charter from the crown, or a special enactment of the legislature, stood exempted from any liability for the debts of the concern, beyond the amount of their subscriptions. 2 Mill. Pol. Econ. 456.—Société en commandite. In Louisiana. A partnership formed by a contract by which one person or partnership agrees to furnish another person or partnership a certain amount, either in property or money, to be employed by the person or partnership to whom it is furnished, in his or their own name or in any capacity or receiving a share in the profits, in the proportion determined by the contract, and of being liable to losses and expenses to the amount furnished and no more. Civ. Code La. art. 2810.

SOCIETY. An association or company of persons (generally not incorporated) unit-

Soci ets en societés mens societis non est. The partner of my partner is not my partner. Dig. 50, 17, 47, 1.

SOCIUS. Lat. In the civil law. A partner.


SOCINIAN. Free tenure by socage.

SOCNA. A privilege, liberty, or franchise. Cowell.

SOCOME. A custom of grinding corn at the lord's mill. Cowell. Bond-socome is where the tenants are bound to it. Blount.

SODOMITE. One who has been guilty of sodomy.

SODOMY. In criminal law. The crime of unnatural sexual connection; so named from its prevalence in Sodom. See Genesis, xix.

This term is often defined in statutes and judicial decisions as meaning "the crime against nature," the "crimen inani omnium," or as carnal copulation, against the order of nature, by man with man, or, in the same unnatural manner with woman or with a beast. N.J.S. Code. 4:42:5; Honse1man v. People, 168 Ill. 172, 48 N. E. 304. But, strictly speaking, it should be used only as equivalent to "pederasty," the unnatural sexual act as performed by a man upon the person of another man or a boy by penetration of the anus. See Ausman v. Veal, 10 Ind. 355, 71 Am. Dec. 351. The term might also mean without any great violence to its original meaning, be so extended as to cover the same act when performed in the same manner by a man upon the person of a woman. Another possible method of unilateral sexual connection, by penetration of the mouth (penem in oremin omissi vel penem in orein recipiet) is not properly called "sodomy," but "fellation." That this does not constitute sodomy within the meaning of a statute is held in Harvey v. United States, 55 Tex. Cr. A. 87, 11 S. W. 1198; Com. v. Polidexter (Kky.) 118 Ill. 943; Lewis v. State, 36 Tex. Cr. R. 37, 35 S. W. 572, 61 Am. St. Rep. 531. On the other hand, bestiality, the carnal copulation between a human being with a brute, or animal of the sub-human orders, of the opposite sex. It is not identical with sodomy, nor is it a form of sodomy, though the two terms are often confused in legal writings and sometimes in statutes. See Ausman v. Veal, 10 Ind. 355, 71 Am. Dec. 351. Buggery is a term rarely used in statutes, but apparently including both sodomy (in the widest sense) and bestiality as above defined. See Ausman v. Veal, 10 Ind. 355, 71 Am. Dec. 351; Com. v. J., 21 Pa. Co. C. R. 625.
SOIL. The surface, or surface-covering of the land, not including minerals beneath it or grass or plants growing upon it. But in a wider (and more usual) sense, the term is equivalent to “land,” and includes all that is below, upon, or above the surface.

SOIT. Fr. Let it be; be it so. A term used in several Law-French phrases employed in English law, particularly as expressive of the will or assent of the sovereign in formal communications with parliament or with private suitors.

—Soit balle aux commons. Let it be delivered to the commons. The form of indorsement on a bill when sent to the house of commons. Dyer. 93a.—Soit droit fait al partie. In English law. Let right be done to the party. A phrase written on a petition of right, and subscribed by the king.—Soit fait comme il est desire. Let it be as it is desired. The royal assent to private acts of parliament.

SOJOURNING. This term means something more than “traveling,” and applies to a temporary, as contrasted distinguished from a permanent, residence. Henry v. Ball, 1 Wheat. 5, 4 L. Ed. 21.

SOKE-REEVE. The lord’s rent gatherer in the soca. Cowell.

SOKEMANRIES. Lands and tenements which were not held by knight-service, nor by grand serjeanty, nor by petit, but by simple services; being, as it were, lands enfranchised by the king or his predecessors from their ancient demesne. Their tenants were sokemans. Wharton.

SOKEMANS. In English law. Those who held their lands in socage. 2 Bl. Comm. 100.

Sola ac per se senectus donationem testamentum aut transactionem non violent. Old age does not alone and of itself vitiate a will or gift. Van Alst v. Hunter, 5 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 148, 153.

SOLAR. In Spanish law. Land; the demesne, with a house, situate in a strong or fortified place. White, New Recip. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 3, § 2.

SOLAR DAY. That period of time which begins at sunrise and ends at sunset. Co. Litt. 135a.

SOLAR MONTH. A calendar month. See MONT.

SOLARIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A rent paid for the ground, where a person built on the public land. A ground rent. Spelman; Calvin.

SOLATIUM. Compensation. Damages allowed for injury to the feelings.

SOLD NOTE. A note given by a broker, who has effectuated a sale of merchandise, to the buyer, stating the fact of sale, quantity, price, etc. Story, Ag. § 28; Saladin v. Mitchell, 45 Ill. 83.

SOLDIER. A military man; a private in the army.

SOLE. Single; individual; separate; the opposite of joint; as a sole tenant.

Comprising only one person; the opposite of aggregate; as a sole corporation.

Unmarried; as a feme sole. See the nouns.

SOLEMN. Formal; in regular form; with all the forms of a proceeding. As to solemn “Form,” see PROBATE. As to solemn “Oath” and “War,” see the nouns.


SOLEMNITAS ATTACHIAMENTORUM. In old English practice. Solemanny or formality of attachments. The issuing of attachments in a certain formal and regular order. Bract. folio 490, 440; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 489.

Solemnitates juris sunt observanda. The solemnities of law are to be observed. Jenk. Cent. 13.

SOLEMNITY. A rite or ceremony; the formality established by law to render a contract, agreement, or other act valid.

SOLEMNIZE. To solemnize, spoken of a marriage, means no more than to enter into a marriage contract, with due publication, before three persons, for the purpose of giving it notoriet and certainty; which may be before any persons, relatives, friends, or strangers, competent to testify to the facts. See Dyer v. Brannock, 66 Mo. 410, 27 Am. Rep. 359; Pearson v. Ilowey, 11 N. J. Law, 19; Bowman v. Bowman, 24 Ill. App. 172.

SOLICITATION. Asking; enticing; urgent request. Thus “solicitation of chastity” is the asking or urging a woman to surrender her chastity. The word is also used in such phrases as “solicitation to larceny,” to bribery, etc.

SOLICITOR. In English law. A legal practitioner in the court of chancery. The words “solicitor” and “attorney” are commonly used indiscriminately, although they are not precisely the same, an attorney being a practitioner in the courts of common law, a solicitor a practitioner in the courts of eq-
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utility. Most attorneys take out a certificate to practice in the courts of chancery, and therefore become solicitors also, and, on the other hand, most, if not all, solicitors take out a certificate to practice in the courts of common law, and therefore become attorneys also. Brown.

—Solicitor general. In English law. One of the principal law officers of the crown, associated in his duties with the attorney general, holding office by patent during the pleasure of the sovereign, and having a right of precedence in the courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 27. In American law, an officer of the department of justice, next in rank and authority to the attorney general, whose principal assistant he is. His chief function is to represent the United States in all cases in the supreme court and the court of claims in which the government is interested or to which it is a party, and to discharge the duties of the attorney general in the absence or disability of that officer or when there is a vacancy in the office. Rev. St. U. S. §§ 347, 359 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, pp. 202, 207).—Solicitor of the supreme court. The solicitors before the supreme courts in Scotland, are a body of solicitors entitled to practice in the court of session, etc. Their charter of incorporation bears date August 10, 1737—Solicitor of the treasury. An officer of the United States attached to the department of justice, having general charge of the law business appertaining to the treasury—Solicitor to the sutlers fund. An officer of the English court of chancery, who is appointed in certain cases guardian ad litem.

SOLIDARY. A term of civil-law origin, signifying that the right or interest spoken of is joint or common. A "solidary obligation" corresponds to a "joint and several" obligation in the common law; that is, one for which several debtors are bound in such wise that each is liable for the entire amount, and not merely for his proportionate share. But in the civil law the term also includes the case where there are several creditors, as against a single debtor, each of whom is entitled to receive the entire debt and give an acquittance for it.

SOLIDUM. Lat. In the civil law. A whole; an entire or undivided thing.

SOLIDUS LEGALIS. A coin equal to 13s. 4d. of the present standard. 4 Stephi. Comm. 119a. Originally the "solidus" was a gold coin of the Byzantine Empire, but in medieval times the term was applied to several varieties of coins, or as descriptive of a money of account, and is supposed to be the root from which "shilling" is derived.

SOLINUM. In old English law. Two plow-lands, and somewhat less than a half. Co. Litt. 5a.

Solo cedit quod solo insinuatur. That which is built upon the soil belongs to the soil. The proprietor of the soil becomes also the proprietor of the seed, the plant, and the tree, as soon as these have taken root. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 275.

Solo cedit quod solo implantatur. That which is planted in the soil belongs to the soil. The proprietor of the seed becomes also the proprietor of the plant, the tree, and the fruit, as soon as it has taken root. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 275.

SOLVENCY. Ability to pay; present ability to pay; ability to pay one's debts out of one's own present means. Marsh v. Dunckel, 25 Hun (N. Y.) 100; Osborne v. Smith (C. C.) 18 Fed. 130; Larkin v. Hapgood, 56 Vt. 601; Sterrett v. Third Nat Bank, 46 Hun (N. Y.) 26; Reid v. Lloyd, 52 Mo. App. 282.


SOLVENDO ESSE. Lat. To be in a state of solvency; i.e., able to pay.

Solvendo esse nemo intelligitur nisi qui solidum potest solvere. No solvent is considered to be solvent unless he can pay all that he owes. Dig. 50, 16, 114.

SOLVENT. A solvent person is one who is able to pay all his just debts in full out of his own present means. See Dig. 50, 16, 114. And see Solvency.

SOLVERE. Lat. To pay; to comply with one's engagement; to do one what one has undertaken to do; to release one's self from obligation, as by payment of a debt. Calvin.

—Solvere passum. To pay the penalty.

SOLVIT. Lat. He paid; paid. 10 East, 206.

—Solvit ad diem. He paid at the day. The technical name of the plea, in an action of debt on bond, that the defendant paid the money on the day mentioned in the condition. 1 Archb. N. P. 220, 221. —Solvit ante diem. A plea that the money was paid before the day appointed. —Solvit post diem. He paid after the day. The plea in an action of debt on bond that the defendant paid the money after the day named for the payment, and before the commencement of the suit. 1 Archb. N. P. 222.

Solvitur adhuc societas etiam morte socii. A partnership is moreover dissolved by the death of a partner. Inst. 3, 26, 5; Dig. 17, 2.

Solvitur eo ligamente quo ligatur. In the same manner that a thing is bound it is unloosed. Livingston v. Lynch, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 582.

SOMERSETT'S CASE. A celebrated decision of the English king's bench, in 1771, (20 How. St. Tr. 1.) that slavery no longer existed in England in any form, and could not for the future exist on English soil, and that any person brought into England as a slave could not be thence removed except by the legal means applicable in the case of any free-born person.

SOMMATION. In French law. A demand served by a huissier, by which one party calls upon another to do or not to do a certain thing. This document has for its object to establish that upon a certain date the demand was made. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 674.

SOMNAMBULISM. Sleep-walking. Whether this condition is anything more than a co-operation of the voluntary muscles with the thoughts which occupy the mind during sleep is not settled by physiologists. Wharton.

SOMPOUR. In ecclesiastical law, an officer of the ecclesiastical courts whose duty was to serve citations or process.

SON. An immediate male descendant; the correlative of "father." Technically a word of purchase, unless explained. Its meaning may be extended by construction to include more remote descendants, such as a grandchild, and also to include an illegitimate male child, though the presumption is against this. See Flora v. Anderson (C. C.) 67 Fed. 185; Lind v. Burke, 56 Neb. 785, 77 N. W. 444; Yarnall's Appeal, 70 Pa. 341; Jamison v. Hay, 46 Mo. 548; Philip v. Mulgrave, 5 Term, 323.


—Son assaut domesne. His own assault. A plea which occurs in the actions of trespass and trespass on the case, by which the defendant alleges that it was the plaintiff's own original assault that occasioned the trespass for which he has brought the action, and that what the defendant did was merely in his own defense. Steph. Pl. 180.

SON-IN-LAW. The husband of one's daughter.

SONTAGE. A tax of forty shillings annually laid upon every knight's fee. Cowell.

SONTICUS. Lat. In the civil law. Hurtful; injurious; hindering; excusing or justifying delay. Morbus soticus is any illness of so serious a nature as to prevent a defendant from appearing in court and to give him a valid excuse. Calvin.

SOON. If there is no time specified for the performance of an act, or if it is specified that it is to be performed soon, the law implies that it is to be performed within a reasonable time. Sanford v. Shephard, 14 Kan. 292.

SORERON, or SORN. An arbitrary exaction, formerly existing in Scotland and Ireland. Whenever a chieftain had a mind to revel, he came down among the tenants with his followers, by way of contempt called "Gillicificits," and lived on free quarters. Wharton; Bell.

SORNER. In Scotch law. A person who takes meat and drink from others by force or menaces, without paying for it. Bell.
SOROR. Lat. In the civil law. Sister; a sister. Thes. 3, 6, 1.

SORORICIDE. The killing or murder of a sister; one who murders his sister. This is not a technical term of the law.

SORS. Lat. In the civil law. Lot; chance; fortune; hazard; a lot, made of wood, gold, or other material. Money borrowed, or put out at interest. A principal sum or fund, such as the capital of a partnership. Alnsworth; Calvin.

In old English law. A principal lent on interest, as distinguished from the interest itself.

A thing recovered in action, as distinguished from the costs of the action.

SORTITIO. Lat. In the civil law. A drawing of lots. Sortitio judicium was the process of selecting a number of judges, for a criminal trial, by drawing lots.

SOUGH. In English law. A drain or water-course. The channels or water-courses used for draining mines are so termed; and those mines which are near to any given sough, and lie within the same level, and are benefited by it, are technically said to lie within the title of that sough. 5 Mees. & W. 228; Brown.

SOUL SCOT. A mortuary, or customary gift due ministers, in many parishes of England, on the death of parishioners. It was originally voluntary and intended as amends for ecclesiastical dues neglected to be paid in the lifetime. 2 Bl. Comm. 425.

SOUND, v. To have reference or relation to; to aim at. An action is technically said to sound in damages where it is brought not for the specific recovery of a thing, but for damages only. Steph. Pl. 106.


—Sound and disposing mind and memory. This phrase is often used in the law of wills, to signify testamentary capacity.—Sound mind. This term denotes the normal condition of the human mind,—that state in which its faculties of perception and judgment are ordinarily well developed, and not impaired by mania, insanity, or dementia. See Daly v. Daly, 183 Ill. 269; 55 N. E. 671; Delafield v. Parish, 25 N. Y. 332; Wilson v. Mitchell, 101 Pa. 495; Spratt v. Spratt, 76 Mich. 334, 43 N. W. 627; Whitney v. Twombly, 136 Mass. 147; Harrison v. Rowan, 11 Fed. Cas. 661; Yoe v. McCord, 74 Ill. 57.

SOUNDING IN DAMAGES. When an action is brought, not for the recovery of lands, goods, or sums of money, (as in the case in real or mixed actions or the personal action of debt or detinue,) but for damages only, as in covenant, trespass, etc., the action is said to be "sounding in damages." Steph. Pl. 116. See Collins v. Greene, 67 Ala. 211; Rosser v. Bunn, 68 Ala. 93.

SOUNDNESS. General health; freedom from any permanent disease. 1 Car. & M. 291.

SOURCES OF THE LAW. The origins from which particular positive laws derive their authority and coercive force. Such are constitutions, treaties, statutes, usages, and customs.

In another sense, the authoritative or reliable works, records, documents, edicts, etc., to which we are to look for an understanding of what constitutes the law. Such, for example, with reference to the Roman law, are the compilations of Justinian and the treatise of Gaius; and such, with reference to the common law, are especially the ancient reports and the works of such writers as Bracton, Littleton, Coke, "Fleta," and others.

SOUS SEING PRIVE. Fr. In French law. Under private signature; under the private signature of the parties. A contract or instrument thus signed is distinguished from an "authentic act," which is formally concluded before a notary or judge. Civil Code La. art. 2240.


SOUTHE SEA FUND. The produce of the taxes appropriated to pay the interest of such part of the English national debt as was advanced by the South Sea Company and its annuitants. The holders of South Sea annuities have been paid off, or have received other stock in lieu thereof. 2 Steph. Comm. 673.

SOVEREIGN. A chief ruler with supreme power; a king or other ruler with limited power.

In English law. A gold coin of Great Britain, of the value of a pound sterling.

—Sovereign people. A term familiarly used to describe the political body, consisting of the entire number of citizens and qualified electors, who, in their collegiate capacity, possess the powers of sovereignty and exercise them through their chosen representatives. See Scott v. Sandford, 19 How. 404, 15 L. Ed. 691.—Sovereign power. That power in a state to which none other is superior or equal, and which includes all the specific powers which are necessary to accomplish the legitimate ends and purposes of government. See Joggs v. Mercad Min. Co., 14 Cal. 309; Donnelly v. Decker, 58 Wis. 461, 17 N. W. 380, 48 Am. Rep. 657; Com. v. Alger, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 81.—Sovereign right. A right which the state alone, or some of its governmental agencies, can possess, and which it possesses in the character of a sovereign, for the common benefit, and to enable it to carry out its proper functions; distinguished from such "proprietary—
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**SPADARIUS.** Lat. A sword-bearer. Blount.

**SPADONES.** Lat. In the civil law. Impotent persons. Those who, on account of their temperament or some accident they have suffered, are unable to procreate. Inst. 1, 11, 9; Dig. 1, 7, 2, 1.

**SPARSIM.** Lat. Here and there; scattered; at intervals. For instance, trespass to reality by cutting timber *sparsim* (here and there) through a tract.

**STATE PLACITUM.** In old English law. A court for the speedy execution of justice upon military delinquents. Cowell.

**SPEAK.** In practice. To argue. "The case was ordered to be *spoke* to again." 10 Mod. 107. See Imparlance; Speaking with Procurator.

**SPEAKER.** This is the official designation of the president or chairman of certain legislative bodies, particularly of the house of representatives in the congress of the United States, of one or both branches of several of the state legislatures, and of the two houses of the British parliament.

**SOVEREIGNTY.** The possession of sovereign power; supreme political authority; paramount control of the constitution and frame of government and its administration; the self-sufficient source of political power, from which all specific political powers are derived; the international independence of a state, combined with the right and power of regulating its internal affairs without foreign dictation; also a political society, or state, which is sovereign and independent. See Chisholm v. Georgia, 2 Dall. 455, 1 L. Ed. 440; Union Bank v. Hill, 3 Cold. (Tenn.) 325; Moore v. Shaw, 17 Cal. 218, 79 Am. Dec. 123.

"The freedom of the nation has its correlate in the sovereignty of the nation. Political sovereignty is the assertion of the self-determination will of the organic people, and in this there is the manifestation of its freedom. It is in and through the determination of its sovereignty that the order of the nation is constituted and maintained." Mulford, Nation, p. 129.

"If a determinate human superior, not in a habit of obedience to a like superior, receive habitual obedience from the human given society, that determinate superior is sovereign in that society, and the society (including the superior) is a society political and independent." Aust. Jur.

**SOVEREITIL.** In old Scotch law. Surety. Skene.

**SOWLEGROVE.** February; so called in South Wales. Cowell.

**SOWNING AND ROWNING.** In Scotch law. Terms used to express the form by which the number of cattle brought upon a common by those having a servitude of pastureage may be justly proportioned to the rights of the different persons possessed of the servitude. Bell.

**SOWNE.** In old English law. To be leviable. An old exchequer term applied to sheriff's returns. 4 Inst. 107; Cowell; Spelman.

**SPEAKING DEMURRER.** See Demurrer.

**SPEAKING ORDER.** See Order.

**SPEAKING WITH PROSECUTOR.** A method of compounding an offense, allowed in the English practice, where the court permits a defendant convicted of a misdemeanor to speak with the prosecutor before judgment is pronounced; if the prosecutor declares himself satisfied, the court may inflict a trivial punishment. 4 Steph. Comm. 261.

**SPECIAL.** Relating to or designating a species, kind, or sort; designed for a particular purpose; confined to a particular pur
pose, object, person, or class. The opposite of "general."

--- Special act. A private statute; an 'act which operates only upon particular persons or private concerns. 1 Bl. Comm. 86; Unity v. Burridge, 105 U.S. 465, 20 L. Ed. 465.—Special case. In English practice. When a trial at nisi prius appears to the judge to turn on a point of law, the jury may find a general verdict, subject to the opinion of the court above, upon what is termed a "special case" to be made; that is, upon a written statement of all the facts of the case drawn up for the opinion of the court, signed by the counsel and attorney, in the hands of the court either side, under correction of it. The party for whom the general verdict is so given is in such case not entitled to judgment until the court in banc has decided on the special case; and, according to the result of that decision, the verdict is ultimately entered either for him or his adversary. Brown.—Special claim. In English law. A claim not enumerated in the orders of April 22, 1880, which required the leave of the court of chancery to file it. Such claims are abolished.

--- Special commission. In English law. An extraordinary commission of oyer and terminer and common assizes, issued by the crown to the judges when it is necessary that offenses should be immediately tried and punished. Wharton.

--- Special errors. Special pleas in error are such as, instead of joining in error, allege some extraneous matter as a ground of defeating the writ of error, e. g., a release of errors, expiration of the time within which error might be brought, or the like. To these, the plaintiff in error may either reply or demur.—Special matter. Under a plea of the general issue, the defendant is allowed to give special matter in evidence, usually after notice to the plaintiff of the nature of such matter, thus sparing him the necessity of pleading it usually. 3 Bl. Comm. 306.—Special paper. A list kept in the English courts of common law, and now in the king's bench, common pleas, and exchequer divisions of the high court, in which list demurrers, special cases, etc., to be argued are set down. It is distinguished from the new trial paper, peremptory paper, crown paper, revenue paper, etc., according to the practice of the particular division. Wharton.


Specialia generalibus derogant. Special words derogate from general words. A special provision as to a particular subject-matter is to be preferred to general language, which might have governed in the absence of such special provision. L. R. 1 C. P. 546.

SPECIALTY. A writing sealed and delivered, containing some agreement. A writing sealed and delivered, which is given as a security for the payment of a debt, in which such debt is particularly specified. 2 H. & C. Obligation, § 137.

A specialty is a contract under seal, and is considered by law entered into with more solemnity, and, consequently, of higher dignity than ordinary simple contracts. Code Ga. 1882, § 2717

--- Speciality debt. A debt due or acknowledged to be due by deed or instrument under seal. 2 Bl. Comm. 465.


2. When spoken of a contract, the expression "performance in specie" means strictly, or according to the exact terms. As applied to things, it signifies individuality or identity. Thus, on a bequest of a specific picture, the legatee would be said to be entitled to the delivery of the picture in specie; t. e., of the very thing. Whether a thing is due in genero or in specie depends, in each case, on the will of the contracting parties. Brown.

SPECIES. Lat. In the civil law. Form; figure; fashion or shape. A form or shape given to materials. A particular thing; as distinguished from "genus."

--- Species facti. In Scotch law. The particular criminal act charged against a person.

SPECIFIC. Having a certain form or designation; observing a certain form; particular; precise. As to specific "Denial," "Device," "Legacy," and "Performance," see those titles.

SPECIFICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Literally, a making of form; a giving of form to materials. That mode of acquiring property through which a person, by transforming a thing belonging to another, especially by working up his materials into a new species, becomes proprietor of the same. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 271.

SPECIFICATION. As used in the law relating to patents and in building contracts, the term denotes a particular or detailed statement of the various elements involved.
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In military law. The clear and particular description of the charges preferred against a person accused of a military offense. Tytler, Mil. Law, 109; Carter v. McClaughray, 185 U. S. 365, 22 Sup. Ct. 181, 46 L. Ed. 236.

In the law of personal property. The acquisition of title to a thing by working it into new forms or species from the raw material; corresponding to the specificatio of the Roman law. See Lampton v. Preston, 1 J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) 462, 19 Am. Dec. 104.

In practice. A detailed and particular enumeration of several points or matters urged or relied on by a party to a suit or proceeding; as, a "specification of error," or a "specification of grounds of opposition to a bankrupt's discharge." See Railway Co. v. McArthur, 96 Tex. 65, 70 S. W. 317; In re Glass (D. C.) 119 Fed. 614.

SPECIMEN. A sample; a part of something intended to exhibit the kind and quality of the whole. People v. Freeman, 1 Idaho, 322.

SPECULATION. In commerce. The act or practice of buying lands, goods, etc., in expectation of a rise of price and of selling them at an advance, as distinguished from a regular trade, in which the profit expected is the difference between the retail and wholesale prices, or the difference of price in the place where the goods are purchased, and the place where they are to be carried for market. Webster. See Maxwell v. Burns (Tenn. Ch. App.) 59 S. W. 1067; U. S. v. Detroit Timber & Lumber Co. (C. C.) 124 Fed. 393.

SPECULATIVE DAMAGES. See DAMAGES.

SPECULUM. Lat. Mirror or looking-glass. The title of several of the most ancient law-books or compilations. One of the ancient Icelandic books is styled "Speculum Regale."

SPEEDY EXECUTION. An execution which, by the direction of the judge at nisi prius, issues forthwith, or on some early day fixed upon by the judge for that purpose after the trial of the action. Brown.

SPEEDY TRIAL. In criminal law. As secured by constitutional guaranties, a speedy trial means a trial conducted according to fixed rules, regulations, and proceedings of law, free from vexatious, capricious, and oppressive delays manufactured by the ministers of justice. See People v. Hall, 51 App. Div. 37, 64 N. Y. Supp. 433; Nixon v. State, 2 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 507, 41 Am. Dec. 601; Cummins v. People, 4 Colo. App. 71, 34 Pac. 734; Benton v. Com., 91 Va. 782, 21 S. E. 495.

SPELLING. The formation of words by letters; orthography. Incorrect spelling does not vitiate a written instrument if the intention clearly appears.

SPENDTHRIFT. A person who by excessive drinking, gaming, idleness, or debauchery of any kind shall so spend, waste, or lessen his estate as to expose himself or his family to want or suffering, or expose the town to charge or expense for the support of himself or family. Rev. St. Vt. c. 65, § 9; Appeal of Morey, 57 N. H. 54.

The word "spendthrift," in all the provisions relating to guardians and wards contained in this or any other statute, is intended to include every person who is liable to be put under guardianship, on account of excessive drinking, gaming, idleness, or debauchery. How. St. Mich. 1882, § 6340.

Spendthrift trust. A term commonly applied to those trusts which are created with a view of providing a fund for the maintenance of another, and at the same time securing it against his improvidence or incapacity for his protection. Provisions against alienation of the trust fund by the voluntary act of the beneficiary or by his creditors are the usual incidents. Bennett v. Bennett, 66 Ill. App. 28; Guernsey v. Lazeear, 51 W. Va. 328, 41 S. E. 405.

SIPERATE. That of which there is hope. Thus a debt which one may hope to recover may be called "siperate," in opposition to "deserate." See 1 Chit. Pr. 520.

SPES ACCRESCENDI. Lat. Hope of surviving. 3 Atk. 762; 2 Kent, Comm. 424.

Spes est vigilantis somnium. Hope is the dream of the vigilant. 4 Inst. 206.

Spes impunitatis continuum affectum tribuit delinquendi. The hope of impunity holds out a continual temptation to crime. 3 Inst. 236.

SPES RECUPERANDI. Lat. The hope of recovery or recapture; the chance of retaining property captured at sea, which prevents the captor from acquiring complete ownership of the property until they have definitely precluded it by effectual measures. 1 Kent, Comm. 101.

SPIGNEL. The seal of the royal writs.

SPINSTER. The addition given, in legal proceedings, and in conveyancing, to a woman who never has been married.

SPIRITUAL. Relating to religious or ecclesiastical persons or affairs, as distinguished from "secular" or lay, worldly, or business matters.

As to spiritual "Corporation," "Courts," and "Lords," see those titles.
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SPIRITUALITIES OF A BISHOP. Those profits which a bishop receives in his ecclesiastical character, as the dues arising from his ordaining and instituting priests, and such like, in contradistinction to those profits which he acquires in his temporal capacity as a baron and lord of parliament, and which are termed his "temporalities," consisting of certain lands, revenues, and lay fees, etc. Cowell.

SPIRITUALITY OF BENEFICES. In ecclesiastical law. The tithes of land, etc. Wharton.

SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS. These are inflammable liquida produced by distillation, and forming an article of commerce. See Blankenship v. State, 93 Ga. 814, 21 S. E. 130; State v. Munger, 15 Vt. 283; Allred v. State, 80 Ala. 112, 8 South. 66; Cliftford v. State, 29 Wis. 329.

The phrase "spiruitious liquor," in a penal statute, cannot be extended beyond its exact literal sense. Spirit is the name of an inflammable liquor produced by distillation. Wine is the fermented juice of the grape, or a preparation of other vegetables by fermentation; hence the term does not include wine. State v. Moore, 6 Black. (Ind.) 118.

SPITAL, or SPITTLE. A charitable foundation; a hospital for diseased people; a hospital. Cowell.

SPITTING A CAUSE OF ACTION. Dividing a single cause of action, claim, or demand into two or more parts, and bringing suit for one of such parts only, intending to reserve the rest for a separate action. The plaintiff who does this is bound by his first judgment, and can recover no more. 2 Black, Judgm. § 734.

SPOLLATION. In English ecclesiastical law. An injury done by one clerk or incumbent to another, in taking the fruits of his benefice without any right to them, but under a pretended title. 3 Bl. Comm. 90, 91.

The name of a suit sued out in the spiritual court to recover for the fruits of the church or for the church itself. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 85.

In torts. Destruction of a thing by the act of a stranger, as the erasure or alteration of a writing by the act of a stranger, is called "spollation." This has not the effect to destroy its character or legal effect. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 596; Medlin v. Platt County, 8 Mo. 229, 40 Am. Dec. 135; Crockett v. Thomason, 5 Sneed (Tenn.) 344.

SPOLLATOR. Lat. A spoiler or destroyer. It is a maxim of law, bearing chiefly on evidence, but also upon the value generally of the thing destroyed, that everything most to his disadvantage is to be presumed against the destroyer, (spollator,
woman leaving her husband of her own accord, and committing adultery, lose her dowery, unless taken back by her husband of his own accord.

SPORTULA. Lat. In Roman law. A largess, dole, or present; a pecuniary donation; an official perquisite; something over and above the ordinary fee allowed by law. Inst. 4, 6, 24.

SPOUSALS. In old English law. Mutual promises to marry.


SPRINGING USE. See Use.

SPUILLIE. In Scotch law. The taking away or meddling with movables in another’s possession, without the consent of the owner or authority of law. Bell.

SPURIOUS. Not proceeding from the true source; not genuine; counterfeited. “A spurious bank-bill may be a legitimate impression from the genuine plate, but it must have the signatures of persons not the officers of the bank whence it purports to have issued, or else the names of fictitious persons. A spurious bill, also, may be an illegitimate impression from a genuine plate, or an impression from a counterfeited plate, but it must have such signatures or names as we have just indicated. A bill, therefore, may be both counterfeited and forged, or both counterfeited and spurious.” Kirby v. State, 1 Ohio St. 187.

SPURIUS. Lat. In the civil law. A bastard; the offspring of promiscuous cohabitation.

SPY. A person sent into an enemy’s camp to inspect their works, ascertain their strength and their intentions, watch their movements, and secretly communicate intelligence to the proper officer. By the laws of war among all civilized nations, a spy is punished with death. Webster. See Vatell, 3, 179.

SQUARE. As used to designate a certain portion of land within the limits of a city or town, this term may be synonymous with “block,” that is, the smallest subdivision which is bounded on all sides by principal streets, or it may denote a space (more or less rectangular) not built upon, and set apart for public passage, use, recreation, or ornamentation, in the nature of a “park” but smaller. See Caldwell v. Rupert, 10 Bush (Ky.) 170; State v. Natal, 42 La. Ann. 612, 7 South. 781; Rowzee v. Pierce, 75 Miss. 840, 23 South. 507, 40 L. R. A. 402, 65 Am. St. Rep. 625; Methodist Episcopal Church v. Hoboken, 33 N. J. Law, 13, 97 Am. Dec. 698; Rev. Laws Mass. 1902, p. 331, c. 02, § 12.


SQUIRE. A contraction of “esquire.”

SS. An abbreviation used in that part of a record, pleading, or affidavit, called the “statement of the venue.” Commonly translated or read, “to-wit,” and supposed to be a contraction of “sestitiat.” Also in ecclesiastical documents, particularly records of early councils, “ss” is used as an abbreviation for subscrips. Occasionally, in Law French, it stands for sans, “without,” e. g., “faire fo extingu as son baron.” Bendloe, p. 150.

STAB. A wound inflicted by a thrust with a pointed weapon. State v. Cody, 18 Or. 506, 23 Pac. 561; Ward v. State, 56 Ga. 410; Ruby v. State, 7 Mo. 258.

STABILIA. A writ called by that name, founded on a custom in Normandy, that where a man in power claimed lands in the possession of an inferior, he petitioned the prince that it might be put into his hands till the right was decided, whereupon he had this writ. Wharton.

Stabit presumptio domsoc probetur in contrarium. A presumption will stand good till the contrary is proved. Hob. 207; Broom, Max. 949.

STABLE-STAND. In forest law. One of the four evidences or presumptions whereby a man was convicted of an intent to steal the king’s deer in the forest. This was when a man was found at his standing in the forest with a cross-bow or long-bow bent, ready to shoot at any deer, or else standing close by a tree with grey-hounds in a leash, ready to slip. Cowell; Manwood.

STABULARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. A stable-keeper. Dig. 4, 9, 4, 1.

STACHIA. In old records. A dam or head made to stop a water-course. Cowell.
STAFF-HERDING. The following of cattle within a forest.

STAGE-RIGHT is a word which it has been attempted to introduce as a substitute for "the right of representation and performance," but it can hardly be said to be an accepted term of English or American law. Sweet.

STAGIARIUS. A resident. Cowell.

STAGNATUM. In old English law. A pool, or pond. Co. Litt. 5a; Johnson v. Rayner, 6 Gray (Mass.) 110.

STAKE. A deposit made to answer an event, as on a wager. See Harris v. White, 81 N. Y. 539; Porter v. Day, 71 Wis. 296, 37 N. W. 259; Mohr v. Miesen, 47 Minn. 228, 49 N. W. 862.

Stakeholder primarily means a person with whom money is deposited pending the decision of a bet or wager, (q. v.) but it is more often used to mean a person who holds money or property which is claimed by rival claimants, but in which he himself claims no interest. Sweet. And see Oriental Bank v. Tremont Ins. Co., 4 Metc. (Mass.) 10; Fisher v. Hildreth, 117 Mass. 362; Worrall R. Co. v. Flannigan, 95 Mo. App. 477, 78 S. W. 691.


STALE, adj. In the language of the courts of equity, a "stale" claim or demand is one which has not been pressed or asserted for so long a time that the owner or creditor is chargeable with laches, and that changes occurring meanwhile in the relative situation of the parties, or the intervention of new interests or equities, would render the enforcement of the claim or demand against conscience. See The Galloway C. Morris, 2 Abb. U. S. 104, 9 Fed. Cas. 111; King v. White, 63 Vt. 158, 21 Atl. 535, 25 Am. St. Rep. 752; Ashurst v. Peck, 101 Ala. 499, 14 South. 541; The Harriet Ann, 11 Fed. Cas. 597.

STALLAGE. The liberty or right of pitching or erecting stalls in fairs or markets, or the money paid for the same. 1 Steph. Comm. 664.

STALLARIUS. In Saxon law. The praefactus stabuit, now master of the horse. Sometimes one who has a stall in a fair or market.

STAMP. An impression made by public authority, in pursuance of law, upon paper or parchment, upon which certain legal proceedings, conveyances, or contracts are required to be written, and for which a tax or duty is exacted.

A small label or strip of paper, bearing a particular device, printed and sold by the government, and required to be attached to mail-matter, and to some other articles subject to duty or excise.

Stamp acts. In English law. Acts regulating the stamps upon deeds, contracts, agreements, papers in law proceedings, bills and notes, letters, records, and of other papers and conveyances. Duties imposed upon and raised from stamps upon parchment and paper, and forming a branch of the perpetual revenue of the kingdom. 1 Bl. Comm. 329.

STANCE. In Scotch law. A resting place; a field or place adjoining a drove-road, for resting and refreshing sheep and cattle on their journey. 7 Bell, App. Cas. 53, 57, 58.

STAND. To abide; to submit to; as "to stand a trial."

To remain as a thing is; to remain in force. Pleadings demurred to and held good are allowed to stand.

To appear in court.

Standing aside jurors. A practice by which, on the drawing of a jury for a criminal trial, the prosecuting officer puts aside a juror, provisionally, until the panel is exhausted, without disclosing his reasons, instead of being required to challenge him and show cause. The statute 33 Edw. I. deprived the crown of the power to challenge jurors without showing cause, and the practice of standing aside jurors was adopted, in England, as a method of evading its provisions. A similar practice is in use in Pennsylvania. See Warren v. County, 57 Pa. 54; Zell v. Com., 94 Pa. 272; Haines v. Com., 100 Pa. 322. But in Missouri, it is said that the words "stand aside" are the usual formula. Used in impaneling a jury, for rejecting a juror. State v. Hultz, 106 Mo. 41, 16 S. W. 940.

Standing by is used in law as implying knowledge, under such circumstances as rendered it the duty of the possessor to communicate it; and it is such knowledge, and not the mere fact of "standing by," that lays the foundation of responsibility. The phrase does not import an actual presence, "but implies knowledge under such circumstances as to render it the duty of the possessor to communicate it." Anderson v. Hubble, 93 Ind. 373, 47 Am. Rep. 394; Gattling v. Rodman, 6 Ind. 292; Richardson v. Chillicothe, 41 N. H. 380, 77 Am. Dec. 769; Mountain v. Morrison, 29 N. H. 299.

Standing mute. A prisoner, arraigned for treason or felony, was said to "stand mute," when he refused to plead, or answered foreign to the purpose, or, after a plea of not guilty, would not put himself upon the country.

Standing orders are rules and forms regulating the procedure of the two houses of parliament, each having its own. They are of equal force in every parliament, except so far as they are altered or suspended from time to time. Cox, Inst. 180; Max., Parl. Pr. 156. Standing seised to uses. A covenant to stand seised to uses is one by which the owner of an estate covenants to hold the same to the use of another person, usually a relative, and usually in consideration of blood or marriage. It is a species of conveyance depending for its effect on the statute of uses.

STANDARD. An ensign or flag used in war.

STANDARD OF WEIGHT, or MEASURE. A weight or measure fixed and prescribed by law, to which all other weights and measures are required to correspond.
STANNARIES. A district which includes all parts of Devon and Cornwall where some tin work is situate and in actual operation. The tin miners of the stannaries have certain peculiar customs and privileges.

-Stannary courts. Courts in Devonshire and Cornwall for the administration of justice among the miners and tinner. These courts were held before the lord warden and his deputies by virtue of a privilege granted to the workmen of the tin-mines there, to sue and be sued in their own courts only, in order that they might not be drawn away from their business by having to attend law-suits in distant courts. Brown.

STAPLE. In English law. A mart or market. A place where the buying and selling of wool, lead, leather, and other articles were put under certain terms. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law. 393.

In international law. The right of staple, as exercised by a people upon foreign vessels, is defined to be that they may not allow them to set their merchandises and wares to sale but in a certain place. This practice is not in use in the United States. 1 Chitt. Com. Law, 103.

-Staple Inn. An inn of chancery. See Inns of CHANCERY.—Statute-staple. In English law. A security for a debt acknowledged to be due, so called from its being entered into before the mayor of the staple, that is to say, the grand mart for the principal commodities or manufactures of the kingdom, formerly held by act of parliament in certain trading towns. In other respects it resembled the statute-merchant, (q. v.) but like that has now fallen into disuse. 2 Bl. Comm. 169; 1 Steph. Comm. 257.

STARBOARD. In maritime law. The right-hand side of a vessel when the observer faces forward. "Starboard tack," the course of vessel when she has the wind on her starboard bow. Burrows v. Gower (D. C.) 119 Fed. 617.

STAR-CHAMBER was a court which originally had jurisdiction in cases where the ordinary course of justice was so much obstructed by one party, through writing, combination of maintenance, or overawing influence that no inferior court would find its process obeyed. The court consisted of the privy council, the common-law judges, and (it seems) all peers of parliament. In the reign of Henry VIII. and his successors, the jurisdiction of the court was illegally extended to such a degree (especially in punishing disobedience to the king's arbitrary proclamations) that it became odious to the nation, and was abolished. 4 Steph. Comm. 310; Sweet.

STARE DECISIS. Lat. To stand by decided cases; to uphold precedents; to maintain former adjudications. 1 Kent, Comm. 477.

STARE IN JUDICIO. Lat. To appear before a tribunal, either as plaintiff or defendant.

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STATE. or STARBA. The old term for contract or obligation among the Jews, being a covenanted promise or assurance from the Hebrew word "shetar," a covenant. By an ordinance of Richard I., no starr was allowed to be valid, unless deposited in one of certain repositories established by law, the most considerable of which was in the king's exchequer at Westminster; and Blackstone conjectures that the room in which these chests were kept was thence called the "starr-chamber." 4 Bl. Comm. 266, 267, note a.

Stat pro ratione voluntas. The will stands in place of a reason. Sears v. Shafer, 1 Barb. (N. Y.) 408, 411; Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. v. Hunt, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 514, 525.

Stat pro ratione voluntas populi. The will of the people stands in place of a reason. People v. Draper, 25 Barb. (N. Y.) 344, 376.

STATE, n. To express the particulars of a thing in writing or in words; to set down or set forth in detail. To set down in gross; to mention in general terms, or by way of reference; to refer. Utica v. Richardson, 8 Hill (N. Y.) 300.

STATE, n. A body politic, or society of men, united together for the purpose of promoting their mutual safety and advantage, by the joint efforts of their combined strength. Cooley, Const. Lim. 1.

One of the component commonwealths or states of the United States of America. The people of a state, in their collective capacity, considered as the party wronged by a criminal deed; the public; as in the title of a cause, "The State v. A. B."

The section of territory occupied by one of the United States.

-Foreign state. A foreign country or nation. The several United States are considered "foreign" to each other except as may arise out of diplomatic relations as common members of the Union.—State's evidence. See EVIDENCE.—State officers. Those whose duties concern the state at large or the general public, or who are authorized to exercise their official functions throughout the entire state, without limitation to any political subdivision of the state. In another sense, officers belonging to or exercising authority under one of the states of the Union, as distinguished from the officers of the United States. See In re Police Comrs. 22 R. I. 654; 49 Atl. 36; State v. Burns, 38 Fla. 378, 21 South. 230; People v. Nixon, 108 N. Y. 221, 52 N. E. 111. A document prepared by, or relating to, the political department of the government of a state or nation, and concerning or affecting the administration of its government or its political or international relations. Also, a newspaper, designated by public authority, as the organ for the publication of public statutes, resolutions, notices, and advertisements.—State tax. A tax the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the expenses of the state, as distinguished from taxation for local or municipal purposes. v. Sexton, 32 Mich. 415, 20 Am. Rep. 654; State v. Auditor of State, 15 Ohio St. 482.—State trial. A trial for a political offense.—State Trials. A work in thirty-three volumes, containing all English trials for offenses against
the state and others partaking in some degree of that character, from the ninth year of Hen. II. to the first of Geo. IV.

STATE OF FACTS. Formerly, when a master in chancery was directed by the court of chancery to make an inquiry or investigation into any matter arising out of a suit, and which could not conveniently be brought before the court itself, each party in the suit carried in before the master a statement showing how the party bringing it in represented the matter in question to be; and this statement was technically termed a "state of facts," and formed the ground upon which the evidence was received, the evidence being, in fact, brought by one party or the other, to prove his own or disprove his opponent's state of facts. And so now, a state of facts means the statement made by any one of his version of the facts. Brown.

STATE OF FACTS AND PROPOSAL. In English lunacy practice, when a person has been found a lunatic, the next step is to submit to the master a scheme called a "state of facts and proposal," showing what is the position in life, property, and income of the lunatic, who are his next of kin and heir at law, who are proposed as his committees, and what annual sum is proposed to be allowed for his maintenance, etc. From the state of facts and the evidence adduced in support of it, the master frames his report. Elmer, Lun. 22; Pope, Lun. 79; Sweet.

STATE OF THE CASE. A narrative of the facts upon which the plaintiff relies, substituted for a more formal declaration, in suits in the inferior courts. The phrase is used in New Jersey.

STATED. Settled; closed. An account stated means an account settled, and at an end. Pull. Acc's, 33. "In order to constitute an account stated, there must be a statement of some certain amount of money being due, which must be made either to the party himself or to some agent of his." 5 Mees. & W. 667.

Stated meeting. A meeting of a board of directors, board of officers, etc., held at the time appointed therefor by law, ordinance, by-law, or other regulation; as distinguished from "special" meetings, which are held on call as the occasion may arise, rather than at a regularly appointed time, and from adjourned meetings. See Zulch v. Bowman, 42 Pa. 87.—Stated term. A regular or ordinary term or session of a court for the dispatch of its general business, held at the time fixed by law or rule; as distinguished from a special term, held out of the due order or for the transaction of particular business.

STATEMENT. In a general sense, an allegation; a declaration of matters of fact. The term has come to be used of a variety of formal narratives of facts, required by law in various jurisdictions as the foundation of judicial or official proceedings.

Statement of affairs. In English bankruptcy practice, a bankrupt or debtor who has presented a petition for liquidation or composition must produce at the first meeting of creditors a statement of his affairs, giving a list of his creditors, secured and unsecured, with the value of the securities, a list of his debts, discounted, and a statement of his property. Sweet.—Statement of claim. A written or printed statement by the plaintiff in an action in the English high court, showing the facts on which he relies to support his claim against the defendant, and the relief which he claims. It is delivered to the defendant or his solicitor. The delivery of the statement of claim is usually the next step after appearance, and is the commencement of the pleadings. Sweet.—Statement of defenses. In the practice of the English high court, where the defendant in an action does not demur to the whole of the plaintiff's claim, he delivers a pleading called a "statement of defense." The statement of defense deals with the allegations contained in the statement of claim, (or the indictment on the writ, if there is no statement of claim,) admitting or denying them, and, if necessary, stating fresh facts in explanation or avoidance of those alleged by the plaintiff. Sweet.—Statement of particular claims. In English practice, when the plaintiff claims a debt or liquidated demand, but has not indorsed the writ specially, (i.e., indorsed on it the particulars of his claim under Order iii. r. 63) and the defendant fails to appear, the plaintiff may file a statement of the particulars of his claim, as long as the eight days睿等待ment for the amount, as if the writ had been specially indorsed. Court Rules, xiii. 5; Sweet.

STATESMAN. A freeholder and farmer in Cumberland. Wharton.

STATISM. Lat. Forthwith; immediately. In old English law, this term meant either "at once," or "within a legal time," i.e., such time as permitted the legal and regular performance of the act in question.

STATING AN ACCOUNT. Exhibiting, or listing in their order, the items which make up an account.

STATING PART OF A BILL. That part of a bill in chancery in which the plaintiff states the facts of his case; it is distinguished from the charging part of the bill and from the prayer.

STATION. In the civil law. A place where ships may ride in safety. Dig. 50, 16, 59.

STATIONERS' HALL. In English law. The hall of the stationers' company at which every person claiming copyright in a book must register his title, in order to be able to bring actions against persons infringing it. 2 Steph. Comm. 37-39.

STATIONERY OFFICE. In English law. A government office established as a department of the treasury, for the purpose of supplying government offices with stationery and books, and of printing and publishing government papers.

STATIST. A statesman; a politician; one skilled in government.

STATISTICS. That part of political science which is concerned in collecting and ar-
ranging facts illustrative of the condition and resources of a state. The subject is sometimes divided into (1) historical statistics, or facts which illustrate the former condition of a state; (2) statistics of population; (3) of revenue; (4) of trade, commerce, and navigation; (5) of the moral, social, and physical condition of the people. Wharton.

STATU LEBER. Lat. In Roman law. One who is made free by will under a condition; one who has his liberty fixed and appointed at a certain time or on a certain condition. Dig. 40. 7.

STATU LEBERI. Lat. In Louisiana. Slaves for a time, who had acquired the right of being free at a time to come, or on a condition which was not fulfilled, or in a certain event which had not happened, but who in the mean time remained in a state of slavery. Civ. Code La. (Ed. 1838) art. 37.

STATUS. The status of a person is his legal position or condition. Thus, when we say that a woman was a wife of a certain man after a decree nisi for the dissolution of her marriage with her husband has been made, but before it has been made absolute, is that of a married woman, we mean that she has the same legal rights, liabilities, and disabilities as an ordinary married woman. The term is chiefly applied to persons under disability, or persons who have some peculiar condition which prevents the general law from applying to them in the same way as it does to ordinary persons. Sweet. See Barney v. Tourletotte, 138 Mass. 108; De la Montana v. De la Montana, 112 Cal. 115, 44 Pac. 345, 32 L. R. A. 82, 53 Am. St. Rep. 165; Dunham v. Dunham, 57 Ill. App. 497.

There are certain rights and duties, with certain capacities and incapacities to take rights and incur duties, by which persons, as subjects of legal interests, are particularly determined to certain classes. The rights, duties, capacities, or incapacities which determine a given person to any of these classes, constitute a condition or status with which the person is invested. Amst. Jur. § 973.

—Status de maniero. The assembly of the tenants in the court of the lord of a manor, in order to do their customary suit.—Status of irremovability. In English law. The right acquired by a pauper, after one year's residence in any parish, not to be removed therefrom.—Status quo. The existing state of things at any given date. Status quo ante bellum, the state of things before the war.

Statuta pro publico commodo late interpretata. Jenk. Cent. 21. Statutes made for the public good ought to be liberally construed.

Statuta seu eludantur territorio, nec ultra territorium disponunt. Statutes are confined to their own territory, and have no extraterritorial effect. Woodworth v. Spring, 4 Allen (Mass.) 324.

STATUTABLE, or STATUTORY, is that which is introduced or governed by statute law, as opposed to the common law or equity. Thus, a court is said to have statutory jurisdiction when jurisdiction is given to it in certain matters by act of the legislature.

STATUTE, v. In old Scotch law. To ordain, establish, or decree.

STATUTE, n. An act of the legislature; a particular law enacted and established by the will of the legislative department of government, expressed with the requisite formalities.

In foreign and civil law. Any particular municipal law or usage, though resting for its authority on judicial decisions, or the practice of nations. 2 Kent, Comm. 456. The whole municipal law of a particular state, from whatever source arising. Story, Confl. Laws, § 12.

"Statute" also sometimes means a kind of bond or obligation of record, being an abbreviation for "statute merchant" or "statute staple." See infra.

—Affirmative statute. See AFFIRMATIVE.
—Declaratory statute. See DECLARATORY.
—Enabling statute. See that title.—Expository statute. See that title.—General statute. A statute relating to the whole community, or concerning all persons generally, as distinguished from a private or special statute. 401 El. Comm. 56, 56; 4 Coke, 764.—Local statute. Such a statute as has for its object the interest of some particular locality, as the formation of a road, the alteration of the course of a river, the construction of a public building in a particular district, etc.—Negative statute. A statute expressed in negative terms; a statute which prohibits a thing from being done, or declares what shall not be done.—Penal statute. See PENAL.—Perpetual statute. One which is to remain in force without limitation as to time; one which contains no provision for its repeal, abrogation, or expiration at any future time.—Personal statutes. In foreign and modern civil law. Those statutes which have principally for their object the treatment of property only incidentally. Story, Confl. Laws, § 13. A personal statute, in this sense of the term, is a law, ordinance, regulation, or custom, the disposition of which affects the person and clothes him with a capacity or incapacity, which he does not change with every change of abode, but which, upon principles of justice and policy, he is assumed to carry with him wherever he goes. 2 Kent, Comm. 456.

The term is also applied to statutes which, instead of being general, are confined in their operation to one person or group of persons. Bank of Columbia v. Walker, 14 Lea (Tenn.) 308; Saul v. Creditor, 5 Mart. N. S. (La.) 591, 16 Am. Dec. 212.—Private statute. A statute which operates only upon particular persons, and private concerns. 1 Bl. Comm. 86. An act which relates to certain individuals, or to particular classes of men. Dwor. St. 629: State v. Chambers, 85 N. C. 600.—Public statute. A statute enacting a universal rule which regards the whole community, as distinguished from one which concerns only particular individuals, and affects only their private rights. See Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1508.—Real statutes. In the civil law. Statutes which have principally for their object property, and which, if we may speak of persons, except in relation to property. Story, Confl. Laws, § 13; Saul v. His Creditors, 5 Mart. N. S. (La.) 582, 16 Am. Dec. 212.—Remedial statute. See REMEDIAL.—Revised statute. A body
of statutes which have been revised, collected, arranged in order, and re-enacted as a whole; this is the legal title of the collections of common law, and also of the United States.—**Special statute.** One which operates only upon particular persons and things. 1 Bl. Com. 86. Distinguished from a general or public statute.

**Statute fair.** In English law. A fair at which laborers of both sexes stood and offered goods as being the chief market of some trading town, pursuant to the statute 13 Edw. I. De Mercatoribus, by which not only the body of the debtor might be imprisoned, and his goods seized in satisfaction of the debt, but also his lands might be delivered to the creditor till out of the rents and profits of them the debt be satisfied. 2 Bl. Comm. 160. Now fallen into disuse. 1 Steph. Comm. 287. See Yates v. People. 6 Johns. (N.Y.) 404.**Statute of accumulations.** In English law. The statute 39 & 40 Geo. III. c. 46, forbidding the accumulation, beyond a certain period, of property settled by deed or will.—**Statute of allegiance de praemunire.** Act of 11 Hen. VII. c. 1, requiring subjects to give their allegiance to the actual king for the time being, and protecting them in so doing.—**Statute of distributions.** See Act 7 Est. & 8 Rich. I. of Elizabeth. In English law. The statute 13 Eliz. c. 5, against conveyances made in fraud of creditors. See Fraud. **Statute of Gloucester.** In English law. The statute 6 Edw. I. c. 1, A. D. 1278. It takes its name from the place of its enactment, and was the first statute giving costs in actions. 3 Bl. Comm. 380.**Statute of laborers.** See Labor. **Statute of limitations.** See Limitation.—**Statute of Uses.** See Use. **Statute of wills.** In English law. The statute 32 Hen. VIII. c. 1, which enacted that all persons being seised in fee-simple (except feme sole covert, infants, idiots, and persons of non-sane memory) might, by will and testament in writing, devise to any other person, except to bodies corporate, two-thirds of their lands, tenements, and hereditaments, held in chivalry, and the whole of those held in socage. 2 Bl. Comm. 375.**Statute roll.** A roll upon which the English statute law, after receiving the royal assent, was formerly entered.—**Statute staple.** See Staple. **Statutes at large.** Statutes printed in full and in the order of the enactment in a collected form, as distinguished from any digest, revision, abridgment, or compilation of them. Thus the volumes of "Unes's Digest of Statutes at Large" contain all the acts of congress in their order. The name is also given to an authentic collection of the various statutes which have been passed by the English parliament from very early times to the present day.

**Statutes in derogation of common law must be strictly construed.** Cooley, Const. Lrn. 75, note; Arthur's Appeal of, 1 Grant Cas. (Pa.) 57.

**STATUT.** Let. In Roman law. Licensed or regularly registered advocates; members of the college of advocates. Also, a number of them, limited, and they enjoyed special privileges from the time to Constantine to that of Justinian.

**STATUTORY.** Relating to a statute; created or defined by a statute; required by a statute; conforming to a statute.

**Statutory crime.** See Crime. **Statutory doctrine.** See Legal Doctrine. **Statutory exposition.** When the language of a statute is ambiguous, and any subsequent enactment involves a particular interpretation of the former act, it is said to contain a statutory exposition of, or construction of, the former act. See Foreclosure. See Foreclosure. **Statutory obligation.** An obligation—whether to pay money, perform certain acts, or discharge certain duties—which is created by or arises out of a statute, as distinguished from one founded upon acts between parties or juridical relations. This class of statutory obligation which superseded the old compound assurance by lease and release. It was created by St. 4 & 5 Vict. c. 21, which abolished the lease for a year.

**STATUTUM.** Let. In the civil law. Established; determined. A term applied to judicial action. Dig. 50, 16, 46, pr.

*In old English law. A statute; an act of parliament.*

**Statutum de mercatoribus.** The statute of Acton Burnell. (q. v.)—**Statutum Hibernie de comhordibus.** The statute 14 Hen. III. The third public act in the statute-book. It has been pronounced not to be a statute. In the former it appears to have been given by the king to his justices in Ireland, directing them to proceed in a certain point where they entertained a doubt. It seems the justices there were in that country when land descended to sisters, whether the younger sisters ought to hold of the eldest, and do homage to her for their several portions, or of the chief lord, and do homage to him; and certain knights had been sent over to know what the practice was in England in such a case. 1 Stat. sess. 5. In old English law. The statute session; a meeting in every hundred of constables and freemen of the hundred, by custom, to the considering of servants, and debating of differences between masters and servants, rates of wages, etc. 5 Eliz. c. 4.—**Statutum Walliae.** The statute of Wales. The title of a statute passed in the twelfth year of Edw. I., being a sort of constitution for the principality of Wales, which was there, with a great measure, put on the footing of England with respect to its laws and the administration of justice. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 93, 94.

**Statutum affirmativum non derogat communi legi.** Jenk. Cent. 24. An affirmative statute does not derogate from the common law.

**Statutum ex gratia regis dictur, quando rex dignatus eodem de jure suo regio, pro commodo et quiete populi sui.** 2 Inst. 375. A statute is said to be by the grace of the king, when the king deigns to yield some portion of his royal rights for the good and quiet of his people.

**Statutum generaliter est intelligendum quando verba statuti sunt specialia, ratio autem generalia.** When the words of a statute are special, but the reason of it general, the statute is to be understood generally. 10 Coke, 101.

**Statutum speciale statuto speciali non derogat.** Jenk. Cent. 199. One special statute does not take from another special statute.

**STAUROM.** In old records. A store, or stock of cattle. A term of common occur-
rence in the accounts of monastic establishments. Spelman; Cowell.

**STAY.** In practice. A stopping; the act of arresting a judicial proceeding, by the order of a court. See *In re Schwarz* (D. C.) 14 Fed. 788.

---**Stay laws.** Acts of the legislature prescribing a stay of execution in certain cases, or a stay of foreclosures of mortgages, or closing the courts for a limited period, or providing that suits shall not be instituted until a certain time after the cause of action arose, or otherwise suspending legal remedies; designed for the relief of debtors, in times of general distress or financial trouble.---*Stay of execution.* The stopping or arresting of execution on a judgment, that is, of the judgment-creditor's right to issue execution, for a limited period. This is given by statute in many jurisdictions, as a privilege to the debtor, usually on his furnish- ing bail for the debt, costs, and interest. Or it may take place by agreement of the parties. See National Docks, etc., Co. v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 54 N. J. Eq. 167, 33 Atl. 936.—**Stay of proceedings.** The temporary suspension of the regular order of proceedings in a cause, by direction or order of the court, usually to await the action of one of the parties in regard to some omitted step or some act which the court has required him to perform as incidental to the suit; as where a non-resident plaintiff has been ruled to give security for costs. See Wallace v. Wallace, 13 Wis. 226; Lewton v. Hower, 18 Fla. 876; Rossiter v. *Ætna L. Ins. Co.*, 96 Wis. 466, 71 N. W. 898.

**STEAL.** This term is commonly used in indictments for larceny. ("take, steal, and carry away") and denotes the commission of theft. But, in popular usage, "stealing" seems to be a wider term than "larceny." Inasmuch as it may include the unlawful appropriation of things which are not technically the subject of larceny, e. g., immovables. See Randall v. *Evening News Ass'n*, 101 Mich. 561, 60 N. W. 301; People v. Du- mar, 42 Hun (N. Y.) 85; Com. v. Kelley, 184 Mass. 320, 68 N. E. 346; Holmes v. Gilman, 64 Hun, 227, 19 N. Y. Supp. 151; Dunnell v. *Metc. (M. A.)*, 554; Barnhart v. State, 154 Ind. 177, 56 N. E. 212.

---**Stealing children.** See *Kidnapping.*

---**STEALTH.** Theft is so called by some ancient writers. "Stealth is the wrongful taking of goods without pretense of title." Finch, Law, b. 3, c. 17.

**STEELBOW GOODS.** In Scotch law. Corns, castle, straw, and implement of husbandry delivered by a landlord to his tenant, by which the tenant is enabled to stock and labor the farm; in consideration of which he becomes bound to return articles equal in quantity and quality, at the expiry of the lease. Bell.

**STELLIONAIRE.** Fr. In French law. A party who fraudulently mortgages property to which he has no title.

**STELLIONATE.** In Scotch law. The crime of aliening the same subject to different persons. *2 Kames, Eq. 40.*

**STELLIONATUS.** Lat. In the civil law. A general name for any kind of fraud not falling under any specific class. But the term is chiefly applied to fraud practiced in the sale or pledging of property; as, selling the same property to two different persons, selling another's property as one's own, placing a second mortgage on property without disclosing the existence of the first, etc.

**STENOGRAPHER.** One who is skilled in the art of short-hand writing; one whose business is to write in short-hand. See Ry- nerson v. Allison, 30 S. C. 534, 9 S. E. 656; In re Appropriations for Deputy State Of- ficers, 25 Neb. 662, 41 N. W. 443; Chase v. Vandergrift, 88 Pa. 217.

**STEP-DAUGHTER.** The daughter, of one's wife by a former husband, or of one's husband by a former wife.

**STEP-FATHER.** The man who mar- ries a widow, she having a child by her former marriage, is step-father to such child.

**STEP-MOTHER.** The woman who mar- ries a widower, he having a child by his former wife, becomes step-mother to such child.

**STEP-SON.** The son of one's wife by a former husband, or of one's husband by a former wife.

**STERBRECHE, or STREBRICH.** The breaking, obstructing, or straitening of a way. Termes de la Ley.

**STÈRE.** A French measure of solidity, used in measuring wood. It is a cubic meter.

**STERILITY.** Barrenness; Incapacity to produce a child.

**STERLING.** In English law. Current or standard coin, especially silver coin; a standard of coinage.

**STET BILLA.** If the plaintiff in a plaint in the mayor's court of London has attached property belonging to the defendant and ob- tained execution against the garnishee, the defendant, if he wishes to contest the plaint- iff's claim, and obtain restoration of his property, must issue a *scire facias ad dis- probandum debitem*; If the only question to be tried is the plaintiff's debt, the plaintiff in appearing to the *scire facias prays stet billa* "that his bill original," i. e., his original plaint, "may stand, and that the defend- ant may plead thereto." The action then pro- ceeds in the usual way as if the proceedings in attachment (which are founded on a ficti- tious default of the defendant in appearing to the plaint) had not taken place. Brand, F. Attachm. 115; Sweet.

**STET PROCESSUS.** Stet processus is an entry on the roll in the nature of a judg-
ment of a direction that all further proceedings shall be stayed, (i.e., that the process may stand,) and it is one of the ways by which a suit may be terminated by an act of the party, as distinguished from a termination of it by judgment, which is the act of the court. It was used by the plaintiff when he wished to suspend the action without suffering a nonsuit. Brown.


STEWART. This word signifies a man appointed in the place or stead of another, and generally denotes a principal officer within his jurisdiction. Brown.

—Land steward. See LAND.—Steward of a manor. An important officer who has the general management of all forensic matters connected with the manor of which he is steward. He stands in much the same relation to the lord of the manor as an under-sheriff does to the sheriff. Cowell.—Steward of all England. An officer of the highest dignity and trust. He administered the crown revenues, superintended the affairs of the household, and possessed the privilege of holding the first place in the army, next to the king, in the day of battle. From this office the royal house of Stuart took its name. But the office was sunk on their advancement to the throne, and has never since been revived. Bell.

STEWARTRY, in Scotch law, is said to be equivalent to the English "county." See Brown.

STEWS. Certain brothels anciently permitted in England, suppressed by Henry VIII. Also, breeding places for tame pheasants.

STICK. In the old books. To stop; to hesitate; to accede with reluctance. "The court stuck a little at this exception." 2 Show. 491.

STICKLER. (1) An inferior officer who cuts wood within the royal parks of Clarendon. Cowell. (2) An arbitrator. (3) An obstinate contender about anything.

STIFLING A PROSECUTION. Agreeing, in consideration of receiving a pecuniary or other advantage, to abstain from prosecuting a person for an offense not giving rise to a civil remedy; a. p., perjury. Sweet.

STILLBORN. A stillborn child is one born dead or in such an early stage of pregnancy as to be incapable of living, though not actually dead at the time of birth. Children born within the first six months after conception are considered by the civil law as incapable of living, and therefore, though they are apparently born alive, if they do not in fact survive so long as to rebut this presumption of law, they cannot inherit, so as to transmit the property to others. Marsellis v. Thalbimer, 2 Paige (N. Y.) 41, 21 Am. Dec. 66.

STILLICIDIDUM. Lat. In the civil law. The drip of water from the eaves of a house. The servitute stillicididum consists in the right to have the water drip from one's eaves upon the house or ground of another. The term "flumen" designated the rain-water collected from the roof, and carried off by the gutters, and there is a similar easement of having it discharged upon the adjoining estate. MacKeld. Rom. Law, § 317, par. 4.

STINT. In English law. Limit; a limited number. Used as descriptive of a species of common. See COMMON SANS NOMBRE.


In English and Scotch law. A provision made for the support of the clergy.

STIPENDIARY ESTATES. Estates granted in return for services, generally of a military kind. 1 Steph. Comm. 174.

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES. In English law. Paid magistrates; appointed in London and some other cities and boroughs, and having in general the powers and jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

STIPENDIUM. Lat. In the civil law. The pay of a soldier; wages; stipend. Calv.

STIPES. Lat. In old English law. Stock; a stock; a source of descent or title. Communs stipes, the common stock. Fleta, lib. 6, c. 2.

STIPITAL. Relating to stipes, roots, or stocks. "Stipital distribution" of property is distribution per stipes; that is, by right of representation.

STIPULATED DAMAGE. Liquidated damage, (q. v.)

STIPULATIO. Lat. In the Roman law. stipulatio was the verbal contract, (verbis obligatio,) and was the most solemn and formal of all the contracts in that system of jurisprudence. It was entered into by question and corresponding answer thereunto, by the parties, both being present at the same time, and usually by such words as "spondeo; spondeo," "promittis promitto," and the like. Brown.

—Stipulatio Aquiliana. A particular application of the stipulatio, which was used to collect together into one verbal contract all the liabilities of every kind and quality of the deb-
or, with a view to their being released or discharged by an acceptation, that mode of discharge being applicable only to the verbal contract. Brown.

**STIPULATION.** A material article in an agreement.

In practice. An engagement or undertaking in writing, to do a certain act; as to try a cause at a certain time. 1 Burrill, Pr. 389.

The name “stipulation” is familiarly given to any agreement made by the attorneys engaged on opposite sides of a cause, especially if in writing regulating any matter incidental to the proceedings or trial, which falls within their jurisdiction. Such, for instance, are agreements to extend the time for pleading, to take depositions, to waive objections, to admit certain facts, to continue the cause. See Lewis v. Orpheus, 15 Fed. Cas. 492.

In admiralty practice. A recognisance of certain persons (called in the old law “fide jusors”) in the nature of bail for the appearance of a defendant. 3 Bl. Comm. 108.

**STIPULATOR.** In the civil law. The party who asked the question in the contract of stipulation; the other party, or he who answered, being called the “promissor.” But, in a more general sense, the term was applied to both the parties. Calvin.

**STIRPS.** Lat. A root or stock of descent or title. Taking property by right of representation is called “succession per stirpes,” in opposition to taking in one’s own right, or as a principal, which is termed “taking per capita.” See Rotmanskey v. Heiss, 86 Md. 633, 39 Atl. 415.

**STOCK.** In mercantile law. The goods and wares of a merchant or tradesman, kept for sale and traffic.

In a larger sense. The capital of a merchant or other person, including his merchandise, money, and credits, or, in other words, the entire property employed in business.

In corporation law. The capital or principal fund of a corporation or joint-stock company, formed by the contributions of subscribers or the sale of shares, and considered as the aggregate of a certain number of shares severally owned by the members or stockholders of the corporation; also the proportional part of the capital which is owned by an individual stockholder; also the incorporeal property which is represented by the holding of a certificate of stock; and in a wider and more remote sense, the right of a shareholder to participate in the general management of the company and to share proportionally in its net profits or earnings or in the distribution of assets on dissolution. See Thayer v. Wathen, 17 Tex.


The funded indebtedness of a state or government, also, is often represented by stocks, shares of which are held by its creditors at interest.

In the law of descent. The term is used, metaphorically, to denote the original progenitor of a family, or the ancestor from whom the persons in question are all descended; such descendants being called “branchers.”

**Classes of corporate stock.** Preferred stock is a separate portion or class of the stock of a corporation, which is accorded, by the charter or by-laws, a preference or priority in respect to dividends, over the remainder of the stock of the corporation, which in that case is called “common” stock. That is, holders of the preferred stock are entitled to receive dividends at a fixed annual rate, out of the net earnings or profits of the corporation, before any distribution of earnings is made to the common stock. If the earnings applicable to the payment of dividends are not more than sufficient for such fixed annual dividend, they will be entirely absorbed by the preferred stock. If they are more than sufficient for the purpose, the remainder may be given entirely to the common stock (which is the more usual custom) or such remainder may be distributed pro rata to both classes of the stock, in which case the preferred stock is said to “participate” with the common. The fixed dividend on preferred stock may be “cumulative” or “non-cumulative.” In the former case, if the stipulated dividend on preferred stock is not earned or paid in any one year, it becomes a charge upon the surplus earnings of the next and succeeding years, and all such accumulated and unpaid dividends on the preferred stock must be paid off before the common stock is entitled to receive dividends. In the case of “non-cumulative” preferred stock, its preference for any given year is extinguished by the failure to earn or pay its dividend in that year. If a corporation has no class of preferred stock, all its stock is common stock. The word “common” in this connection signifies that all the holders of such stock are entitled to an equal pro rata division of profits or net earnings, if any there be, without any preference or priority among themselves. “Deferred” stock is rarely issued by American corporations, though it is not uncommon in England. This kind of stock is distinguished by the fact that the payment of dividends upon it is expressly postponed until some other class of stock has received a dividend, or until some certain liability or obligation of the corporation is
discharged. If there is a class of "preferred" stock, the common stock may in this sense be said to be "deferred," and the term is sometimes used as equivalent to "common" stock. But it is not impossible that a corporation should have three classes of stock: (1) Preferred, (2) common, and (3) deferred; the latter class being postponed, in respect to participation in profits, until both the preferred and the common stock had received dividends at a fixed rate. See Cook, Corp. § 12; State v. Railroad Co., 16 S. C. 528; Scott v. Railroad Co., 93 Mich. 149, 54 Atl. 327; Jones v. Railroad Co., 67 N. H. 234, 30 Atl. 614, 68 Am. St. Rep. 650; Lockhart v. Van Alstyne, 31 Mich. 76, 18 Am. Rep. 156; Burt v. Rattle, 31 Ohio St. 116; Storrow v. Mfg. Ass'n, 87 Fed. 616, 81 C. C. A. 139.

—Capital stock. See that title.—Certificate of stock. See Certificate.—Guaranteed stock. Stock of a corporation which is entitled to receive dividends at a fixed annual rate, the payment of which dividends is guaranteed by some outside person or corporation. See Fitch v. Washington, etc., Corp., 182 Mass. 388, 38 N. E. 1125, 27 L. R. A. 136.—Public stocks. The funded or bonded debt of a government or state.—Special stock of a corporation. Stock in the assets, is authorized by statute. It is limited in amount to two-fifths of the actual capital. It is subject to redemption by the corporation at par after a fixed time. The corporation is bound to pay a fixed annual dividend on it as a debt. The holders of it are in no event liable for the debts of the corporation; and an issue of special stock makes all the general stockholders liable for all debts and contracts of the corporation until the special stock is fully redeemed. American Tube Works v. Boston Mach. Co. 139 Mass. 5, 29 N. E. 63.—Association stock. A joint-stock company, (q. v.)—Stock-broker. One who buys and sells stock as the agent of others. Hanta v. Chicago, 172 Ill. 284, 40 N. E. 233, 40 L. R. A. 411; Little Rock v. Barton, 33 Ark. 430; Gast v. Buckley (Ky.) 64 S. W. 223.—Stock dividend. A corporation having a capital stock divided into shares, and which is authorized by law to distribute to the holders thereof dividends or shares of the surplus of the corporation. Buker v. Steele (C. C.) 43 N. Y. Supp. 350.—Stock exchange. See DIVIDEND.—Stock-exchange. A voluntary association of persons (not usually a corporation) who, for convenience in the transaction of business with each other, have associated themselves to provide a common place for the transaction of their business; an association of stock-brokers. Dors Paños, Stock-Brok. 14. The building or room used by an association of stock-brokers for meeting for the transaction of their common business.—Stock-jobber. A dealer in stock; one who buys and sells stock on his own account on speculation. State v. Pacific Railway Co., 51 La. 1874, 26 South. 600.—Stock-note. The term "stock-note" has no technical meaning, and may as well apply to a note given on the sale of stock which the bank had purchased or taken in the payment of doubtful debts as to a note given on account of an original subscription to stock. Danley v. Smith, 32 Ill. 406.—Watered stock. Stock issued by way of increase or addition to the nominal capital stock of the corporation, and passing into the hands of stockholders either by purchase in the form of a stock dividend, but which does not represent or correspond to any increase in the actual capital or actual value of the assets of the corporation. Neapolitan v. Wilbank, 64 Pa. 290, 3 Am. Rep. 535.


The owners of shares in a corporation which has a capital stock are called "stockholders." If a corporation has no capital stock, the corporators and their successors are called "members." Civ. Code Dalk. § 332.

STOCKS. A machine consisting of two pieces of timber, arranged to be fastened together, and holding fast the legs of a person placed in it. This was an ancient method of punishment.

STOP ORDER. The name of an order grantable in English chancery practice, to prevent drawing out a cause in court to the prejudice of an assignee or lienholder.

STOPPAGE. In the civil law. Compensation or set-off.

STOPPAGE IN TRANSITU. The act by which the unpaid vendor of goods stops their progress and resumes possession of same, while they are in course of transit from him to the purchaser, and not yet actually delivered to the latter.

The right of stoppage in transitu is that which the vendor has, when he sells goods on credit to another, of resuming the possession of the goods while they are in the possession of a carrier or middle-man, in the transit to the consignee or vendee, and before they arrive into his actual possession, or the destination he has appointed for them or the becoming bankrupt and insolvent. 2 Kent. Comm. 702.

Stoppage in transitu is the right which arises to an unpaid vendor to resume the possession, with which he has parted, of goods sold upon credit, before they come into the possession of a buyer who has become insolvent, bankrupt, or peculiarly embarrassed. Inseel v. Lane, 67 N. II. 454.

STORE. Storing is the keeping merchandise for safe custody, to be delivered in the same condition as when received, where the safe-keeping is the principal object of deposit, and not the consumption or sale. O'Niel v. Buffalo F. Ins. Co. 3 N. Y. 122; Hynds v. Schenectady County Mut. Ins. Co., 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 119.

—Public store. A government warehouse, maintained for certain administrative purposes, such as the keeping of military supplies, the storing of imported goods under bonds to pay duty, etc.—Stores. The supplies of different articles provided for the subsistence and accommodation of a ship's crew and passengers.

STOUTHRIEFF. In Scotch law. Formerly this word included every species of theft accompanied with violence to the person, but of late years it has become the res signata for forcible and masterful depredation within or near the dwelling-house; while robbery has been more particularly applied to
STOWAGE. In maritime law. The storing, packing, or arranging of the cargo in a ship, in such a manner as to protect the goods from friction, bruising, or damage from leakage. Money paid for a room where goods are laid; houoseage. Wharton.


STRADDLE. In stock-brokers' parlance the term means the double privilege of a "put" and a "call," and secures to the holder the right to demand of the seller at a certain price within a certain time a certain number of shares of specified stock, or to require him to take, at the same price within the same time, the same shares of stock. Harris v. Tunbridge, 83 N. Y. 95, 38 Am. Rep. 398.

STRAMINEUS HOMO. L. Lat. A man of straw, one of no substance, put forward as bail or surety.


STRANGER IN BLOOD. Any person not within the consideration of natural love and affection arising from relationship.

STRANGERS. By this term is intended third persons generally. Thus the persons bound by a fine are parties, privies, and strangers; the parties are either the cognizors or cognizees; the privies are such as are in any way related to those who levy the fine, and claim under them by any right of blood, or other right of representation; the strangers are all other persons in the world, except only the parties and privies. In its general legal significance the term is opposed to the word "privity." Those who are in no way parties to a covenant, nor bound by it, are also said to be strangers to the covenant. Brown. See Robbins v. Chicago, 4 Wall. 672, 18 L. Ed. 427; O'Donnell v. McIntyre, 118 N. Y. 154, 22 N. E. 455; Bennett v. Chandler, 199 Ill. 97, 64 N. E. 1052; Kirk v. Morris, 40 Ala. 228; U. S. v. Henderlong (C. C) 102 Fed. 2.

STRATAGEM. A deception either by words or actions, in times of war, in order to obtain an advantage over an enemy.

STRATOCRACY. A military government; government by military chiefs of an army.

STRATOR. In old English law. A surveyor of the highways.

STRAW BAIL. See BAIL.

STRAY. See ESTRAY.


—Private stream. A non-navigable creek or water-course, the bed or channel of which is exclusively owned by a private individual. See Adams v. Pease, 2 Conn. 494; Reynolds v. Com., 93 Pa. 461.

STREAMING FOR TIN. The process of working tin in Cornwall and Devon. The right to stream must not be exercised so as to interfere with the rights of other private individuals; e. g., either by withdrawing or by polluting or clogging up the water-courses or waters of others; and the statutes 23 Hen. VIII. c. 8, and 27 Hen. VIII. c. 23, impose a penalty of £20 for the offense. Brown.

STREET. An urban way or thoroughfare; a road or public way in a city, town, or village, generally paved, and lined or intended to be lined by houses on each side. See U. S. v. Bain, 24 Fed. Cas. 943; Bruce v. New York Cent. R. Co., 27 N. Y. 271; In re Woolsey, 95 N. Y. 138; Debolt v. Carter, 31 Ind. 367; Theobold v. Railway Co., 66 Miss. 279, 6 South. 230, 4 L. R. A. 735, 14 Am. St. Rep. 504.

STREETEN. In the old books. To narrow or restrict. "The habendum should not streitgen the devise." 1 Leon. 58.

STREPITUS. In old records. Estrepement or strip; a species of waste or destruction of property. Spelman.
STREPTUS JUDICIALIS. Turbulent conduct in a court of justice. Jacob.

STRICT. As to strict "Construction," "Foreclosure," and "Settlement," see those titles.

STRICTI JURIS. Lat. Of strict right or law; according to strict law. "A license is a thing stricti juris; a privilege which a man does not possess by his own right, but it is conceded to him as an indulgence, and therefore it is to be strictly observed." 2 Rob. Adm. 117.

STRICTISSIMI JURIS. Lat. Of the strictest right or law. "Licensees being matter of special indulgence, the application of them was formerly strictissimi juris." 1 Edw. Adm. 328.

STRICTO JURE. Lat. In strict law. 1 Kent, Comm. 65.

STRICTUM JUS. Lat. Strict right or law; the rigor of the law as distinguished from equity.

STRIKE. The act of a body of workmen employed by the same master, in stopping work all together at a prearranged time, and refusing to continue until higher wages, or shorter time, or some other concession is granted to them by the employer. See Farmers' L. & T. Co. v. Northern Pac. R. Co. (C. C.) 60 Fed. 819; Arthur v. Oakes, 63 Fed. 327, 11 C. C. A. 209, 25 L. R. A. 414; Railroad Co. v. Bowes, 58 N. Y. 582; Longshore Printing Co. v. Howell, 26 Or. 327, 38 Pac. 547, 29 L. R. A. 464, 44 Am. St. Rep. 640.

In mining law. The strike of a vein or lode is its extension in the horizontal plane, or its lengthwise trend or course with reference to the points of the compass; distinguished from its "dip," which is its slope or slant, away from the perpendicular, as it goes downward into the earth, or the angle of its deviation from the vertical plane.

STRIKE OFF. In common parlance, and in the language of the auction-room, property is understood to be "struck off" or "knocked down," when the auctioneer, by the fall of his hammer, or by any other audible or visible announcement, signifies to the bidder that he is entitled to the property on paying the amount of his bid, according to the terms of the sale. Sherwood v. Rende, 7 Hill (N. Y.) 439.

In practice. A court is said to "strike off" a case when it directs the removal of the case from the record or docket, as being one over which it has no jurisdiction and no power to hear and determine it.

STRIKING A DOCKET. In English practice. The first step in the proceedings in bankruptcy, which consists in making affidavit of the debt, and giving a bond to follow up the proceedings with effect. 2 Steph. Comm. 190. When the affidavit and bond are delivered at the bankruptcy office, an entry is made in what is called the "docket-book," upon which the petitioning creditor is said to have struck a docket. Eden, Bankr. 51, 52.

STRIKING A JURY. The selecting or nominating a jury of twelve men out of the whole number returned as jurors on the panel. It is especially used of the selection of a special jury, where a panel of forty-eight is prepared by the proper officer, and the parties, in turn, strike off a certain number of names, until the list is reduced to twelve. A jury thus chosen is called a "struck jury."

STRIKING OFF THE ROLL. The disbarment of an attorney or solicitor.

STRIP. The act of spoliating or unlawfully taking away anything from the land, by the tenant for life or years, or by one holding an estate in the land less than the entire fee. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1295.

STONG HAND. The words "with strong hand" imply a degree of criminal force, whereas the words *si et armis* ("with force and arms") are mere formal words in the action of trespass, and the plaintiff is not bound to prove any force. The statutes relating to forcible entries use the words "with a strong hand" as describing that degree of force which makes an entry or detainer of lands criminal. Brown.

STRUCK. In pleading. A word essential in an indictment for murder, when the death arises from any wounding, beating, or bruising. 1 Bulst. 184; 5 Coke, 122; 3 mod. 202.

STRUCK JURY. See STRIKING A JURY.

STRUMPET. A whore, harlot, or courtesan. This word was anciently used for an addition. It occurs as an addition to the name of a woman in a return made by a jury in the sixth year of Henry V. Wharton.

STUFF GOWN. The professional robe worn by barristers of the outer bar; viz., those who have not been admitted to the rank of king's counsel. Brown.

STULTIFY. To make one out mentally incapacitated for the performance of an act.

STULTILIOQUIUM. Lat. In old English law. Vicious pleading, for which a fine was imposed by King John, supposed to be the origin of the fines for *beau-pleader*. Crabbe, Eng. Law, 135.
STUMPAGE. The sum agreed to be paid to an owner of land for trees standing (or lying) upon his land, the purchaser being permitted to enter upon the land and to cut down and remove the trees; in other words, it is the price paid for a license to cut. Blood v. Drummond, 67 Me. 478.

STUPRUM. Lat. In the civil law. Unlawful intercourse with a woman. Distinguished from adultery as being committed with a virgin or widow. Dig. 48, 5, 6.

STURGEON. A royal fish which, when either thrown ashore or caught near the coast, is the property of the sovereign. 2 Steph. Comm. 19n, 540.

STYLE. As a verb, to call, name, or entitle one; as a noun, the title or appellation of a person.

SUA SPONTÉ. Lat. Of his or its own will or motion; voluntarily; without prompting or suggestion.

SUABLE. That which may be sued.

SUAPTE NATURA. Lat. In its own nature. Suapte natura sterilis, barren in its own nature and quality; intrinsically barren. 5 Maule & S. 170.

SUB. Lat. Under; upon.

—Sub colore juris. Under color of right; under a show or appearance of right or rightful power.—Sub conditions. Upon condition. The proper words to express a condition in a conveyance, and to create an estate upon condition. Graves v. Deterling, 120 N. Y. 447, 24 N. E. 636.—Sub disjunctures. In the alternative. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, § 21.—Sub iudic. Under or before a judge or court; under judicial consideration; undetermined. 12 East, 492.—Sub modo. Under a qualification; subject to a restriction or condition.—Sub nomine. Under the name; in the name of; under the title of.—Sub pede sigill. Under the foot of seal; under seal. 1 Strange, 521.—Sub potestate. Under, or subject to, the power of another; used of a wife, child, slave, or other person not sui juris.—Sub salvo et securvo conduct. Under safe and secure conduct. 1 Strange, 430. Words in the old writ of habeas corpus.—Sub silente. Under silence; without any notice being taken. Passing a thing sub silente may be evidence of consent.—Sub s. reconciliations. Under the hope of reconciliation. 2 Kent, Comm. 127.—Sub suo periculo. At his own risk. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 5, § 5.


SUB-BOIS. Coppice-wood. 2 Inst. 642.

SUBAGENT. An under-agent; a substituted agent; an agent appointed by one who is himself an agent. 2 Kent, Comm. 633.

SUBALTERN. An inferior or subordinate officer. An officer who exercises his authority under the superintendence and control of a superior.

SUBCONTRACT. See CONTRACT.

SUBDITUS. Lat. In old English law. A vassal; a dependent; any one under the power of another. Spelman.

SUBDIVIDE. To divide a part into smaller parts; to separate into smaller divisions. As, where an estate is to be taken by some of the heirs per stirpes, it is divided and subdivided according to the number of takers in the nearest degree and those in the more remote degree respectively.

SUBDUCT. In English probate practice, to subduct a caveat is to withdraw it.

SUBHASTARE. Lat. In the civil law. To sell at public auction, which was done sub hostis, under a spear; to put or sell under the spear. Calvin.

SUBHASTATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A sale by public auction, which was done under a spear, fixed up at the place of sale as a public sign of it. Calvin.

SUBINFEUDATION. The system which the feudal tenants introduced of granting smaller estates out of those which they held of their lord, to be held of themselves as inferior lords. As this system was proceeding downward ad infinitum, and depriving the lords of their feudal profits, it was entirely suppressed by the statute Quia Emores, 13 Edw. I. c. 1, and instead of it alienation in the modern sense was introduced, so that thenceforth the alienee held of the same chief lord and by the same services that his alienor before him held. Brown.

SUBJECT. In logic. That concerning which the affirmation in a proposition is made; the first word in a proposition. An individual matter considered as the object of legislation. The constitutions of several of the states require that every act of the legislature shall relate to but one subject, which shall be expressed in the title of the statute. See Ex parte Thomas, 113 Ala. 1, 21 South. 369; In re Mayer, 50 N. Y. 504; State v. County Treasurer, 4 S. C. 523; Johnson v. Harrison, 47 Minn. 577, 50 N. W. 923, 28 Am. St. Rep. 382.

In constitutional law. One that owes allegiance to a sovereign and is governed by his laws. The natives of Great Britain are subjects of the British government. Men in free governments are subjects as well as citizens; as citizens they enjoy rights and franchises; as subjects they are bound to obey the laws. Webster. The term is little used, in this sense, in countries enjoying a republican form of government. See The Pizarro, 2 Wheat. 245, 4 L. Ed. 226; U. S. v. Wong Kim Ark, 169 U. S. 649, 18 Sup. Ct. 456, 42 L. Ed. 890.

In Scotch law. The thing which is the object of an agreement.
SUBJECTION. The obligation of one or more persons to act at the discretion or according to the judgment and will of others.

SUBJECT-MATTER. The thing in controversy, or the matter spoken or written about.

Sublata causa tollitur effectus. Co. Litt. 303. The cause being removed the effect ceases.

Sublata veneratione magistratum, respublica ruinit. When respect for magistrates is taken away, the commonwealth falls. Jenk. Cent. p. 43, case 81.

Sublato fundamento cadit opus. Jenk. Cent. 106. The foundation being removed, the superstructure falls.

Sublato principali, tollitur adjunctum. When the principal is taken away, the incident is taken also. Co. Litt. 389a.

SUBLEASE. A lease by a tenant to another person of a part of the premises held by him; an under-lease.

SUBMISSION. A yielding to authority. A citizen is bound to submit to the laws; a child to his parents.

In practice. A submission is a covenant by which persons who have a lawsuit or difference with one another name arbitrators to decide the matter, and bind themselves reciprocally to perform what shall be arbitrated. Civ. Code La. art. 3099; Garr v. Gomez, 9 Wend. (N.Y.) 661; District of Columbia v. Bailey, 171 U. S. 101, 18 Sup. Ct. 888, 43 L. Ed. 118; Chorpenning v. U. S., 11 Ct. Cl. 626; Shed v. Railroad Co., 87 Mo. 587.

In maritime law. Submission on the part of the vanquished, and complete possession of the seat of the victor, transfer property as between belligerents. The Alexander, 1 Gall. 532, Fed. Cas. No. 164.

Submission bond. The bond by which the parties agree to submit their matters to arbitration, and by which they bind themselves to abide by the award of the arbitrator, is commonly called a "submission bond." Brown.

SUBMIT. To propound; as an advocate submits a proposition for the approval of the court.

Applied to a controversy, it means to place it before a tribunal for determination.

SUBMORTGAGE. When a person who holds a mortgage as security for a loan which he has made, procures a loan to himself from a third person, and pledges his mortgage as security, he effects what is called a "submortgage."

SUBNERVARE. To ham-string by cutting the sinews of the legs and thighs.

It was an old custom meretrices et impudicas mulieres subnervare. Wharton.

SUBNOTATIONS. In the civil law. The answers of the prince to questions which had been put to him respecting some obscure or doubtful point of law.

SUBORN. In criminal law. To procure another to commit perjury. Steph. Crim. Law, 74.

SUBORNATION OF PERJURY. In criminal law. The offense of procuring another to take such a false oath as would constitute perjury in the principal. See Stone v. State, 118 Ga. 705, 45 S. E. 630, 98 Am. St. Rep. 145; State v. Fahey, 3 Pennewill (Del.) 594, 54 Atl. 600; State v. Geer, 46 Kan. 529, 26 Pac. 1027.

SUBORNER. One who suborns or procures another to commit any crime, particularly to commit perjury.

SUBPOENA. The process by which the attendance of a witness is required is called a "subpoena." It is a writ or order directed to a person, and requiring his attendance at a particular time and place to testify as a witness. It may also require him to bring with him any books, documents, or other things under his control which he is bound by law to produce in evidence. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1985. See Dishaw v. Wadeleigh, 15 App. Div. 206, 44 N. Y. Supp. 207; Alexander v. Harrison, 2 Ind. App. 47, 28 N. E. 119; Bleecker v. Carroll, 2 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 82.

In chancery practice. A mandatory writ or process directed to and requiring one or more persons to appear at a time to come and answer the matters charged against him or them.

Subpensa ad testificandum. Subpensa to testify. The common subpoena requiring the attendance of a witness on a trial, inquisition, or examination, under Comm. 360; In re Strauss, 80 App. Div. 610, 52 N. Y. Supp. 332. Subpensa duces tecum. A subpoena used, not only for the purpose of compelling witnesses to attend in court, but also requiring them to bring with them books or documents which may be in their possession, and which may tend to elucidate the subject-matter of the trial. Brown; 3 Bl. Comm. 382.

SUBREPTIO. Lat. In the civil law. Obtaining gifts of escheat, etc., from the king by concealing the truth. Bell; Calvin.

SUBREPTION. In French law. The fraud committed to obtain a pardon, title, or grant, by alleging facts contrary to truth.

SUBROGATION. The substitution of one thing for another, or of one person into the place of another with respect to rights, claims, or securities.

Subrogation denotes the putting a third person who has paid a debt in the place of the creditor to whom he has paid it, so as that he may exercise against the debtor all
the rights which the creditor, if unpaid, might have done. Brown.

The equity by which a person who is secondarily liable for a debt, and has paid it, is put in the place of the creditor, so as to entitle him to make use of all the securities and remedies possessed by the creditor, in order to enforce the right of exoneration as against the principal debtor, or of contribution against others who are liable in the same rank as himself. Bisp. Eq. § 335. And see Fuller v. Davis, 184 Ill. 503, 56 N. E. 791; Chauff v. Oliver, 30 Ark. 542; Cockrum v. West, 122 Ind. 372, 23 N. E. 140; Mansfield v. New York, 165 N. Y. 206, 56 N. E. 889; Knighton v. Curr, 92 Ala. 404; Gatwood v. Gatwood, 75 Va. 411.

Subrogation is of two kinds, either conventional or legal; the former being where the subrogation is express, by the acts of the creditor and the third person; the latter being (as in the case of sureties) where the subrogation is effected or implied by the operation of the law. See Gordon v. Stewart, 4 Neb. (Unof.) 852, 96 N. W. 628; Connecticut Mut. L. Ins. Co. v. Cornwall, 72 Hun. 199, 25 N. Y. Supp. 348; Seeley v. Bacon (N. J. Ch.) 34 Atl. 140; Home Sav. Bank v. Bierstadt, 168 Ill. 618, 48 N. E. 101, 61 Am. St. Rep. 146.

SUBROGEE. A person who is subrogated; one who succeeds to the rights of another by subrogation.

SUBSCRIBE. In the law of contracts. To write under; to write the name under; to write the name at the bottom or end of a writing. Wild Cat Branch v. Ball, 45 Ind. 215; Davis v. Shields, 29 Wend. (N. Y.) 341.

SUBSCRIBER. One who writes his name under a written instrument; one who affixes his signature to any document, whether for the purpose of authenticating or attesting it, of adopting its terms as his own expressions, or of binding himself by an engagement which it contains.

SUBSCRIBING WITNESS. He who witnesses or attests the signature of a party to an instrument, and in testimony thereof subscribes his own name to the document. A subscribing witness is one who sees a writing executed, or hears it acknowledged, and at the request of the party thereupon signs his name as a witness. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1035.

SUBSCRIPTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A writing under, or under-writing; a writing of the name under or at the bottom of an instrument, as a way of attestation or ratification; subscription. That kind of imperial constitution which was granted in answer to the prayer of a petitioner who was present. Calvin.

SUBSCRIPTION. The act of writing one's name under a written instrument; the affixing one's signature to any document, whether for the purpose of authenticating or attesting it, of adopting its terms as one's own expressions, or of binding one's self by an engagement which it contains.

Subscription is the act of the hand, while attestation is the act of the senses. To subscribe a paper published as a will is only to write on the same paper the name of the witness; to attest a will is to know that it was published as such, and to certify the facts required to constitute an actual and legal publication. In re Downie's Will, 42 Wis. 60, 70.

A written contract by which one engages to contribute a sum of money for a designated purpose, either gratuitously, as in the case of subscribing to a charity, or in consideration of an equivalent to be rendered, as a subscription to a periodical, a forthcoming book, a series of entertainments, or the like. Subscription list. A list of subscribers to some agreement with each other or a third person.

SUBSELLIA. Lat. In Roman law. Lower seats or benches, occupied by the judges and by inferior magistrates when they sat in judgment, as distinguished from the tribunal of the praetor. Calvin.

Subsequent matrimoniolum tullit peces tum precedens. A subsequent marriage [of the parties] removes a previous fault, 1 e., previous illicit intercourse, and legitimates the offspring. A rule of Roman law.

SUBSEQUENT CONDITION. See CONDITION.

SUBSIDY. In English law. An aid, tax, or tribute granted by parliament to the king for the urgent occasions of the kingdom, to be levied on every subject of ability, according to the value of his lands or goods. Jacob.

In American law. A grant of money made by government in aid of the promoters of any enterprise, work, or improvement in which the government desires to participate, or which is considered a proper subject for state aid, because likely to be of benefit to the public.

In international law. The assistance given in money by one nation to another to enable it the better to carry on a war, when such nation does not join directly in the war. Vattel, bk. 3, § 82.

SUBSTANCE. Essence; the material or essential part of a thing, as distinguished from "form." See State v. Burg Underfer, 107 Mo. 1, 17 S. W. 946, 14 L. R. A. 846; Hugo v. Miller, 50 Minn. 105, 52 N. W. 381; Pierson v. Insurance Co., 7 Howst. (Del.) 307, 31 Atl. 906.

SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGES. A sum, assessed by way of damages, which is worth having; opposed to nominal damages, which
are assessed to satisfy a bare legal right. Wharton.

**SUBSTANTIVE LAW.** That part of the law which the courts are established to administer, as opposed to the rules according to which the substantive law itself is administered. That part of the law which creates, defines, and regulates rights, as opposed to *adjective* or remedial law, which prescribes the method of enforcing rights or obtaining redress for their invasion.

**SUBSTITUTE.** One appointed in the place or stead of another, to transact business for him; a proxy.

A person hired by one who has been drafted into the military service of the country, to go to the front and serve in the army in his stead.

**SUBSTITUTED EXECUTOR.** One appointed to act in the place of another executor upon the happening of a certain event; e. g., if the latter should refuse the office.

**SUBSTITUTED SERVICE.** In English practice. Service of process made under authorization of the court upon some other person, when the person who should be served cannot be found or cannot be reached.

In *American law.* Service of process upon a defendant in any manner, authorized by statute, other than personal service within the jurisdiction; as by publication, by mailing a copy to his last known address, or by personal service in another state.

**SUBSTITUTES.** In Scotch law. The person first called or nominated in a tailzie (entitlement of an estate upon a number of heirs in succession) is called the "institute" or "heir-institute;" the rest are called "substitutes."

**SUBSTITUTIO HÆREDIS.** Lat. In Roman law, it was competent for a testator after instituting a *heres* (called the "heredes institutus") to substitute another (called the "heres substitutus") in his place in a certain event. If the event upon which the substitution was to take effect was the refusal of the instituted heir to accept the inheritance at all, then the substitution was called "culturà." (or common;) but if the event was the death of the infant (*pupillus*) after acceptance, and before attaining his majority, (of fourteen years if a male, and of twelve years if a female,) then the substitution was called "pupillarius," (or for minors.) Brown.

**SUBSTITUTION.** In the civil law. The putting one person in place of another; particularly, the act of a testator in naming a second devisee or legatee who is to take the bequest either on failure of the original devisee or legatee or after him.

In Scotch law. The enumeration or designation of the heirs in a settlement of property. Substitutes in an entail are those heirs who are appointed in succession on failure of others.

**SUBSTITUTIONAL, SUBSTITUTIONARY.** Where a will contains a gift of property to a class of persons, with a clause providing that on the death of a member of the class before the period of distribution his share is to go to his issue, (if any,) so as to substitute them for him, the gift to the issue is said to be substitutional or substitutionary: A bequest to such of the children of A. as shall be living at the testator's death, with a direction that the issue of such as shall have died shall take the shares which their parents would have taken, if living at the testator's death, is an example. Sweet. See Acken v. Osborn, 45 N. J. Eq. 377, 17 Atl. 707; In re De Laveaga's Estate, 119 Cal. 651, 51 Pac. 1074.

**SUBTRACTION.** In French law. The fraudulent appropriation of any property, but particularly of the goods of a decedent's estate.

**SUBTENANT.** An under-tenant; one who leases all or a part of the rented premises from the original lessee for a term less than that held by the latter. Forrest v. Durnell, 86 Tex. 647, 25 S. W. 481.

**SUBTRACTION.** The offense of withholding or withdrawing from another man what by law he is entitled to. There are various descriptions of this offense, of which the principal are as follows: (1) Subtraction of suit and services, which is a species of injury affecting a man's real property, and consists of a withdrawal of (or a neglect to perform or pay) the fealty, suit of court, rent, or services reserved by the lessor of the land. (2) Subtraction of tithes is the withholding from the person or vicar the tithes to which he is entitled, and this is cognizable in the ecclesiastical courts. (3) Subtraction of conjugal rights is the withholding or withholding by a husband or wife of those rights and privileges which the law allows to either party. (4) Subtraction of legacies is the withholding or detaining of legacies by an executor. (5) Subtraction of church rates, in English law, consists in the refusal to pay the amount of rate at which any individual parishioner has been assessed for the necessary repairs of the parish church. Brown.

—Subtraction of conjugal rights. The act of a husband or wife living separately from the other without a lawful cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 94.

**SUBURBANIA.** Lat. In old English law. Husbandmen.

**SUBVASSORES.** In old Scotch law. Base holders; inferior holders; they who held their lands of knights. Skene.
SUCCESSIO. Lat. In the civil law. A coming in place of another, on his decease, a being into the estate which a deceased person had at the time of his death. This was either by virtue of an express appointment of the deceased person by will, (ex testamento,) or by the general appointment of law in case of intestacy, (ab intestato.) Inst. 2, 0, 7; Heinecc. Elem. lib. 2, tit. 10.

SUCCESSION. In the civil law and in Louisiana. 1. The fact of the transmission of the rights, estate, obligations, and charges of a deceased person to his heir or heirs.

2. The right by which the heir can take possession of the decedent's estate. The right of the heir to step into the place of the deceased, with respect to the possession, control, enjoyment, administration, and settlement of the latter's property, rights, obligations, charges, etc.

3. The estate of a deceased person, comprising all kinds of property owned or claimed by him, as well as his duties and obligations. The succession of the defunct's legal entity (according to the notion of the Roman law) for certain purposes, such as collecting assets and paying debts. See Davenport v. Adler, 52 La. Ann. 263, 28 South. 838; Adams v. Akerlund, 168 Ill. 392, 48 N. E. 454; Quares muc. Clayton, 86 Tenn. 130, 18 S. W. 505, 3 L. R. A. 170; State v. Payne, 129 Mo. 485, 31 S. W. 797, 33 L. R. A. 578; Blake v. McCartney, 3 Fed. Cas. 596; In re Headen's Estate, 32 Cal. 293.

Succession is the transmission of the rights and obligations of the deceased to the heirs.

Succession signifies also the estates, rights, and charges which a person leaves after his death, whether the property exceeds the charges or the charges exceed the property, or whether he has only left charges without any property.

The succession not only includes the rights and obligations of the deceased, but also the property; and the succession also extends to any interest which the deceased had in the property of others at the time of his death.

Finally, succession signifies also that right by which the heir can take possession of the estate of the deceased, such as it may be. Civ. Code La. arts. 871-874.

Succession is the coming in of another to take the property of one who dies without disposing of it by will. Civ. Code Cal. § 1383; Civ. Code Dak. § 776.

In common law. The right by which one set of men may, by succeeding another set, acquire a property in all the goods, movables, and other chattels of a corporation. 2 Bl. Comm. 430. The power of perpetual succession is one of the peculiar properties of a corporation. 2 Kent, Comm. 267. See Prapetual.

Artificial succession. That attribute of a corporation by which, in contemplation of law, the company itself remains always the same though its constituent members or stockholders may change from time to time. See Thomas v. Dakin, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 100. Inhereditary succession. Descent or title by descent at common law; the title whereby a man on the death of his ancestor acquires his estate by right of representation as his heir at law. See In re Donahue's Estate, 36 Cal. 332; Barclay v. Cameron, 25 Tex. 241. Intestate succession. The succession of an heir by a will to the property and estate of his ancestor when the latter has died intestate, or leaving a will which has been annulled or set aside. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 1038. Testamentary succession. That which is established by law in favor of certain persons, or of the state, in default of heirs, either legal or instituted by testament. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 878. Legal succession. That which the law establishes in favor of the nearest relation of a deceased person. Natural succession is the succession taking place between natural persons, for example, in descent on the death of an ancestor. Thomas v. Dakin, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 100. Inhereditary succession. In English law. This is a duty, (varying from one to ten per cent,) payable under the statute 18 & 17 Vict. c. 51, in respect of the real estate of a deceased person, but generally in respect of all property (not already chargeable with legacy duty) devolving upon one in consequence of his death. Brown. Inhereditary succession. A tax imposed upon the succession to, or devolution of, real property by devise, gift, or intestate succession. See Ferry v. Campbell, 110 Iowa, 290, 51 S. W. 604; 60 L. R. A. 92; Schley v. Rew, 23 Wall. 346, 20 L. Ed. 290; State v. Swift, 79 Iowa, 287, 44 N. W. 424; W. 890; 79 L. R. A. 260, 66 Am. St. Rep. 633; Peters v. Lynchburg, 76 Va. 928. Testamentary succession. In the civil law, that which results from the institution of an heir in a testament executed in the form prescribed by law. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 876. Inhereditary succession. A succession that is called intestate succession when one who deems no one claims it, or when all the heirs are unknown, or when all the known heirs to it have renounced it. (Civ. Code La. art. 1038.) Simons v. Saul, 138 U. S. 430, 11 Sup. Ct. 369, 34 L. Ed. 1054.

SUCCESSOR. One who succeeds to the rights or the place of another; particularly, the person or persons who constitute a corporation after the death or removal of those who preceded them in the corporation.

One who has been appointed or elected to hold an office after the term of the present incumbent.

Singular successor. A term borrowed from the civil law, denoting a person who succeeds to the rights of a former owner in a single article of property. (By purchase,) as distinguished from a universal successor, who succeeds to all the rights and powers of a former owner, as in the case of a bankrupt or intestate estate.

Succurririt minori; facilis est lapsus juvenitis. A minor is [to be] aided; a mistake of youth is easy, [youth is liable to err.] Jenk. Cent. p. 47, case 89.

SUCKEN. SUCHEN. In Scotch law. The whole lands astricted to a mill; that is, the lands of which the tenants are obliged to send their grain to that mill. Bell.

Sudden heat of passion. In the common law definition of manslaughter, this phrase means an access of rage or anger, suddenly arising from a contemporary provocation. It means that the provocation must arise at the time of the killing, and that the
passion is not the result of a former provocation, and the act must be directly caused by the passion arising out of the provocation at the time of the homicide. It is not enough that the mind is agitated by passion arising from a former or other provocation or a provocation given by some other person. Stell v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 58 S. W. 75. And see Farrar v. State, 20 Tex. App. 250, 15 S. W. 710; Violett v. Comm. (Ky.) 72 S. W. 1; State v. Cheatum, 2 Hill, Law (S. C.) 462.

SUDDER. In Hindu law. The best; the fore-court of a house; the chief seat of government, contradistinguished from "mofussil," or interior of the country; the presidency. Wharton.


-Sue out. To obtain by application; to petition for and take out. Properly the term is applied only to the obtaining and issuing of such process as is only accorded upon an application first made; but conventionally it is also used of the taking out of process which issues of course. The term is occasionally used of instruments other than writs. Thus, we speak of "suing out" a pardon. See South Missouri Lumber Co. v. Wright, 114 Mo. 324, 21 S. W. 811; Kelley v. Vincent, 8 Ohio St. 420; U. S. v. American Lumber Co., 85 Fed. 859, 20 C. C. A. 451.

SUERTE. In Spanish law. A small lot of ground. Particularly, such a lot within the limits of a city or town used for cultivation or planting as a garden, vineyard or orchard. Building lots in towns and cities are called "solas." Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 354.

SUFFER. To suffer an act to be done, by a person who can prevent it. Is to permit or consent to it; to approve of it, and not to hinder it. It implies a willingness of the mind. See In re Rome Planing Mill (C. C.) 96 Fed. 815; Wilson v. Nelson, 183 U. S. 191, 22 Sup. Ct. 74, 46 L. Ed. 147; Selleck v. Selleck, 19 Conn. 305; Gregory v. U. S., 10 Fed. Cas. 1197; In re Thomas (D. C.) 103 Fed. 274.

SUFFERANCE. Toleration; negative permission by not forbidding; passive consent; license implied from the omission or neglect to enforce an adverse right.

-Sufferance whearees. In English law. These are whearees in which goods may be landed without any duty is paid. They are appointed for the purpose by the commissioners of the customs. 2 Steph. Comm. 500, note.

SUFFERENTIA PACIS. Lat. A grant or sufferance of peace or truce.

SUFFERING A RECOVERY. A recovery was effected by the party wishing to convey the land suffering a fictitious action to be brought against him by the party to whom the land was to be conveyed, (the demandant,) and allowing the demandant to recover a judgment against him for the land in question. The vendor, or conveying party, in thus assisting or permitting the demandant so to recover a judgment against him, was hence technically said to "suffer a recovery." Brown.

SUFFICIENT. As to sufficient "Consideration" and "Evidence," see those titles.

SUFFRAGAN. Bishops who in former times were appointed to supply the place of others during their absence on embassies or other business were so termed. They were consecrated as other bishops were, and were anciently called "archepiscopi," or "bishops of the county," in contradistinction to the regular bishops of the city or see. The practice of creating suffragan bishops after having long been discontinued, was recently revived; and such bishops are now permanently "assistant" to the bishops. Brown.

A suffragan is a titular bishop ordained to aid and assist the bishop of the diocese in his spiritual function; or one who supplies the place instead of the bishop, by whose suffrage ecclesiastical causes or matters committed to him are to be adjudged, acted on, or determined. Some writers call these suffragans by the name of "subsidary bishops." Tomlin.

SUFFRAGE. A vote; the act of voting; the right or privilege of casting a vote at public elections. The last is the meaning of the term in such phrases as "the extension of the suffrage," "universal suffrage," etc. See Spitzer v. Fulton, 33 Misc. Rep. 257, 98 N. Y. Supp. 600.

SUFFRAGIUM. Lat. In Roman law. A vote; the right of voting in the assemblies of the people. Aid or influence used or promised to obtain some honor or office; the purchase of office. Cod. 4, 3.

SUGGESTIO FALSI. Lat. Suggestion or representation of that which is false; false representation. To recite in a deed that a will was duly executed, when it was not, is suggestio falsi; and to conceal from the heir that the will was not duly executed is suppressio veri. 1 P. Wms. 240.

SUGGESTION. In practice. A statement, formally entered on the record, of some fact or circumstance which will materially affect the further proceedings in the cause, or which is necessary to be brought to the knowledge of the court in order to its right disposition of the action, but which, for some reason, cannot be pleaded. Thus, if one of the parties dies after issue and be-
fore trial, his death may be suggested on the record.

**SUGGESTIVE INTERROGATION.** A phrase which has been used by some writers to signify the same thing as "leading question." 2 Benth. Jud. Ev. b. 3, c. 3. It is used in the French law.

**SUI GENERIS.** Lat. Of its own kind or class; i.e., the only one of its own kind; peculiar.

**SUI HEREDES.** Lat. In the civil law. One's own heirs; proper heirs. Inst. 2, 19, 2.

**SUI JURIS.** Lat. Of his own right; possessing full social and civil rights; not under any legal disability, or the power of another, or guardianship.

Having capacity to manage one's own affairs; not under legal disability to act for one's self. Story, Ag. § 2.

**SUICIDE.** Suicide is the willful and voluntary act of a person who understands the physical nature of the act, and intends by it to accomplish the result of self-destruction. Nininger v. Mutual Life Ins. Co., 10 Am. Law Reg. (N. S.) 101, Fed. Cas. No. 10,566.


**SUING AND LABORING CLAUSE** is a clause in an English policy of marine insurance, generally in the following form: "In case of any loss or misfortune, it shall be lawful for the assured, their factors, servants and assigns, to sue, labor, and travel for, in, and about the defense, safeguard, and recovery of the" property insured; "without prejudice to this insurance; to the charges whereof we, the assured, will contribute." The object of the clause is to encourage the assured to exert themselves in preserving the property from loss. Sweet.

**SUIT.** In old English law. The witnesses or followers of the plaintiff. 3 Bl. Comm. 236. See Secta.

Old books mention the word in many connections which are now disused,—at least, in the United States. Thus, "suit" was used of following any one, or in the sense of pursuit; as in the phrase "making fresh suit." It was also used of a petition to the king or lord. "Suit of court" was the attendance which a tenant owed at the court of his lord.

**SUITORS' FEE FUND.** A fund in the English court of chancery into which the fees...

"Suit covenant" and "suit custom" seem to have signified a right to one's attendance, or one's obligation to attend, at the lord's court, founded upon a known covenant, or an immemorial usage or practice of ancestors. "Suit regal" was attendance at the sheriff's tour or leet, (his court.) "Suit of the king's peace" was pursuing an offender,—one charged with breach of the peace. Abbott.

In modern law. "Suit" is a generic term, of comprehensive significations, and applies to any proceeding in a court of justice in which the plaintiff pursues, in such court, the remedy which the law affords him for the redress of an injury or the recovery of a right. See Kohl v. U. S., 91 U. S. 373, 23 L. Ed. 449; Weston v. Charleston, 2 Pet. 404, 7 L. Ed. 481; Drake v. Gilmore, 52 N. Y. 393; Philadelphia, etc., Iron Co. v. Chicago, 153 Ill. 6, 41 N. E. 1105; Cohens v. Virginia, 6 Wheat. 264, 5 L. Ed. 270.

It is, however, seldom applied to a criminal prosecution. And it is sometimes restricted to the designation of a proceeding in equity, to distinguish such proceeding from an action at law.

---SUIT of court. This phrase denoted the duty of attending the lord's court, and, in common with fee, was one of the incidents of a feudal holding. Brown.—*SUIT of the king's peace.* The pursuing a man for breach of the king's peace by treasons, insurrections, or trespasses. Cowell.—SUIT money. An allowance. In the nature of temporary alimony, authorized by statute in some states to be made to a wife on the institution of her suit for divorce, intended to cover the reasonable expenses of the suit and to provide her with means for the efficient preparation and trial of her case. See Yost v. Yost, 141 Ind. 534, 41 N. E. 11.


**SUITAS.** Lat. In the civil law. The condition or quality of a suus hares, or proper heir. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 0, no, 11; Calvin.

**SUITE.** Those persons who by his authority follow or attend an ambassador or other public minister.

**SUTOR.** A party to a suit or action in court. In its ancient sense, "sutor" meant one who was bound to attend the county court; also one who formed part of the secta.

**SUITORS' DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.** Formerly suitors in the English court of chancery derived no income from their cash paid into court, unless it was invested at their request and risk. Now, however, it is provided by the court of chancery (funds) act, 1872, that all money paid into court, and not required by the sutor to be invested, shall be placed on deposit and shall bear interest at two per cent, per annum for the benefit of the sutor entitled to it. Sweet.
SUMMONS-HUS SILVER. A payment to the lords of the wood on the Wealds of Kent, who used to visit those places in summer, when their under-tenants were bound to prepare little summer-houses for their reception, or else pay a composition in money. Cowell.

SUMMING UP, on the trial of an action by a jury, is a recapitulation of the evidence adduced, in order to draw the attention of the jury to the salient points. The counsel for each party has the right of summing up his evidence, if he has adduced any, and the judge finally sums up the whole in his charge to the jury. Smith, Act. 157. And see State v. Ezzard, 40 S. C. 312, 18 S. E. 1025.

SUMMON, in practice. To serve a summons; to cite a defendant to appear in court to answer a suit which has been begun against him; to notify the defendant that an action has been instituted against him, and that he is required to answer to it at a time and place named.

SUMMONER. Petty officers, who cite and warn persons to appear in any court. Fi. ta. lib. 9.

SUMMONITIO. L. Lat. In old English practice. A summoning or summons; a writ by which a party was summoned to appear in court, of which there were various kinds. Spelman.

Summonitiones aut citationes nullae liceant fieri intra palatium regis. 3 Inst. 141. Let no summonses or citations be served within the king’s palace.

SUMMONITORES SCACCARII. Officers who assisted in collecting the revenues by citing the defaulters thereto into the court of exchequer.

SUMMONS. In practice. A writ, directed to the sheriff or other proper officer, requiring him to notify the person named that an action has been commenced against him in the court wherein the writ issues, and that he is required to appear, put in his defence, and answer the complaint in such action. Whitney v. Blackburn, 17 Or. 554, 21 Pac. 874, 11 Am. St. Rep. 857; Horton v. Railway Co., 26 Mo. App. 358; Piano Mfg. Co. v. Kaufer, 86 Minn. 13, 99 N. W. 1124.

Civil actions in the courts of record of this state shall be commenced by the service of a summons. Code N. Y. § 127.

In Scotch law. A writ passing under the royal signet, signed by a writer to the signet, and containing the grounds and con-
closures of the action, with the warrant for citing the defendant. This writ corresponds to the writ of summons in English procedure.

Bell; Paters. Comp.

—Summons and order. In English practice, in this phrase the summons is the application to a common-law judge at chambers is reference to a pending action, and upon it the judge or master makes the order. Mosley & Whitley. —Summons and severance. The proper name of what is distinguished in the books by the name of "summons and severance" is "severance." For the summons is only a process which must. In certain cases, issue before judgment of severance can be given; while severance is a judgment by which, where two or more are joined in an action, one or more of these is enabled to proceed in such action without the other or others. Jacob.

**SUMMUM JUS.** Lat. Strict right; extreme right. The extremity or rigor of the law.

**Summum jus, summum injuria; summum lex, summum crux.** Extreme law (rigor of law) is the greatest injury; strict law is great punishment. Hob. 125. That is, insistence upon the full measure of a man's strict legal rights may work the greatest injury to others, unless equity can aid.

**SUMNER.** See Sompnour.

**SUMPTUARY LAWS.** Laws made for the purpose of restraining luxury or extravagance, particularly against inordinate expenditures in the matter of apparel, food, furniture, etc.

**SUNDAY.** The first day of the week is designated by this name; also as the "Lord's Day," and as the "Sabbath."

**SUO NOMINE.** Lat. In his own name.

**SUO PERICULO.** Lat. At his own peril or risk.

**SUPELLEX.** Lat. In Roman law. Household furniture. Dig. 33, 10.

**SUPER.** Lat. Upon; above; over.

—Super ultum mare. On the high sea. Hob. 212; 2 Lid. Raym. 1453. —Super pretendentia regis. A writ which formerly lay against the king's tenant's widow for marrying without the royal license. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 174. —Super statuto de articulis cleric. A writ which lay against a sheriff or other officer who distrained in the king's highway, or on lands anxiously belonging to the church. —Super statuto factum pro seneschal et marshal de rey, etc. A writ which lay against a steward or marshal for holding plea in his court, or for trespass or contracts not made or arazing within the king's household. Wharton. —Super statuto versus servantes et laboratores. A writ which lay against him who kept any servants who had left the service of another contrary to law. —Super visum corporis. Upon view of the body. When an inquest is held over a body found dead, it must be super visum corporis.

Super idem chartarum, mortuis testibus, erit ad patrnam de necessitate recurrendum. Co. Litt. 6. The truth of charters is necessarily to be referred to a jury, when the witnesses are dead.

**SUPER-JURARE.** Over-swearning. A term anciently used when a criminal endeavored to excuse himself by his own oath or the oath of one or two witnesses, and the crime objected against him was so plain and notorious that he was convicted on the oaths of many more witnesses. Wharton.

**SUPERARE RATIONES.** In old Scotch law. To have a balance of account due to one; to have one's expenses exceed the receipts.

**SUPERCARGO.** An agent of the owner of goods shipped as cargo on a vessel, who has charge of the cargo on board, sells the same to the best advantage in the foreign market, buys a cargo to be brought back on the return voyage of the ship, and comes home with it.

**SUPERFICIARIUS.** Lat. In the civil law. He who has built upon the soil of another, which he has hired for a number of years or forever, yielding a yearly rent. Dig. 43, 18, 1. In other words, a tenant on ground-rent.

**SUPERFicies.** Lat. In the civil law. The alienation by the owner of the surface of the soil of all rights necessary for building on the surface, a yearly rent being generally reserved; also a building or erection. Sandes' Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 133.


**SUPERFLUOUS LANDS, in English law, are lands acquired by a railway company under its statutory powers, and not required for the purposes of its undertaking. The company is bound within a certain time to sell such lands, and, if it does not, they vest in and become the property of the owners of the adjoining lands. Sweet.

**SUPERFETATION.** In medical jurisprudence. The formation of a fetus as the result of an impregnation occurring after another impregnation, but before the birth of the offspring produced by it. Webster.

**SUPERINDUCTIO.** Lat. In the civil law. A species of obliteration. Dig. 28, 4, 1, 1.

**SUPERINSTITUTION.** The institution of one in an office to which another has been
SUPERINSTITUTION previously instituted; as where A. is admitted and instituted to a benefice upon one title, and B. is admitted and instituted on the title or presentment of another. 2 Cro. Eliz. 403.

A church being full by institution, if a second institution is granted to the same church this is a superinstitution. Wharton.

SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR. In English law. An officer who superintends the registers of births, deaths, and marriages. There is one in every poor-law union in England and Wales.

SUPERIOR. Higher; more elevated in rank or office. Possessing larger power. Entitled to command, influence, or control over another.

In estates, some are superior to others. An estate entitled to a servitude or easement over another estate is called the "superior" or "dominant," and the other the "inferior" or "servient," estate. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 1612. In the feudal law, until the statute quia emptores precluded subinfeudations, (q. v.) the tenant who granted part of his estate to be held of and from himself as lord was called a "superior."

SUPERIOR and VASSAL. In Scotch law. A feudal relation corresponding with the English "lord and tenant." Bell—Superior courts. In English law. The courts of the highest and most extensive jurisdiction, viz., the court of chancery and the three courts of common law, t. e., the queen's bench, the common pleas, and the exchequer, which sit at Westminster, were commonly thus designated. But these courts are now united in the supreme court of judicature. In American law. Courts of general or extensive jurisdiction, as distinguished from the inferior courts. As the official style of a tribunal, the term "superior court" bears a different meaning in different states. In some it is a court of intermediate jurisdiction between the trial courts and the chief appellate court; elsewhere it is the designation of the ordinary nisi prius courts; in Delaware it is the last resort in the Superior fellow servant. A term recently introduced into the law of negligence, and meaning one higher in authority than another, and whose commands and directions his inferiors are bound to respect and obey, though engaged at the same manual work. Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Coleman, 50 S. W. 14, 22 Ky. Law Rep. 575; Knute v. Telephone Co., 67 N. J. Law. 646, 52 Atl. 565, 58 L. R. A. 808. Superior force. In the law of bailments and of negligence, an uncontrollable and irresistible force, of human agency, producing results which the person in question could not avoid; equivalent to the Latin phrase "vis major." See Vis.


SUPERNUMERARI. Lat. In Roman law. Advocates who were not registered or enrolled and did not belong to the college of advocates. They were not attached to any local jurisdiction. See Statuti.

SUPERONERATIO. Lat. Surcharging a common; i.e., putting in beasts of a number or kind other than the right of common allows.

SUPERONERATIONE PASTURE. A judicial writ that directed against him who was impeded in the county court for the surcharge of a common with his cattle, in a case where he was formerly impeded for it in the same court, and the cause was removed into one of the superior courts.

SUPERPLUSAGIUM. In old English law. Overplus; surplus; residue or balance. Bract. fol. 801; Spelman.

SUPERSEDE. To annul; to stay; to suspend. Thus, it is said that the proceedings of outlawry may be superseded by the entry of appearance before the return of the exorcist, or that the court would supersede a flat in bankruptcy, if found to have been improperly issued. Brown.

SUPERSEDEAS. Lat. In practice. A writ ordering the suspension or superseding of another writ previously issued. It directs the officer to whom it is issued to refrain from executing or acting under another writ which is in his hands, or may come to him.

By a conventional extension of the term it has come to be used as a designation of the effect of any proceeding or act in a cause which, of its own force, causes a suspension or stay of proceedings. Thus, when we say that a writ of error is a supersedeas, we merely mean that it has the same effect, of suspending proceedings in the court below, which would have been produced by a writ of supersedeas. See Tyler v. Presley, 72 Cal. 250, 13 Pac. 859; Woolfolk v. Bruns, 45 Minn. 96, 47 N. W. 499; Boyer v. McDonald, 100 U. S. 150, 3 Sup. Ct. 136, 27 L. Ed. 688; Runyon v. Bennett, 4 Dana (Ky.) 599, 29 Am. Dec. 431.

SUPERSTITIOUS USE. In English law. When lands, tenements, rents, goods, or chattels are given, secured, or appointed for and towards the maintenance of a priest or chaplain to say mass, for the maintenance of a priest or other man to pray for the soul of any dead man in such a church or elsewhere, to have and maintain perpetual obits, lamps, torches, etc., to be used at certain times to help to save the souls of men out of purgatory.—In such cases the king, by force of several statutes, is authorized to direct and appoint all such uses to such purposes as are truly charitable. Bac. Abr. "Charitable Uses." See Methodist Church v. Remington, 1 Watts (Pa.) 225, 26 Am. Dec. 61; Harrison v. Brophy, 59 Kan. 1, 51 Pac. 883, 40 L. R. A. 721.

SUPERVISOR. A surveyor or overseer; a highway officer. Also, in some states, the chief officer of a town; one of a board of county officers.

SUPERVISORS OF ELECTION. Persons appointed and commissioned by the judge of the dis-
cuit court of the United States in cities or towns of over 20,000 inhabitants, upon the written application of two citizens, or in any county or parish of any congressional district upon that of ten citizens, to attend at all times and places fixed for the registration of voters for representatives and delegates in congress, and supervise the registry and mark the list of voters in such manner as will in their judgment detect and expose the improper removal or addition of any name. Rev. St. U. S. § 2011, et seq.

SUPPLEMENT, LETTERS OF. In Scotch practice. A process by which a party not residing within the jurisdiction of an inferior court may be cited to appear before it. Bell.

SUPPLEMENTAL. Something added to supply defects in the thing to which it is added, or in aid of which it is made.

—Supplemental addivit. An addivit made in addition to a previous one, in order to supply the defect in it. Callan v. Lokens, 80 Pa. 138. —Supplemental answer. One which was filed in chancery for the purpose of correcting, adding to, and explaining an answer already filed. Smith, Ch. Pr. 384. French v. Edwards, 9 Fed. Cas. 780. —Supplemental bill. In equity pleading. A bill filed in addition to an original bill, in order to supply some defect in its original frame or structure. It is the appropriate remedy where the matter sought to be supplied cannot be introduced by amendment. Story, Eq. Pl. §§ 322-338; Bloxham v. Railroad Co., 39 Fla. 248; 22 South 637; Schwab v. Schwab, 38 Md. 342; 49 Ala. 431; 62 L. R. A. 414; Thompson v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 119 Fed. 634; Butler v. Cunningham, 1 Barb. (N. Y.) 67; Bowie v. Minn. 2 Ala. 411. —Supplemental claim. A further claim which was filed when further relief was sought after the bringing of a claim. Smith, Ch. Pr. 635. —Supplemental complaint. Under the codes of practice obtaining in some of the states, this name is given to a complaint filed in an action, for the purpose of supplying some defect or omission in the original complaint, or of adding something to it which could not properly be introduced by amendment. See Ponder v. Tye, 122 Ind. 377, 30 N. E. 850; Plumer v. McDonald Lumber Co., 74 Wis. 337, 42 N. W. 250.

SUPPLETORY OATH. See OATH.

SUPPLIANT. The actor in, or party preferring, a petition of right.

SUPPLICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A petition for pardon of a first offense; also a petition for reversal of judgment; also equivalent to "duplicita," which corresponds to the common law rejoinder. Calvín.

SUPPLICAVIT. In English law. The name of a writ issuing out of the clergy's bench or chancery for taking sureties of the peace. It is commonly directed to the justices of the peace, when they are averse to acting in the affair in their judicial capacity. 4 Bl. Comm. 265.

SUPPLICIUM. Lat. In the civil law. Punishment; corporal punishment for crime. Death was called "ultimum supplicium," the last or extreme penalty.

SUPPLIES. In English law. The "supplies" in parliamentary proceedings signify the sums of money which are annually voted by the house of commons for the maintenance of the crown and the various public services. Jacob; Brown.

SUPPLY, COMMISSIONERS OF. Persons appointed to levy the land-tax in Scotland, and to cause a valuation roll to be annually made up, and to perform other duties in their respective counties. Bell.

SUPPLY, COMMITTEE OF. In English law. All bills which relate to the public income or expenditure must originate with the house of commons, and all bills authorizing expenditure of the public money are based upon resolutions moved in a committee of supply, which is always a committee of the whole house. Wharton.

SUPPORT, v. To support a rule or order is to argue in answer to the arguments of the party who has shown cause against a rule or order nisi.

SUPPORT, n. The right of support is an easement consisting in the privilege of resting the joists or beams of one's house upon, or inserting their ends into, the wall of an adjoining house belonging to another owner. It may arise either from contract or prescription. 3 Kent, Comm. 436.

Support also signifies the right to have one's ground supported so that it will not cave in, when an adjoining owner makes an excavation.

SUPPRESSIO VERI. Lat. Suppression or concealment of the truth. "It is a rule of equity, as well as of law, that a suppressio veris is equivalent to a suggestio falsi; and where either the suppression of the truth or the suggestion of what is false can be proved, in a fact material to the contract, the party injured may have relief against the contract." Fleming v. Slocum, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 405, 9 Am. Dec. 224.


SUPRA. Lat. Above; upon. This word occurring by itself in a book refers the reader to a previous part of the book, like "ante;" it is also the initial word of several Latin phrases.

—Supra protest. See PROTEST.—Supra-riparian. Upper riparian; higher up the stream. This term is applied to the estate, rights, or duties of a riparian proprietor whose land is situated at a point nearer the source of the stream than the estate with which it is compared.
Suprema potestas selpsam dissolvere potest. Supreme power can dissolve itself. Bac. Max.

SUPREMACY. The state of being supreme, or in the highest station of power; paramount authority; sovereignty; sovereign power.  
—Act of supremacy. The English statute 1 Eliz. c. 1, whereby the supremacy and autonomy of the crown in spiritual or ecclesiastical matters was declared and upheld.—Oath of supremacy. An oath to uphold the supreme power of the kingdom of England in the person of the reigning sovereign.

SUPREME COURT. A court of high powers and extensive jurisdiction, existing in most of the states. In some it is the official style of the chief appellate court or court of last resort. In others (as New Jersey and New York) the supreme court is a court of general original jurisdiction, possessing also (in New York) some appellate jurisdiction, but not the court of last resort.  
—Supreme court of errors. In American law, a tribunal, and the court of last resort, in the state of Connecticut.—Supreme court of the United States. The court of last resort in the federal judicial system. It is vested by the constitution with original jurisdiction in all cases affecting ambassadors, public ministers, and consuls, and those which a state is a party, and appellate jurisdiction over all other cases within the judicial power of the United States, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions and under such regulations as congress may make. Its appellate powers extend to the subordinate federal courts, and also (in certain cases) to the supreme courts of the several states. The court is composed of a chief justice and eight associate justices.—Supreme judicial court. In American law. An appellate tribunal, and the court of last resort, in the states of Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE. The court formed by the English judicature act, 1873, (as modified by the judicature act, 1875, the appellate jurisdiction act, 1876, and the judicature acts 1879, and 1881,) in substitution for the various superior courts of law, equity, admiralty, probate, and divorce, existing when the act was passed, including the court of appeal in chancery and bankruptcy, and the exchequer chamber. It consists of two permanent divisions, viz., a court of original jurisdiction, called the “high court of justice,” and a court of appellate jurisdiction, called the “court of appeal.” Its title of “supreme” is now a misnomer, as the superior appellate jurisdiction of the house of lords and privy council, which was originally intended to be transferred to it, has been allowed to remain. Sweet.

—High court of justice. That branch of the English supreme court of judicature (q. e.) which exercises (1) the original jurisdiction conferred by the several acts of chancery, the courts of queen’s bench, common pleas, and exchequer, the courts of probate, divorce, and admiralty, the court of common pleas at Lancaster, the court of pleas at Durham, and the courts of the judges or commissioners of assize; and (2) the appellate jurisdiction of such of those courts as lie within appeals from inferior courts. Judicature act, 1873, § 16.

SUPREME POWER. The highest authority in a state, all other powers in it being inferior thereto.

SUPREMUS. Lat. Last; the last.

Supremus est quem nemo sequitur. He is last whom no one follows. Dig. 50, 16, 92.

SUR. Fr. On; upon; over. In the titles of real actions “sur” was used to point out what the writ was founded upon. Thus, a real action brought by the owner of a reversion or seigniory, in certain cases where his tenant repudiated his tenure, was called “a writ of right sur disclaimer.” So, a writ of entry sur disclasin was a real action to recover the possession of land from a disseisor. Sweet.

—Sur ex ante divertium. See CUI ANTE DISCIPLO DIVERTIUM. Writ to lay for the heir of a woman whose husband had aliened her land in fee, and she had omitted to bring the writ of ex in via for the recovery thereof; in which case her heir might have this writ against the tenant after her decease. Cowell. See CUI IN VITA.—Sur disclaimer. A writ in the nature of a writ of right brought by the lord against a tenant who had disclaimed his tenure, to recover the land.—Sur mortgage. Upon a mortgage. In some states the method of enforcing the security of a mortgage, upon default, is by a writ of “scire facias sur mortgage,” which requires the defendant (mortgagor) to show cause why it should not be foreclosed.

Surcharge, n. An overcharge; an exaction, impost, or incumbence beyond what is just and right, or beyond one’s authority or power. “Surcharge” may mean a second or further mortgage. Wharton.

Surcharge, v. To put more cattle upon a common than the herbage will sustain or than the party has a right to do. 3 Bl. Comm. 237.

In equity practice. To show that a particular item, in favor of the party surcharging, ought to have been included, but was not, in an account which is alleged to be settled or complete.

—Second surcharge. In English law. The surcharge of a common a second time, by the same defendant against whom the common was before admeasured, and for which the writ of second surcharge was given by the statute of Westminster. 2 3 Bl. Comm. 239.—Surcharge of fraud. This phrase, as used in the courts of chancery, denotes the liberty which these courts will occasionally grant to a plaintiff who disputes an account which the defendant alleges to be settled, to scrutinize particular items therein without opening the entire account. The showing an item for which credit ought to have been given, but was not, is to surcharge the account; the proving an item to have been inserted wrongly is to falsify the account. Brown. See Phillips v. Belden, 2 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 23; Rehill v. McTague,
SURDIS

SURDIUS. Lat. In the civil law. Dead; a deaf person. Inst. 2, 12, 3. *Surdis et mutus*, a deaf and dumb person.

SURENCHÈRE. In French law. A party desirous of repurchasing property at auction before the court, can, by offering one-tenth or one-sixth, according to the case, in addition to the price realized at the sale, oblige the property to be put up once more at auction. This bid upon a bid is called a “surenchère.” Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 575.

SURETY. A surety is one who at the request of another, and for the purpose of securing to him a benefit, becomes responsible for the performance by the latter of some act in favor of a third person, or hypothecates property as security therefor. Civ. Code Cal. § 2831; Civ. Code Dak. § 1673.

A surety is defined as a person who, being liable to pay a debt or perform an obligation, is entitled, if it is enforced against him, to be indemnified by some other person who ought himself to have made payment or performed, before the surety was compelled to do so. Smith v. Sheldon, 35 Mich. 42, 24 Am. Rep. 529. And see Young v. McFadden, 125 Ind. 254, 25 N. E. 284; Wise v. Miller, 45 Ohio St. 388, 14 N. E. 218; O'Connor v. Morse, 112 Cal. 31, 44 Pac. 305, 53 Am. St. Rep. 155; Hall v. Weaver (C. C.) 34 Fed. 108.

-Surety company. A company, usually incorporated, whose business is to assume the responsibility of a surety on the bonds of officers, trustees, executors, guardians, etc., in consideration of a fee proportioned to the amount of the security required. -Surety of the peace. Surety of the peace is a species of preventive justice, and consists in obliging those persons whom there is a probable ground to suspect of misbehavior, to stipulate with, and to give full assurance to the public that such offense as is apprehended shall not take place, by finding pledges or securities for keeping the peace, or for their good behavior. Brown. See Hyde v. Greuch, 62 Md. 582.

SURETYSHIP. The contract of suretyship is that whereby one obligates himself to pay the debt of another in consideration of credit or indulgence, or other benefit given to his principal, the principal remaining bound therefor. It differs from a guaranty in this: that the consideration of the latter is a benefit flowing to the guarantor. Code Ga. 1882, § 2148. See Surety.

Suretyship is an accessory promise by which a person binds himself for another already bound, and agrees with the creditor to satisfy the obligation, if the debtor does not. Civ. Code La. art. 3035.

A contract of suretyship is a contract whereby one person engages to be answerable for the debt, default, or miscarriage of another. Ptm. Princ. & Sur. 1, 2.

For the distinctions between “suretyship” and “guaranty,” see GuaranTy, n.

SURFACE WATERS. See Water.

SURGEON. One whose profession or occupation is to cure diseases or injuries of the body by manual operation; one whose occupation is to cure local injuries or disorders, whether by manual operation, or by medication and constitutional treatment. Webster. See Smith v. Lane, 24 Hun (N. Y.) 632; Stewart v. Haab, 55 Minn. 20, 56 N. W. 256; Nelson v. State Board of Health, 108 Ky. 799, 77 S. W. 601, 50 L. R. A. 383.

SURMISE. Formerly where a defendant pleaded a local custom, for instance, a custom of the city of London, it was necessary for him to “surmise,” that is, to suggest that such custom should be certified to the court by the mouth of the recorder, and without such a surmise the issue was to be tried by the country as other issues of fact are. 1 Burrows, 251; Vtn. Abr. 246.

A surmise is something offered to a court to move it to grant a prohibition, auditia quereia, or other writ grantable thereon. Jacob.

In ecclesiastical practice, an allegation in a libel is called a “surmise.” A collateral surmise is a surmise of some fact not appearing in the libel. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1445.

SURNAME. The family name; the name over and above the Christian name. The part of a name which is not given in baptism; the last name; the name common to all members of a family.

SURPRISE FEES. In English ecclesiastical law. Fees payable on ministerial offices of the church; such as baptisms, funerals, marriages, etc.

SURPLUS. That which remains of a fund appropriated for a particular purpose; the remainder of a thing; the overplus; the residue. See People's F. Ins. Co. v. Parker, 35 N. J. Law, 577; Towery v. McGaw (Kv.) 58 S. W. 727; Appeal of Coates, 2 Pa. 137. —Surplus earnings. See Earnings.

SURPLUSAGE. In pleading. Allegations of matter wholly foreign and impertinent to the cause. All matter beyond the circumstances necessary to constitute the action. See State v. Whitehouse, 95 Me. 179, 49 Atl. 869; Adams v. Capital State Bank, 74 Miss. 307, 20 South. 881; Bradley v. Reynolds, 61 Conn. 271, 23 Atl. 928.

—Surplusage of accounts. A greater demand than the charge of the accountant amounts unto. In another sense, “surplusage” is the remainder or overplus of money left. Jacob.

Surplusagiam non moet. Surplusage does no harm. 3 Bouv. Inst. no. 2049; Broom. Max. 227.

SURPRISE. In equity practice. The act by which a party who is entering into a
contract is taken unawares, by which sudden confusion or perplexity is created, which renders it proper that a court of equity should relieve the party so surprised. 2 Brown, Ch. 150.

Anything which happens without the agency or fault of the party affected by it, tending to disturb and confuse the judgment, or to mislead him, and of which the opposite party takes an undue advantage, is in equity a surprise, and one species of fraud for which relief is granted. Code Ga. 1882, § 6190. And see Turley v. Taylor, 6 Baxt. (Tenn.) 380; Glidionsen v. Union Depot R. Co., 129 Mo. 302; 21 S. W. 809; Freitewell v. Laffoon, 77 Mo. 27; Heath v. Scott, 65 Cal. 548, 4 Pac. 557; Zimmerer v. Fremont Nat. Bank, 58 Neb. 601, 11 N. W. 849; Thompson v. Connell, 31 Or. 231, 48 Pac. 467, 65 Am. St. Rep. 818.

The situation in which a party is placed, without any fault of his own, which will be injurious to his interest, is Rawle v. Skipwith, 8 Mart. N. S. (La.) 407.

There does not seem anything technical or peculiar in the word “surprise,” as used in courts of equity. Where a court of equity relieves upon the ground of surprise, it does so upon the ground that the party has been taken unawares, and that he has acted without due deliberation, and under confused and sudden impressions. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 120, note.

In law. The general rule is that when a party or his counsel is “taken by surprise,” in a material point or circumstance which could not have been anticipated, and when want of skill, care, or attention cannot be justly imputed, and injustice has been done, a new trial should be granted. Hill, New Trials, 321.

SURREBUTTER. In pleading. The plaintiff’s answer of fact to the defendant’s rebutter. Steph. Pl. 50.

SURREJOINER. In pleading. The plaintiff’s answer of fact to the defendant’s rejoinder. Steph. Pl. 59.

SURRENDER. A yielding up of an estate for life or years to him who has an immediate estate in reversion or remainder, by which the lesser estate is merged in the greater by mutual agreement. Co. Litt. 337b. And see Coe v. Hobby, 72 N. Y. 145, 28 Am. Rep. 120; Gluck v. Baltimore, 81 Md. 315, 32 Atl. 515, 48 Am. St. Rep. 515; Brewer v. National Union Bldg. Ass’n, 166 Ill. 221, 46 N. E. 752; Dayton v. Cranik, 26 Minn. 133, 1 N. W. 813; Robertson v. Winslow, 96 Mo. App. 546, 72 S. W. 422.

An assurance restoring or yielding up an estate, the operative verbs being “surrender and yield up.” The term is usually applied to the giving up of a lease before the expiration of it. Wharton.

The giving up by bail of their principal into custody, in their own discharge. 1 Burill, Pr. 304.

Of charter. A corporation created by charter may give up or “surrender” its charter to the people, unless the charter was granted under a statute, imposing indefeasible duties upon the bodies to which it applies. Grant, Corp. 45.

—Surrender by bail. The act, by bail or sureties in a recognizance, of giving up their principal again into custody.—Surrender by operation of law. This phrase is generally applied to cases where the tenant for life or years has been a party to some act the validity of which he is by law afterwards stopped from disputing, and which would not be valid if his particular estate continued to exist. Copper v. Fretonansky (Com. Pl.) 16 N. Y. Supp. 806; Ledingale v. Burke, 113 Ga. 74, 39 S. E. 312; Brown v. Conk, 107 Iowa, 727, 77 N. W. 478; Lewis v. Angermiller, 89 Hun, 65, 35 N. Y. Supp. 69.—Surrender of copyhold. The mode of conveying or transferring copyhold property from one person to another is by means of a surrender, which consists in the yielding up of the estate by the tenant into the hands of the lord for such purposes as are expressed in the surrender. The process in most manors is for the tenant to come to the steward, or to some officer in court or out of court, or to two customary tenants of the same manor, provided there be a custom to warrant it, and there, by handing over a rod, a tile, or any other symbol, as the custom directs, to resign into the hands of the lord, by the hands and acceptance of his steward, or of the said two tenants, of the interest or estate in trust, to be again granted out by the lord to such persons and for such uses as are named in the copyhold and as the custom or the manor will warrant. Brown.—Surrender of criminals. The act by which the public authorities deliver a person accused of a crime, and who is found in their jurisdiction, to the authorities within whose jurisdiction it is alleged the crime has been committed.—Surrender of a preference. In bankruptcy practice. The surrender to the assignee in bankruptcy, by a preferred creditor, of anything he may have received under his preference and to his advantage it gives him, which he must do before he can share in the dividend. In re Richter’s Estate, 1 Dill. 544, Fed. Cas. No. 11,803.—Surrender to uses of will. Formerly a copyhold interest would not pass by will unless it had been surrendered to the use of the will. By St. 55 Geo. III. c. 102, this is no longer necessary. 1 Steph. Comm. 639; Mosley & Whitley.

SURRENDEREE. The person to whom a surrender is made.

SURRENDEROR. One who makes a surrender. One who yields up a copyhold estate for the purpose of conveying it.

SURREPTITIOUS. Stealthily or fraudulently done, taken away, or introduced.

SURREOGATE. In English law. One that is substituted or appointed in the room of another, as by a bishop, chancellor, judge, etc.; especially an officer appointed to dispense licences to marry without banns. 2 Steph. Comm. 247.

In American law. The name given in some states to the judge or judicial officer who has the administration of probate matters, guardianships, etc. See Malone v. Sts. Peter & Paul’s Church, 172 N. Y. 269, 64 N. E. 961.

—Surrerogate’s court. In the United States. A state tribunal, with similar jurisdiction to
the court of ordinary, court of probate, etc., relating to matters of probate, etc. 2 Kent, Comm. 403. b. And see Robinson v. Fair, 126 U. S. 33, 9 Sup. Ct. 30, 32 L. Ed. 415; In re Hawley, 104 N. Y. 250, 10 N. E. 352.

SURSIS. L. Fr. In old English law. Neglect; omission; default; cessation.

SURSUM REDDERE. Lat. In old conveyancing. To render up; to surrender.

SURSUMREDDITIO. Lat. A surrender.

SURVEY. The process by which a parcel of land is measured and its contents ascertained; also a statement of the result of such survey, with the courses and distances and the quantity of the land.

In insurance law, the term "the survey" has acquired a general meaning, including what is commonly called the "application," which contains the questions propounded on behalf of the company, and the answers of the assured. Albion Lead Works v. Williamsburg City F. Ins. Co. (C. C.) 2 Fed. 484; May v. Buckley Ins. Co., 25 Wls. 291, 3 Am. Rep. 76.


SURVEYOR. One who makes surveys of land; one who has the overseeing or care of another person's land or works.

Surveyor of highways. In English law. A person elected by the inhabitants of a parish, in vestry assembled, to survey the highways therein. He must possess certain qualifications in point of property; and, when elected, he is compellable, unless he can show some grounds of exemption, to take upon himself the office. Mozley & Whitley—Surveyor of the port. A revenue officer of the United States appointed for each of the principal ports of entry, whose duties chiefly concern the importations at his station and the determination of their amount and valuation. Rev. St. U. S. § 2627 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1610).

SURVIVOR. One who survives another; one who outlives another; one of two or more persons who live after the death of the other or others.

SURVIVORSHIP. The living of one of two or more persons after the death of the other or others.

Survivorship is where a person becomes entitled to property by reason of his having survived another person who had an interest in it. The most familiar example is in the case of joint tenants, the rule being that on the death of one of two joint tenants the whole property passes to the survivor. Sweet.

SUS. PER COLL. An abbreviation of "suspendatur per collium," let him be hanged by the neck. Words formerly used in England in signing judgment against a prisoner who was to be executed; being written by the judge in the margin of the sheriff's calendar or list, opposite the prisoner's name. 4 Bl. Comm. 406.

SUSPEND. To interrupt; to cause to cease for a time; to stay, delay, or hinder; to discontinue temporarily, but with an expectation or purpose of resumption. To forbid a public officer, attorney, or ecclesiastical person from performing his duties or exercising his functions for a more or less definite interval of time. See Insurance Co. v. Aiken, 52 Va. 428; Stack v. O'Hara, 99 Pa. 222; Reeside v. U. S., 8 Wall. 42, 19 L. Ed. 318; Williston v. Camp, 9 Mont. 88, 22 Pac. 501; Dyer v. Dyer, 17 R. I. 547, 23 Atl. 910; State v. Melvin, 166 Mo. 565, 66 S. W. 534; Poe v. State, 72 Tex. 625, 10 S. W. 732. See SUSPENSION.

SUSPENDER. In Scotch law. He in whose favor a suspension is made.

SUSPENSE. When a rent, profit à prendre, and the like, are, in consequence of the unity of possession of the rent, etc., of the land out of which they issue, not in esse for a time, they are said to be in suspense, i.e., dormant; but they may be revived or awakened. Co. Litt. 313b.

SUSPENSION. A temporary stop of a right, of a law, and the like. Thus, we speak of a suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, of a statute, of the power of alienating an estate, of a person in office, etc.

Suspension of a right in an estate is a temporary or partial withholding of it from use or exercise. It differs from extinguishment, because a suspended right is susceptible of being revived, which is not the case where the right was extinguished.

In ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical censure, by which a spiritual person is either interdicted the exercise of his ecclesiastical function or hindered from receiving the profits of his benefice. It may be partial or total, for a limited time, or forever, when it is called "deprivation" or "amotion." Ayl. Par. 501.

In Scotch law. A stay of execution until after a further consideration of the cause. Ersk. Inst. 4, 8, 5.

Suspension in suspension, were those which showed some matter of temporary incapacity to proceed with the action or suit. Steph. Pl. 45.—Suspension of arms. An agreement between behalfants, made for a short time or for a particular place, to cease hostilities.

SUSPENSIVE CONDITION. See CONDITION.

SUSPICTION. The act of suspecting, or the state of being suspected; imagination, generally of something ill; distrust; mistrust; doubt. McCalla v. State, 66 Ga. 348.
SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER. In the criminal laws of some of the states, a person who is known or strongly suspected to be an habitual criminal, or against whom there is reasonable cause to believe that he has committed a crime or is planning or intending to commit one, or whose actions and behavior give good ground for suspicion and who can give no good account of himself, and who may therefore be arrested or required to give security for good behavior. See McFadin v. San Antonio, 22 Tex. Civ. App. 140, 54 S. W. 48; People v. Russell, 35 Misc. Rep. 765, 72 N. Y. Supp. 1; 4 Bl. Comm. 252.

SUTHDURE. The south door of a church, where canonical purgation was performed, and plaintiffs, etc., were heard and determined. Wharton.

SUTLER. A person who, as a business, follows an army and sells provisions and liquor to the troops.

SUUM QUIQUE TRIBUERE. Lat. To render to every one his own. One of the three fundamental maxims of the law laid down by Justinian.

SUUS HÆRÆS. Lat. In the civil law. Those descendants who were under the power of the deceased at the time of his death, and who are most nearly related to him. Calvin.


SUZEREIGN. L. Fr. In French and feudal law. The immediate vassal of the king; a crown vassal.

SWAIN; SWAIMOTE. See SWIN; SWINFOTE.

SWAMP LANDS. See LAND.

SWARP-MONEY. Warth-money; or guard-money paid in lieu of the service of castle-ward. Cowell.

SWEAR. 1. To put on oath; to administer an oath to a person.

2. To take an oath; to become bound by an oath duly administered.

3. To use profane language. Swearing, in this sense, is made a punishable offense in many jurisdictions.

SWEARING THE PEACE. Showing to a magistrate that one has just cause to be afraid of another in consequence of his menaces, in order to have him bound over to keep the peace.

Sweeping. Comprehensive; including in its scope many persons or objects; as a sweeping objection.

SWEIN. In old English law. A freeman or freeholder within the forest.

SWEINMOTE. In forest law. A court helden before the verderors, as judges, by the steward of the sweinmote, thrice in every year, the suetus or freeholders within the forest composing the jury. Its principal jurisdiction was—First, to inquire into the oppressions and grievances committed by the officers of the forest; and, secondly, to receive and try presentments certified from the court of attachments in offenses against vert and venison. 3 Bl. Comm. 72.

SWELL. To enlarge or increase. In an action of tort, circumstances of aggravation may "swell" the damages.

SWIFT WITNESS. A term colloquially applied to a witness who is unduly zealous or partial for the side which calls him, and who betrays his bias by his extreme readiness to answer questions or volunteer information.


By the statute, "swindling" is defined to be the acquisition of personal or movable property, money, or instrument of writing conveying or securing a valuable right, by means of some false or deceitful pretense or device, or fraudulent representation, with intent to appropriate the same to the use of the party so acquiring, or of destroying or impairing the rights of the party justly entitled to the same. Pen. Code Tex. art. 790; May v. State, 15 Tex. App. 436.

SWOLING OF LAND. So much land as one's plow can till in a year; a hide of land. Cowell.

SWORN BROTHERS. In old English law. Persons who, by mutual oaths, covenant to share in each other's fortunes.

SWORN CLERKS IN CHANCERY. Certain officers in the English court of chancery, whose duties were to keep the records, make copies of pleadings, etc. Their offices were abolished by St. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 103.

SYB AND SOM. A Saxon form of greeting, meaning peace and safety.

SYLLABUS. A head-note; a note prefixed to the report of an adjudged case, containing an epitome or brief statement of the rulings of the court upon the point or points decided in the case. See Koonce v. Doolittle, 48 W. Va. 592, 37 S. E. 645.
SYLLOGISM. In logic. The full logical form of a single argument. It consists of three propositions, (two premises and the conclusion,) and these contain three terms, of which the two occurring in the conclusion are brought together in the premises by being referred to a common class.

SYLVA CEÆDA. Lat. In ecclesiastical law. Wood of any kind which was kept on purpose to be cut, and which, being cut, grew again from the stump or root. Lynd. Prov. 190; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 90.

SYMBOLOGRAPHY. The art or cunning rightly to form and make written instruments. It is either judicial or extra-judicial; the latter being wholly occupied with such instruments as concern matters not yet judicially in controversy, such as instruments of agreements or contracts, and testaments or last wills. Wharton.

SYMBOLIC DELIVERY. The constructive delivery of the subject-matter of a sale, where it is cumbersome or inacessible, by the actual delivery of some article which is conventionally accepted as the symbol or representative of it, or which renders access to it possible, or which is evidence of the purchaser's title to it.

SYMBOLUM ANIMÆ. Lat. A mortuary, or soul-scot.

SYMOND'S INN. Formerly an inn of chancery.

SYNALLAGMATIC CONTRACT. In the civil law. A bilateral or reciprocal contract, in which the parties expressly enter into mutual engagements, each binding himself to the other. Poth. Obl. no. 9.

SYNCOPE. To cut short, or pronounce things so as not to be understood. Cowell.

SYNDIC. In the civil law. An advocate or patron; a burgess or recorder; an agent or attorney who acts for a corporation or university; an actor or procurator; an assignee. Wharton. See Minnesota L. & T. Co. v. Beebe, 40 Minn. 7, 41 N. W. 232, 2 L. R. A. 418; Mobile & O. R. Co. v. Whitney, 39 Ala. 471.

In French law. The person who is commissioned by the courts to administer a bankruptcy. He fulfills the same functions as the trustee in English law, or assignee in America. The term is also applied to the person appointed to manage the affairs of a corporation. See Field v. United States, 9 Pet. 182, 9 L. Ed. 94.

SYNDICATE. A university committee. A combination of persons or firms united for the purpose of enterprises too large for individuals to undertake; or a group of financiers who buy up the shares of a company in order to sell them at a profit by creating a scarcity. Mozley & Whitley.

SYNDICOS. One chosen by a college, municipality, etc., to defend its cause. Calvin.

SYNGRAPH. The name given by the canonists to deeds of which both parts were written on the same piece of parchment, with some word or letters of the alphabet written between them, through which the parchment was cut in such a manner as to leave half the word on one part and half on the other. It thus corresponded to the chiographic or indenture of the common law. 2 Bl. Comm 268, 269.

A deed or other written instrument under the hand and seal of all the parties.

SYNOD. A meeting or assembly of ecclesiastical persons concerning religion; being the same thing, in Greek, as convocation. Latin. There are four kinds: (1) A general or universal synod or council, where bishops of all nations meet; (2) a national synod of the clergy of one nation only; (3) a provincial synod, where ecclesiastical persons of a province only assemble, being now what is called the "convocation;" (4) a diocesan synod, of those of one diocese. See Com. v. Green, 4 Whart. (Pa.) 530; Goosbeeck v. Dunscomb, 41 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 944.

A synod in Scotland is composed of three or more presbyteries. Wharton.

SYNODAL. A tribute or payment in money paid to the bishop or archdeacon by the inferior clergy, at the Easter visitation.

SYNODALES TESTES. L. Lat. Synods-men (corrupted into sidesmen) were the urban and rural deans, now the churchwardens.

SYPHILIS. In medical jurisprudence. A loathsome venereal disease (vulgarily called "the pox") of peculiar virulence, infectious by direct contact, capable of hereditary transmission, and the fruitful source of various other diseases and, directly or indirectly, of insanity.
T. As an abbreviation, this letter usually stands for either “Territory,” “Trinity,” “term,” “tempore,” (in the time of) or “title.”

Every person who was convicted of felony, short of murder, and admitted to the benefit of clergy, was at one time marked with this letter upon the brawn of the thumb. The practice is abolished. 7 & 8 Geo. IV. c. 27.

By a law of the Province of Pennsylvania, A. D. 1806, it was provided that a convicted chief should wear a badge in the form of the letter “T,” upon his left sleeve, which badge should be at least four inches long and of a color different from that of his outer garment. Linn, Laws Prov. Pa. 275.

T. E. E. An abbreviation of “Tempora Regis Edwardi,” (in the time of King Edward,) of common occurrence in Domesday, when the valuation of manors, as it was in the time of Edward the Confessor, is recounted. Cowell.

TABARD. A short gown; a herald’s coat; a surcoat.

TABARDER. One who wears a tabard or short gown; the name is still used as the title of certain bachelors of arts on the old foundation of Queen’s College, Oxford. Enc. Lond.

TABELA. Lat. In Roman law. A tablet. Used in voting, and in giving the verdict of juries; and, when written upon, commonly translated “ballot.” The laws which introduced and regulated the mode of voting by ballot were called “leges tabellariae.” Calvin.; 1 Kent, Comm. 232, note.

TABELLIO. Lat. In Roman law. An officer corresponding in some respects to a notary. His business was to draw legal instruments, (contracts, wills, etc.,) and witness their execution. Calvin.

TABERNACULUM. In old records. A public inn, or house of entertainment. Cowell.

TABERNARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. A shop-keeper. Dig. 14, 3, 5, 7.

In old English law. A taverner or tavern-keeper. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 12, § 17.

TABES DORSALIS. In medical jurisprudence. This is another name for locomotor ataxia. Tabes dementia is a form of mental derangement or insanity complicated with tabes dorsalis, which generally precedes, or sometimes follows, the mental attack.

TABLE. A synopsis or condensed statement, bringing together numerous items or details so as to be comprehended in a single view; as genealogical tables, exhibiting the names and relationships of all the persons composing a family; life and annuity tables, used by actuaries; interest tables, etc.

—Table de Marbre. Fr. In old French law. Table de Marble; a principal seat of the admiralty, so called. These Tables de Marbre are frequently mentioned in the Ordonnance of the Marine. Hurst. —Table of cases. An alphabetical list of the adjudged cases cited, referred to, or digested in a legal text-book, volume of reports, or digest, with references to the sections, pages, or paragraphs where they are respectively cited, etc., which is commonly either prefixed or appended to the volume.

—Table rents. In English law. Payments which used to be made to bishops, etc., reserved and appropriated to their table or housekeeping. Wharton.

TABLEAU OF DISTRIBUTION. In Louisiana. A list of creditors of an insolvent estate, stating what each is entitled to. Taylor v. Holland, 4 Mart. N. S. (La.) 335.

TABULA. Lat. In the civil law. A table or tablet; a thin sheet of wood, which, when covered with wax, was used for writing.

TABULA IN NAUFRAGIO. Lat. A plank in a shipwreck. This phrase is used metaphorically to designate the power subsisting in a third mortgagee, who took without notice of the second mortgagee, to acquire the first incumbrance, attach it to his own, and thus squeeze out and get satisfaction before the second is admitted to the fund. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 414; 2 Ves. Ch. 573.

TABULE. Lat. In Roman law. Tables. Writings of any kind used as evidences of a transaction. Brissonius.

—Tabulae nuptiales. In the civil law. A written record of a marriage; or the agreement as to the dow.

TABULARIUS. Lat. A notary, or tabellio. Calvin.

TAC, TAB. In old records. A kind of customary payment by a tenant. Cowell.

—Tan free. In old records. Free from the common duty or imposition of tac. Cowell.

TACIT. Silent; not expressed; implied or inferred; manifested by the refraining from contradiction or objection; inferred from the situation and circumstances, in the absence of express matter. Thus, tacit consent is consent inferred from the fact that the party kept silence when he had an opportunity to forbid or refuse.

—TACIT acceptance. In the civil law, a tacit acceptance of an inheritance takes effect when some act is done by the heir which necessarily supposes his intention to accept and which
be would have no right to do but in his capacity
as heirs. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 988.—Tacit
hypothecation. In the civil law, a species
of lien or mortgage which is created by operation
of law without any express agreement of the par-
cies. Mount. Rom. Law, § 343. In ad-
miralty law, this term is sometimes applied to
a maritime lien, which is not, strictly speaking,
an hypothecation in the Roman sense of the
term, though it resembles it. See The Nestor,
1 Summ. 73, 18 Fed. Cas. 5.—Tacit law.
A law which derives its authority from the com-
mon consent of the people without any legis-
latively enactment. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 120.—Tacit
mortgage. In the law of Louisiana. The law
alone in certain cases gives to the creditor a
mortgage on the property of his debtor, without
it being requisite that the parties should stipu-
late it. This is called "legal mortgage." It is
called also "tacit mortgage," because it is es-
established by the law without the aid of any
agreement. Civ. Code La. art. 3511.—Tacit
relocation. In Scotch law. The tacit or
implied renewal of a lease, inferred when the
landlord, instead of warning a tenant to re-
move at the stipulated expiration of the lease,
has allowed him to continue without making
a new agreement. Bell, "Relocation."—Tacit
tack. In Scotch law. An implied tack or
lease; inferred from a tacksman's possessing
peacefully after his tack is expired. 1 Forb.

Tacita quodam habentur pro express-
sis. 3 Coke, 40. Things unexpressed are
sometimes considered as expressed.

TACITE. Lat. Silently; impudently; tac-
titly.

TACITURNITY. In Scotch law, this sig-
ifies laches in not prosecuting a legal claim,
or in acquiescing in an adverse one. Mozley
& Whitney.

TACK, v. To annex some junior lien to
a first lien, thereby acquiring priority over
an intermediate one. See TACKING.

TACK, n. In Scotch law. A term cor-
responding to the English "lease," and de-
noting the same species of contract.

—Tack duty. Rent reserved upon a lease.

TACKING. The uniting securities given
at different times, so as to prevent any inter-
mediate purchaser from claiming a title to
redeem or otherwise discharge one lien, which
is prior, without redeeming or discharging the
other liens also, which are subsequent to
his own title. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 412.

The term is particularly applied to the ac-
tion of a third mortgagee who, by buying the
first lien and uniting it to his own, gets pri-
ority over the second mortgagee.

The term is also applied to the process of
making out title to land by adverse posses-
sion, when the present occupant and claimant
has not been in possession for the full statu-
ary period, but adds or "tacks" to his own
possession that of previous occupants under
whom he claims. See J. B. Streeter Co. v.
Fredrickson, 11 N. D. 300, 91 N. W. 692.

TACKSMAN. In Scotch law. A tenant
or lessee; one to whom a tack is granted. 1

TACTIS SACROSANCTIS. Lat. In old
English law. Touching the holy evangelists.
Fleta, lib. 3, c. 16, § 21. "A bishop may
swear visis evangelis, [looking at the Gos-
pels], and not tactis, and it is good enough.
Freme. 133.

TACTO PER SE SANCTO EVANG-
GELIO. Lat. Having personally touched the
holy Gospel. Cro. Eliz. 105. The de-
scription of a corporal oath.

TAIL. Limited; abridged; reduced; cur-
tailed, as a fee or estate in fee, to a certain
order of succession, or to certain heirs.

TAIL, ESTATE IN. An estate of in-
heritance, which, instead of descending to
heirs generally, goes to the heirs of the
donee's body, which means his lawful issue,
his children, and through them to his grand-
children in a direct line, so long as his pos-
ternity endures in a regular order and course
of descent, and upon the death of the first
owner without issue, the estate determines.
1 Washb. Real Prop. *72.

An estate tail is a freehold of inheritance,
limited to a person and the heirs of his body,
general or special, male or female, and is the
creation of the statute de Donis. The es-
tate, provided the entail be not barred, re-
verts to the donor or reverserion, if the
donee die without leaving descendants an-
swering to the condition annexed to the es-
tate upon its creation, unless there be a limi-
tation over to a third person on default of
such descendants, when it vests in such third
person or remainder-man. Wharton.

—Several tail. An entail severally to two;
as if land is given to two men and their
wives, and to the heirs of their bodies begotten;
here the donees hold a joint estate for their
two lives, and yet they have a several inheritance,
because the issue of the one shall have his mo-
ly, and the issue of the other the other moiety.
Cowen,—Tail after possibility of issue
extinct. A species of estate tail which arises
where one is tenant in special tail, and a per-
son from whose body the issue was to spring
without issue, or, having left issue, that
issue becomes extinct. In either of these cases
the surviving tenant in special tail becomes
"tenant in tail after possibility of issue ex-
When lands are given to a person and the
female heirs of his or her body, this is called an
"estate tail female," and the male heirs are
not capable of inheriting it.—Tail general.
An estate in tail granted to one "and the
heirs of his body begotten," which is called "tail
general" because, how often soever such donee
in tail be married, his issue in general by all
and every such marriage is, in the surviving or-
der, capable of inheriting the estate tail per for-
mam doni. 2 Bl. Comm. 113. This is where
an estate is limited to a man and the heirs of
his body, without any restriction at all; or,
according to some authorities, with no other
restriction than that in relation to sex. Thus,
tail male general is the same thing as tail male;
the word "general," in such case, implying that there is no other restriction upon the descent of the estate than that it must go in the male line. Thus the general legal estate in tail females is an estate in tail male. The word "general," in the phrase, expresses a purely negative idea, and may denote the absence of any restriction, or the absence of some given restriction which is tacitly understood. Mosley & Whitley—Tail male. When lands are given to a person and the male heirs of his or her body, this is called an "estate tail male," and the female heirs are not capable of inheriting it—Tail special. An estate in tail where the succession is restricted to certain heirs is the estate of the donee's body, and does not go to all of them in general; e.g., where lands and tenements are given to a man and "the heirs of his body on Mary, his now wife, to be begotten," here no issue can inherit but such special issue as is engendered between those two, not such as the husband may have by another wife, and therefore it is called "special tail." 2 Bl. Comm. 113. It is defined by Cowell as the limitation of lands and tenements to a man and his wife and the heirs of their two bodies. But the phrase need not be thus restricted. Tail special, in its largest sense, is where the gift is restrained to certain heirs of certain time, and does not go to all of them in general. Mosley & Whitley.

TAILAGE. A piece cut out of the whole; a share of one's substance paid by way of tribute; a toll or tax. Cowell.

TAILLE. Fr. In old French law. A tax or assessment levied by the king, or by any great lord, upon his subjects, usually taking the form of an imposition upon the owners of real estate. Brande.

In old English law. The fee which is opposed to fee-simple, because it is so minced or pared that it is not in the owner's free power to dispose of it, but it is, by the first giver, cut or divided from all other, and tied to the issue of the donee.—In short, an estate-tail. Wharton.

TAILZIE. In Scotch law. An entail. A tailzied fee is that which the owner, by exercising his inherent right of disposing of his property, settles upon others than those to whom it have descended by law. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 101.

TAINT. A conviction of felony, or the person so convicted. Cowell.

TAKE. 1. To lay hold of; to gain or receive into possession; to seize; to deprive one of the possession of; to assume ownership. Thus, it is a constitutional provision that a man's property shall not be taken for public uses without just compensation. Evansville & C. R. Co. v. Dick, 9 Ind. 433.

2. To obtain or assume possession of a chattel unlawfully, and without the owner's consent; to appropriate things to one's own use with felonious intent. Thus, an actual taking is essential to constitute larceny. 4 Bl. Comm. 430.

3. To seize or apprehend a person; to arrest the body of a person by virtue of lawful process. Thus, a capias commands the officer to take the body of the defendant.

4. To acquire the title to an estate; to receive an estate in lands from another person by virtue of some species of title. Thus, one is said to "take by purchase," "take by descent," "take a life-interest under the devise," etc.

5. To receive the verdict of a jury; to superintend the delivery of a verdict; to hold a court. The commission of assize in England empowers the judges to take the assizes; that is, according to its ancient meaning, to take the verdict of a peculiar species of jury called an "assize;" but, in its present meaning, "to hold the assizes." 8 Bl. Comm. 59, 185.

—Take up. A party to a negotiable instrument, particularly an indorser or acceptor, is said to "take up" the paper, or to "retire" it, when he pays its amount, or substitutes other security for it, and receives it again into his own hands. See Hartzell v. McClurg, 54 Neb. 316, 74 N. W. 626.

TAKER. One who takes or acquires; particularly, one who takes an estate by devise. When an estate is granted subject to a remainder or executory devise, the devisee of the immediate interest is called the "first taker."

TAKING. In criminal law and torts. The act of laying hold upon an article, with or without removing the same.

TALE. In old pleading. The plaintiff's count, declaration, or narrative of his case. 8 Bl. Comm. 293.

The count or counting of money. Said to be derived from the same root as "tally." Cowell. Whence also the modern word "teller."

TALES. Lat. Such; such men. When, by means of challenges or any other cause, a sufficient number of unexceptionable jurors does not appear at the trial, either party may pray a "tales," as it is termed; that is, a supply of such men as are summoned on the first panel in order to make up the deficiency. Brown. See State v. McCrystal, 43 La. Ann. 907, 9 South. 922; Railroad Co. v. Mask, 64 Miss. 738, 2 South. 300.

TALES DE CIRCUMSTANTIBUS. So many of the by-standers. The emphatic words of the old writ awarded to the sheriff to make up a deficiency of jurors out of the persons present in court. 3 Bl. Comm. 365.

TALESMAN. A person summoned to act as a juror from among the by-standers in the court. Linehan v. State, 113 Ala. 70, 21 South. 497; Shields v. Niagara County Sav. Bank, 5 Thomp. & C. (N. Y.) 537.

TALIO. Lat. In the civil law. Like for like; punishment in the same kind; the pun-
ishment of an injury by an act of the same kind, as an eye for an eye, a limb for a limb, etc. Calvin.

Tallis interpretatio semper fienda est, ut evitetur absurdum et inconveniens, et ne judicium sit illusorium. 1 Coke, 52. Interpretation is always to be made in such a manner that what is absurd and inconvenient may be avoided, and the judgment be not illusory.

Tallis non est eadem; nam nullum simile est idem. 4 Coke, 18. What is like is not the same; for nothing similar is the same.

Tallis res, vel tale rectum, quae vel quod non est in homine adunum superstite sed tantummodo est et consistit in consideratione et intelligentia legis, et quod nulli dissimilis talcum rem vel tale rectum facere in analysus. Such a thing or such a right as is not vested in a person then living, but merely exists in the consideration and contemplation of law [is said to be in abeyance,] and others have said that such a thing or such a right is in the clouds. Co. Litt. 342.

TALITER PROCESSUM EST. Upon pleading the judgment of an inferior court, the proceedings preliminary to such judgment, and on which the same was founded, must, to some extent, appear in the pleading, but the rule is that they may be alleged with a general allegation that "such proceedings were had," instead of a detailed account of the proceedings themselves, and this general allegation is called the "taliter processum est." A like concise mode of stating former proceedings in a suit is adopted at the present day in chancery proceedings upon petitions and in actions in the nature of bills of revivor and supplement. Brown.


TALLAGERS. Tax or toll gatherers; mentioned by Chaucer.

TALLAGIUM. L. Lat. A term including all taxes. 2 Inst. 332; People v. Brooklyn, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 551; Bernards Tp. v. Allen, 61 N. J. Law. 228, 39 Atl. 716.

—Tallagium facere. To give up accounts in the exchequer, where the method of accounting was by tallies.

TALLAULT. A keeping account by tallies. Cowell.

TANTO, RIGHT OF. In Mexican law. The right enjoyed by an usufructuary of property, of buying the property at the same price at which the owner offers it to any other person, or is willing to take from another. Civ. Code Mex. art. 592.

Tantum bona valent, quantum vendi possunt. Shep. Touch. 142. Goods are worth so much as they can be sold for.

TARDE VENIT. Lat. In practice. The name of a return made by the sheriff to a writ, when it came into his hands too late to be executed before the return-day.

TARE. A deficiency in the weight or quantity of merchandise by reason of the weight of the box, cask, bag, or other receptacle which contains it and is weighed with it. Also an allowance or abatement of a certain weight or quantity which the seller makes to the buyer, on account of the weight of such box, cask, etc. Napier v. Barney, 5 Blatchf. 191, 17 Fed. Cas. 1149. See Taret.

TARIFF. A cartel of commerce, a book of rates, a table or catalogue, drawn usually in alphabetical order, containing the names of several kinds of merchandise, with the duties or customs to be paid for the same, as settled by authority, or agreed on between the several princes and states that hold commerce together. Enc. Loud.; Railway Co. v. Cushman, 92 Tex. 623, 50 S. W. 1009.

The list or schedule of articles on which a duty is imposed upon their importation into the United States, with the rates at which they are severally taxed. Also the custom or duty payable on such articles. And, derivatively, the system or principle of imposing duties on the importation of foreign merchandise.


TATH. In the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, the lords of manors anciently claimed the privilege of having their tenants' flocks or sheep brought at night upon their own demesne lands, there to be folded for the improvement of the ground, which liberty was called by the name of the "tath." Spelman.

TAURI LIBERI LIBERTAS. Lat. A common bull; because he was free to all the tenants within such a manor, liberty, etc.

TAUTOLOGY. Describing the same thing twice in one sentence in equivalent terms; a fault in rhetoric. It differs from repetition or iteration, which is repeating the same sentence in the same or equivalent terms; the latter is sometimes either excusable or necessary in an argument or address; the former (tautology) never Wharton.

TAVERN. A place of entertainment; a house kept up for the accommodation of strangers. Originally, a house for the retailing of liquors to be drunk on the spot. Webster.


TAVERN-KEEPER. One who keeps a tavern. One who keeps an inn; an innkeeper.

TAVERNER. In old English law. A seller of wine; one who kept a house or shop for the sale of wine.

TAX, v. To impose a tax; to enact or declare that a pecuniary contribution shall be made by the persons liable, for the support of government. Spoken of an individual, to be taxed is to be included in an assessment made for purposes of taxation.

In practice. To assess or determine; to liquidate, adjust, or settle. Spoken particularly of taxing costs, (q. v.)

TAX, n. Taxes are a ratable portion of the produce of the property and labor of the individual citizens, taken by the nation, in the exercise of its sovereign rights, for the support of government, for the administration of the laws, and as the means for continuing in operation the various legitimate functions of the state. Black, Tax Titles. § 2; New London v. Miller, 60 Conn. 112, 22 Atl. 499; Graham v. St. JosephTp., 67 Mich. 452, 35 N. W. 506; Gibbons v. Ogden. 9 Wheat. 1, 6; Ed. 23.

Taxes are the enforced proportional contribution of persons and property, levied by the authority of the state for the support of the government, and for all public needs; portions of the property of the citizen, demanded and received by the government, to be disposed of to enable it to discharge its functions. Opinion of Justices, 58 Me. 390; Moog v. Randolph, 77 Ala. 567; Palmer v. Way, 6 Col. 106; Wagner v. Rock Island, 146 Ill. 135, 34 N. E. 549, 21 L. R. A. 519; In re Hun, 144 N. Y. 472, 39 N. E. 576;
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In a general sense, a tax is any contribution imposed by government upon individuals, for the use and service of the state, whether under the name of toll, tribute, tallage, gabel, impost, duty, custom, excise, subsidy, aid, supply, or other name. Story, Const. § 550.

Synonyms. In a broad sense, taxes undoubtedly include assessments, and the right to impose assessments has its foundation in the taxing power of the government; and yet, as a general and accepted usage, there is a broad distinction between the two terms. "Taxes," as the term is generally used, are public burdens imposed generally upon the inhabitants of the whole state, or upon some civil division thereof, for governmental purposes, without reference to pecu

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bular benefits to particular individuals or property. "Assessments" have reference to improvements which are specially beneficial to particular individuals or property, and which are imposed in proportion to the particular benefits supposed to be conferred. They are justified only because the improvements confer special benefits, and are just only when they are divided in proportion to such benefits. Roosevelt Hospital v. New York, 84 N. Y. 112. As distinguished from other kinds of taxation, "assessments" are those special and local improvements upon property in the immediate vicinity of municipal improvements which are necessary to pay for the improvement, and are laid with reference to the special benefit which the property is supposed to have derived therefrom. Hale v. Kenoshia, 29 Wis. 590; Ridenour v. Saffin, 1 Hardy (Ohio) 464; King v. Portland, 2 Or. 148; Williams v. Corcoran, 46 Cal. 553.

Taxes differ from subsidies, in being certain and orderly, and from forced contributions, etc., in that they are levied by authority of law, and by some rule of proportion which is intended to insure uniformity of contribution, and a just apportionment of the burdens of government. Cooley, Tax'n, 2.

The words "tax" and "excise," although often used as synonymous, are to be considered as having entirely distinct and separate significations. The former is a charge apportioned either among the whole people of the state, or among residents within certain districts, municipalities, or sections. It is required to be imposed, as we shall more fully explain hereafter, so that, if levied for the public charges of government, it shall be shared according to the estate, real and personal, which each person may possess, or, if raised to defray the cost of some local government of a public nature, of course by those who will receive some special and peculiar benefit or advantage which an expenditure of money for a public object may cause to those on whom the tax is assessed. An excise, on the other hand, is of a different character. It is based on no rule of apportionment or equality whatever. It is a fixed, absolute, and direct charge laid on merchandise, products, or commodities, without any regard to the amount of property belonging to those on whom it may fall, to any supposed relation between money expended for a public object and a special benefit occasioned to those by whom the charge is to be paid. Oliver v. Washington Mills, 11 Allen (Mass.) 274.

—Ad valorem tax. See AD VALOREM.—Capital tax. See that title.—Collateral inheritance tax. See COLLATERAL INHERITANCE.—Direct taxes. A direct tax is one which is demanded from the very persons who, it is intended or desired, should pay it. In direct taxes the burden is supposed to be levied from one person, in the expectation and intention that he shall indemnify himself at the expense of another. Mill, Pol. Econ. Taxes are divided into direct and indirect. Under the latter designation would be included those which are assessed upon the property, person, business, income, etc., of those who are to be benefited, and "indirect," or those which are levied on commodities before they reach the consumer, and are paid by those upon whom they ultimately fall, not as a tax, but as part of the selling price of the commodity. Cooley, Tax'n, 6. Historical evidence shows that personal property, contracts, occupations, and the like, have never been regarded as the subject of direct tax. The phrase is understood to be limited to taxes on land and its appurtenances, and on polls. Vezzie Bank v. Penno, 8 Wall. 633, 10 L. Ed. 482. See Hylton v. U. S., 3 Dall. 171. 1 L. Ed. 556; Pacific Ins. Co. v. Soule, 7 Wall. 448, 19 L. Ed. 55; Scholey v. Rev. 90 U. S. 347, 23 L. Ed. 96; Bean v. U. S., 102 U. S. 692, 26 L. Ed. 238; Vezzie Bank v. Penno, 8 Wall. 633, 19 L. Ed. 442; Pollock v. Farmers' & T. Co., 157 U. S. 666, 15 Sup. Ct. 673, 39 L. Ed. 750; Railroad Co. v. Morrow, 87 Tenn. 406, 11 S. W. 348, 2 L. R. A. 553; People v. Knight, 114 N. Y. 475, 67 N. E. 63, 48 L. R. A. 87.—Franchise tax. See FRANCHISE.—Income tax. See INCOME.—Indirect taxes are those demanded in the first instance from one person in the expectation and intention that he shall indemnify himself at the expense of another. "Ordinarily all taxes paid primarily by persons who can shift the burden upon some one else, or who are under no legal compulsion to pay them, are considered indirect taxes." Pollock v. Farmers' & T. Co., 157 U. S. 666, 15 Sup. Ct. 673, 39 L. Ed. 750; Springer v. U. S., 102 U. S. 802, 26 L. Ed. 253; Thomasson v. State, 15 Ind. 451.—Inheritance tax. See INHERITANCE.—License tax. See LICENSE.—Local taxes. Those assessments which are limited to certain districts, as poor- rates, parish taxes, county rates, taxes, etc. See OCCUPATION.—Parliamentary taxes. Such as are imposed directly by act of parliament, i.e., by the legislation of the state, as distinguished from those which are imposed by private individuals or bodies under the authority of an act of parliament. Thus, a sewers rate, not being imposed directly by act of parliament,

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but by certain persons termed "commissioners of sewers," is not a parliamentary tax; whereas the income tax, which is directly imposed, and the amount also fixed, by act of parliament, is a parliamentary tax. Brown.—Personal tax, a tax imposed on the person without reference to property, as a capitation or poll tax, or a tax imposed on personal property, as a tax on real property. See Jack v. Walker (C. C.) 72 Fed. 141; Potter v. Ross, 21 N. J. Law. 517; Bates' Ann. St. Ohio, 104. Poll tax, the old name for this form of tax. See that title.

Public tax. A tax levied for some general public purpose or for the purposes of the general public revenue, as distinguished from local municipal taxes and assessments. Morgan v. Cree, 46 Vt. 763, 14 Am. Rep. 540; Buffalo City Cemetery v. Buffalo, 46 N. Y. 500. Specific tax. A tax imposed as a fixed sum on each article or item of property of a given class or kind, without regard to its value; opposed to ad valorem tax.—Succession tax. See Succession. — Tax certificate. A certificate of the purchase of land at a tax sale thereof, given by the officer making the sale, and which is evidence of the holder's right to receive a deed thereof if it is not redeemed within the time limited by law. See Eaton v. Manitowoc County, 44 Wis. 492; Nelson v. Central Land Co., 21 Minn. 408, 20 N. W. 121.—Tax deed. The conveyance given upon a sale of lands made for non-payment of taxes; the deed whereby the officer of the law undertakes to convey the title of the proprietor to the purchaser at the tax-sale.—Tax lease. The instrument (or estate) given to the purchaser of land at a tax sale, where the law does not permit the sale of the estate in fee for non-payment of taxes, but instead thereof directs the sale of an estate for years. — Tax levy. The total sum to be raised by the tax. Also the bill, enactment, or measure of legislation by which an annual or general tax is imposed.—Tax lien. A statutory lien, existing in favor of the state or municipality, upon the lands of a person charged with taxes, binding the same either for the taxes assessed upon the specific tract of land or (in some jurisdictions) for all the taxes due from the individual, and which may be foreclosed for non-payment, by judgment of a court or sale of the land.—Tax-payer. A person chargeable with an tax, one from whom the government demands a pecuniary contribution towards its support.—Tax-payers' lists. Written exhibits required to be made out by tax-payers residing in a district, enumerating all the property owned by them and subject to taxation, to be handed to the assessors, at a specified date or stated time, as a basis for assessment and valuation.—Tax purchaser. A person who buys land at a tax-sale; the person to whom the land, at a tax-sale, is returned, is struck down. — Tax roll. See Roll. — Tax sale. See Sale. — Tax title. The title by which one holds land which he purchased at a tax-sale. That species of title which is acquired by a successful bid for land at a collector's sale of the same for non-payment of taxes, completed by the failure of those entitled to redeem within the specified time and evidenced by the deed executed to the tax purchaser, or his assignee, by the proper officer.—Taxing district. The district through which a particular tax or assessment is ratably apportioned and levied upon the inhabitants: it may comprise the whole state, one county, a city, a town, or a part of a state or county, or the whole state. See Tonnage Duty. — Wheel tax. A tax on wheeled vehicles of any kind and bicycles. — Window tax. See Window.

TAXA. L. Lat. A tax. Spelman. In old records, an allotted piece of work; a task.

TAXABLE. Subject to taxation; liable to be assessed, along with others, for a share in a tax. Persons subject to taxation are sometimes called "taxables;" so property which may be assessed for taxation is said to be taxable. Applied to costs in an action, the word means proper to be taxed or charged up; legally chargeable or assessable.

TAXARE. Lat. To rate or value. Calvin.

To tax; to lay a tax or tribute. Spelman.

In old English practice. To assess; to rate or estimate; to moderate or regulate an assessment or rate.

TAXATI. In old European law. Soldiers of a garrison or fleet, assigned to a certain station. Spelman.

TAXATIO. Lat. In Roman law. Taxation or assessment of damages; the assessment, by the judge, of the amount of damages to be awarded to a plaintiff, and particularly in the way of reducing the amount claimed or sworn to by the latter.

TAXATIO ECCLESIASTICA. The valuation of ecclesiastical benefices made through every diocese in England, on occasion of Pope Innocent IV. granting to King Henry III. the tenth of all spirituals for three years. This taxation was first made by Walter, bishop of Norwich, delegated by the pope to this office in 38 Hen. III., and hence called "Taxatio Norwiciensis." It is also called "Pope Innocent's Valor." Wharton.

TAXATIO EXPENSARUM. In old English practice. Taxation of costs.

TAXATIO NORWICIENSIS. A valuation of ecclesiastical benefices made through every diocese in England, in Walter, bishop of Norwich, delegated by the pope to this office in 38 Hen. Ill. Cowell.

TAXATION. The imposition of a tax; the act or process of imposing and levying a pecuniary charge or enforced contribution, ratable, or proportioned to value or some other standard, upon persons or property, by or on behalf of a government or one of its divisions or agencies, for the purpose of providing revenue for the maintenance and expenses of government.

The term "taxation," both in common parlance and in the laws of the several states, has been ordinarily used, not to express the idea of the sovereign power which is exercised, but the exercise of that power for a particular purpose, viz., to raise a revenue for the general and ordinary expenses of the government. Whether the state, county, town, or city government. But there is another class of expenses, also of a public nature, necessary to be provided for, peculiar to the local government of counties, cities, towns, and even smaller subdivisions, such as opening, grading, improving in various ways, and repairing, highways and
TEAM WORK. Within the meaning of an exemption law, this term means work done by a team as a substantial part of a man’s business; as in farming, staging, express carrying, drawing of freight, peddling, or the transportation of material used or dealt in as a business. Hickok v. Thayer, 49 Va. 375.

TEAMSTER. One who drives horses in a wagon for the purpose of carrying goods for hire. He is liable as a common carrier. Story, Bailm. § 496.

TECHNICAL. Belonging or peculiar to an art or profession. Technical terms are frequently called in the books “words of art.”

—Technical mortgage. A true and formal mortgage, as distinguished from other instruments which, in some respects, have the character of equitable mortgages. Harrison v. Annapolis & E. R. R. Co., 50 Md. 514.

TEDDING. Spreading. Tedding grass is spreading it out after it is cut in the swath. 10 East, 5.

TEDING-PENNY. In old English law. A small tax or allowance to the sheriff from each tithing of his county towards the charge of keeping courts, etc. Cowell.

TEEP. In Hindu law. A note of hand; a promissory note given by a native banker or money-lender to zemindars and others, to enable them to furnish government with security for the payment of their rents. Wharton.

TEGULA. In the civil law. A tile. Dig. 19, 1, 18.

TEIND COURT. In Scotch law. A court which has jurisdiction of matters relating to teinds, or tithes.

TEIND MASTERS. Those entitled to tithes.

TEINDS. In Scotch law. A term corresponding to tithes (q. v.) in English ecclesiastical law.

TEINLAND. Sax. In old English law. Land of a thane or Saxon noble; land granted by the crown to a thane or lord. Cowell; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 5.

TELEGRAM. A telegraphic dispatch; a message sent by telegraph.

TELEGRAPH. In the English telegraph act of 1863, the word is defined as “a wire or wires used for the purpose of telegraphic communication, with any casing, costing, tube, or pipe inclosing the same, and any apparatus connected therewith for the purpose of telegraphic communication.” St. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 112, § 3.
TELEGRAPHIC. A word occasionally used in old English law to describe ancient documents or written evidence of things past. Blount.

TELEPHONE. In a general sense, the name "telephone" applies to any instrument or apparatus which transmits sound beyond the limits of ordinary audibility. But, since the recent discoveries in telephony, the name is technically and primarily restricted to an instrument or device which transmits sound by means of electricity and wires similar to telegraphic wires. In a secondary sense, however, being the sense in which it is most commonly understood, the word "telephone" constitutes a generic term, having reference generally to the art of telephony as an institution, but more particularly to the apparatus, as an entirety, ordinarily used in the transmission, as well as in the reception, of telephonic messages. Hockett v. State, 105 Ind. 201, 5 N. E. 175, 55 Am. Rep. 201.

TELLER. One who numbers or counts. An officer of a bank who receives or pays out money. Also one appointed to count the votes cast in a deliberative or legislative assembly or other meeting. The name was also given to certain officers formerly attached to the English exchequer.

The teller is a considerate officer in the exchequer, of which offices there are four, whose office it is to receive all money due to the king, and to give the clerk of the privy a bill to charge him therewith. They also pay to all persons any money payable by the king, and make weekly and yearly books of their receipts and payments, which they deliver to the lord treasurer. Cowell; Jacob.

TELLERS IN PARLIAMENT. In the language of parliament, the "tellers" are the members of the house selected to count the members when a division takes place. In the house of lords a division is effected by the "non-contentus" remaining within the bar, and the "contentus" going below it, a teller being appointed for each party. In the commons the "ayes" go into the lobby at one end of the house, and the "noes" into the lobby at the other end, the house itself being perfectly empty, and two tellers being appointed for each party. May, Parl. Pr.; Brown.

TELLIGRAPHUM. An Anglo-Saxon charter of land. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 1, p. 10.

TELLWORC. That labor which a tenant was bound to do for his lord for a certain number of days.

TEMENJALE, OR TENEMENTALE. A tax of two shillings upon every plow-land, a decennary.

TEMERE. Lat. In the civil law. Rashly; inconsiderately. A plaintiff was said temere litigare who demanded a thing out of malice, or sued without just cause, and who could show no ground or cause of action. Brissonius.

TEMEST. A violent or furious storm; a current of wind rushing with extreme violence, and usually accompanied with rain or snow. See Stover v. Insurance Co., 3 Phila. (Pa.) 39; Thistle v. Union Forwarding Co., 29 U. C. C. P. 84.

TEMPLARS. A religious order of knighthood, instituted about the year 1119, and so called because the members dwelt in a part of the temple of Jerusalem, and not far from the sepulcher of our Lord. They entertained Christian strangers and pilgrims charitably, and their profession was at first to defend travelers from highwaymen and robbers. The order was suppressed A. D. 1307, and their substance given partly to the knights of St. John of Jerusalem, and partly to other religious orders. Brown.

TEMPLE. Two English inns of court, thus called because anciently the dwelling place of the Knights Templar. On the suppression of the order, they were purchased by some professors of the common law, and converted into hospita or inns of court. They are called the "Inner" and "Middle Temple," in relation to Essex House, which was also a part of the house of the Templars, and called the "Outer Temple," because situated without Temple Bar. Enc. Lond.

TEMPORAL LORDS. The peers of England; the bishops are not in strictness held to be peers, but merely lords of parliament. 2 Steph. Comm. 320, 345.

TEMPORALIS. Lat. In the civil law. Temporary; limited to a certain time.

TEMPORALIS HOC. An action which could only be brought within a certain period.

TEMPORALIS EXCEPTIO. A temporary exception which barred an action for a time only.

TEMPORALITIES. In English law. The lay fees of bishops, with which their churches are endowed or permitted to be endowed by the liberality of the sovereign, and in virtue of which they become barons and lords of parliament. Spelman. In a wider sense, the money revenues of a church, derived from pew rents, subscriptions, donations, collections, cemetery charges, and other sources. See Barabas v. Kabat, 86 Md. 23, 37 Atl. 720.

TEMPORALITY. The laity; secular people.

TEMPORARY. That which is to last for a limited time only, as distinguished from that which is perpetual, or indefinite, in its duration. Thus, temporary alimony is granted for the support of the wife pending the action for divorce. Dayton v. Drake, 64 Iowa. 714. 21 N. W. 158. A temporary injunction restrains action or any change in the situation of affairs until a hearing on
the merits can be had. Jesse French Piano Co. v. Porter, 134 Ala. 302, 32 South. 676, 92 Am. St. Rep. 31; Culvert v. State, 54 Neb. 618, 52 N. W. 687. A temporary receiver is one appointed to take charge of property until a hearing is had and an adjudication made. Boonville Nat. Bank v. Blakey, 107 Fed. 895, 47 C. C. A. 43. A temporary statute is one limited in respect to its duration. People v. Wright, 70 Ill. 399. As to temporary insanity, see INSANITY.

TEMPORE. Lat. In the time of. Thus, the volume called "Cases tempore Holt" is a collection of cases adjudged in the king's bench during the time of Lord Holt. Wall. Rep. 398.

TEMPORIS EXCEPTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A plea of time; a plea of lapse of time, in bar of an action. Corresponding to the plea of prescription, or the statute of limitations, in our law. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 213.

TEMPS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. Time in general. A time limited; a season; e. g., tempus seasonum, mast time in the forest.

—Tempus continua. In the civil law. A continuous or absolute period of time. A term which begins from a certain event, even though he for whom it runs has no knowledge of the event and in which, when it has once begun to run, all the days are reckoned as they follow one another in the calendar. Dig. 3, 2, 8; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 105.—Tempus semestrum. In old English law. The period of six months or half a year, consisting of one hundred and eighty-two days. Cro. Jac. 160.

—Tempus utile. In the civil law. A profitable or advantageous period of time. A term which begins to run from a certain event, only when he for whom it runs has obtained a knowledge of the event and in which, when it has once begun to run, those days are not reckoned on which one has expirandati potestas; i. e., on which one cannot prosecute his rights before a court. Dig. 3, 6, 6; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 196.

Tempus enim modus tollendi obligaciones et actiones, quis tempus currit contra desidiae et sui juris contemptores. For time is a means of destroying obligations and actions, because time runs against the slothful and creatures of their own rights. Fleta, 1, 4, 5, § 12.

TENANCY is the relation of a tenant to the land which he holds. Hence it signifies (1) the estate of a tenant, as in the expressions "Joint tenancy," "tenancy in common:" (2) the term or interest of a tenant for years or at will, as when we say that a lessee must remove his fixtures during his tenancy. Sweet.

—General tenancy. A tenancy which is not fixed and made certain in point of duration by the agreement of the parties. Brown v. Bragg, 22 Ind. 122.—Joint tenancy. An estate in joint tenancy is an estate in fee-simple, fee-tail, for life, or at will, arising by pur-chase or grant to two or more persons. Joint tenants have one and the same interest, accruing by one and the same conveyance, commencing at one and the same time, and held by one and the same undivided possession. The grand incident of joint tenancy is that in which the entire tenancy on the decease of any joint tenant remains to the survivors, and at length to the last survivor. Pub. St. Mass. 1852, p. 1292; Simons v. McLain, 51 Kan. 153, 32 Pac. 919; Thornburg v. Wiggins, 135 Ind. 178, 34 N. E. 990; 22 L. R. A. 42; 41 Am. St. Rep. 422; Appeal of Brown, 16 Ind. Mich. 340; 1 N. W. 580; 24 Am. St. Rep. 94; Redemptorist Fathers v. Lawler, 205 Pa. 24, 54 Atl. 487. A joint interest is one owned by several persons in equal shares, by a title created by a single will or transfer, when expressly declared in the will or transfer to be a joint tenancy, or when granted or devised to executors or trustees as joint tenants. Civ. Code Cal. § 683.—Several tenancy. A tenancy which is separate, and not held jointly with another person.—Tenancy at sufferance. This is the least and lowest estate which can subsist in reality. It is in strictness not an estate, but a mere possession only. It arises when a person, after his right to the occupation, under a lawful title, is at an end, continues (having no title at all) in possession of the land, without the agreement or discharge of the person in whom the right of possession resides. 2 Bl. Comm. 150.

TENANT. In the broadest sense, one who holds or possesses lands or tenements by any kind of right or title, whether in fee, for life, for years, at will, or otherwise. Cowell. In a more restricted sense, one who holds lands of another; one who has the temporary use and occupation of real property owned by another person, (called the "landlord") the duration and terms of his tenancy being usually fixed by an instrument called a "lease." See Becker v. Becke, 13 App. Div. 342, 48 N. Y. Supp. 17; Bowe v. Hunking, 135 Mass. 383, 46 Am. Rep. 471; Clift v. White, 12 N. Y. 527; Lightbody v. Trueisen, 39 Minn. 310, 40 N. W. 67; Woolsey v. State, 30 Tex. App. 347, 17 S. W. 546.

The word "tenant" conveys a much more comprehensive idea in the language in which it does than it does in its popular sense. In popular language it is used more particularly as opposed to the word "landlord," and always seems to imply that the land or property is not the tenant's own, but belongs to some other person, of whom he immediately holds it. But, in the language of the law, every possessor of land is called a tenant with reference to such property, and this, whether such landed property is absolutely his own, or whether he merely holds it under a lease for a certain number of years. Brown.

In feudal law. One who holds of another (called "lord" or "superior") by some service; as fealty or rent.

One who has actual possession of lands claimed in suit by another; the defendant in a real action. The correlative of "demandant." 3 Bl. Comm. 180.

Strictly speaking, a "tenant" is a person who holds land; but the term is also applied by analogy to personality. Thus we speak of a person being tenant for life, or tenant in common, of stock. Sweet.

—Joint tenants. Two or more persons to whom are granted lands or tenements to hold in
fee-simple, fee-tail, for life, for years, or at will. 2 Bl. Comm. 170. Persons who own lands by a joint title created expressly by one and the same deed or will. 4 Kent, Comm. 337. Joint tenants, as also tenants in common, accrestion by one and the same conveyance, commencing at one and the same time, and held by one and the same undivided possessor. 2 Bl. Comm. 132.-Quasi tenant at sufferance. An under-tenant, who is in possession at the determination of an original lease, and is permitted to renew it by the lessor.—Sale tenant. He that holds lands by his own right only, without any other person being joined with him. Cowell.—Tenant a voluntes. L. Fr. A tenant by conveyance or inheritance, that comes into the possession of land by lawful title, but holds over by wrong, after the determination of his interest. 4 Kent, Comm. 118; 2 Bl. Comm. 150; Fielder v. Childs, 73 Ala. 577; Plesant v. Claghorn, 2 Miles (Pa.) 304; Bright v. McCoaat, 40 Ind. 525; Garner v. Hannah, 6 Duer (N. Y.) 270; Wright v. Graves, 80 Ala. 418.—Tenant at will is "where lands or tenements are let by one man to another, to have and to hold at the will of the lessor of which land or tenement which is in possession. In this case the lessee is called "tenant at will," because he hath no certain nor limited time for the lease, nor houses at what time it pleaseth him." Litt. § 68; Sweet. Post v. Post, 14 Barb. (N. Y.) 258; Spalding v. Hall, 16 C. C. 125; Cunningham v. Heath, 26 Vt. 361; White v. Campbell, 115 Ga. 900, 45 S. E. 794.—Tenant by copy of court roll (shortly, "tenant by copy") is the old-fashioned name for a copyholder. Litt. § 73.—Tenant by the curtesy. One who, on the death of his wife seised of an estate of inheritance, after having by her issue born alive and capable of inheriting her estate, holds the same in dower and tenements for the term of his life. Co. Litt. 30a; 2 Bl. Comm. 128.—Tenant by the manner. One who has a less estate than a fee in land which remains in the reveresioner. He is so called because in aworries and other pleadings it is specially shown in what manner he is tenant of the land, in contradistinction to the copy tenant, who is called simply "tenant." Ham. N. P. 383.—Tenant for life. One who holds lands or tenements for the term of his own life, or for so long a time as he shall live. In which he is called "per evert vic."
or for more lives than one. 2 Bl. Comm. 120; In re Hyde, 41 House, 772.—Tenant for years. One who has the temporary use and possession of lands or tenements not his own, by virtue of a lease or demise granted to him by the owner, for a period of time. For a year or a fixed number of years. 2 Bl. Comm. 140.—Tenant from year to year. One who holds lands or tenements under the demise of another, where no certain term has been mentioned, but an annual rent has been reserved. See 1 Steph. Comm. 271; 4 Kent, Comm. 111, 114. One who holds over by consent given either expressly or constructively, after the determination of a lease for years. 4 Kent, Comm. 35; Shore v. Porta. Term, 26; Robinson v. Willard, 83 Ind. 388; Hunter v. Frost, 47 Minn. 1. 49 N. W. 327; Arvens v. Ezell, 52 W. Va. 476, 44 S. E. 149, 61 L. R. A. 107.—Tenant in capite. In feudal and old English law. Tenant in chief; one who held immediately under the king, in right of his crown and dignity. 2 Bl. Comm. 60.—Tenant in common. Tenants in common are generally defined to be such as hold the same land together by several and distinct titles, but by unity of possession, because none owns his own severed part, and therefore they all occupy promiscuously. 2 Bl. Comm. 191. A tenancy in common is where two or more hold the same land, with an accruing under different titles, or accruing under the same title, but at different periods, or conferred by words of limitation im-
distinguished from copyhold by many of its incidents.

2. The so-called tenant-right of renewal is the expectation of a lessee that his lease will be renewed, in cases where it is an established practice to renew leases from time to time, as in the case of leases from the crown, from ecclesiastical corporations, or other collegiate bodies. Strictly speaking, there can be no right of renewal against the lessor without an express compact by him to that effect, though the existence of the custom often influences the price in sales.

3. The Ulster tenant-right may be described as a right on the tenant's part to sell his holding to the highest bidder, subject to the existing or a reasonable increase of rent from time to time, as circumstances may require, with a reasonable veto reserved to the landlord in respect of the incoming tenant's character and solvency. Mosley & Whitley.

**TENANT'S FIXTURES.** This phrase signifies things which are fixed to the freehold of the demised premises, but which the tenant may detach and take away, provided he does so in season. Wall v. Hinds, 4 Gray (Mass.) 256, 270, 64 Am. Dec. 64.

**TENANTABLE REPAIR.** Such a repair as will render a house fit for present habitation.

**TENCON.** L. Fr. A dispute; a quarrel. Kelham.

**TEND.** In old English law. To tender or offer. Cowell.

**TENDER.** An offer of money; the act by which one produces and offers to a person holding a claim or demand against him the amount of money which he considers and admits to be due, in satisfaction of such claim or demand, without any stipulation or condition. Salinas v. Ellis, 26 S. C. 337, 2 S. E. 121; Tompkins v. Battle, 11 Neb. 147, 7 N. W. 747, 38 Am. Rep. 361; Holmes v. Holmes, 12 Barb. (N. Y.) 144; Smith v. Lewis, 20 Conn. 119; Noyes v. Wyckoff, 114 N. Y. 204, 21 N. E. 158.

Tender, in pleading, is a plea by defendant that he has always been ready to pay the debt demanded, and before the commencement of the action tendered it to the plaintiff, and now brings it into court ready to be paid to him, etc. Brown.

---Legal tender. That kind of coin, money, or circulating medium which the law compels a creditor to accept in payment of his debt, when tendered by the debtor in the right amount.—**Tender of amends.** An offer by a person who has been guilty of any wrong or breach of contract to pay a sum of money by way of amends. If a defendant in an action make tender of amends, and the plaintiff decline to accept it, the defendant may pay the money into court, and plead the payment into court as a satisfaction of the plaintiff's claim. Mosley & Whitel.—**Tender of issue.** A form of words in a pleading, by which a party offers to refer the question raised upon it to the appropriate mode of decision. The common tender of an issue of fact by a defendant is expressed by the words, "and of this he puts himself upon the country." Steph. Pl. 54, 230.

**TENEMENT.** This term, in its vulgar acceptation, is only applied to houses and other buildings, but in its original, proper, and legal sense it signifies everything that may be held, provided it be of a permanent nature, whether it be of a substantial and sensible, or of an unsubstantial, ideal, kind. Thus, *liberum tenementum*, frank tenement, or freehold, is applicable not only to lands and other solid objects, but also to offices, rents, commons, advozsons, franchises, peerages, etc. 2 Bl. Comm. 16; Mitchell v. Warner, 5 Conn. 517; Oskaloosa Water Co. v. Board of Equalization, 54 Iowa, 497, 61 N. W. 18, 15 L. R. A. 296; Field v. Higgins, 35 Me. 541; Sacket v. Wheaton, 17 Pick. (Mass.) 1503; Lenfers v. Henke, 73 Ill. 406, 24 Am. Rep. 263.

"Tenement" is a word of greater extent than "land," including not only land, but rents, commons, and several other rights and interests issuing out of or concerning land. 1 Steph. Comm. 158, 159.

Its original meaning, according to some, was "house" or "homestead." Jacob. In modern use it also signifies rooms let in houses. Webster.

---Dominant tenement. One for the benefit or advantage of which an easement exists or is enjoyed.—**Servient tenement.** One which is subject to the burden of an easement existing for or enjoyed by another tenement. See EASEMENT.

**TENEMENTAL LAND.** Land distributed by a lord among his tenants, as opposed to the demesnes which were occupied by himself and his servants. 2 Bl. Comm. 59.

**TENEMENTIS LEGATIS.** An ancient writ, lying to the city of London, or any other corporation, (where the old custom was that men might devise by will lands and tenements, as well as goods and chattels,) for the hearing and determining any controversy touching the same. Reg. Orig. 244.

**TENENDAS.** In Scotch law. The name of a clause in charters of heritable rights, which derives its name from its first words, "tenendas praedictas terras." It points out the superior of whom the lands are to be held, and expresses the particular tenure. Ersk. Inst. 2, 3, 24.

**TENENDEUM.** Lat. To hold; to be held. The name of that formal tenures which has been converted into socage, the *tenendum* is
of no further use, and is therefore joined in the *habendum*;—"to have and to hold." 2 Bl. Comm. 298; 4 Cruise, Dig. 26.

**TENENS.** A tenant; the defendant in a real action.

**TENENTIBUS IN ASSISÂ NON ONERANDIS.** A writ that formerly lay for him to whom a disseisor had alienated the land whereby he disseised another, that he should not be molested in assise for damages, if the disseisor had wherewith to satisfy them. Reg. Orig. 214.

**TENERE.** Lat. In the civil law. To hold; to hold fast; to have in possession; to retain.

In relation to the doctrine of possession, this term expresses merely the fact of manual detention, or the corporal possession of any object, without involving the question of title; while *haberc* (and especially *posseder*) denotes the maintenance of possession by a lawful claim; i. e., civil possession, as distinguished from mere natural possession.

**TENERI.** The Latin name for that clause in a bond in which the obligor expresses that he is "held and firmly bound" to the obligee, his heirs, etc.

**TENET; TENUIT.** Lat. He holds; he held. In the Latin forms of the writ of waste against a tenant, these words introduced the allegation of tenure. If the teneacy still existed, and recovery of the land was sought, the former word was used, and the writ was said to be "in the tenet.") If the tenancy had already determined, the latter term was used, (the writ being described as "in the tenuit.") and then damages only were sought.

**TENHEDED, or TIENHEOFED.** In old English law. A dean. Cowell.

**TENMENTALE.** The number of ten men, which number, in the time of the Saxons, was called a "decennary;" and ten decennaries made what was called a "hundred." Also a duty or tribute paid to the crown, consisting of two shillings for each plowland. Enc. Lond.

**TENNE.** A term of heraldry, meaning orange color. In engravings it should be represented by lines in bend sinister crossed by others bar-ways. Heraldic who blazon by the names of the heavenly bodies, call it "dragon's head." and those who employ jewels, "jacinth." It is one of the colors called "stainand." Wharton.

**TENOR.** A term used in pleading to denote that an exact copy is set out. 1 Chit. Crim. Law, 235.

By the tenor of a deed, or other instrument in writing, is signified the matter contained therein, according to the true intent and meaning thereof. Cowell.

"Tenor." In pleading a written instrument, imports that the very words are set out. "Purport" does not import this, but is equivalent only to "substance." Cons. v. Wright, 1 Cush. (Mass.) 65; Dana v. State, 2 Ohio St. 93; State v. Boney, 34 Me. 384; State v. Atkins, 5 Blackf. (Ind.) 458; State v. Chinn, 142 Mo. 507, 44 S. W. 245.

The action of proving the tenor, in Scotland, is an action for proving the contents and purport of a deed which has been lost. Bell.


**Tenor est qui legem dat feudo.** It is the tenor [of the feudal grant] which regulates its effect and extent. Craigius, Jus Feud. (3d Ed.) 60; Broom, Max. 450.

**TENORE INDICTAMENTI MITTENDO.** A writ whereby the record of an indictment, and the process thereupon, was called out of another court into the queen's bench. Reg. Orig. 69.

**TENORE PRESENTIUM.** By the tenant of these presents, i. e., the matter contained therein, or rather the intent and meaning thereof. Cowell.

**TENSELÆ.** A sort of ancient tax or military contribution. Wharton.

**TENTATES PANIS.** The essay or essay of bread. Blount.

**TENTERDEN'S ACT.** In English law. The statute 9 Geo. IV. c. 14, taking its name from Lord Tenterden, who procured its enactment, which is a species of extension of the statute of frauds, and requires the reduction of contracts to writing.

**TENTHS.** In English law. A temporary aid issuing out of personal property, and granted to the king by parliament; formerly the real tenth part of all the movables belonging to the subject. 1 Bl. Comm. 308.

In English ecclesiastical law. The tenth part of the annual profit of every living in the kingdom, formerly paid to the pope, but by statute 26 Hen. VIII. c. 3, transferred to the crown, and afterwards made a part of the fund called "Queen Anne's Bounty." 1 Bl. Comm. 284-286.

**TENUIT.** A term used in stating the tenure in an action for waste done after the termination of the tenancy. See Tenor.

**TENURA.** In old English law. Tenure.

*Tenura est pactio contra communem feudi naturam ac rationem, in contractu interposita.* Wright, Ten. 21. Tenure is
a compact contrary to the common nature and reason of the fee, put into a contract.

**Tenure.** The mode or system of holding lands or tenements in subordination to some superior, which, in the feudal age, was the leading characteristic of real property. Tenure is the direct result of feudalism, which separated the *dominium directum*, (the dominion of the soil,) which is placed mediatly or immediately in the crown, from the *dominium utile*, (the possessory title,) the right to the use and profits in the soil, designated by the term "selsin," which is the highest interest a subject can acquire. Wharton.

Wharton gives the following list of tenures which were ultimately developed:

**Lay Tenures.**

I. Frank Tenement, or freehold. (1) The military tenures (abolished, except grand serjeanty, and reduced to free socage tenures) were: Kight service proper, or tenure in chivalry; grand serjeanty; cornage. (2) Free socage, or plow-service; either petit serjeanty, tenure in burgage, or gavelkind.

II. Vileinage, (whence copyhold) at the lord's [nominal] will, which is regulated according to custom. (2) Privileged vileinage, sometimes called "vilein socage," (whence tenure in ancient demesne, which is an exalted species of copyhold, held according to custom, and not according to the lord's will,) and is of three kinds: Tenure in ancient demesne; privileged copyholds, customary freeholds, or free copyholds; copyholds of base tenure.

**Spiritual Tenures.**

I. Frankaldom, or free alma. II. Tenure by divine service.

Tenure, in its general sense, is a mode of holding or occupying. Thus, we speak of the tenure of an office, meaning the manner in which it is held, especially with regard to time, (tenure for life, tenure during good behavior,) and of tenure of land in the sense of occupation or tenancy, especially with reference to cultivation and questions of political economy; e. g., tenure by servant proprietors, cottagers, etc. Sweet. See Bard v. Grundy, 2 Ky. 100; People v. Watte, 9 Wend. (N. Y.) 58; Richman v. Lippincott, 29 N. J. Law, 59.

—Tenure by divine service is where an ecclesiastical corporation, sole or aggregate, holds land by a certain divine service; as to say prayers on a certain day in every year, "or to distribute in alms to an hundred poor men an hundred pence at such a day." Litt. 3137.

**Terc.** In Scotch law. Dower; a widow's right of dower, or a right to a life estate in a third part of the lands of which her husband died seised.

**Tercer.** In Scotch law. A widow that possesses the third part of her husband's land, as her legal jointure. 1 Kames, Eq. pref.

**Tercerone.** A term applied in the West Indies to a person one of whose parents was white and the other a mulatto. See Daniel v. Guy, 19 Ark. 131.

**Term.** A word or phrase; an expression; particularly one which possesses a fixed and known meaning in some science, art, or profession.

**In the civil law.** A space of time granted to a debtor for discharging his obligation. Poth. Obl. pt. 2, c. 8, art. 3, § 1; Civ. Code La. art. 2043.

**In estates.** "Term" signifies the bounds, limitation, or extent of time for which an estate is granted; as when a man holds an estate for any limited or specific number of years, which is called his "term," and he himself is called, with reference to the term he so holds, the "terminor," or "tenant of the term." See Gay Mfg. Co. v. Hobbs, 128 N. C. 46, 38 S. E. 26, 88 Am. St. Rep. 601; Sanderson v. Scranton, 105 Pa. 472; Hurd v. Whitsett, 50 S. C. 54; Taylor v. Terry, 71 Cal. 46, 11 Pac. 813.

Of court. The word "term," when used with reference to a court, signifies the space of time during which the court holds a session. A session signifies the time of the term when the court sits for the transaction of business, and the session commences when the court convenes for the term, and continues until final adjournment, either before or at the expiration of the term. The term of the court is the time prescribed by law during which it may be in session. The session of the court is the time of its actual sitting. Lipari v. State, 19 Tex. App. 431. And see Horton v. Miller, 88 Pa. 271; Dees v. State, 79 Miss. 250; 28 South. 849; Conkling v. Hidgeny, 112 Ill. 36, 1 N. E. 211, 54 Am. Rep. 204; Brown v. Hume, 16 Grat. (Va.) 462; Brown v. Leet, 136 Ill. 208, 26 N. E. 639.

—General term. A phrase used in some jurisdictions to denote the ordinary session of a court; for the trial and determination of causes, as distinguished from a special term, or the hearing of motions or arguments or the dispatch of various kinds of formal business, or the trial of a special list or class of cases. Or it may denote a sitting of the court in banc. State v. Eggers, 152 Mo. 485, 54 S. W. 488. —Regular term. A regular term of court is a term begun at the time appointed by law, and continued, in the discretion of the court, to such time as it may appoint, consistent with the law: Wightman v. Karrner, 20 Ala. 451. —Special term. In New York practice, that branch of the court which is held by a single judge for hearing and deciding in the first instance motions and causes of equitable nature is called the "special term," as opposed to the "general term," held by three judges (usually) to hear appeals: Abbott: Gracie v. Freeland. 1 N. Y. 292. —Term attendant on the inheritance. See ATTENDANT TERMS. —Term fee. In English practice. A certain sum which a solicitor is entitled to charge to his client; and the client to recover, if successful, from the unsuccessful party; payable for every term in which any proceedings subsequent to the summons shall take place. See TERCERON. —Term for deliberating. By "term for deliberating" is understood the time given to the beneficiary heir, to examine
if it be for his interest to accept or reject the succession which has fallen to him. Civ. Code La. art. 1053.—Term for years. An estate for years and the period during which such estate is to be held are each called a “term”; hence the term may expire before the time, as by a subsequent act. Co. Litt. 45.—Term in gross. A term of years is said to be either in gross (outstanding) or attendant upon the inheritance. It is outstanding, or in gross, when it is unattached, or disconnected from the estate or inheritance, as where it is in the hands of some third party having no interest in the inheritance; it is attendant, when vested in some trustee in trust for the owner of the inheritance. Brown.

—Term of lease. The word “term,” when used in connection with a lease, means the period which is granted for the lessee to occupy the premises, and does not include the time between the making of the lease and the tenant’s entry. Young v. Duke, 5 N. Y. 463, 55 Am. Dec. 370.—Term probable. The period of time allowed to the promoter of an ecclesiastical suit to produce his witnesses, and prove the facts on which he rests his case. Coote, Ecc. Pr. 240, 241.—Term to conclude. In English ecclesiastical practice. An appointment by the judge of a time at which both parties are understood to announce all further exhibits and allegations. Termination of all things. In English ecclesiastical practice. An appointment by the judge of a time at which both parties are to exhibit all the acts and instruments which make for their respective causes.

In the law of contracts and in court practice. The word is generally used in the plural, and “terms” are conditions; propositions stated or promises made which, when assented to or accepted by another, set the contract and bind the parties. Webster. See Hutchinson v. Lord, 1 Wis. 313, 60 Am. Dec. 381; State v. Fawcett, 58 Neb. 371, 78 N. W. 636; Roke v. Amazon Ins. Co., 51 Md. 512, 34 Am. Rep. 325.

—Special terms. Peculiar or unusual conditions imposed on a party before granting some application to the favor of the court. Under this. A party is said to be under terms when an indulgence is granted to him by the court in its discretion, on certain conditions. Thus, when an injunction is granted ex parte, the party obtaining it is put under terms to abide by such order as to damage the court may make at the hearing. Morley & Whitely.

TERMES DE LA LEY. Terms of the law. The name of a lexicon of the law French words and other technicalities of legal language in old times.

TERMINABLE PROPERTY. This name is sometimes given to property of such a nature that its duration is not perpetual or indefinite, but is limited or liable to terminate upon the happening of an event or the expiration of a fixed term; e. g., a leasehold, a life-annuity, etc.

TERMINATING BUILDING SOCIETIES. Societies, in England, where the members commence their monthly contributions on a particular day, and continue to pay them until the realization of shares to a given amount for each member, by the advance of the capital of the society to such members as required it, and the payment of interest as well as principal by them, so as to insure such realization within a given period of years. They have been almost superseded by permanent building societies. Wharton.

TERMINER. L. Fr. To determine. See Oyer and Terminer.

TERMINI. Let. Ends; bounds; limiting or terminating points.

TERMINO. In Spanish law. A common; common land. Common because of vicinage. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 1, c. 6, § 1, note.

TERMINUM. A day given to a defendant. Spelman.

TERMINUM QUI PRETERIT, WRIT OF ENTRY AD. A writ which lays for the reversioner, when the possession was withheld by the lessee, or a stranger, after the determination of a lease for years. Brown.

TERMINUS. Boundary; a limit, either of space or time.

The phrases “terminus a quo” and “terminus ad quem” are used, respectively, to designate the starting point and terminating point of a private way. In the case of a street, road, or railway, either end may be, and commonly is, referred to as the “terminus.”

Terminus annorum certus debet esse determinatus. Co. Litt. 45. A term of years ought to be certain and determinate.

Terminus et foedum non possunt co- stare simul in una eademque persona. Plowd. 29. A term and the fee cannot both be in one and the same person at the same time.

TERMINUS HOMINIS. In English ecclesiastical practice. A time for the determination of appeals shorter than the terminus juris, appointed by the judge. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 11, no. 36.

TERMINUS JURIS. In English ecclesiastical practice. The time of one or two years, allowed by law for the determination of appeals. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 11, no. 38.

TERMOR. He that holds lands or tenements for a term of years or life. But we generally confine the application of the word to a person entitled for a term of years. Morley & Whitely.

TERRA. Lat. Earth; soil; arable land. Kennett, Gloss.

—Terra affirmata. Land let to farm.—Terra boscellis. Woody land.—Terra culta. Cultivated land.—Terra debilis. Weak or
barren land.—Terra dominios, or indomina-
menta. The demesne land of a manor. Cow-
ell.—Terra exectabilis. Land which may be
plowed. Mon. Ang. i. 426.—Terra extenden-
da. A writ addressed to an escheator, etc., that
he inquire and find out the true yearly value of
any land, etc., by the oath of twelve men, and
to certify the extent into the chancery. Reg.
Writs, 232.—Terra frusca, or frisaca. Fresh
land, not lately plowed. Cowell.—Terra hy-
data. Land subject to the payment of hydage.
Selden.—Terra lucrabilis. Land gained from
the sea or inclosed out of a waste. Cowell.—
Terra Normanorum. Land held by a Norm.
Paroch. Antiq. 197.—Terra nova. Land
newly converted from wood ground or arable.
Cowell.—Terra putata. Land in forests, held
by the tenure of furnishing food to the keepers
therein. 4 Inst. 307.—Terra sabulosa. gravelly or sandy ground.—Terra Salinas. In Salic
law. The land of the house; the land within
that inclosure which belonged to a German
house. No portion of the inheritance of Salle
land passes to a woman, but this the male sex
acquires; that is, the sons succeed in that in-
heritance. Lex Salic. tit. 62, § 6.—Terra testa-
tamina. Cared for land, being disposable
by will. Spelman.—Terra vestita. Land
sown with corn. Cowell.—Terra vinaeabilis.
Tillable land. Cowell.—Terra warrenata.
Land that has the liberty of free-warren.—Terra
dominiales regis. The demesne lands of the
crown.

Terra manens vacua occupanti com-
esditur. 1 Sld. 547. Land lying unoccupied
is given to the first occupant.

TERRAGE. In old English law. A kind
of tax or charge on land; a boon or duty
of plowing, reaping, etc. Cowell.

TERRAGES. An exemption from all
uncertain services. Cowell.

TERRARIUS. In old English law. A
landholder.

TERRA-TEANT. He who is literally
in the occupation or possession of the land,
as distinguished from the owner out of pos-
session. But, in a more technical sense, the
person who is seized of the land, though not
in actual occupancy of it, and locally, in
Pennsylvania, one who purchases and takes
land subject to the existing lien of a mort-
gage or judgment against a former owner.
142, 6 Atl. 554.

TERRIER. In English law. A land-
roll or survey of lands, containing the quanti-
ty of acres, tenants' names, and such like;
and in the exchequer there is a terrier of all
the glebe lands in England, made about 1358.
In general, an ecclesiastical terrier contains
a detail of the temporal possessions of the
church in every parish. Cowell; Tomlins;
Moxley & Whitley.

TERRIS BONIS ET CATALLIS REM-
HABENDIS POST FUGATIONEM.
A writ for a clerk to recover his lands, goods,

TERTIA DENUNCIATIO. Lat. In old English law. Third publication or proclamation of intended marriage.

TERTIUS INTERVENIENS. Lat. In the civil law. A third person intervening; a third person who comes in between the parties to a suit; one who Interpleads. Gilbert's Forum Rom. 47.

TEST. To bring one to a trial and examination, or to ascertain the truth or the quality or fitness of a thing.

Something by which to ascertain the truth respecting another thing; a criterion, gauge, standard, or norm.

In public law, an inquiry or examination addressed to a person appointed or elected to a public office, to ascertain his qualifications therefor, but particularly a scrutiny of his political, religious, or social views, or his attitude of past and present loyalty or disloyalty to the government under which he is to act. See Attorney General v. Detroit Common Council, 58 Mich. 213, 24 N. W. 887, 55 Am. Rep. 675; People v. Hoffman, 116 Ill. 585, 5 N. E. 596, 56 Am. Rep. 793; Rogers v. Buffalo, 51 Hun, 637, 8 N. Y. Supp. 674.

—Test act. The statute 25 Car. II. c. 2, which directed all civil and military officers to take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and make the declaration against transubstantiation, within six months after their admission, and also within the same time receive the sacrament according to the usage of the Church of England, under penalty of £500 and disability to hold the office. 4 Bl. Comm. 68, 80. This was abolished by St. 9 Geo. IV. c. 17, so far as concerns receiving the sacrament, and a new form of declaration was substituted.

—Test action. A suit out of a considerable number of suits, concurrently depending in the same court, brought by several plaintiffs against the same defendant, or against different defendants, all similar in their circumstances, and embracing the same questions, and to be supported by the same evidence, the selected action to go first to trial, (under an order of court equivalent to consolidation,) and its decision to serve as a test of the right of recovery in the others, all parties agreeing to be bound by the result of the test action.—Test oath. An oath required to be taken as a criterion of the fitness of the person to fill any public or political office; but particularly an oath of fidelity and allegiance (past or present) to the established government.


TESTA DE NEVL. An ancient and authentic record in two volumes, in the custody of the king's remembrancer in the exchequer, said to be compiled by John de Neville, a justice itinerant, in the eighteenth and twenty-fourth years of Henry III. Cowell. These volumes were printed in 1807, under the authority of the commissioners of the public records, and contain an account of fees held either immediately of the king or of others who held of the king in capite; fees holden in frankalmoinage; serjeanties holden of the king; widows and heiresses of tenants in capite, whose marriages were in the gift of the king; churches in the gift of the king; escheats, and sums paid for scutages and aids, especially within the county of Hereford. Cowell; Wharton.

TESTABLE. A person is said to be testable when he has capacity to make a will; a man of twenty-one years of age and of sane mind is testable.

TESTACY. The state or condition of leaving a will at one's death. Opposed to "testatory."

TESTAMENT. A disposition of personal property to take place after the owner's decease, according to his desire and direction. Pluche v. Jones, 54 Fed. 865, 4 C. C. A. 622; Aubert's Appeal, 109 Pa. 447, 1 Atl. 336; Conklin v. Egerton, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 436; Ragsdale v. Booker, 2 Strob. Eq. (S. C.) 348.

A testament is the act of last will, clothed with certain solemnities, by which the testator disposes of his property, either universally, or by universal title, or by particular title. Civ. Code La. art. 1571.

Strictly speaking, the term denotes only a will of personal property; a will of land not being called a "testament." The word "testament" is now seldom used, except in the heading of a formal will, which usually begins: "This is the last will and testament of me, A. B.," etc. Sweet.

Testament is the true declaration of a man's last will as to that which he would have to be done after his death. It is compounded, according to Justinian, from testament mentis; but the better opinion is that it is a simple word formed from the Latin testor, and not a compound word. Mosley & Whitney.

—Military testament. In English law, a nuncupative will, that is, one made by word of mouth, without writing, in the presence of a soldier or else of his goods, pay, and other personal chattels, without the forms and solemnities which the law requires in other cases. St. 1 Vict. c. 28, § 11.

—Mutual testament. Wills made by two persons who leave their effects reciprocally to the survivor.—Mystic testament. In the law of Louisiana. A sealed testament. The mystic or secret testament, otherwise called the "closed testament," is made in the following manner: The testator must sign his dispositions, whether he has written them himself or has caused them to be written by another person. The paper containing those dispositions, or the paper serving as their envelope, must be closed and sealed. The testator shall present it thus closed and sealed to the notary and to seven witnesses, or he shall cause it to be closed and sealed in their presence. If he shall decline to be the notary, in presence of the witnesses, that that paper contains his testament written by himself, or by another by his direction, and accepted by him, the testator. The notary shall then draw up the act of superscription, which shall be written on that paper, or on the sheet that serves as its envelope, and that sheet shall be signed by the testator, and by the notary and the witnesses. Civ. Code La. art. 1584.
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TESTATUM

TESTAMENTUM. Lat. In the civil law. A testament; a will, or last will.

In old English law. A testament or will; a disposition of property made in contemplation of death. Bract. fol. 90.

A general name for any instrument of conveyance, including deeds and charters, and so called either because it furnished written testimony of the conveyance, or because it was authenticated by witnesses, (testes.) Spelman.

—Testamentum inoiciosum. Lat. In the civil law. An inofficious testament, (q. v.)

Testamentum est voluntatis nostrae justa sententia. De eo quod quis post mortem suam fieri velit. A testament is the just expression of our will concerning that which any one wishes done after his death, [or, as Blackstone translates, "the legal declaration of a man's intentions which he wills to be performed after his death."] Dig. 28, 1, 1; 2 Bl. Comm. 499.

Testamentum. i. e., testatio mentis, facta nullo presente metu periculi, sed cogitatione mortalitatis. Co. Litt. 322. A testament, i. e., the witnessing of one's intention, made under no present fear of danger, but in expectancy of death.

Testamentum omne morte consummatur. Every will is perfected by death. A will speaks from the time of death only. Co. Litt. 232.

TESTARI. Lat. In the civil law. To testify; to attest; to declare, publish, or make known a thing before witnesses. To make a will. Calvin.

TESTATE. One who has made a will; one who dies leaving a will.

TESTATION. Witness; evidence.

TESTATOR. One who makes or has made a testament or will; one who dies leaving a will. This term is borrowed from the civil law. Inst. 2, 14, 5, 6.

Testatoris ultima voluntas est perimenda secundum veram intentionem suam. Co. Litt. 322. The last will of a testator is to be thoroughly fulfilled according to his real intention.

TESTATRIX. A woman who makes a will; a woman who dies leaving a will; a female testator.

TESTATUM. In practice. When a writ of execution has been directed to the sheriff of a county, and he returns that the defendant is not found in his bailiwick, or that he has no goods there, as the case may be, then a second writ, reciting this former
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writ and the sheriff's answer to the same, may be directed to the sheriff of some other county wherein the defendant is supposed to be, or to have goods, commanding him to execute the writ as it may require; and this second writ is called a "testatum" writ, from the words with which it concludes, viz.: "Whereupon, on behalf of the said plaintiff, it is testified in our said court that the said defendant is [or has goods, etc.] within your bailiwick."

In conveyancing. That part of a deed which commences with the words, "This indenture witnesseth."

TESTATUM WRIT. In practice. A writ containing a testatum clause; such as a testatum capias, a testatum f. ja., and a testatum ca. sa. See Testatum.

TESTATUS. Lat. In the civil law. Testate; one who has made a will. Dig. 50, 17, 7.

TESTE MEIPSO. Lat. In old English law and practice. A solemn formula of attestation by the sovereign, used at the conclusion of charters, and other public instruments, and also of original writs out of chancery. Spelman.

TESTE OF A WRIT. In practice. The concluding clause, commencing with the word "Witness," etc. A writ which bears the teste is sometimes said to be tested.

"Teste" is a word commonly used in the last part of every writ, wherein the date is contained, beginning with the words, "Teste meipso," meaning the sovereign, if the writ be an original writ, or be issued in the name of the sovereign; but, if the writ be a judicial writ, then the word "Teste" is followed by the name of the chief judge of the court in which the action is brought, or, in case of a vacancy of such office, in the name of the senior puisne judge. Mosley & Whitley.

TESTED. To be tested is to bear the teste, (q. v.)

TESTES. Lat. Witnesses.

—Testes, trial per. A trial had before a judge without the intervention of a jury, in which the judge is left to form in his own breast his sentence upon the credit of the witnesses examined; but this mode of trial, although it was common in the civil law, was seldom resorted to in the practice of the common law, but it is now becoming common when each party waives his right to a trial by jury. Brown.

Testes ponderantur, non numerantur. Witnesses are weighed, not numbered. That is, in case of a conflict of evidence, the truth is to be sought by weighing the credibility of the respective witnesses, not by the mere numerical preponderance on one side or the other.

Testes qui postulât debet dare eos sumptus competentes. Whosoever demands witnesses must find them in competent provision.

Testibus deponentibus in pari numero, dignioribus est credendum. Where the witnesses who testify are in equal number, [on both sides,] the more worthy are to be believed. 4 Inst. 279.

TESTIFY. To bear witness; to give evidence as a witness; to make a solemn declaration, under oath or affirmation, in a judicial inquiry, for the purpose of establishing or proving some fact. See State v. Robertson, 28 S. C. 117, 1 S. E. 443; Gannon v. Stevens, 13 Kan. 459; Nash v. Hoxie, 59 Wis. 384, 18 N. W. 408; O'Brien v. State, 125 Ind. 38, 25 N. E. 137, 9 L. R. A. 322; Mudge v. Gilbert, 43 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 221.

Testimonia ponderanda sunt, non numeranda. Evidence is to be weighed, not enumerated.

TESTIMONIAL. Besides its ordinary meaning of a written recommendation to character, "testimonial" has a special meaning, under St. 39 Eliz. c. 17, § 3, passed in 1597, under which it signified a certificate under the hand of a justice of the peace, testifying the place and time when and where a soldier or mariner landed, and the place of his dwelling or birth, unto which he was to pass, and a convenient time limited for his passage. Every idle and wandering soldier or mariner not having such a testimonial, or willfully exceeding for above fourteen days the time limited thereby, or forging or counterfeiting such testimonial, was to suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy. This act was repealed, in 1812, by St. 52 Geo. III. c. 31. Mosley & Whitley.

TESTIMONIAL PROOF. In the civil law. Proof by the evidence of witnesses, 4. c., parol evidence, as distinguished from proof by written instruments, which is called "literal" proof.

TESTIMONIO. In Spanish law. An authentic copy of a deed or other instrument, made by a notary and given to an interested party as evidence of his title, the original remaining in the public archives. Guillebeau v. Mays, 15 Tex. 414.

TESTIMONIUM CLAUSE. In conveyancing. That clause of a deed or instrument with which it concludes: "In witness whereof, the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals."

TESTIMONY. Evidence of a witness; evidence given by a witness, under oath or affirmation; as distinguished from evidence derived from writings, and other sources. Testimony is not synonymous with evidence. It is but a species, a class, or kind of
evidence. Testimony is the evidence given by witnesses. Evidence is whatever may be given to the jury as tending to prove a case. It includes the testimony of witnesses, documents, admissions of parties, etc. Mann v. Higgins, 83 Cal. 66, 23 Pac. 206; Carroll v. Bancker, 43 La. Ann. 1078, 10 South. 192; Columbia Nat. Bank v. German Nat. Bank, 56 Neb. 803, 77 N. W. 346; Harris v. Tomlinson, 130 Ind. 420, 30 N. E. 214. See Evidence.

—Negative testimony. Testimony not bearing directly upon the immediate fact or occurrence under consideration, but evidencing facts from which it may be inferred that the act or fact in question could not possibly have happened. See Barclay v. Hartman, 2 Marv. (Del.) 351, 43 Atl. 174.

TESTIS. Lat. A witness; one who gives evidence in court, or who witnesses a document.

Testes de visa preponderat alius. 4 Inst. 279. An eye-witness is preferred to others.

Testes lupanaris sufficit ad factum in lupanari. Moore, 817. A lewd person is a sufficient witness to an act committed in a brothel.

Testes nemo in sua causa esse potest. No one can be a witness in his own cause.

Testes oculatus unus plus valet quam auriti decem. 4 Inst. 279. One eye-witness is worth more than ten ear-witnesses.

TESTIMOIGNE. An old law French term, denoting evidence or testimony or a witness.

Testimoniae ne poenit testifier le negative, non l'affirmative. Witnesses cannot testify to a negative; they must testify to an affirmative. 4 Inst. 279.

TEXT-BOOK. A legal treatise which lays down principles or collects decisions on any branch of the law.

TEXTUS ROFFENSIS. In old English law. The Rochester text. An ancient manuscript containing many of the Saxon laws, and the rights, customs, tenures, etc., of the church of Rochester, drawn up by Ermulph, bishop of that see from A. D. 1114 to 1124. Cowell.

THALWEG. Germ. A term used in topography to designate a line representing the deepest part of a continuous depression in the surface, such as a watercourse; hence the middle of the deepest part of the channel of a river or other stream. See Iowa v. Illinois, 147 U. S. 1, 13 Sup. Ct. 229, 37 L. Ed. 55; Keokuk & H. Bridge Co. v. People, 145 Ill. 506, 34 N. E. 482.

THANAGE OF THE KING. A certain part of the king's land or property, of which the ruler or governor was called "thane." Cowell.

THANE. An Anglo-Saxon nobleman; an old title of honor, perhaps equivalent to "baron." There were two orders of thanes, —the king's thanes and the ordinary thanes. Soon after the Conquest this name was disused. Cowell.

THANELANDS. Such lands as were granted by charter of the Saxon kings to their thanes with all immunities, except from the trimoda necessitas. Cowell.

THANESHIP. The office and dignity of a thane; the seigniory of a thane.

That which I may defeat by my entry I make good by my confirmation. Co. Litt. 300.

THAVIES INN. An inn of chancery. See Inns of Chancery.

THE. An article which particularizes the subject spoken of. "Grammatical niceties should not be resorted to without necessity; but it would be extending liberality to an unwarrantable length to confound the articles 'a' and 'the.' The most unlettered persons understand that 'a' is indefinite, but 'the' refers to a certain object." Per Tilghman, C. J., Shariff v. Com., 2 Bin. (Pa.) 516.

The fund which has received the benefit should make the satisfaction. 4 Bouv. Inst. note 3730.

THEATER. Any edifice used for the purpose of dramatic or operatic or other representations, plays, or performances, for admission to which entrance-money is received, not including halls rented or used occasionally for concerts or theatrical representations. Act Cong. July 13, 1866, § 9 (14 St. at Large. 126). And see Bell v. Mahn, 121 Pa. 225, 15 Atl. 523, 1 L. R. A. 804, 6 Am. St. Rep. 786; Lee v. State, 56 Ga. 478; Jacko v. State, 22 Ala. 74.

THEFT. An unlawful felonious taking away of another man's movable and personal goods against the will of the owner. Jacob.

Theft is the fraudulent taking of corporeal personal property belonging to another, from his possession, or from the possession of some person holding the same for him, without his consent, with intent to deprive the owner of the value of the same, and to appropriate it to the use or benefit of the person taking. Quitzow v. State, 1 Tex. App. 65, 28 Am. Rep. 396; Mullins v. State, 37 Tex. 328; U. S. v. Thomas (D. C.) 63 Fed. 590; People v. Donohue, 84 N. Y. 442.

In Scotch law. The secret and felonious abstraction of the property of another for sake of lucre, without his consent. Ails. Crim. Law. 250.
THEFT-BOTE. The offense committed by a party who, having been robbed and knowing the felon, takes back his goods again, or receives other amends, upon an agreement not to prosecute. See Forschner v. Whitcomb, 44 N. H. 16.

Theft-bote est amenda furti capti, sine consideratione curiae domini regis. 3 Inst. 134. Theft-bote is the paying money to have goods stolen returned, without having any respect for the court of the king.

THELONIO IRRATIONABILI HABENDO. A writ that formerly lay for him that had any part of the king's demesne in fee-farm, to recover reasonable toll of the king's tenants there, if his demesne had been accustomed to be tolled. Reg. Orig. 87.

THELONIUM. An abolish writ for citizens or burgesses to assert their right to exemption from toll. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 226.

THELONMANNUS. The toll-man or officer who receives toll. Cowell.

THELUSSON ACT. The statute 39 & 40 Geo. III. c. 98, which restricted accumulations to a term of twenty years from the testator's death. It was passed in consequence of litigation over the will of one Thelusson.

THEME. In Saxon law. The power of having jurisdiction over naves or villeins, with their suits or offspring, lands, goods, and chattels. Co. Litt. 116a.

THEMMAGIUM. A duty or acknowledgment paid by inferior tenants in respect of theme or team. Cowell.

THEN. This word, as an adverb, means "at that time," referring to a time specified, either past or future. It has no power in itself to fix a time. It simply refers to a time already fixed. Mangum v. Piester, 16 S. C. 329. It may also denote a contingency, and be equivalent to "in that event." Pin tard v. Irwii, 20 N. J. Law. 505.

THENCE. In surveying, and in descriptions of land by courses and distances, this word, preceding each course given, imports that the following course is continuous with the one before it. Flagg v. Mason, 141 Mass. 66, 6 N. E. 702.

THEOCRACY. Government of a state by the immediate direction of God, (or by the assumed direction of a supposititious divinity,) or the state thus governed.

THEODEN. In Saxon law. A husbandman or inferior tenant; an under-thane. Cowell.

THEODOSIAN CODE. See Codex Theodosianus.

THEOF. In Saxon law. Offenders who joined in a body of seven to commit depredations. Wharton.

THEOWES, THEOWMEN, or THEWS. In feudal law. Slaves, captives, or bondmen. Spel. Feuds, c. 5.

THEREUPON. At once; without interruption; without delay or lapse of time. Putnam v. Langley, 133 Mass. 205.

THESAUER. Treasurer. 3 State Tr. 691.

THESAURUS, THESAURUM. The treasury; a treasure.


Thesaurus competit domino regi, et non domino liberatis, nisi sit per verba specialia. Fitzh. Coron. 231. A treasure belongs to the king, and not to the lord of a liberty, unless it be through special words.

Thesaurus inventus est vetus dispositio pecuniae, etc., cujus non extat modo memoria, adeo ut jam dominum non habeat. 3 Inst. 132. Treasure-trove is an ancient hiding of money, etc., of which no recollection exists, so that it now has no owner.

Thesaurus non competit regi, nisi quando nemo solet qui abscendit thesaurum. 3 Inst. 132. Treasure does not belong to the king, unless no one knows who hid it.

Thesaurus regis est vinculum paecis et bellorum nervus. Godb. 293. The king's treasure is the bond of peace and the sinews of war.

THESMOTETHE. A law-maker; a law-giver.

THETHINGA. A tithing.

THIA. Lat. In the civil and old European law. An aunt.

THEIF. One who has been guilty of larceny or theft. The term covers both compound and simple larceny. America Ins. Co. v. Bryan, 1 Hill (N. Y.) 25.

THINGS. The most general denomination of the subjects of property, as contradistinguished from persons. 2 Bl. Comm. 10.

The word "estate" in general is applicable to anything of which riches or fortune may consist. The word is likewise relative to the word "things," which is the second object of jurisprudence, the rules of which are applicable to
THINGS. In Saxon law. A thane or nobleman; knight or freeman. Cowell.

THINK. In a special finding by a jury, this word is equivalent to "believe," and expresses the conclusion of the jury with sufficient positiveness. Martin v. Central Iowa Ry. Co., 59 Iowa, 414, 13 N. W. 424.

THIRD-NIGHT-AWN-HINDE. By the laws of St. Edward the Confessor, if any man lay a third night in an inn, he was called a "third-night-awn-hinde," and his host was answerable for him if he committed any offense. The first night, forman-night, or uncouth, (unknown) he was reckoned a stranger; the second night, twa-night, a guest; and the third night, an awn-hinde, a domestic. Bract. I. 3.

THIRD. Following next after the second; also, with reference to any legal instrument or transaction or judicial proceeding, any outsider or person not a party to the affair nor immediately concerned in it.

THIRD opposition. In Louisiana, when an execution is levied on property which does not belong to the defendant, but to an outsider, the remedy of the owner is by an intervention called a "third opposition," in which, on his giving security, an injunction or prohibition may be granted to stop the sale. See New Orleans v. Louisiana Coast Co., 129 U. S. 45, 9 Sup. Ct. 223, 32 L. Ed. 607. Third parties. See PARTY. Third penny. A portion (one-third) of the amount of all fines and other profits of the county court, which was reserved for the earl, in the early days when the jurisdiction of those courts was extensive, the remainder going to the king—Third possessor. In Louisiana, a person who buys mortgaged property, but without assuming the payment of the mortgage. Thompson v. Levy, 50 La. Ann. 731, 23 South. 913.

THIRDS. The third part of the corn growing on the land, due to the lord for a heriot on the death of his tenant, within the manor of Turtif, in Hereford. Blount.

THIRDINGS. The third part of the barrow. An under-constable. Cowell.

THIRDLAGE. In Scotch law. A servitude by which lands are strickted or "thirled" to a particular mill, to which the possessors must carry the grain of the growth of the strickted lands to be ground, for the payment of such duties as are either expressed or implied in the constitution of the right. Ersk. Inst. 2, 9, 18.

THIRTY-NINE ARTICLES. See Articles of Religion.
THIRTY. When "this" and "that" refer to different things before expressed, "this" refers to the thing last mentioned, and "that" to the thing first mentioned. Russell v. Kennedy, 66 Pa. 251.

THIS DAY SIX MONTHS. Fixing "this day six months," or "three months," for the next stage of a bill, is one of the modes in which the house of lords and the house of commons reject bills of which they disapprove. A bill rejected in this manner cannot be reintroduced in the same session. Wharton.

THISTLE-TAKE. It was a custom within the manor of Halton, in Cheshire, that if, in driving beasts over a common, the driver permitted them to graze or take but a thistle, he should pay a halfpenny a-piece to the lord of the fee. And at Fiskerton, in Nottinghamshire, an ancient custom, if a native or a cottager killed a swine above a year old, he paid to the lord a penny, which purchase of leave to kill a hog was also called "thistle-take." Cowell.

THOROUGHFARE. The term means, according to its derivation, a street or passage through which one can fare, (travel;) that is, a street or highway affording an unobstructed exit at each end into another street or public passage. If the passage is closed at one end, admitting no exit there, it is called a "cul de sac." See Cemetery Ass'n v. Menlinger, 14 Kan. 315; Mankato v. Warren, 20 Minn. 150 (Gill. 128); Wiggins v. Tallmadge, 11 Barb. (N. Y.) 462.

THRAVE. In old English law. A measure of corn or grain, consisting of twenty-four sheaves or four shocks, six sheaves to every shock. Cowell.

THREAD. A middle line; a line running through the middle of a stream or road. See Flum; Flum Aque; Flum Vix.

THRATH. In criminal law. A menace; a declaration of one's purpose or intention to work injury to the person, property, or rights of another.

A threat has been defined to be any menace of such a nature and extent as to unsettle the mind of the person on whom it operates, and to take away from his acts that free, voluntary action which alone constitutes consent. Abbott. See State v. Cushin, 17 Wash. 544, 50 Pac. 612; State v. Brownlee, 84 Iowa, 473, 51 N. W. 25; Cote v. Murphy, 150 Pa. 420, 28 Atl. 399, 23 L. R. A. 153, 50 Am. St. Rep. 956.

THEREATENING LETTERS. Sending threatening letters is the name of the offense of sending letters containing threats of the kinds recognized by the statute as criminal. See People v. Griffin, 2 Barb. (N. Y.) 429.

THREE-DOLLAR PIECE. A gold coin of the United States, of the value of three dollars; authorized by the seventh section of the act of February 21, 1853.

THRENGES. Vassals, but not of the lowest degree; those who held lands of the chief lord.

THRITHING. In Saxon and old English law. The third part of a county; a division of a county consisting of three or more hundreds. Cowell. Corrupted to the modern "riding," which is still used in Yorkshire. 1 Bl. Comm. 116.

THROAT. In medical jurisprudence. The front or anterior part of the neck. Where one was indicted for murder by "cutting the throat" of the deceased, it was held that the word "throat" was not to be confined to that part of the neck which is scientifically so called, but must be taken in its common acceptation. Rex v. Edwards, 8 Car. & P. 401.

THROUGH. This word is sometimes equivalent to "over;" as in a statute in reference to laying out a road "through" certain grounds. Hyde Park v. Oakwoods Cemetery Ass'n, 119 Ill. 147, 7 N. E. 627.

THROW OUT. To ignore, (a bill of indictment.)

THRUSTING. Within the meaning of a criminal statute, "thrusting" is not necessarily an attack with a pointed weapon; it means pushing or driving with force, whether the point of the weapon be sharp or not. State v. Lowry, 33 La. Ann. 1224.

THRYSMA. A Saxon coin worth fourpence. Du Fresne.

THUDE-WEALD. A woodland, or person that looks after a wood.

THURINGIAN CODE. One of the "barbarian codes," as they are termed; supposed by Montesquieu to have been given by Theodoric, king of Austrasia, to the Thuringians, who were his subjects. Esprit des Lois, lib. 28, c. 1.

THUMERTICK. In old English law. The custom of giving entertainments to a sheriff, etc., for three nights.

TICK. A colloquial expression for credit or trust; credit given for goods purchased.

TICKET. In contracts. A slip of paper containing a certificate that the person to whom it is issued, or the holder, is entitled to some right or privilege therein mentioned or described; such, for example, are railroad tickets, theater tickets, pawn tickets,

In election law. A ticket is a paper upon which is written or printed the names of the persons for whom the elector intends to vote, with a designation of the office to which each person so named is intended by him to be chosen. Pol. Code Cal. § 1185. See In re Gerberich's Nomination, 24 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 255.

—Ticket of leave. In English law. A license or permit given to a convict, as a reward for good conduct, particularly in the penal settlements, which allows him to go at large, and labor for himself, before the expiration of his sentence, subject to certain specific conditions and revocable upon subsequent misconduct.—Ticket-of-leave man. A convict who has obtained a ticket of leave.

TIDAL. In order that a river may be "tidal" at a given spot, it may not be necessary that the water should be salt, but the spot must be one where the tide, in the ordinary and regular course of things, flows and refloWS. 8 Q. B. Div. 630.


—Tide lands. See LAND.—Tide-water. Water which falls and rises with the ebb and flow of the tide. The term is not usually applied to the open sea, but to cover bays, rivers, etc.

TIDESMEN, in English law, are certain officers of the custom-house, appointed to watch or attend upon ships till the customs are paid; and they are so called because they go aboard the ships at their arrival in the mouth of the Thames, and come up with the tide. Jacob.

TIE, 1. To bind. "The person is not tied to find the parish clerk." 1 Leon. 94.

TIE, 2. When, at an election, neither candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, but each has the same number, there is said to be a "tie." So when the number of votes cast in favor of any measure, in a legislative or deliberative body, is equal to the number cast against it. See Wooster v. Mullins, 64 Conn. 340, 30 Atl. 144, 25 L. R. A. 694.

TIEL. L. Fr. Such. Nulli tiet record, no such record.

TIEMPO INHABIL. Span. A time of inability; a time when the person is not able to pay his debts. (When, for instance, he may not alienate property to the prejudice of his creditors.) The term is used in Louisiana. Brown v. Kenner, 3 Mart. O. S. (La.) 276; Thorn v. Morgan, 4 Mart. N. S. (La.) 232, 16 Am. Dec. 173.

TIERCE. L. Fr. Third. Tierce men, third band. Britt. c. 120.

TIERCE. A liquid measure, containing the third part of a pipe, or forty-two gallons.

TIGH. In old records. A close or enclosure; a croft. Cowell.

TIGHT. As colloquially applied to a note, bond, mortgage, lease, etc., this term signifies that the clauses providing the creditor's remedy in case of default (as, by foreclosure, execution, distress, etc.) are summary and stringent.

TIGNI IMMITTENDI. Lat. In the civil law. The name of a servitude which is the right of inserting a beam or timber from the wall of one house into that of a neighboring house, in order that it may rest on the latter, and that the wall of the latter may bear this weight. Wharton. See Dig. 8, 2, 36.

TIGNUM. Lat. A civil-law term for building material; timber.

TIHLER. In old Saxon law. An accusation.

TILLAGE. A place tilled or cultivated; land under cultivation, as opposed to lands lying fallow or in pasture.

TIMBER. Wood felled for building or other such like use. In a legal sense it generally means (in England) oak, ash, and elm; but in some parts of England, and generally in America, it is used in a wider sense, which is recognized by the law.

The term "timber," as used in commerce, refers generally only to large sticks of wood, squared or capable of being squared for building houses or vessels; and certain trees only having been formerly used for such purposes, namely, the oak, the ash, and the elm, they alone were recognized as timber trees. But the numerous uses to which wood has come to be applied, and the general employment of all kinds of trees for some valuable purpose, has wrought a change in the general acceptance of terms in connection therewith, and we find that Webster defines "timber" to be "that sort of wood which is proper for buildings or for tools, utensils, furniture, carriages, fences, ships, and the like." This would include all sorts of wood from which any useful articles may be made, or which may be used to advantage in any class of manufacture or construction. U. S. v. Stores (C. C.) 14 Fed. 824. And see Donworth v. Sawyer. 94 Me. 243, 47 Atl. 523; Wilson v. State. 17 Tex. App. 333; U. S. v. Soto, 7 Ariz. 230, 64 Pac. 240.

—Timber culture entry. See ENTRY.—Timber-trees. Oak, ash, elm, in all places, and, by local custom, such other trees as are used in building. 2 Bl. Comm. 281.

TIMBERLODE. A service by which tenants were bound to carry timber felled from the woods to the lord's house. Cowell.
TIME

The measure of duration.

The word is expressive both of a precise point or terminus and of an interval between two points.

In pleading. A point in or space of duration at or during which some fact is alleged to have been committed.

—Cooling time. See that title.—Reasonable time. Such length of time as may fairly, properly, and reasonably be allowed or required, having regard to the nature of the act or duty, or of the subject-matter, and to the attending circumstances. It is a maxim of English law that "how long a 'reasonable time' ought to be is not defined in law, but is left to the discretion of the judges." Co. Litt. 90. See Hoggins v. Bercraft, 1 Dana (Ky.) 28; Hill v. Hobart, 16 Me. 168; Twin Lick Oil Co. v. Marbury, 91 U. S. 503, 23 L. Ed. 328; Campbell v. Whorskey, 170 Mass. 63, 48 N. E. 1070.—Time—bargain. In the language of the stock exchange, a time—bargain is an agreement to buy or sell stock at a future time, or within a fixed time, at a certain price. It is in reality nothing more than a bargain to pay different sums at different times. A certificate signed by a master mechanic or other person in charge of laborers, reciting the amount due to the laborer for labor for a specified time, Burlington Voluntary Relief Dept. v. White, 41 Neb. 347, 59 N. W. 747, 43 Am. St. Rep. 701.—Time in- mementorial. Time whereof the memory of a man is lost to the contrary.—Time of mem- ory, In English law. Time commencing from the beginning of the reign of Richard I. 2 Bl. Comm. 31. Lord Coke defines time of memory to be "when no man alive hath had any proof to the contrary, nor hath any conference to the contrary." Co. Litt. 866, 868.—Time out of mem- ory. Time beyond memory; time out of mind; time to which memory does not extend.

—Time—policy. A policy of marine insurance in which the risk is limited, not to a given voyage, but to a certain fixed term or period of time.—Time the essence of the contract. A case in which "time is of the essence of the contract" is one where the parties evidently contemplated a punctual performance, at the precise time named, as vital to the agreement, and one of its essential elements. Time is not of the essence of the contract in any case where a moderate delay in performance would not be regarded as an absolute violation of the contract.

TIMOCRACY. An aristocracy of property; government by men of property who are possessed of a certain income.

Timores vani sunt aestimandi qui non cadunt in constantem virum. 7 Coke, 17. Feuds which do not assuage a resolute man are to be accounted vain.

TINBOUNDING is a custom regulating the manner in which tin is obtained from waste-land, or land which has formerly been waste-land, within certain districts in Cornwall and Devon. The custom is described in the leading case on the subject as follows: "Any person may enter on the waste-land of another, and may mark out by four corner boundaries a certain area. A written description of the plot of land so marked out with metes and bounds, and the name of the person, is recorded in the local stannaries court, and is proclaimed on three successive court-days. If no objection is sustained by any other person, the court awards a writ to the bailiff to deliver possession of the said 'bounds of tin-work' to the 'bounder,' who thereupon has the exclusive right to search for, dig, and take for his own use all tin and tin-ore within the inclosed limits, paying as a royalty to the owner of the waste a certain proportion of the produce under the name of 'toll-tin.'" 10 Q. B. 26, cited in Elton Commons, 113. The right of tinbounding is not a right of common, but is an interest in land, and, in Devonshire, a corporeal hereditament. In Cornwall tin bounds are personal estate. Sweet.

TINEL. L. Fr. A place where justice was administered. Kelham.

TINEMAN. Sax. In old forest law. A petty officer of the forest who had the care of vert and venison and had, and performed other servile duties.

TINET. In old records. Brush-wood and thorns for fencing and hedging. Cowell; Blount.

TINEWALD. The ancient parliament or annual convention in the Isle of Man, held upon Midsummer-day, at St. John's chapel. Cowell.

TINKERMEN. Fishermen who destroyed the young fry on the river Thames by nets and unlawful engines. Cowell.

TINELLUS. In old Scotch law. The sea-mark; high-water mark. Tide-mouth, Skene.

TINPENNY. A tribute paid for the liberty of digging in tin-mines. Cowell.

TINSEL OF THE FEU. In Scotch law. The loss of the feu, from allowing two years of feu duty to run into the third unpaid. Bell.

TIPPING HOUSE. A place where intoxicating drinks are sold in drama or small quantities to be drunk on the premises, and where men resort for drinking purposes. See Leesburg v. Putnam, 103 Ga. 110, 29 S. E. 602; Morrison v. Com., 7 Dana (Ky.) 219; Patten v. Centralia, 47 Ill. 370; Hussey v. State, 69 Ga. 58; Emporia v. Volmer, 12 Kan. 620.

TIPSTAFF. In English law. An officer appointed by the marshal of the king's bench to attend upon the judges with a kind of rod or staff tipped with silver, who take into their custody all prisoners, either committed or turned over by the judges at their chambers, etc. Jacob.

In American law. An officer appointed by the court whose duty is to wait upon the court when it is in session, preserve order, serve process, guard juries, etc.
TITHER. One who gathers tithes.

TITHES. In English law. The tenth part of the increase, yearly arising and renewing from the profits of lands, the stock upon lands, and the personal industry of the inhabitants. 2 Bl. Comm. 25. A species of intertemporal hereditament, being an ecclesiastical inheritance collateral to the estate of the land, and due only to an ecclesiastical person by ecclesiastical law. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. § 133.


—Mixed tithes. Those which arise not immediately from the ground, but from those things which are nourished by the ground, e.g., cattle, chickens, live chickens, eggs, honey, wax, etc.

—Personal tithes are tithes paid of such profits as come by the labor of a man's person; as by buying and selling, gains of trade, liberality, and handicrafts, etc. Tomlin—Predial tithes. Such as arise immediately from the ground; as, grain of all sorts, hay, wood, fruits, and herbs. —Tithe-free. Exempted from the payment of tithes. —Tithe rent-charge. A rent-charge established in lieu of tithes, under the tithe commutation act, 1803, 1st & 2nd Wm. IV. c. 71. As between landlord and tenant, the tenant paying the tithe rent-charge is entitled, in the absence of express agreement, to deduct it from his rent, under section 70 of the above act. And a tithe rent-charge unpaid is recoverable by distress as rent in arrear. Mozley & Whitley.

TITHING. One of the civil divisions of England, being a portion of that greater division called a "hundred." It was so called because ten freeholders with their families composed one. It is said that they were all knit together in one society, and bound to the king for the peaceable behavior of each other. In each of these societies there was one chief or principal person, who, from his office, was called "theing-man," now "tithing-man." Brown.

TITHING-MAN. In Saxon law. This was the name of the head or chief of a decennary. In modern English law, he is the same as an under-constable or peace-officer.

In modern law. A constable. "After the introduction of justices of the peace, the offices of constable and tithing-man became so similar that we now regard them as precisely the same." Wilce, Const. Introd.

In New England. A parish officer annually elected to preserve good order in the church during divine service, and to make complaint of any disorderly conduct. Webster.

TITHING-PENNY. In Saxon and old English law. Money paid to the sheriff by the several tithings of his county. Cowell.

TITIUS. In Roman law. A proper name, frequently used in designating an indefinite or fictitious person, or a person referred to by way of illustration. "Titius" and "Slius," in this use, correspond to "John Doe" and "Richard Roe," or to "A. B." and "C. D."

TITLE. The radical meaning of this word appears to be that of a mark, style, or designation; a distinctive appellation; the name by which anything is known. Thus, in the law of persons, a title is an appellation of dignity or distinction, a name denoting the social rank of the person bearing it; as "duke" or "count." So, in legislation, the title of a statute is the heading or preliminary part, furnishing the name by which the act is individually known. It is usually prefixed to the statute in the form of a brief summary of its contents; as "An act for the prevention of gaming." Again, the title of a patent is the short description of the invention, which is copied in the letters patent from the inventor's petition; e.g., "a new and improved method of drying and preparing malt." Johns, Pat. Man. 90.

In the law of trade-marks, a title may become a subject of property; as one who has adopted a particular title for a newspaper, or other business enterprise, may, by long use, or by compliance with statutory provisions as to registration and notice, acquire a right to be protected in the exclusive use of it. Abbott.

The title of a book, or any literary composition, is its name; that is, the heading or caption prefixed to it, and disclosing the distinctive appellation by which it is to be known. This usually comprises a brief description of its subject-matter and the name of its author.

"Title" is also used as the name of one of the subdivisions employed in many literary works, standing intermediate between the divisions denoted by the term "chapters" or "parts," and those designated as "sections." "Title" is also used as the name of one of the subdivisions employed in many literary works, standing intermediate between the divisions denoted by the term "books" or "parts," and those designated as "chapters" and "sections."

In real property law. Title is the means whereby the owner of lands has the just possession of his property. Co. Litt. 345; 2 Bl. Comm. 196.

Title is the means whereby a person's right to property is established. Code Ga. 1882, § 2348.

Title may be defined generally to be the evidence of right which a person has to the possession of property. The word "title" certainly does not merely signify the right which a person has to the possession of property; because there are many instances in which a person may have the right to the possession of property, and at the same time have no title to the same. In its ordinary legal acceptance, however, it generally seems to imply a right of possession also. It therefore directs the law on the whole to signify the outward evidence of the right, rather than the mere right itself. Thus, when it is said that the "most imperfect degree of title consists in the mere naked possession or actual occupation of an estate," it means that the mere ci-
custumacy of occupying the estate is the weakest species of evidence of the occupier's right to assumpsit. A statement by Sir Edward Coke thus: *Titulus est justa causa possidentis id quod nostrum est,* (1 Inst. 34:) that it signifies and the means whereby a man, comes to lands or tenements, as by feoffment, last will and testament, etc. The word "title" includes a right, but is the more general word. Every right is a title, though every title is not a right for which an action lies. Jacob. See also Donovan v. Pitcher, 53 Ala. 411, 25 Am. Rep. 694; Kamphouse v. Gaffner, 73 Ill. 458; Panill v. Colen, 51 Va. 383; Hunt v. Eaton, 53 Mich. 382. 21 N. W. 429; Loventhall v. Home Ins. Co., 112 Ala. 108, 20 South. 418, 33 L. R. A. 293, 57 Am. St. Rep. 17; Irving v. Brownell, 11 Ill. 414; Roberts v. Wentworth, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 193; Campfield v. John- son, 111 N. Y. 248; Pratt v. Fountain, 73 Ga. 262.

A title is a lawful cause or ground of possess- ing that which is ours. An interest, though possessing that which is acquired by title and "title," has latterly come often to mean less, and to be the same as "concern," "share," and "interest" by Panill v. Agricultural Ins. Co., 73 N. Y. 456, 29 Am. Rep. 184.

The investigation of titles is one of the prin- cipal branches of conveyancing, and in that practice the word "title" has acquired the sense of "history," rather than of "right." Thus, we speak of an abstract of title, and of investigating a title, to describe a document as forming part of the title to property. Sweet.

In pleading. The right of action which the plaintiff has. The declaration must show the plaintiff's title, and, if such title be not shown in that instrument, the defect cannot be cured by any of the future pleadings. Bac. Abr. "Pleas," etc., B 1.

In procedure, every action, petition, or other proceeding has a title, which consists of the name of the court in which it is pending, the names of the parties, etc. Administra- tion actions are further distinguished by the name of the deceased person whose est- ate is being administered. Every pleading, summons, affidavit, etc., commences with the title. In many cases it is sufficient to give what is called the "short title," of an action, namely, the court, the reference to the record, and the surnames of the first plaintiff and the first defendant. Sweet.

---Absolute title. As applied to title to land, an "absolute" title means an exclusive title, or at least a title which excludes all others not compatible with it; an absolute title to land cannot exist at the same time in different per- sons or in different governments. Johnson v. McIntosh, 5 Wheat. 543, 548, 5 L. Ed. 631.

---Abstract of title. A title set up in opposition to or de- feasance of another title, or one acquired or confirmed adverse to the prior title. See BOND. ---Chain of title. See that title. ---Color of title. See that title. ---Co-venants for title. Covenants usually imply a grant of land, which is a part of the grant, and binding him for the completeness, security, and continuance of the title transferred. In some cases a conveyance for seisin, for right to convey, against incum- brances, for quiet enjoyment, sometimes for fur- ther assurance, and almost always of warranty. See title. ---Equitable title. An equitable title is a right in the party to whom it be- longs to have the legal title to the property, or the beneficial interest of one person whom equity regards as the real owner, although the legal title is vested in another. Thygersen v. Whitebeck, 31 N. Y. 399; St. Paul v. Lutz, 188 Pa. 364, 41 Atl. 643. ---Imperfect title. One which requires a further exercise of the grantor's power of sale, or of the power which or which does not convey full and absolute do- minion. Paschal v. Perez, 7 Tex. 367; Paschal v. Dangerfield, 53 Tex. 300. ---Legal title. One cognizable or enforceable in a court of law, or one which is complete and perfect so far as re- gards the apparent right of ownership and posses- sion, but which carries no beneficial interest in the property, another person being equitably entitled thereto; in either case, the antithesis of "equitable title." ---Luridative title. In the civil law, title acquired without the giving of anything in exchange for it; the title by which a person acquires anything which comes to him as a clear gain, as, for instance, by gift, descent, or devise. See also "title general," as which see infra. ---Marketable title. See that title. ---Necessious title. In the civil law, title to property which is recognized as sufficiently valuable consideration for it, such as the payment of money, the rendition of services, the performance of conditions, the assumption of obligations, or the discharge of liens on the property; opposed to "luridative" title, or one acquired by gift or otherwise without the giving of an equivalent. See Scott v. Ward, 13 Cal. 471; Kircher v. Murray (C. C.) 54 Fed. 624; Yates v. Houston, 3 Tex. 453; Rev. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 3556, subd. 22. ---Paper title. A title which is evidence of a chain of conveyances; the term generally implying that such title, while it has color or plausibility, is without substantial validity. ---Passive title. In Scotch law. A title incurred by an heir in heritage who does not enter as heir in the regular way, and therefore incurs liability for all the debts of the decedent, irre- spective of the amount of assets. Paterson. ---Perfect title. Various meanings have been attached to this term: (1) One which shows the absolute right of possession and of property in a particular person. Henderson v. Beatty, 124 Iowa. 163, 96 N. W. 716; Converse v. Kellogg, 7 Barb. 435; (2) Wilcox v. Pullock, 76 N. Y. 510; Pullock, 109 Ga. 522, 33 S. E. 52; Donovan v. Pitcher, 53 Ala. 411, 25 Am. Rep. 634. (2) A grant of land which requires no further act from the grantee to constitute an absolute title to the land taking effect at once. Hancock v. McKinney, 7 Tex. 457. (3) A title which does not disclose a patent defect suggesting the possibility of a lawsuit to defend it; a title such as a well-informed and prudent man paying full value for the property would be will- ing to take. Biggs v. Beekman, 44 Mo. App. 77.

---Presumptive title. A barely presumptive title, which is of the nature of a purchase, but does not produce a mere occupation or simple possession of property; (as possession,) without any apparent right, or of the existence of which it is not possible to continue such possession. ---Record title. See RECORD. ---Singular title. The title by which a party acquires property as a singular suc-essor. ---Title. A title by which is meant Deeds which constitute or are the evidence of
title to lands.—Title insurance. See Insurance.

Title of a cause. The distinctive appellation by which any cause in court, or other judicial proceeding, is known and discriminated from others.—Title of an act. The heading, or introductory clause, of a statute, wherein is briefly recited its purpose or nature, or the subject to which it relates.—Title of clergymen, (to orders.) Some certain place where they may exercise their functions; also an assurance of being preferred to some ecclesiastical benefice. 2 Steph. Comm. 661.—Title of declaration. That preliminary clause of a declaration which states the name of the court and the term to which the process is returnable.

Title of entry. The right to enter upon lands. Cowell.—Title to orders. In English ecclesiastical law, a title to orders is a certificate of preferment or provision required by the thirty-third canon, in order that a person may be admitted into holy orders, unless he be a fellow or chaplain in Oxford or Cambridge, or master of arts of five years' standing in either of the universities, and living there at his sole charges; or unless the bishop himself intends shortly to admit him to some benefice or curacy. 2 Steph. 661.

TITULADA. In Spanish law. Title. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 3, § 2.

TITULARS OF ERECTION. Persons who in Scotland, after the Reformation, obtained grants from the crown of the monasteries and priories then erected into temporal lordships. Thus the titles formerly held by the religious houses, as well as the property of the lands, were conferred on these grantees, who were also called "lords of erection" and "titulars of the tenenda." Bell.

TITULUS. Lat. In the civil law. Title; the source or ground of possession; the means whereby possession of a thing is acquired, whether such possession be lawful or not.

In old ecclesiastical law. A temple or church; the material edifice. So called because the priest in charge of it derived therefrom his name and title. Spelman.

Titulus est justus causa possidendi id quod nostrum est; dictum a tuendo. 8 Coke, 153. A title is the just right of possessing that which is our own; it is so called from "tuendo," defending.

TO. This is a word of exclusion, when used in describing premises; it excludes the terminus mentioned. Montgomery v. Reed, 60 Me. 514.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD. The words in a conveyance which show the estate intended to be conveyed. Thus, in a conveyance of land in fee-simple, the grant is to "A. and his heirs, to have and to hold the said [land] unto and to the use of the said A. his heirs and assigns forever." Williams, Real Prop. 198.

Strictly speaking, however, the words "to have" denote the estate to be taken, while the words "to hold" signify that it is to be held of some superior lord, & c., by way of tenure, (q. v.) The former clause is called the "habendum," the latter, the "tenendum." Co. Litt. 6a.

TOALLA. In feudal law. A towel. There is a tenure of lands by the service of waiting with a towel at the king's coronation. Cowell.

TOBACCONIST. Any person, firm, or corporation whose business it is to manufacture cigars, snuff, or tobacco in any form. Act of congress of July 13, 1866, § 9; 14 St. at Large, 120.

TOFT. A place or piece of ground on which a house formerly stood, which has been destroyed by accident or decay. 2 Broom & H. Comm. 17.

TOFTMAN. In old English law. The owner of a toft. Cowell; Spelman.

TOGATT. Lat. In Roman law. Advocates; so called under the empire because they were required, when appearing in court to plead a cause, to wear the toga, which had then ceased to be the customary dress in Rome. Vincat.

TOKEN. A sign or mark; a material evidence of the existence of a fact. Thus, cheating by "false tokens" implies the use of fabricated or deceitfully contrived material objects to assist the person's own fraud and falsehood in accomplishing the cheat. See State v. Green, 19 N. J. Law, 181; State v. Middleton, Ded. (3d Ct.) 285; Jones v. State, 50 Ind. 476.

Token-money. A conventional medium of exchange consisting of pieces of metal, fashioned in the shape and size of coins, and circulating among private persons, by consent, at a certain value. No longer permitted or recognized as money. 2 Chit. Com. Law, 182.

TOLERATION. The allowance of religious opinions and modes of worship in a state which are contrary to, or different from, those of the established church or belief. Webster.

Toleration act. The statute 1 W. & M. St. 1, c. 18, for exempting Protestant dissenters from the penalties of certain laws is so called. Brown.

TOLL, v. To bar, defeat, or take away; thus, to toll the entry means to deny or take away the right of entry.

TOLL, n. In English law. Toll means an excise of goods; a seizure of some part for permission of the rest. It has two significations: A liberty to buy and sell within the precincts of the manor, which seems to import as much as a fair or market; a tribute or custom paid for passage. Wharton.

A Saxon word, signifying, properly, a payment in towns, markets, and fairs for goods and cattle.
bought and sold. It is a reasonable sum of money due to the owner of the fair or market, upon sale of things tollable within the same. The word is used for a liberty as well to take as to be free from toll. Jacob.

In modern English law. A reasonable sum due to the lord of a fair or market for things sold there which are tollable. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 330, § 683.


-Toll and team. Words commonly associated with Saxon and old English grants of liberties to the lords of manors. Bract. folia, 56; 1048, 1248, 1548. They appear to have imparted the privileges of having a market, and jurisdiction of villeins. See team. Toll-gatherer. The officer who takes or collects toll.

-Toll-thorough. In English law. A toll for passing through a highway, or over a ferry or bridge. Cowell. A toll paid to a town for such a number of beasts, or for every beast that goes through the town, or over a bridge or ferry belonging to it. Com. Dig. "Toll." c 1.


TOLLAG. Payment of toll; money charged or paid as toll; the liberty or franchise of charging toll.

TOLLETH. A prison; a custom-house; an exchange; also the place where goods are weighed. Wharton.

TOLDDDISH. A vessel by which the toll of corn for grinding is measured.

Tolle voluntatem et erit omnis actus indifferentes. Take away the will, and every action will be indifferent. Bract. fol. 2.

TOLLER. One who collects tribute or taxes.

TOLLEERE. Lat. In the civil law. To lift up or raise; to elevate; to build up.

TOLLE. In a general sense, tolls signify any manner of customs, subsidy, prestation, impostion, or sum of money demanded for exporting or importing of any wares or merchandise to be taken of the buyer. 2 Inst. 58.

TOLLESSETER. An old excise; a duty paid by tenants of some manors to the lord for liberty to brew and sell ale. Cowell.

TOLSEY. The same as "tollbooth." Also a place where merchants meet; a local tribunal for small civil causes held at the Guildhall, Bristol.

TOLT. A writ whereby a cause depending in a court baron was taken and removed into a county court. Old Nat. Breve. 4.

TOLTA. In old English law. Wrong; rape; extortion. Cowell.

TON. A measure of weight; differently fixed, by different statutes, at two thousand pounds avoiduplic, (1 Rev. St. N. Y. 699, § 35) or at twenty hundred-weights, each hundred-weight being one hundred and twelve pounds avoiduplic, (Rev. St. U. S. § 2651 [U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1945]).

TONNAGE. The capacity of a vessel for carrying freight or other, loads, calculated in tons. But the way of estimating the tonnage varies in different countries. In England, tonnage denotes the actual weight in tons which the vessel can safely carry; in America, her carrying capacity estimated from the cubic dimensions of the hold. See Roberts v. Opdyke, 40 N. Y. 239.

The "tonnage" of a vessel is her capacity to carry cargo, and a charter of "the whole tonnage" of a ship transfers to the charterer only the space necessary for that purpose. Tawing v. Insurance Co., 103 Mass. 403, 4Am. Rep. 507.

The tonnage of a vessel is her internal cubical capacity, in tons. Inman S. S. Co. v. Tinker, 94 U. S. 238, 24 L. Ed. 118.

TONNAGE DUTY. In English law. A duty imposed by parliament upon merchandise exported and imported, according to a certain rate upon every ton. Brown.

In American law. A tax laid upon vessels according to their tonnage or cubical capacity.

A tonnage duty is a duty imposed on vessels in proportion to their capacity. The vital principle of a tonnage duty is that it is imposed, whatever the subject, solely according to the rule of weight, either as to the capacity to carry or the actual weight of the thing itself. Inman S. S. Co. v. Tinker, 94 U. S. 238, 24 L. Ed. 118.

The term "tonnage duty," as used in the constitutional prohibition upon state laws imposing tonnage duties, describes a duty proportioned to the tonnage of the vessel; a certain rate on each ton. But it is not to be taken in this restricted sense in the constitutional provision. The general prohibition upon the states against levying duties on imports or exports would have been ineffectual if it had not been extended to duties on the ships which serve as the vehicles of conveyance. The prohibition extends to any duty on the ship, whether a fixed sum upon its whole tonnage or a sum to be ascertained by comparing the amount of tonnage with the rate of duty,
Southern S. S. Co. v. New Orleans, 6 Wall. 31, 18 L. Ed. 749.

A tonnage tax is defined to be a duty levied on a vessel according to the tonnage or capacity. It is a tax upon the boat as an instrument of navigation, and not a tax upon the property of a citizen of the state. The North Cape, 6 Blis. 505. Fed. Cas. No. 10,316.

**TONNAGE-RENT.** When the rent reserved by a mining lease or the like consists of a royalty on every ton of minerals gotten in the mine, it is often called a "tonnage-rent." There is generally a dead rent in addition. Sweet.

**TONNAGIUM.** In old English law. A custom or impost upon wines and other merchandise exported or imported, according to a certain rate per ton. Spelman; Cowell.

**TONNETIGHT.** In old English law. The quantity of a ton or tun, in a ship's freight or bulk, for which tonnage or tonnage was paid to the king. Cowell.

**TONODERACH.** In old Scotch law. A thief-taker.

**TONSURA.** Lat. In old English law. A shaving, or polling; the having the crown of the head shaven; tonsure. One of the peculiar badges of a clerk or clergyman.

**TONSURE.** In old English law. A being shaven; the having the head shaven; a shaven head. 4 Bl. Comm. 387.

**TONTINE.** In French law. A species of association or partnership formed among persons who are in receipt of perpetual or life annuities, with the agreement that the shares or annuities of those who die shall accrue to the survivors. This plan is said to be thus named from Tonti, an Italian, who invented it in the seventeenth century. The principle is used in some forms of life insurance. Merl. Repert.

**TOOK AND CARRIED AWAY.** In criminal pleading. Technical words necessary in an indictment for simple larceny.

**TOOL.** The usual meaning of the word "tool" is "an instrument of manual operation;" that is, an instrument to be used and managed by the hand instead of being moved and controlled by machinery. Lovewell v. Westchester F. Ins. Co., 124 Mass. 420, 20 Am. Rep. 671.

**TOP ANNUAL.** In Scotch law. An annual rent out of a house built in a burgh. Whishaw. A duty which, from the act 1531, c. 10, appears to have been due from certain lands in Edinburgh, the nature of which is not now known. Bell.

**TORT.** Wrong; injury; the opposite of right. So called, according to Lord Coke, because it is "wrenched, or crooked, being contrary to that which is right and straight." Co. Litt. 1589.

In modern practice, tort is constantly used as an English word to denote a wrong or wrongful act, for which an action will lie, as distinguished from a contract. 3 Bl. Comm. 117.

A tort is a legal wrong committed upon the person or property independent of contract. It may be either (1) a direct invasion of some legal right of the individual; (2) the infliction of some public duty by which special damage accrues to the individual; (3) the violation of some private obligation by which like damage accrues to the individual. In the former case, no special damage is necessary to entitle the party to recover. In the two latter cases, such damage is necessary. Code Ga. 1532, § 2651. And see Hayes v. Insurance Co., 225 U.S. 133, 18 N. E. 322, 14 L. R. A. 303; Railway Co. v. Hennegan, 33 Tex. Civ. App. 314, 76 S. W. 453; Humford v. Wright, 12 Colo. App. 221, 55 Pac. 744; Tomlin v. Illidrath, 65 N. J. L. 438, 47 Atl. 649; Merrill v. St. Louis, 83 Mo. 255, 53 Am. Rep. 576; Denning v. State, 123 Cal. 518, 55 Pac. 1000; Shirk v. Mitchell, 33 Fed. 185, 86 N. E. 850; Western Union Tel. Co. v. Taylor, 84 Ga. 405, 11 S. E. 956; 8 L. R. A. 159; Rich v. Railroad Co., 87 N. Y. 390.

---Maritime tort.---Personal tort. One involving or consisting in an injury to the person or to the reputation or feelings, as distinguished from an injury or damage to real or personal property, called a "property tort." See Humford v. Wright, 12 Colo. App. 221, 55 Pac. 744.---Quasi tort, though not a recognized term of English law, may be conveniently used in those cases where a man who has not committed a tort is liable as if he had. Thus, a master is liable for wrongful acts done by his servant in the course of his employment. Broom, Com. Law, 690; Underh. Torts, 20.

**TORT-FEASOR.** A wrong-doer; one who commits or is guilty of a tort.

**TORTIOUS.** Wrongful; of the nature of a tort. Formerly certain modes of conveyance (e. g., feoffments, fines, etc.) had the effect of passing not merely the estate of the person making the conveyance, but the whole fee-simple, to the injury of the person really entitled to the fee; and they were hence called "tortious conveyances." Litt. § 611; Co. Litt. 271b, n. 1; 330b, n. 1. But this operation has been taken away. Sweet.

**Tortura legum pessima.** The torture or wrestling of laws is the worst [kind of torture.] 1 Bacon's Works, 434.

**TORTURE.** In old criminal law. The question: the infliction of violent bodily pain upon a person, by means of the rack, wheel, or other engine, under judicial question and superintendence. In connection with the interrogation or examination of the person, as
TORY. Originally a nickname for the wild Irish in Ulster. Afterwards given to, and adopted by, one of the two great parliamentary parties which have alternately governed Great Britain since the Revolution in 1688. Wharton.

The name was also given, in America, during the struggle of the colonists for independence, to the party of those residents who favored the side of the king and opposed the war.

TOT. In old English practice. A word written by the foreign oppressor or other officer opposite to a debt due the king, to denote that it was a good debt; which was hence said to be tooted.

TOTA CURIA. L. Lat. In the old reports. The whole court.

TOTAL LOSS. In marine insurance, a total loss is the entire destruction or loss, to be proved beyond the subject-matter of the policy, by the risks insured against. As to the distinction between "actual" and "constructive" total loss, see infra.

In fire insurance, a total loss is the complete destruction of the insured property by fire, so that nothing of value remains from it; as distinguished from a partial loss, where the property is damaged, but not entirely destroyed.

—Actual total loss. In marine insurance. The total loss of the vessel covered by a policy of insurance, by its real and substantive destruction, by injuries which leave it no longer existing in specie, by its being reduced to a wreck irretrievably beyond repair, or by its being abandoned by the control of the insured and beyond his power of recovery. Distinguished from a constructive total loss, which occurs where the vessel, though injured by the perils insured against, remains in specie and capable of repair or recovery, but at such an expense, or under such other conditions, that the insured may claim the whole amount of the policy upon abandoning the vessel to the underwriters.

"An actual total loss is where the vessel ceases to exist in specie,—becomes a mere congeries of planks, incapable of being repaired; or where, by the peril insured against, it is placed beyond the control of the insured and beyond his power of recovery. A constructive total loss is where the vessel remains in specie, and is susceptible of repairs or recovery, but at an expense, according to the rule of the English common law, exceeding its value when restored, or, according to the terms of this policy, where 'the injury is equivalent to fifty per cent. of the agreed value in the policy,' when the insured abandons the vessel to the underwriter. In such cases the insured is entitled to indemnity so as for a total loss. An exception to the rule requiring abandonment is found in cases where the loss occurs in foreign ports or seas, where it is impracticable to repair. In such cases the master may sell the vessel for the benefit of all concerned, and the insured may claim as for a total loss by accounting to the insurer for the amount realized on the sale. There are other exceptions to the rule, but it is sufficient now to say that we have found no case in which the doctrine of constructive total loss without abandonment has been admitted, where the injury to the vessel remained in specie and was brought to its home port by the insured. A well marked distinction between an actual and a constructive total loss is therefore found in this: that in the former no abandonment is necessary, while in the latter it is essential, unless the case be brought within some exception to the rule requiring it. A partial loss is where an injury results to the vessel from a peril insured against, but where the loss is neither actually nor constructively total. Globe Ins. Co. v. Sherlock, 25 Ohio St. 50, 64; Burt v. Insurance Co., 9 Hun (N. Y.) 383; Carr v. Insurance Co., 109 N. Y. 594, 17 N. E. 369; Monroe v. Insurance Co., 22 Fed. 792; 3 C. C. A. 230; Murray v. Hatch, 6 Mass. 465; Livermore v. Insurance Co., 1 Mass. 234; Delaware, etc., Ins. Co. v. Gossler, 90 U. S. 645, 24 L. Ed. 863; Wallerstein v. Insurance Co., 3 Rob. (N. Y.) 528.—Constructive total loss. In marine insurance. This occurs where the loss or injury to the vessel insured does not amount to its total disappearance or destruction, but where, although the vessel still remains, the cost of repairing or recovering it would amount to more than its value when so repaired, and consequently the insured abandons it to the underwriters. See Insurance Co. v. Sugar Refining Co., 87 Fed. 401, 31 C. C. A. 65.

TOTIDEM VERBIS. Lat. In so many words.

TOTIES QUOTIES. Lat. As often as occasion shall arise.

TOTIS VIBIRUS. Lat. With all one's might or power; with all his might; very strenuously.

TOTTED. A good debt to the crown, &c., a debt paid to the sheriff, to be by him paid over to the king. Cowell; Moxley & Whitley.

Tetum prefertur unicumque parti. 3 Coke, 41. The whole is preferable to any single part.

TOUCH. In insurance law. To stop at a port. If there be liberty granted by the policy to touch, or to touch and stay, at an intermediate port on the passage, the better opinion now is that the insured may trade there, when consistent with the object and the furtherance of the adventure, by breaking bulk, or by discharging and taking in cargo, provided it produces no unnecessary delay, nor enhances nor varies the risk. 3 Kent, Comm. 314.

TOUCHING A DEAD BODY. It was an ancient superstition that the body of a murdered man would bleed freshly when touched by his murderer. Hence, in old criminal law, this was resorted to as a means of ascertaining the guilt or innocence of a person suspected of the murder.

TOUJOURS ET UNCORE PRIST. L. Fr. Always and still ready. This is the name of a plea of tender.
TOWNSHIP. 1. In surveys of the public land of the United States, a "township" is a division of territory six miles square, containing thirty-six sections.

2. In some of the states, this is the name given to the civil and political subdivisions of a county. See Town.

—Township trustee. One of a board of officers to whom, in some states, affairs of a township are intrusted.

TOXIC. (Lat. toxicum; Gr. toxicón.) In medical jurisprudence. Poisonous; having the character or producing the effects of a poison; referable to a poison; produced by or resulting from a poison.

—Toxic convulsions. Such as are caused by the action of a poison on the nervous system.

—Toxic dementia. Weakness of mind or feeble cerebral activity, approaching imbecility, resulting from continued use or administration of slow poisons or of the more active poisons in repeated small doses, as in cases of lead poisoning, and in some cases of addiction to such drugs as opium or alcohol.—Toxanemia. A condition of anemia (impoverishment or deficiency of blood) resulting from the action of certain toxic substances or agents.—Toxemia or toxicemia. Blood-poisoning; the condition of the system caused by the presence of toxic agents in the circulation; including both septicemia and pyemia.—Toxicosis. A diseased state of the system due to the presence and action of any poison.

TOXICAL. Poisonous; containing poison.

—Toxicant. A poison; a toxic agent; any substance capable of producing intoxication or poisoning.

—Toxicate. To poison. Not used to describe the act of one who administers a poison, but the action of the drug or poison itself.

—Intoxication. The state of being poisoned; the condition produced by the administration or introduction into the human system of a poison. This term is popularly used as equivalent to "drunkenness," which, however, is more accurately described as "alcoholic intoxication."—Auto-intoxication. Self-poisonment from the absorption of the toxic products of internal metabolism, e. g., ptolemaic poisoning.

TOXICOLOGY. The science of poisons; that department of medical science which treats of poisons, their effect, their recognition, their antidotes, and generally of the diagnosis and therapeutics of poisoning.

TOXIN. In its widest sense, this term may denote any poison or toxicant; but as used in pathology and medical jurisprudence it signifies, in general, any diffusible alkaloidal substance (as, the ptomaines, abrin, brucin, or serpent venoms), and in particular the poisonous products of pathogenic (disease-producing) bacteria.

—Anti-toxin. A product of pathogenic bacteria which, in sufficient quantities, will neutralize the toxin or poisonous product of the same bacteria. In therapeutic, as a preventive remedy (administered by inoculation) against the effect of certain kinds of toxins, venoms, and disease-germs, obtained from the blood of an animal which has previously been treated with repeated minute injections of the particular poison or germ to be neutralized.—Toxicemia. An excessive addiction to the use of toxic or poisonous drugs or other substances; a form of mania or affective insanity characterized by an irresistible impulse to indulgence in opium, cocaine, chloral, alcohol, etc.—Toxiphobia. Morbid dread of being poisoned; a form of insanity manifesting itself by an excessive and unfounded apprehension of death by poison.

TRABES. Lat. In the civil law. A beam or rafter of a house. Calvin.

In old English law. A measure of grain, containing twenty-four sheaves; a thraw. Spelman.

—TRACEA. In old English law. The track or trace of a felon, by which he was pursued with hue and cry; any stop, hoof-print, or wheel-track. Bract. fol. 116, 121b.

TRACT. A lot, piece or parcel of land, of greater or lesser size, the term not importing, in itself, any precise dimension. See Edwards v. Derrickson, 28 N. J. Law, 45.

—Tractent fabrica fabri. Let smiths perform the work of smiths. 3 Co. Epist.

TRADAS IN BALLIUM. You deliver to ball. In old English practice. The name of a writ which might be issued in behalf of a party who, upon the writ de odio et atia, had been found to have been maliciously accused of a crime, commanding the sheriff that, if the prisoner found twelve good and lawful men of the county who would be main-perors for him, he should deliver him in ball to those twelve, until the next assize, Bract. fol. 123; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 252.


The business which a person has learned and which he carries on for procuring subsistence, or for profit; occupation, particularly mechanical employment; distinguished from the liberal arts and learned professions, and from agriculture. Webster; Woodfield v. Colsey, 47 Ga. 124; People v. Warden of City Prison, 144 N. Y. 529, 39 N. E. 686, 27 L. R. A. 718; In re Stone Cutters Ass'n, 23 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 520.

Traffic; commercial, exchange of goods for other goods, or for money. All wholesale trade, all buying in order to sell again by wholesale, may be reduced to three sorts: The home trade, the foreign trade of consumption, and the carrying trade. 2 Smith, Wealth Nat. b. 2, c. 6.

—Trade dollar. A silver coin of the United States, of the weight of four hundred and twen-
See Fixtures.—Trade usage. The usage or customs commonly observed by persons conversant in, or connected with, a particular trade.

TRADE-MARK. A distinctive mark, motto, device, or emblem, which a manufacturer stamps, prints, or otherwise affixes to the goods he produces, so that they may be identified in the market, and their origin be vouched for. See Trade-Mark Cases, 100 U. S. 87, 25 L. Ed. 550; Moorman v. Hoge, 17 Fed. Cas. 715; Solls Cigar Co. v. Pozo, 16 Colo. 388, 26 Pac. 556, 25 Am. St. Rep. 279; State v. Bishop, 128 Mo. 373, 31 S. W. 9, 29 L. R. A. 206, 49 Am. St. Rep. 569; Royal Baking Powder Co. v. Raymond (C. C.) 70 Fed. 390; Hegeman & Co. v. Hegeman, 8 Daly (N. Y.) 1.

—Trade-marks registration act, 1875. This is the statute 28 & 30 Vict. c. 91, amended by the acts of 1876 and 1877. It provides for the establishment of a register of trade-marks under the superintendence of the commissioners of patents, and for the registration of trade-marks as belonging to particular classes of goods, and for their assignment in connection with the good-will of the business in which they are used. Sweet.

TRADE-NAME. A trade-name is a name which by user and reputation has acquired the property of indicating that a certain trade or occupation is carried on by a particular person. The name may be that of a person, place, or thing, or it may be what is called a "fancy name." (i. e., a name having no sense as applied to the particular trade) or word invented for the occasion, and having no sense at all. See: Trade-Marks, 37. Sweet.

TRADE UNION. A combination or association of men employed in the same trade, (usually a manual or mechanical trade,) united for the purpose of regulating the customs and standards of their trade, fixing prices or hours of labor, influencing the relations of employer and employed, enlarging or maintaining their rights and privileges, and other similar objects.

—Trade-union act. The statute 34 & 35 Vict. c. 31, passed in 1871, for the purpose of giving legal recognition to trade unions, is known as the "trade-union act," or "trade-union funds protection act." It provides that the members of a trade union shall not be prosecuted for conspiracy merely by reason that the rules of such union are in restraint of trade; and that the agreements of trade unions shall not be void on that account. Provisions are also made with reference to the registration and registered offices of trade unions, and other purposes connected therewith. Mosley & Whitley.

TRAIDER. A person engaged in trade; one whose business is to buy and sell merchandise, or any class of goods, deriving a profit from his dealings. 2 Kent, Comm. 389; State v. Chabourn, 80 N. C. 481, 30 Am. Rep. 94; In re New York & W. Water Co. (D. C) 98 Fed. 711; Morris v. Clifton Forge Grocery Co., 49 W. Va. 197, 32 S. E. 927.

TRADESMAN. In England, a shop-keeper; a small shop-keeper.

In the United States, a mechanic or artisan of any kind, whose livelihood depends upon the labor of his hands. Richie v. McCauley, 4 Pa. 472.

"Primarily the words 'trader' and 'tradesman' mean one who trades, and they have been treated by the judges in many instances as synonymous. But, in their general application and usage, I think they describe different vocations. By 'tradesman' is usually meant a shop-keeper. Such is the definition given the word in Burrill's Law Dictionary. It is used in this sense by Adam Smith. He says: (Wealth of Nations:) 'A tradesman in London is obliged to hire a whole house in that part of the town where his customers live. His shop is on the ground floor; etc. Dr. Johnson gives the same meaning, and quotes Prior and Goldsmith's authorities.' In re Ragsdale, 7 Biss. 155, Fed. Cas. No. 11,530.


TRADING. Engaging in trade, (g. v.) pursuing the business or occupation of trade or of a trader.

—Trading corporation. See CORPORATION.
—Trading partnership. Whenever the business of a firm, according to the usual modes of conducting its imports, in its nature, the necessity of buying and selling, the firm is properly regarded as a "trading partnership" and is invested with the powers and subject to the obligations incident to that relation. Dowling v. National Exch. Bank, 145 U. S. 512, 12 Sup. Ct. 925, 36 L. Ed. 785.—Trading voyage. One which contemplates the touching and stopping of the vessel at various ports for the purpose of traffic or sale and purchase or exchange of commodities on account of the owners and shippers, rather than the transportation of cargo between terminal points, which is called a "freighting voyage." See Brown v. Jones, 4 Fed. Cas. 400.

TRADITTO. Lat. In the civil law. Delivery; transfer of possession; a derivative mode of acquiring, by which the owner of a corporeal thing, having the right and the will of alienating it, transfers it for a lawful consideration to the receiver. Helnecc. Elem. lib. 2, tit. 1, § 390.

—Quasi traditio. A supposed or implied delivery of property from one to another. Thus, if the purchaser of an article was already in possession of it before the sale, his continuing in possession is considered as equivalent to a fresh delivery of it, delivery being one of the necessary elements of a sale; in other words, a quasi traditio is predicated.—Traditio bravi manu. A delivery of constructive or implied delivery. When he who already holds possession of a thing in another's name agrees with that other to give up possession henceforth he shall possess it in his own name, in this case a delivery and redelivery are not necessary. And this species of delivery is termed "traditio bravi manu." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 284.—Traditio clarvum. Delivery of keys; a symbolic kind of delivery, by which the ownership of merchandise in a warehouse might be transferred to the buyer. Inst. 2. 1. 44.—Traditio longa manu. A species of delivery, which takes place when
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the transferee places the article in the hands of the transferee, or, on his order, delivers it at his house. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 284.—Traditio res. Delivery of the thing. See 5 Maule & S. 92.

Traditio iuris facit chartam. Delivery makes a deed speak. 5 Coke, 1a. Delivery gives effect to the words of a deed. 1d.

Traditio nihil amplius transferre debet vel potest, ad eum qui accipit, quam est apud eum qui tradit. Delivery ought to, and can, transfer nothing more to him who receives than is with him who delivers. Dig. 41, 1, 20, pr.


The tradition or delivery is the transferring of the thing sold into the power and possession of the buyer. Civ. Code La. art. 2477.

In the rule respecting the admission of tradition or general reputation to prove boundaries, questions of pedigree, etc., this word means knowledge or belief derived from the statements or declarations of contemporary witnesses and handed down orally through a considerable period of time. See Westfelt v. Adams, 131 N. C. 379, 42 S. E. 823; In re Hurburt’s Estate, 66 Vt. 366, 35 Atl. 77, 35 L. R. A. 794.

TRADITOR. In old English law. A traitor; one guilty of high treason. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 21, § 8.

TRADITUR IN BAILLUM. In old practice. Is delivered to bail. Emphatic words of the old Latin bail-piece. 1 Salk. 105.


TRAIENS. Lat. In French law. The drawer of a bill. Story, Bills, § 12, note.

TRAIL-BASTON. Justices of trail-baston were justices appointed by King Edward I, during his absence in the Scotch and French wars, about the year 1305. They were so styled, says Hollingshed, for trailing or drawing the staff of justice. Their office was to make inquisition throughout the kingdom, of all officers and others, touching extortion, bribery, and such like grievances, of intruders into other men’s lands, barrators, robbers, breakers of the peace, and divers other offenders. Cowell; Tomlins.

TRAINBANDS. The militia; the part of a community trained to martial exercises.

TRAISTS. In old Scotch law. A roll containing the particular ditty taken up upon malefactors, which, with the porteous, is delivered by the justice clerk to the coroner, to the effect that the persons whose names are contained in the porteous may be attached, conform to the ditty contained in the traitist. So called, because committed to the trait, [trust.] faith, and credit of the clerks and coroner. Skene; Burrill.

TRAITOR. One who, being trusted, betrays; one guilty of treason.

TRAITOROUSLY. In criminal pleading. An essential word in indictments for treason. The offense must be laid to have been committed traitorously. Whart. Crim. Law, 100.

TRAJECTITIUS. Lat. In the civil law. Sent across the sea.

TRAMWAYS. Rails for conveyance of traffic along a road not owned, as a railway is, by those who lay down the rails and convey the traffic. Wharton.


TRANSACT. In Scotch law. To compound. Amb. 185.

TRANSACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. The settlement of a suit or matter in controversy, by the litigating parties, between themselves, without referring it to arbitration. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 6, no. 14. An agreement by which a suit, either pending or about to be commenced, was forborne or discontinued on certain terms. Calvin.

TRANSACTION. In the civil law. A transaction or compromise is an agreement between two or more persons, who, for preventing or putting an end to a lawsuit, adjust their differences by mutual consent, in the manner which they agree on, and which every one of them prefers to the hope of gaining, balanced by the danger of losing. This contract must be reduced into writing. Civ. Code La. art. 3071.

In common law. Whatever may be done by one person which affects another’s rights, and out of which a cause of action may arise. Scarborough v. Smith, 18 Kan. 406.

"Transaction" is a broader term than "contract." A contract is a transaction, but a transaction is not necessarily a contract. See Ter Kulie v. Marsland. 81 Hun, 420, 31 N. Y. Supp. 5; Xenia Branch Bank v. Lea, 7 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 372; Roberts v. Donovan, 70 Cal. 113, 11 Pac. 599.
TRANSFERENCE. In Scotch law. The proceeding to be taken upon the death of one of the parties to a pending suit, whereby the action is transferred or continued, in its then condition, from the decedent to his representatives. Transference is either active or passive; the former, when it is the pursuer (plaintiff) who dies; the latter, upon the death of the defender. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 60.

The transferring of a legacy from the person to whom it was originally given to another; this is a species of ademption, but the latter is the more general term, and includes cases not covered by the former.

TRANSFERROR. One who makes a transfer.

Transferruntur dominia sine titulo et traditione, per usucaptonem, sell, per longam continuam et pacificam possessionem. Co. Litt. 113. Rights of dominion are transferred without title or delivery, by usucaption, to-wit, long and quiet possession.

TRANSFRETATIO. Lat. In old English law. A crossing of the strait, [of Dover:] a passing or sailing over from England to France. The royal passages or voyages to Gascony, Brittany, and other parts of France were so called, and time was sometimes computed from them.

TRANSGRESSION. In old English law. A violation of law. Also trespass; the action of trespass.

Transgressio est sum modus non servatus nec mensura, debit enim quilibet in suo facto modum habere et mensuram. Co. Litt. 37. Transgression is when neither mode nor measure is preserved, for every one in his act ought to have a mode and measure.

TRANSGRESSIONE. In old English law. A writ or action of trespass.

Transgressione multiplicato, crescent poenas inflectio. When transgression is multiplied, let the inflection of punishment be increased. 2 Inst. 479.

TRANSITIVE. In poor-laws. A "transient person" is not exactly a person on a journey from one known place to another, but rather a wanderer ever on the tramp. Middlebury v. Waltham, 6 Vt. 203; Londonbury v. Landgrove. 66 Vt. 264. 29 Atl. 250.

In Spanish law. A "transient foreigner" is one who visits the country, without the
TRANSMIT. Lat. Passage from one place to another; transmit. In transitus, on the passage, transmit, or way. 2 Kent, Comm. 543.

TRANSLADO. Span. A transcript.

TRANSLATION. The reproduction in one language of a book, document, or speech delivered in another language. The transfer of property; but in this sense it is seldom used. 2 Bl. Comm. 294.

In ecclesiastical law. As applied to a bishop, the term denotes his removal from one diocese to another.

TRANSLATIUM EDICTUM. Lat. In Roman law. The praetor, on his accession to office, did not usually publish an entirely new edict, but retained the whole or a part of that promulgated by his predecessor, as being of an approved or permanently useful character. The portion thus repeated or handed down from year to year was called the "edictum translatiitum." See Mackell, Rom. Law, § 36.

TRANSLATIVE FACT. A fact by means of which a right is transferred or passes from one person to another; one, that is, which fulfills the double function of terminating the right of one person to an object, and of originating the right of another to it.

TRANSMISSION. In the civil law. The right which heirs or legatees may have of passing to their successors the inheritance or legacy to which they were entitled, if they happen to die without having exercised their rights. Domat, liv. 3, t. 1, s. 10; 4 Toullier, no. 186; Dig. 50, 17, 54; Code, 6. 51.

TRANSPORT. In old New York law. A conveyance of land.


In criminal law. A species of punishment consisting in removing the criminal from his own country to another, (usually a penal colony,) there to remain in exile for a prescribed period. Fong Yue Ting v. U. S., 149 U. S. 698, 13 Sup. Ct. 1016, 37 L. Ed. 905.

TRANSUMPT. In Scotch law, an action of transumption is an action competent to any one having a partial interest in a writing, or immediate use for it, to support his title or defenses in other actions. It is directed against the custodian of the writing, calling upon him to exhibit it. In order that a transumption, i.e., a copy, may be judicially made and delivered to the pursuer. Ball.

TRASLADO. In Spanish law. A copy; a sight. White, New Recop. b, 3, tit. 7, c. 3. A copy of a document taken by the notary from the original, or a subsequent copy taken from the protocol, and not a copy taken directly from the matrix or protocol. Dowling v. Diaz, 80 Tex. 436, 16 S. W. 64.

TRASSANS. Drawing; one who draws. The drawer of a bill of exchange.

TRASSATUS. One who is drawn, or drawn upon. The drawee of a bill of exchange. Heinecc. de Camb. c. 6, §§ 5, 6.

TRAUMA. In medical jurisprudence. A wound; any injury to the body caused by external violence. -Traumatic. Caused by or resulting from a wound or any external injury; as, traumatic insanity, produced by an injury to or fracture of the skull with consequent pressure on the
TRAUMA. A diseased condition of the body or any part of it caused by a wound or external injury.

TRAVEL. The act of child-bearing. A woman is said to be in her travail from the time the pains of child-bearing commence until her delivery. Scott v. Donovan, 153 Mass. 378, 26 N. E. 871.

TRAVELER. The term is used in a broad sense to designate those who patronize Inns. Traveler is one who travels in any way. Distance is not material. A townsman or neighbor may be a traveler, and therefore a guest at an inn, as well as he who comes from a distance or from a foreign country. Walling v. Potter, 35 Conn. 185.

TRAVESS. In the language of pleading, a traverse signifies a denial. Thus, where a defendant denies any material allegation of fact in the plaintiff's declaration, he is said to traverse it, and the plea itself is thence frequently termed a "traverse." Brown.

In criminal practice. To put off or delay the trial of an indictment till a succeeding term. More properly, to deny or take issue upon an indictment. 4 Bl. Comm. 351.

Common traverse. A simple and direct denial of the material allegations of the opposite pleading, concluding to the country, and without induction or abaque hoc. General traverse. One preceded by a general induction, and denying in general terms all that is laid before alleged on the opposite side, in substance or meaning the words of the allegations which it denies. Gould. Pl. vii. 5. Special traverse. A peculiar form of traverse or denial, the design of which, as distinguished from a common traverse, is to explain or qualify the denial, instead of putting it in the direct and absolute form. It consists of an affirmative and a negative part, the first setting forth the new affirmative matter tending to explain or qualify the denial, and technically called the "induction," and the latter constituting the direct denial itself, and technically called the "abaque hoc." Step. Pl. 169-180; Allen v. Simmons, 20 N. J. Law. 513; Chambers v. Hunt, 18 N. J. Law. 352; People v. Pullman's Car Co., 175 Ill. 125, 51 N. E. 664, 64 L. R. A. 366. Traverse jury. A petit jury; a trial jury; a jury impaneled to try an action or prosecution, as distinguished from a grand jury. Traverse of indictment or presentment. The making issue upon, and contradicting or denying some chief point of it. Jacob.

Traverse of office. The proving that an issuance made of lands or goods by the escheator is defective and un válido made. Tomlin. It is the challenging, by a subject, of an inquest of office, as being defective and untruly made. Modler & Whitney.

Bl. Law Dict. (2d Ed.)—74 or subject-matter as is embraced in a preceding traverse on the other side.

TRAVERSER. In pleading. One who traverses or denies. A prisoner or party indicted; so called from his traversing the indictment.

TRaversING Note. This is a pleading in chancery, and consists of a denial put in by the plaintiff on behalf of the defendant, generally denying all the statements in the plaintiff's bill. The effect of it is to put the plaintiff upon proof of the whole contents of his bill, and is only resorted to for the purpose of saving time, and in a case where the plaintiff can safely dispense with an answer. A copy of the note must be served on the defendant. Brown.

TREACHER, TRECHETOUR, or TREACHOUR. A traitor.

TREAD-MILL, or TREAD-WHEEL. An instrument of prison discipline, being a wheel or cylinder with an horizontal axis, having steps attached to it, up which the prisoners walk, and thus put the axis in motion. The men hold on by a fixed rail, and, as their weight presses down the step upon which they tread, they ascend the next step, and thus drive the wheel. Enc. Brit.

TREASON. The offense of attempting to overthrow the government of the state to which the offender owes allegiance; or of betraying the state into the hands of a foreign power. Webster.

In England, treason is an offense particularly directed against the person of the sovereign, and consists (1) in compassing or imagining the death of the king, or queen, or their eldest son and heir; (2) in violating the king's companion, or the king's eldest daughter unmarried, or the wife of the king's eldest son and heir; (3) in levying war against the king in his realm; (4) in adhering to the king's enemies in his realm, giving to them aid and comfort in the realm or elsewhere, and (5) slaying the chancellor, treasurer, or the king's justices of the one bench or the other, justices in eyre, or justices of assize, and all other justices assigned to hear and determine, being in their places doing their offices. 4 Steph. Comm. 182-199; 4 Bl. Comm. 76-84.


Constructive treason. Treason imputed to a person by law from his conduct or course
of actions, though his deeds taken severally do not amount to actual treason. This doctrine is not known in the United States.—High treason. In English law. Treason against the king or sovereign, as distinguished from petit or petty treason, which might formerly be committed against a subject. 4 Bl. Comm. 74, 75; 4 Steph. Comm. 153, 154, note. Misprision of treason. See Misprision. Petition treason. In English law. The crime committed by a wife in killing her husband, or a servant his lord or master, or an ecclesiastic his lord or ordinary. 4 Bl. Comm. 75. treason-felony, under the English statute 11 & 12 Vict. c. 12. passed in 1845, is the offense of committing, in England, to depose her majesty from the crown; or to levy war in order to intimidate either house of parliament, etc., or to stir up foreigners by any printing or writing to invade the kingdom. This offense is punishable with penal servitude for life, or for any term not less than five years, etc., under statutes 11 & 12 Vict. c. 12, § 3; 20 & 21 Vict. c. 3, § 2; 27 & 28 Vict. c. 47, § 2. By the statute first above mentioned, the government is enabled to treat as felony many offenses which must formerly have been treated as high treason. Mosley & Whitley.

TREASONABLE. Having the nature or guilt of treason.

TREASURE. A treasure is a thing hidden or buried in the earth, on which no one can prove his property, and which is discovered by chance. Civil Code La. art. 3425, par. 2. See Treasure-Trove.


—Treasurer, lord high. Formerly the chief treasurer of Eweland, who had charge of the moneys in the exchequer, the chancellor of the exchequer being under him. He appointed all revenue officers and escheeters, and leased crown lands. The office is obsolete, and his duties are now performed by the lords commissioners of the treasury. Stim. Gloss.

TREASURER'S REMEMBRANCER. In English law. He whose charge was to put the lord treasurer and the rest of the judges of the exchequer in remembrance of such things as were called on and dealt in for the sovereign's behoof. There is still one in Scotland. Wharton.

TREASURY. A place or building in which stores of wealth are deposited; particularly, where the public revenue are deposited and kept, and where money is disbursed to defray the expenses of government. Webster.

That department of government which is charged with the receipt, custody, and disbursement (pursuant to appropriations) of the public revenues or funds.

—Treasury bench. In the English house of commons, the first row of seats on the right hand of the speaker is so called, because occupied by the first lord of the treasury or principal minister of the crown. Brown.—Treasury chest fund. A fund, in England, originating in the unusual balances of certain grants of public money, and which is used for banking and loan purposes by the commissioners of the treasury. Its amount was limited by St. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 127, and has been further reduced to one million pounds, the residue being transferred to the consolidated fund, by 36 & 37 Vict. c. 66. Wharton.—Treasury note. A note or bill issued by the treasury department by the authority of the United States government, and circulating as money. See Brown v. State, 120 Ala. 342, 29 South. 182.

TREATY. In international law. An agreement between two or more independent states. Brande. An agreement, league, or contract between two or more nations or sovereigns, formally signed by commissioners properly authorized, and solemnly ratified by the several sovereigns or the supreme power of each state. Webster; Cherokee Nation v. Georgia, 5 Pet. 60, 8 L. Ed. 25; Edye v. Robertson, 112 U. S. 580, 5 Sup. Ct. 247, 28 L. Ed. 798; Holmes v. Jenkinson, 14 Pet. 571, 10 L. Ed. 579; U. S. v. Rauscher, 119 U. S. 407, 7 Sup. Ct. 294, 30 L. Ed. 425; Ex parte Ortiz (C. C.) 100 Fed. 962.

In private law, "treaty" signifies the discussion of terms which immediately precedes the conclusion of a contract or other transaction. A warranty on the sale of goods, to be valid, must be made during the "treatment" preceding the sale. Chit. Cont. 419; Sweet.

—Treaty of peace. A treaty of peace is an agreement or contract made by belligerent powers, in which they agree to lay down their arms, and by which they stipulate the conditions of peace and regulate the manner in which it is to be restored and supported. Vattel, b. 4, c. 2, § 9.

TREBELLANIC PORTION. "In consequence of this article, the trebellanic portion of the civil law—that is to say, the portion of the property of the testator which the institutent heir had a right to retain when he was charged with a fidei commissum or fiduciary bequest—is no longer a part of our law." Civ. Code La. art. 1520, par. 3.

TREBLE COSTS. See Costs.

TREBLE DAMAGES. In practice. Damages given by statute in certain cases, consisting of the single damages found by the
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jury, actually tripped in amount. The usual practice has been for the jury to find the single amount of the damages, and for the court, on motion, to order that amount to be trebled. 2 Tidd Pr. 865, 894.


TREET. In old English law. Fine wheat.

TREMAGIUM, TREMesium. In old records. The season or time of sowing winter corn, being about March, the third month, to which the word may allude. Cowell.

Tres factum collegium. Three make a corporation; three members are requisite to constitute a corporation. Dig. 50, 16, 8; 1 Bl. Comm. 469.


TRESAYLE. An abolished writ sued on ouster by abatement, on the death of the grandfather's grandfather.

TRESPASS. Any misfeasance or act of one man whereby another is injuriously treated or disfigured. 3 Bl. Comm. 208.

An injury or misfeasance to the person, property, or rights of another person, done with force and violence, either actual or implied in law. See Grunson v. State, 89 Ind. 536, 46 Am. Rep. 178; Southern Ry. v. Harden, 101 Ga. 263, 28 S. E. 847; Blood v. Kemp, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 173; Toledo, etc., R. Co. v. McLaughlin, 63 Ill. 391; Agnew v. Jones, 74 Miss. 547, 23 South. 22; Hill v. Kimberl, 76 Tex. 210, 13 S. W. 59, 7 L. R. A. 618.

In the strictest sense, an entry on another's ground, without a lawful authority, and doing some damage, however inconsiderable, to his real property. 3 Bl. Comm. 209.

Trespass, in its most comprehensive sense, signifies any transgression or offense against the law of nature, of society, or of the country in which we live: and this, whether it relates to a man's person or to his property. In its more limited and ordinary sense, it signifies an injury committed with violence, and this violence may be either actual or implied; and the law will impose violence though none is actually used, when the injury is of a direct and immediate kind, and committed on the person or tangible and corporeal property of the plaintiff. Of actual violence, an assault and battery is an instance; of implied, a peaceable but wrongful entry upon a person's land. Brown.

In practice. A form of action, at the common law, which lies for redress in the shape of money damages for any unlawful injury done to the plaintiff, in respect either to his person, property, or rights, by the immediate force and violence of the defendant.

Continuing trespass. One which does not consist of a single isolated act but is in its nature a permanent invasion of the rights of another; as, where a person builds on his own land so that the value of the building, and the power of the building, are an invasion of his neighbor's land. Permanent trespass.

One which consists of a series of acts, done on successive days, which are of the same nature, and are renewed or continued from day to day, so that, in the aggregate, they make up one indivisible wrong. 3 Bl. Comm. 212—Trespass de causis. Trespass for services or goods carried away. In practice. The technical name of that species of action of trespass for injuries to personal property which lies where the injury consists in taking the goods or property. See 3 Bl. Comm. 150, 151—Trespass for menace, profits. A form of action supplemental to an action of ejectment, brought against the tenant in possession to recover the profits which he has wrongfully received during the time of his occupation. 3 Bl. Comm. 205—Trespass on the case. The form of action, at common law, adapted to the recovery of damages for some injury resulting to a party from the wrongful act or this violence, unaccompanied by direct or immediate force, or which is the indirect or secondary consequence of a breach of common right. Usually abbreviated, "Case." See Mulai v. Brown (C. C.) 70 Fed. 908; Nolan v. Railroad Co., 70 Conn. 196, 49 Atl. 115, 49 L. R. A. 806; Christian v. Christian, 23 Me. 214—Trespass quœ clausum fretg. "Trespass wherefore he broke the close." The common-law action for damages for an unlawful entry, or trespass upon the plaintiff's land. In the Latin form of the writ, the defendant was called upon to show why he broke the plaintiff's close; i.e., the rest or imaginary structure enclosing the land, whence the name. It is commonly abbreviated to "trespass qu. cl. fr." See Kimball v. Brown, 92 Me. 23; 42 Atl. 304—Trespass to try title. The name of the action used in several of the states for the recovery of the possession of real property, with damages for any trespass committed upon the same by the defendant. Trespass vi et armis. Trespass with force and arms. The common-law action for damages for any trespass committed by the defendant with direct and immediate force or violence against the plaintiff in his property.

TRESPASSER. One who has committed trespass; one who unlawfully enters or intrudes upon another's land, or unlawfully and forcibly takes another's personal property.

Joint trespassers. Two or more who unite in committing a trespass. Kansas City v. File, 60 Kan. 157, 55 Pac. 777; Bonte v. Postel, 100 Ky. 64, 38 S. W. 536, 51 L. R. A. 187—Trespasser ab initio. Trespasser from the beginning. A term applied to a tort-feasor whose acts relate back so as to make a previous act, at the time innocent, unlawful; as, if he enter peaceably, and subsequently commit a breach of the peace, his entry is considered a trespass. Stin. Gloss. See Wright v. Marvin, 59 Vt. 437, 9 Atl. 601.

TRESTORNARE. In old English law. To turn aside; to divert a stream from its course. Bract. fol. 115. 2546. To turn or alter the course of a road. Cowell.

TRESVIRI. Lat. In Roman law. Officers who had the charge of prisons, and the execution of condemned criminals. Calvia.
TRET. An allowance made for the water or dust that may be mixed with any commodity. It differs from tare, (q. v.)

TRETHINGA. In Old English law. A trithering; the court of a trithing.

TREYT. Withdrawn, as a juror. Written also treat. Cowell.

TRIA CAPITA. In Roman law, were cicitas, libertas, and familia; i.e., citizenship, freedom, and family rights.

TRIAL. The examination before a competent tribunal, according to the law of the land, of the facts or law put in issue in a cause, for the purpose of determining such issue.

A trial is the judicial examination of the issues between the parties, whether they be issues of law or of fact. Code N. Y. § 252; Code N. C. § 260.

The examination of a cause, civil or criminal, before a judge who has jurisdiction over it, according to the laws of the land. See Finn v. Spagnoll, 67 Cal. 330, 7 Pac. 740; In re Chauncey, 32 Hun (N. Y.) 431; Bullard v. Kuhl, 54 Ws. 545, 11 N. W. 801; Spencer v. Thistle, 13 Neb. 229, 13 N. W. 214; State v. Brown, 63 Mo. 444; State v. Clifton, 57 Kan. 449, 46 Pac. 715; State v. Bergman, 37 Minn. 407, 34 N. W. 737; Home L. Ins. Co. v. Dunn, 19 Wall. 224, 22 L. Ed. 68; Crane v. Reeder, 28 Mich. 553, 15 Am. Rep. 223.

MISTRIAL. See that title. NEW TRIAL. A new trial is a re-examination of an issue of fact in the same court after a trial and decision by a jury or court or by referees. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 650. A new trial is a re-examination of the issue in the same court, before another jury, after a verdict has been given. Pen. Code Cal. § 1179. A new trial is a re-examination in the same court, upon a jury, by a party or any of his attorneys, of an issue of fact, after the verdict by a jury, report of a referee, or a decision by the court. Henshaw, NEW TRIAL PAPE. In English practice. A paper containing a list of causes in which rules nisi have been obtained for a new trial, or for entering a verdict in place of a nonuit, or for entering judgment non obstante veredicto, or for otherwise varying or setting aside proceedings which have taken place at nisi prius. These are called on for argument in the order in which they stand in the paper, on days appointed by the judges for the purpose. Brown. PUBLIC TRIAL. A trial held in public, in the presence of the public, or in a place accessible and open to the attendance of the public at large, or of persons who may properly be admitted. "By this [public trial] is not meant that every person who sees fit shall in all cases be permitted to attend criminal trials, because there are many cases where, from the character of the charge and the nature of the evidence by which it is to be supported, the motives to attend the trial, on the part of portions of the community, would be of the worst character, and where a regard to public morals and public decency would require that at least the young be excluded from them." (5th Am. Cr. Law, 130.)

TATORS may keep his tries keenly alive to a sense of their responsibility and to the importance of their functions; and the requirement is fairly observed. The trial partiality or its reasonable proportion of the public is suffered to attend, notwithstanding that those persons whose presence could be of no service to the accused, and who would only be permitted by a juror by a prurient curiosity, are excluded altogether." Cooley, Const. Lim. 5312. And see People v. Hall, 51 Cal. 473; People v. Arnett, 57 N. Y. 64; People v. Swafford, 65 Cal. 223, 3 Pac. 800.

SPEDDY TRIAL. See that title. SEPARATE TRIAL. SEPARATE. STATE TRIAL. See SEPARATE.

STATE v. TRIAL. A special cause seldom resorted to, excepting in cases where the matter in dispute is one of great importance and difficulty. It is a trial which takes place before all the judges at the bar of the court in which the action is brought. Brown. 2 Tidd, Pr. 751; 810. TRIAL BY CERTIFICATE. A form of trial allowed in cases where the evidence of the person certifying was the only proper criterion of the point in dispute. Under such circumstances, the issue or question was to be determined by the party alone, because, if sent to a jury, it would be conclusive upon them, and therefore their intervention was unnecessary. Tomlinson, TRIAL BY CERTIFICATE, Grand assize is a peculiar mode of trial allowed in writs of right. See ASSIZE; GRAND ASSIZE. TRIAL BY CERTIFICATE is a form of trial in which the judges of the court, upon the testimony of their own senses, decide the point in dispute. TRIAL BY JURY. A trial in which the issue is to be determined by the verdict of a jury of twelve men, duly selected, impaneled, and sworn. The terms 'jury' and 'trial by jury' are, and for ages have been, well known under the common law. They were used at the adoption of the constitution, and after that time, and almost always since, in a single sense. A jury for the trial of a cause was a body of twelve men, described as upright, well-qualified, and lawful men, disinterested and impartial, not of him nor personal dependents of either of the parties, having their homes within the jurisdictional limits of the court, drawn and selected by officers free from all bias in favor of one party or another, impaneled under the direction of a competent court, sworn to render a true verdict according to the law, and a single trial on the evidence, after hearing the parties and their evidence, and receiving the instructions of the court relative to the law involved in the trial, and deliberating, with due regard to all the evidence, must return their unanimous verdict upon the issue submitted to them. All the books of the law describe a trial jury substantially as we have stated it; and a 'trial by jury' is a trial by such a body so constituted and conducted. State v. McClure, 11 Nev. 90. And see Gunn v. Union R. Co., 23 R. I. 290, 49 Atl. 909; State v. Hamey, 108 Mo. 107, 67 S. W. 265, 57 L. R. A. 846; Capital Traction v. V. F. T., 188 Ill. 555, 85 N. E. 680, 43 L. Ed. 873; Lommen v. Minneapolis Gaslight Co., 65 Minn. 196, 68 N. W. 53, 33 L. R. A. 457, 90 Am. St. Rep. 450; People v. Dutchess R. R., 148 N. Y. 322, 42 Am. St. 268; Vaught v. Ward, 93 Ga. 900; Ward v. Fairwell, 97 Ill. 112. TRIAL BY PROVISO. A proceeding allowed where the plaintiff in an action for personal injury, desists from pressing his suit, and does not bring it to trial in convenient time. The defendant, in such case, may take out the enire facies to the sheriff, containing these words: 'If the defendant shall not press his suit by proviso.' Jacob, tit. 'Prociss.' TRIAL BY PROVISO. A trial by record. A form of trial resorted to
TRIBUNE. A contribution which is raised by a prince or sovereign from his subjects to sustain the expenses of the state. A sum of money paid by an inferior sovereign or state to a superior potentate, to secure the friendship or protection of the latter. Brande.

TRIGESIMA. An ancient custom in a borough in the county of Hereford, so called because thirty burgesses paid 1d. rent for their houses to the bishop, who was lord of the manor. Wharton.

TRIDING-MOTE. The court held for a triding or trithing. Cowell.

TRIDUUM. In old English law. The space of three days. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 31, § 7.

TRIENNIAL ACT. An English statute limiting the duration of every parliament to three years, unless sooner dissolved. It was passed by the long parliament in 1640, and afterwards repealed, and the term was fixed at seven years by the septennial act, (St. 3 Geo. I. St. 2, c. 32.)

TRIENS. Lat. In Roman law. A subdivision of the as, containing four unciae; the proportion of four-twenths or one-third. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note m. A copper coin of the value of one-third of the as. Brande.

In feudal law. Dower or third. 2 Bl. Comm. 129.

TRIGAMUS. In old English law. One who has been thrice married; one who, at different times and successively, has had three wives; a trigramist. 3 Inst. 88.

TRIGILD. In Saxon law. A triple gild, geld, or payment; three times the value of a thing, paid as a composition or satisfaction. Spelman.

TRINEPOS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandson’s or great-granddaughter’s great-grandson. A male descendant in the sixth degree. Inst. 3, 6, 4.

TRINEPTIS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandson’s or great-granddaughter’s great-granddaughter. A female descendant in the sixth degree. Inst. 3, 6, 4.

TRINITY HOUSE. In English law. A society at Deptford Strand, incorporated by Hen. VIII. in 1515, for the promotion of commerce and navigation by licensing and regulating pilots, and ordering and erecting beacons, light-houses, buoys, etc. Wharton.

TRINITY MASTERS are elder brethren of the Trinity House. If a question arising in an admiralty action depends upon technical skill and experience in navigation,
the judge or court is usually assisted at the
hearing by two Trinity Masters, who sit as
assessors, and advise the court on questions
of a nautical character. Williams & B. 
Adm. Jur. 271; Sweet.

TRINITI SITTINGS. Sittings of the
English court of appeal and of the high
court of justice in London and Middlesex,
commencing on the Tuesday after Whitsun
week, and terminating on the 8th of August.

TRINITI TERM. One of the four
terms of the English courts of common law,
beginning on the 22d day of May, and ending
on the 12th of June. 3 Steph. Comm.
502.

TRINITIUMGELDUM. In old European
law. An extraordinary kind of composition
for an offense, consisting of three times nine,
or twenty-seven times the single geld or pay-
ment. Spelman.

TRINODA NECESSITAS. Lat. In
Saxon law. A threefold necessity or burden.
A term used to denote the three things from
contributing to the performance of which
no lands were exempted, viz., pontis reparatio,
(repair of bridges), arcis constructio,
(building of castles), et expeditio contra
hostem, (military service against an enemy.)
1 Bl. Comm. 263, 387.

TRIORS. In practice. Persons who are
appointed to try challenges to jurors, &c.,
to hear and determine whether a juror chal-
leged for favor is or is not qualified to
serve.

The lords chosen to try a peer, when in-
dicted for felony, in the court of the lord
high steward, are also called “triors.” Mos-
ley & Whitney.

TRIPARTITE. In conveyancing. Of
three parts; a term applied to an indenture
to which there are three several parties, (of
the first, second, and third parts,) and which
is executed in triplicate.

TRIPLEGACION. L. Fr. In old pleading.
A rejoinder in pleading; the defendant's answer to the plaintiff's replications.
Britt. c. 77.

TRIPLEGACIO. Lat. In the civil law.
The reply of the plaintiff to the rejoinder of
the defendant. It corresponds to the sur-
rejoinder of common law. Inst. 4, 14;
Bragt. l. 5, t. 5, c. 1.

TRISTRIS. In old forest law. A free-
dom from the duty of attending the lord of
a forest when engaged in the chase. Spel-
man.

TRITAVIA. Lat. In the civil law. A
great-grandmother's great-grandmother; the
female ascendant in the sixth degree.

TRITAVUS. Lat. In the civil law. A
great-grandfather's great-grandfather; the
male ascendant in the sixth degree.

TRITHING. In Saxon law. One of the
territorial divisions of England, being the
third part of a county, and comprising three
or more hundreds. Within the trithing there
was a court held (called “trithing-mote”) which resembled the court-leet, but was in-
ferior to the county court.

—TRITHING-mote. The court held for a trith-
ing or riding.—TRITHING-reeve. The officer
who superintended a trithing or riding.

TRIUMVIR. Lat. In old English law.
A trithing man or constable of three hun-
dred. Cowell.

TRIUMVIRI CAPITALES. Lat. In
Roman law. Officers who had charge of the
prison, through whose intervention punish-
ments were inflicted. They had eight lictors

TRIVERTICAL DAYS. In the civil law.
Juridical days; days allowed to the prector
for deciding causes; days on which the
prector might speak the three characteristic
words of his office, viz., do, disco, addico. Cal-
vin. Otherwise called “dies fasti.” 3 Bl.
Comm. 424, and note u.

TRIVIAL. Trifling; inconsiderable; of
small weight or importance. In equity, a
demurrer will lie to a bill on the ground of
the triviality of the matter in dispute, as be-
ing below the dignity of the court. 4 Bouv.
Inst. no. 4237.

TRONAGE. In English law. A cus-
tomary duty or toll for weighing wool; so
called because it was weighed by a common
tron, or beam. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 12.

TRONATOR. A weigher of wool. Cow-
ell.

TROPHY MONEY. Money formerly col-
lected and raised in London, and the sev-
eral counties of England, towards providing
harness and maintenance for the militia,
etc.

TROVER. In common-law practice, the
action of trover (or trover and conversion)
is a species of action on the case, and origi-
nally lay for the recovery of damages against
a person who had found another's goods and
wrongfully converted them to his own use.
Subsequently the allegation of the loss of
the goods by the plaintiff and the finding of
them by the defendant was merely fictitious,
and the action became the remedy for any
wrongful interference with or detention of
the goods of another. 3 Steph. Comm. 425.
Sweet. See Burnham v. Pidcock, 33 Misc
Rep. 65, 66 N. Y. Supp. 506; Larson v. Daw-

TROVER.
TROY WEIGHT. A weight of twelve ounces to the pound, having its name from Troyes, a city in Aube, France.

TRUCE. In international law. "A suspension or temporary cessation of hostilities by agreement between belligerent powers; an armistice." Wheat. Int. Law, 442.

TRuce of God. In medieval law. A truce or suspension of arms promulgated by the church, putting a stop to private hostilities at certain periods or during certain sacred seasons.

TRUCK ACT. In English law. This name is given to the statute 1 & 2 Wm. IV. c. 37, passed to abolish what is commonly called the "truck system," under which employers, in the practice of paying the wages of their work people in goods, or of requiring them to purchase goods at certain shops. This led to laborers being compelled to take goods of inferior quality at a high price. The act applies to all artificers, workmen, and laborers, except those engaged in certain trades, especially iron and metal works, quarries, cloth, silk, and glass manufactories. It does not apply to domestic or agricultural servants. Sweet.

TRUE. Conformable to fact; correct; exact; actual; genuine; honest.

"In one sense, that only is true which is conformable to the actual state of things. In that sense, a statement is untrue which does not express things exactly as they are. But in another and broader sense, the word 'true' is often used as a synonym of 'honest,' 'sincere,' 'not fraudulent.'" Moulon v. American L. Ins. Co., 111 U. S. 345, 4 Sup. Ct. 496, 23 L. Ed. 447.

TRUE BILL. In criminal practice. The indorsement made by a grand jury upon a bill of indictment, when they find it sustained by the evidence laid before them, and are satisfied of the truth of the accusation. 4 Bl. Comm. 366.

TRUE, public, and notorious. These three qualities used to be formally predicated in the libel in the ecclesiastical courts; of the charges which it contained, at the end of each article severally. Wharton.

TRUST. 1. An equitable or beneficial right or title to land or other property, held for the beneficiary by another person, in whom resides the legal title or ownership, recognized and enforced by courts of chancery. See Goodwin v. McMinn, 103 Pa. 646, 44 Atl. 1094, 74 Am. St. Rep. 792; Beers v. Lyon, 21 Conn. 613; Seymour v. Freer, 8 Wall. 202, 19 L. Ed. 306.

An obligation arising out of a confidence reposed in the trustee or representative, who has the legal title to property conveyed to him, that he will faithfully apply the property according to the confidence reposed, or, in other words, according to the wishes of the grantor of the trust.

An equitable obligation, either express or implied, resting upon a person by reason of a confidence reposed in him, to apply or deal with the property for the benefit of some other person, or for the benefit of himself and another or others, according to such confidence. McCrea v. Gewinner, 103 Ga. 528, 29 S. E. 960.

A holding of property subject to a duty of employing it or applying its proceeds according to directions given by the person from whom it was derived. Munroe v. Crouse, 59 Nbr. 248, 12 N. Y. Supp. 815.

ACCESSORY trust. In Scotch law, this is the term equivalent to "active" or "special" trust. See infra—Active trust. One which imposes upon the trustee the duty of taking active measures to carry into execution the directions of the trust, as, where property is conveyed to trustees with directions to sell and distribute the proceeds among creditors of the grantor from a "passive" or "dry" trust. Continental trust. The person for whose benefit a trust is created or who is to enjoy the income or the avails of it. Constructive trust. A trust raised by construction of law, or arising by operation of law, as distinguished from an express trust. Wherever the circumstances of a transaction are such that the person for whose benefit the legal estate in property cannot also enjoy the beneficial interest without necessarily violating some established principle of equity, the court will immediately raise a constructive trust, and fasten it upon the conscience of the legal owner, so as to convert him into a trustee for the parties who in equity are entitled to the beneficial enjoyment. Hill v. Trustees, 116 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 371. Nester v. Gross, 69 Minn. 20, 35 N. W. 39; Logan v. Volter, 106 Ala. 206, 17 South. 525, 28 L. R. A. 707, 54 Am. St. Rep. 31. Contingent trust. An express trust may depend for its operation upon a future contingency and is therefore contingent. Civ. Code Ga. 1895, § 3154. Direct trust. A direct trust is an express trust, as distinguished from a constructive or implied trust. Curren v. Ward, 43 W. Va. 367, 27 S. E. 329. Directory trust. One which is subject to be moulded or applied according to subsequent directions of the grantor; one which is not completely and finally settled by the instrument creating it, but only defined in its general purpose and to be carried into detail according to later directions. Dry trust. One which merely vests the legal title in the trustee, and does not require the performance of any active duty on his part until called on to perform it. Executed trust. A trust of which the scheme has in the outset been completely declared. Adams, Eq. 151. A trust in which the estate and interest in the property is limited and the object matter of the trust are completely limited and defined by the instrument creating the trust, and require no further instruments to complete them. Black v. Fillet v. Lothrop, 12 N. J. Eq. 810, 19 Atl. 25; Dennison v. Goebhiner, 7 Pa. 177, 47 Am. Dec. 505; In re Fair's Estate, 132 Cal. 526, 60 Pac. Rep. 214; Rush v. Cushing v. Blake, 29 N. J. Eq. 403; Egerton v. Brownlow, 4 H. L. Cas. 210. All trusts are executory in this sense, that the trustee is bound to dispose of the estate according to the tenure of his trust, whether
active or passive, it would be more accurate and substitute the term "perfect" and "imperfect" for "executed" and "executory" trusts. 1 Hayes, Conv. 85.—**Executive trust.** One which requires the execution of some personal instrument, or the doing of some further act, on the part of the creator of the trust or of the trustees, towards its complete creation or full effect. An executed trust is one fully created and of immediate effect. These terms do not relate to the execution of the trust as regards the beneficiary. MartiLL v. Magrath, 88 Ill. 543; Cas- radine v. Carradine, 35 Miss. 729; Cornwell v. Wulff, 148 Mo. 542, 50 S. W. 459, 45 L. R. A. 736, 36 S. W. 636; 35 Pac. 442, 84 Am. St. Rep. 70; Pilott v. Landon, 46 N. J. Eq. 310, 19 Atl. 25.—**Express trust.** A trust created or declared in express terms, and usually in writing, as distinguished from one inferred by the law from the conduct or dealings of the parties. State v. Campbell, 59 Kan. 240, 13 Pac. 792; Kappan v. Tonev (Ten. Ch.) 58 S. W. 913; McMonagle v. McGlinn (C. C.) 85 Fed. 91; Ransdel v. Moore, 133 Ind. 363, 53 N. E. 767, 53 L. R. A. 753. These trusts are created in express terms in the deed, writing, or will, while implied trusts are those which, without being expressed, are deducible from the nature or circumstances of the transaction, or of intent, or which are superinduced upon the transactions by operation of law, as matters of equity, independency of the particular intention of the parties. Brown v. Grrry, 56 Barb. (N. Y.) 635.—**Imperfect trust.** An executory trust, (which see;) and see **EXECUTED trust.**—**Implied trust.** A trust raised or created by implication of law; a trust implied or presumed from circumstances. Wilson v. Welles, 79 Minn. 533, 81 N. W. 549; In re Morgan, 34 (N. Y.) 220; Kappan v. Tonev (Ten. Ch.) 58 S. W. 913; Cone v. Dunham, 50 Conn. 148, 20 Atl. 311, 8 L. R. A. 647; Russell v. Peyton, 4 Ill. App. 478.—**Involuntary trust.** "Involuntary" or "constructive" trusts embrace all those instances in which a trust is raised by the doctrines of equity, for the purpose of working out justice in the most efficient manner, when there is no intention of the parties to create a trust relation and contrary to the expectation of the one who held the legal title. This class of trusts may usually be referred to fraud, either actual or constructive, as an essential element. Bank v. Kimball Milling Co., 79 N. Y. 345, 36 N. Y. St. Rep. 759.—**Ministerial trust.** (Also called "instrumental trusts.") Those which demand the use of no exercise of reason or understanding than every intelligent agent must necessarily employ; as to convey an estate. They are species of special trusts, distinguished from executionary trusts, which necessarily require much exercise of the understanding. 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1586.—**Naked trust.** A dry or passive trust; one which requires no action on the part of the trustee, beyond turning over money or property to the custodiuee trust.—**Passive trust.** A trust as to which the trustee has no active duty to perform. Goodale v. Milwaukee, 24 Wis. 420; Perkins v. Brinkley, 133 N. C. 154, 45 S. E. 542; Holmes v. Wight, 189 N. Y. 270, 42 Am. St. Rep. 24; 52 L. R. A. 965.—**Precedentary trust.** Where words employed in a will or other instrument do not amount to a positive command or to a distinct prescription, but are terms of request, request, recommendation, or expectation, they are termed "preceptory words," and from such a "preceptory trust," called a "precedentary trust," to carry out the wishes of the testator or grantor. See Bohon v. Barrett, 70 Ky. 573; Hunt v. Hunt, 14 Wash. 14, 55 Pac. 414; 36 L. R. A. 449.—**Private trust.** One established or created for the benefit of a certain designat-
attending to the registration and transfer of their mortgage bonds, serving as trustee for their bond or mortgage creditors, and transacting a general banking and loan business. See Venner v. Farmers' L. & T. Co., 54 App.D.C. 277, 277 F. 770; Jeffreys v. Jeffreys, 103 N. Y. 320, 57 N. E. 408; Mercantile Nat. Bank v. New York, 121 U. S. 138, 5 Sup. Ct. 826, 30 L. Ed. 956. Trust-deed. A species of mortgage given to a trustee for the purpose of securing a numerous class of creditors, as the bondholders of a railroad corporation, with power to foreclose and sell on failure of the payment of their bonds, notes, or other claims. (2) In some of the states, and in the District of Columbia, a trust-deed is a security resembling a mortgage, being a conveyance of lands to trustees to secure the payment of a debt, with a power of sale upon default, and upon a trust to apply the net proceeds to paying the debt and to turn over the surplus to the grantor.—Trust estate. This term may mean either the estate of the trustee,—that is, the legal title,—or the estate of the beneficiary, or the corpus of the property which is the subject of the trust. See Cooper v. Cooper, 5 N. J. Eq. 95; Hyde v. & T. Co. v. Dunbar, (N. Y.) 643. Trust ex maleficio. A species of constructive trust arising out of some fraud, misconduct, or breach of faith on the part of the person who is charged as trustee, which renders it an equitable necessity that a trust should be implied. See Rogers v. Richards, 67 Kan. 704, 41 Pac. 475; Kent v. D深化, 100 Ala. 499, 30 South. 543; Barry v. Hill, 106 Pa. 344, 31 Atl. 128.—Trust fund. A fund held by a trustee for the specific purposes of the trust; in more general sense, a fund which is legally or equitably is subject to be devoted to a particular purpose and cannot or should not be diverted therefrom. In this sense it is often said that the capital and other property of a corporation is a "trust fund" for the payment of its debts. See Henderson v. Indiana Trust Co., 143 Ind. 501, 49 N. E. 518; In re Beard's Estate, 7 Wyo. 104, 50 Pac. 226, 38 L. R. A. 490, 75 Am. St. Rep. 882.—Trust in invitium. A constructive trust imposed by equity, contrary to the trustee's intention and will, upon property in his hands. Sanford v. Hammer, 115 Ala. 466, 22 South. 117.—Voluntary trust. An obligation arising out of a personal relation, voluntarily accepted by one for the benefit of another, as distinguished from "trust" of a trust, and created by operation of law. Civ. Code Cal. §§ 2216, 2217. According to another use of the term, "voluntary trusts are such as are made in favor of a volunteer, that is, a person who gives nothing in exchange for the trust, but receives it as a pure gift; and in this use the term is distinguished from "trusts for values," the latter being such as are in favor of purchasers, mortgagees, etc.

2. In constitutional and statutory law. An association or organization of persons or corporations having the intention and power, or the tendency, to create a monopoly, control production, interfere with the free course of trade or transportation, or to fix and regulate the supply and the price of commodities. In the history of economic development, the "trust" was originally a device by which several corporations engaged in the same line of business might combine for their mutual advantage, in the direction of eliminating destructive competition, controlling the output of their commodity, and regulating and maintaining its price, but at the same time preserving their separate individual existence, and without any consolidation or merger. This device was the erection of a central committee or board, composed, perhaps, of the presidents or general managers of the different corporations, and the transfer to them of a majority of the stock in each of the corporations, to be held "in trust" for the several stockholders so assigning their holdings. These stockholders received in return "trust certificates" showing that they were entitled to receive the dividends on their assigned stock, though the voting power of it had passed to the trustees. This last feature enabled the trustees or committee to elect all the directors of all the corporations, and through them the officers, and thereby to exercise an absolutely controlling influence over the policy and operations of each constituent company, to the ends and with the purposes above mentioned. Though the "trust," in this sense, is now seldom if ever resorted to as a form of corporate organization, having given place to the "holding corporation" and other devices, the word has become current in statute laws as well as popular speech, to designate almost any form of combination of a monopolistic character or tendency. See Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 428; Northern Securities Co. v. U. S., 193 U. S. 197, 24 Sup. Ct. 436, 48 L. Ed. 679; MacGinnis v. Mining Co., 20 Mont. 428, 73 Pac. 90; State v. Continental Tobacco Co., 177 Mo. 1, 75 S. W. 737; Queen Ins. Co. v. State, 86 Tex. 250, 24 S. W. 397, 22 L. R. A. 483; State v. Insurance Co., 152 Mo. 1, 32 S. W. 395, 45 L. R. A. 383; Gen. St. Kan. 1901, § 7504; Code Miss. 1892, § 4437; Cobey's Ann. St. Neb. 1903, § 11500; Bates' Ann. St. Ohio, 1894, § 4427; Code Tex. 1895, art. 876.

TRUSTEE. The person appointed, or required by law, to execute a trust; one in whom an estate, interest, or power is vested, under an express or implied agreement to administer or exercise it for the benefit or to the use of another.

"Trustee" is also used in a wide and perhaps inaccurate sense, to denote that a person has the duty of carrying out a transaction, in which he and another person are interested, in such manner as will be most for the benefit of the latter, and not in such a way that he himself might be tempted, for the sake of his personal advantage, to neglect the interests of the other. In this sense, directors of companies are said to be "trustees for the shareholders." Sweet.

—Conventional trustee. A "conventional" trustee is one appointed by a decree of court to execute a trust, as distinguished from one appointed by the instrument creating the trust. Gilbert v. Kolb, 83 Md. 627, 57 Atl. 423.—Joint trustees. Two or more persons who are in trust with one another for the benefit of some one or more others.—Quasi trustee. A person who reaps a benefit from a breach of trust, and becomes answerable as a trustee. Lewin, Trustee (4th Ed.) 592, 593.—Testamentary trustee. A trustee appointed by or acting un-
TRUSTER. In Scotch law. The maker or creator of a trust.

TRUSTIS. In old European law. Trust; faith; confidence; fidelity.

TRUSTOR. A word occasionally, though rarely, used as a designation of the creator, donor, or founder of a trust.

TRY. To examine judicially; to examine and investigate a controversy, by the legal method called "trial," for the purpose of determining the issues it involves.

TUAS RES TIBI HABETO. Lat. Have or take your things to yourself. The form of words by which, according to the old Roman law, a man divorced his wife. Calvin.

TUB. In mercantile law. A measure containing sixty pounds of tea, and from fifty-six to eighty-six pounds of camphor. Jacob.

TUB-MAN. In English law. A barrister who has a preeminence in the exchequer, and also one who has a particular place in court, is so called. Brown.


TUERDO. In Spanish law. Tort. Las Partidas, pt. 7, tit. 6, l. 5.

TUG. A steam vessel built for towing; synonymous with "tow-boat."

TULLIANUM. Lat. In Roman law. That part of a prison which was under ground. Supposed to be so called from Servius Tullius, who built that part of the first prison in Rome. Adams, Rom. Ant. 290.

TUMBREL. A castigatory, trebuchet, or ducking-stool, anciently used as a punishment for common acolds.

TUMULTUOUS PETITIONING. Under St. 13 Car. II. St. 1, c. 5, this was a misdemeanor, and consisted in more than twenty persons signing any petition to the crown or either house of parliament for the alteration of matters established by law in church or state, unless the contents thereof had been approved by three justices, or the majority of the grand jury at assizes or quarter sessions. No petition could be delivered by more than ten persons. 4 Bl. Comm. 147; Mosley & Whitley.

TUN. A measure of wine or oil, containing four hogsheads.

TUNGREVE. A town-reeve or bailiff. Cowell.

TURBA. Lat. In the civil law. A multitude; a crowd or mob; a tumultuous assembly of persons. Said to consist of ten or fifteen, at the least. Calvin.

TURBARY. Turbary, or common of turbary, is the right or liberty of digging turf upon another man's ground. Brown.

TURN, or TOURN. The great court-leet of the county, as the old county court was the court-baron. Of this the sheriff is judge, and the court is incident to his office; wherefore it is called the "sheriff's turn;" and it had its name originally from the sheriff making a turn of circuit about his shire, and holding this court in each respective hundred. Wharton.

TURNED TO A RIGHT. This phrase means that a person whose estate is divorced by usurpation cannot expel the possessor by mere entry, but must have recourse to an action, either possessory or drouitral. Mosley & Whitley.

TURNKEY. A person, under the superintendence of a jaller, who has the charge of the keys of the prison, for the purpose of opening and fastening the doors.

TURNPIKE. A gate set across a road, to stop travelers and carriages until toll is paid for the privilege of passage thereon. —Turnpike roads. These are roads on which parties have by law a right to erect gates and
TURPIS. Lat. In the civil law. Base; mean; vile; disgraceful; infamous; unlawful. Applied both to things and persons. Calvin.

—Turpis causa. A base cause; a vile or immoral consideration; a consideration which, on account of its immorality, is not allowed by law to be sufficient either to support a contract or found an action; e.g., future illicit intercourse.

—Turpis contractus. An immoral or iniquitous contract.

Turpis est pars quem non convenit eam suo tote. The part which does not agree with its whole is of mean account, [entitled to small or no consideration.] Plowd. 101; Shep. Touch. 87.

TURPITUDE. Everything done contrary to justice, honesty, modesty, or good morals is said to be done with turpitude.

TURPITUDO. Lat. Baseness; infamy; immorality; turpitude.

Tuta est custodia quem sibimet creditur. Hob. 340. That guardianship is secure which is intrusted to itself alone.

TUTELA. Lat. In the civil law. Tutelage; that species of guardianship which continued to the age of puberty; the guardian being called "tutor," and the ward, "puerita." 1 Dom. Civil Law, b. 2, tit. 1, p. 260.

—Tutela legitima. Legal tutelage; tutelage created by act of law, as where none had before been created by testament. Inst. 1, 15, pr.—Tutela testamentaria. Testamentary tutelage or guardianship; that kind of tutelage which was created by will. Calvin.

TUTELAE ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. An action of tutelage; an action which lay for a ward or pupil, on the termination of tutelage, against the tutor or guardian, to compel an account. Calvin.

TUTELAGE. Guardianship; state of being under a guardian.

TUTELAM REDDERE. Lat. In the civil law. To render an account of tutelage. Calvin. Tutelam reposer, to demand an account of tutelage.

TUTEUR. In French law. A kind of guardian.

—Tuteur officieux. A person over fifty years of age may be appointed a tutor of this sort to a child over fifteen years of age, with the consent of the parents of such child, or, in their default, the conseil de famille. The duties which such a tutor becomes subject to are analogous to those in English law of a person who puts himself in loco parentis to any one. Broom.—Tuteur subrogé. The title of a second guardian appointed for an infant under guardianship. His functions are exercised in cases the interest of the infant and his principal guardian conflict. Code Nap. 520; Brown.

Tutius erratur ex parte mitiore. 3 Inst. 220. It is safer to err on the gentler side.

Tutius semper est errare acquirando, quam in puniendo, ex parte misericordiae quam ex parte justitiae. It is always safer to err in acquitting than in punishing, on the side of mercy than on the side of justice. Branch, Princ.; 2 Hale, P. C. 290; Broom, Max. 326; Com. v. York, 9 Metc. (Mass.) 116, 43 Am. Dec. 373.

TUTOR. In the civil law. This term corresponds nearly to "guardian," (i.e., a person appointed to have the care of the person of a minor and the administration of his estate,) except that the guardian of a minor who has passed a certain age is called "curator," and has powers and duties differing somewhat from those of a tutor.

By the laws of Louisiana minors under the age of fourteen years, if males, and under the age of twelve years, if females, are, both as to their persons and their estates, placed under the authority of a tutor. Above that age, and until their majority or emancipation, they are placed under the authority of a curator. Civ. Code La. 1838, art. 283.

—Tutor alius. In English law. The name given to a stranger who enters upon the lands of an infant within the age of fourteen, and takes the profits. Co. Litt. 595, 596.—Tutor proprius. The name given to one who is rightly a guardian in socage, in contradistinction to a tutor alienus.

TUTORSHIP. The office and power of a tutor.

—Tutorship by nature. After the dissolution of marriage by the death of either husband or wife, the tutorship of minor children belongs of right to the surviving mother or father. This is what is called "tutorship by nature." Civ. Code La. art. 279.—Tutorship by will. The right of appointing a tutor, whether a relation or a stranger, belongs exclusively to the father or mother dying last. This is called "tutorship by will," because generally it is given by testament; but it may likewise be given by any declaration by the surviving father or mother, executed before a notary and two witnesses. Civ. Code La. art. 257.

TUTRIX. A female tutor.

TWA NIGHT GEST. In Saxon law. A guest on the second night. By the laws of
Edward the Confessor it was provided that a man who lodged at an inn on the house of another, should be considered, on the first night of his being there, a stranger; on the second night, a guest; on the third night, a member of the family. This had reference to the responsibility of the host or entertainer for offenses committed by the guest.

TWELFTHINDI. The highest rank of men in the Saxon government, who were valued at 1200s. If any injury were done to such persons, satisfaction was to be made according to their worth. Cowell.

TWELVE TABLES. The earliest statute or code of Roman law, framed by a commission of ten men, B. C. 450, upon the return of a commission of three who had been sent abroad to study foreign laws and institutions. The Twelve Tables consisted partly of laws transcribed from the institutions of other nations, partly of such as were altered and accommodated to the manners of the Romans, partly of new provisions, and mainly, perhaps, of laws and usages under their ancient kings. They formed the source and foundation for the whole later development of Roman jurisprudence. They exist now only in fragmentary form. See 1 Kent, Comm. 520.

TWELVE-DAY WRIT. A writ issued under the St. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 67, for summary procedure on bills of exchange and promissory notes, abolished by rule of court in 1880. Wharton.

TWELVE-MONTH, in the singular number, includes all the year; but twelve months are to be computed according to twenty-eight days for every month. 6 Coke, 62.

TWICE IN JEOPARDY. See JEOPARDY: ONCE IN JEOPARDY.

TYHTLAN. In Saxon law. An accusation, impeachment, or charge of any offense.

TYLWITH. Brit. A tribe or family branching or issuing out of another. Cowell.

TYMBRELLA. In old English law, a tumbrel, castigatory, or ducking stool, anciently used as an instrument of punishment for common scolds.

TYRANNY. Arbitrary or despotic government; the severe and autocratic exercise of sovereign power, either vested constitutionally in one ruler, or usurped by him by breaking down the division and distribution of governmental powers.

TYRANT. A despot; a sovereign or ruler, legitimate or otherwise, who uses his power unjustly and arbitrarily, to the oppression of his subjects.

TYROTOXICON. In medical jurisprudence. A poisonous ptomaine produced in milk, cheese, cream, or ice-cream by decomposition of albuminous constituents.

TYRRA, or TOIRA. A mount or hill. Cowell.

TYTHE. Tithe, or tenth part.

TYTHING. A company of ten; a district; a tenth part. See THING.

TZAR, TZARINA. The emperor and empress of Russia. See CZAR.
UBI NON EST MANIFESTA

UBI jus, ibi remedium. Where there is a right, there is a remedy. Broom, Max. 191, 204; 1 Term. R. 512; Co. Litt. 197b.

UBI jus incertum, ibi jus nullum. Where the law is uncertain, there is no law.

UBI lex aliquum cogit ostendere causam, necesse est quod causa sit justa et legitima. Where the law compels a man to show cause, it is necessary that the cause be just and lawful. 2 Inst. 289.

UBI lex est specialis, et ratio ejus generalis, generaliter accipienda est. 2 Inst. 43. Where the law is special, and the reason of it general, it ought to be taken as being general.

UBI lex non distinguunt, nec nos distinguere debemus. Where the law does not distinguish, neither ought we to distinguish. 7 Coke, 5b.

UBI major pars est, ibi totum. Where the greater part is, there the whole is. That is, majorities govern. Moore, 573.

UBI non adest norma legis, omnia quasi pro suspiciis habenda sunt. When the law fails to serve as a rule, almost everything ought to be suspected. Bac. Aphorisms, 25.

UBI non est annua renovatio, ibi decima non debent solvi. Where there is no annual renovation, there tithes ought not to be paid.

UBI non est condendae auctoritas, ibi non est parendae necessitas. Dav. Ir. K. B. 69. Where there is no authority for establishing a rule, there is no necessity of obeying it.

UBI non est directa lex, standum est arbitrio judicis, vel procedendum ad similia. Ellesm. Post. N. 41. Where there is no direct law, the opinion of the judge is to be taken, or references to be made to similar cases.

UBI non est lex, ibi non est transgression, quoad mundum. Where there is no law, there is no transgression, so far as relates to the world. 4 Coke, 109.

UBI non est manifesta injustitia, judices habentur pro bonis viris, et judicium pro veritate. Where there is no manifest injustice, the judges are to be regarded as honest men, and their judgment as truth. Goix v. Low, 1 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 341, 345.
UBI NON EST PRINCIPALIS

Ubi non est principalis, non potest esse accessorius. 4 Coke, 43. Where there is no principal, there cannot be an accessory.

Ubi nulla es conjectura quae ducat alio, verba intelligenda sunt ex proprietate, non grammatica, sed populari ex usum. Where there is nothing to call for a different construction, [the] words [of an instrument] are to be understood, not according to their strict grammatical meaning, but according to their popular and ordinary sense. Grot. de Jure B. lib. 2, c. 16.

Ubi nullo matrimonium, ibi nulla dos. Where there is no marriage, there is no dower. Bract. fol. 92; 2 Bl. Comm. 130.

Ubi periculum, ibi et incum. collocatur. He at whose risk a thing is, should receive the profits arising from it.

Ubi pugnantia inter se in testamento subereuntur, neutrum rematum est. Where repugnant or inconsistent directions are contained in a will, neither is valid. Dig. 50, 17, 188, pr.

Ubi quid generaliter conceditur inest hae exceptio, si non aliquid sit contra jus fasque. 10 Coke, 78. Where a thing is conceded generally this exception is implied: that there shall be nothing contrary to law and right.

Ubi quis delinquit, ibi puniatur. Where a man offends, there he shall be punished. 6 Coke, 47b. In cases of felony, the trial shall be always by the common law in the same place where the offense was, and shall not be supposed in any other place. Id.

UBI RE VERA. Where in reality; when in truth or in point of fact. Cro. Eliz. 645; Cro. Jac. 4.

Ubi verba conjuncta non sunt sufficient alterutrum esse factum. Dig. 50, 17, 110, 3. Where words are not conjoined, it is enough if one or other be compiled with.

UBIQUITY. Omnispresence; presence in several places, or in all places, at one time. A fiction of English law is the "legal ubiquity" of the sovereign, by which he is constructively present in all the courts. 1 Bl. Comm. 270.

UDAL. A term mentioned by Blackstone as used in Finland to denote that kind of right in real property which is called, in English law, "allodial." 2 Bl. Comm. 45, note f.

UKAAS, UKASE. The name of a law or ordinance made by the czar of Russia.

ULLAGE. In commercial law. The amount wanting when a cask, on being gauged, is found not to be completely full.

ULNA FERREA. L. Lat. In old English law. The iron ell; the standard ell of iron, kept in the exchequer for the rule of measure.

ULNGAE. Alnage, (which see.)

ULTIMA RATIO. Lat. The last argument; the last resort; the means last to be resorted to.

Ultima voluntas testatoris est periplementum secundum veram intentionem suam. Co. Litt. 322. The last will of a testator is to be fulfilled according to his true intention.

ULTIMATE FACTS. In pleading and practice. Facts in issue; opposed to probative or evidential facts, the latter being such as serve to establish or disprove the issues. Kahn v. Central Smelting Co., 2 Utah, 378. And see Fact.

ULTIMATUM. Lat. The last. The final and ultimate proposition made in negotiating a treaty, or a contract, or the like.

ULTIMUM SUPPLICIUM. Lat. The extreme punishment; the extremity of punishment; the punishment of death. 4 Bl. Comm. 17.

Ultimum supplicium esse mortem solam interpretamus. The extreme punishment we consider to be death alone. Dig. 45, 19, 21.

ULTIMUS HERES. Lat. The last or remote heir; the lord. So called in contradistinction to the heres prossimus and the heres remotior. Dalr. Feud. Prop. 110.

ULTRA. Lat. Beyond; outside of; in excess of.

Damages ultra, damages beyond a sum paid into court.


—Ultra reprises. After deduction of drawbacks; in excess of deductions or expenses—Ultra vires. A term used to express the action of a corporation which is beyond the powers conferred upon it by its charter, or the statutes under which it was instituted. 13 Am. Law Rev. 652. "Ultra vires" is also sometimes applied to an act which, though within the powers of a corporation, is not binding on it because the consent or agreement of the corporation has not been given in the manner required by its constitution. Thus, where a company delegates certain powers to its directors, all acts done by the directors beyond the scope of those powers are ultra vires, and not binding on the company, unless it subsequently ratifies them. Sweet. And see Miners' Ditch Co. v. Zellerbach, 37 Cal. 578, 99 Am. Dec. 39:
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Ultra posse non potest esse et vice versa. What is beyond possibility cannot exist, and the reverse, [what cannot exist is not possible.] Wing. Max. 100.

ULTRONEOUS WITNESS. In Scotch law. A volunteer witness; one who appears to give evidence without being called upon. 2 Alls. Crim. Pr. 393.

UMPRAGE. The decision of an umpire. The word "umprage," in reference to an umpire, is the same as the word "award," in reference to arbitrators; but "award" is commonly applied to the decision of the umpire also.

UMPIRE. When matters in dispute are submitted to two or more arbitrators, and they do not agree in their decision, it is usual for another person to be called in as "umpire," to whose sole judgment it is then referred. Brown and see Ingraham v. Whitmore, 75 Ill. 30; Tyler v. Webb, 10 B. Mon. (Ky.) 123; Lyon v. Blossom, 4 Duer (N. Y.) 325.

Us ne doct prise advantage de son tort demesne. 2 And. 38, 40. One ought not to take advantage of his own wrong.

Usa persona vix potest supplere vices duarum. 7 Coke, 118. One person can scarcely supply the places of two. See 9 H. L. Cas. 274.

UNA VOCE. Lat. With one voice; unanimously; without dissent.

UNALENNABLE. Incapable of being aliened, that is, sold and transferred.

UNANIMITY. Agreement of all the persons concerned, in holding one and the same opinion or determination of any matter or question; as the concurrence of a jury in deciding upon their verdict.

UNASCERTAINED DUTIES. Payment in gross, on an estimate as to amount, and where the merchant, on a final liquidation, will be entitled by law to allowances or deductions which do not depend on the rate of duty charged, but on the ascertainment of the quantity of the article subject to duty. Moke v. Barney, 5 Blatch. 274, Fed. Cas. No. 9,696.

UNAVOIDABLE ACCIDENT. Not necessarily an accident which it was physically impossible, in the nature of things, for the person to have prevented, but one not occasioned in any degree, either remotely or directly, by the want of such care or skill as the law holds every man bound to exercise. Dygert v. Bradley, 8 Wend. (N. Y.) 476.

UNCEASEATH. In Saxon law. An oath by relations not to avenge a relation's death. Blount.

UNCERTAINTY. Such vagueness, obscurity, or confusion in any written instrument, etc., a will, as to render it unintelligible to those who are called upon to execute or interpret it, so that no definite meaning can be extracted from it.

UNCIA. Lat. In Roman law. An ounce; the twelfth of the Roman "as," or pound. The twelfth part of anything; the proportion of one-twelfth. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note m.

UNCIA AGRI, UNCIA TERRÆ. These phrases often occur in the charters of the British kings, and signify some measure or quantity of land. It is said to have been the quantity of twelve modii; each modius being possibly one hundred feet square. Jacob.

UNCIARIUS HERES. Lat. In Roman law. An heir to one-twelfth of an estate or inheritance. Calvin.


UNCONSCIONABLE BARGAIN. A contract which no man in his senses, not under delusion, would make, on the one hand, and which no fair and honest man would accept, on the other. Hume v. U. S., 132 U. S. 406, 10 Sup. Ct. 134, 33 L. Ed. 583.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL. That which is contrary to the constitution. The opposite of "constitutional." See State v. McCann, 4 Lea (Tenn.) 10; In re Rahrer (C. C.) 43 Fed. 558, 10 L. R. A. 444; Norton v. Shelby County, 118 U. S. 425, 6 S. Ct. 1121, 30 L. Ed. 178.

UNCONTROLLABLE IMPULSE. As an excuse for the commission of an act otherwise criminal, this term means an impulse towards its commission of such fixity and intensity that it cannot be resisted by the person subject to it, in the enfeebled condition of his will and moral sense resulting from derangement or mania. See INSANITY. And see State v. O'Neil, 51 Kan. 651, 33 Pac. 287, 24 L. R. A. 555.
UNCORE PRIST. L. Fr. Still ready. A species of pies or repilation by which the party alleges that he is still ready to pay or perform all that is justly demanded of him. In conjunction with the phrase "tout temps prist," it signifies that he has always been and still is ready.

UNCUTH. In Saxon law. Unknown; a stranger. A person entertained in the house of another was, on the first night of his entertainment, so called. Bract. fol. 124b.

UNDE NIHIL HABET. Lat. In old English law. The name of the writ of dower, which lay for a widow, where no dower at all had been assigned her within the time limited by law. 3 Bl. Comm. 183.

UNDEFEENDED. A term sometimes applied to one who is obliged to make his own defense when on trial, or in a civil cause. A cause is said to be undefended when the defendant makes default, in not putting in an appearance to the plaintiff's action; in not putting in his statement of defense; or in not appearing at the trial either personally or by counsel, after having received due notice. Mozley & Whitley.

UNDER AND SUBJECT. Words frequently used in conveyances of land which is subject to a mortgage, to show that the grantee takes subject to such mortgage. See Walker v. Physick, 5 Pa. 208; Moore's Appeal, 88 Pa. 435, 32 Am. Rep. 491; Blood v. Crew Livick Co., 171 Pa. 328, 33 Atl. 344; Lavelle v. Gordon, 15 Mont. 515, 39 Pac. 740.

UNDER-CHAMBERLAINS OF THE EXCHEQUER. Two officers who cleared the tallies written by the clerk of the tallies, and read the same, that the clerk of the pell and comptrollers thereof might see their entries were true. They also made searches for records in the treasury, and had the custody of Domesday Book. Cowell. The office is now abolished.

UNDER-LEASE. In conveyancing. A lease granted by one who is himself a lessee for years, for any fewer or less number of years than he himself holds. If a deed passes all the estate or time of the termor, it is an assignment; but, if it be for less portion of time than the whole term, it is an under-lease, and leaves a reversion in the termor. 4 Kent. Comm. 96.

UNDER-SHERIFF. An officer who acts directly under the sheriff, and performs all the duties of the sheriff's office, a few only excepted where the personal presence of the high-sheriff is necessary. The sheriff is civilly responsible for the acts or omissions of his under-sheriff. Mozley & Whitley.

A distinction is made between this officer and a deputy, the latter being appointed for a special occasion or purpose, while the former discharges, in general, all the duties required by the sheriff's office.

UNDER-TENANT. A tenant under one who is himself a tenant; one who holds by under-lease.

UNDER-TUTOR. In Louisiana. In every tutorship there shall be an under-tutor, whom it shall be the duty of the judge to appoint at the time letters of tutorship are certified for the tutor. It is the duty of the under-tutor to act for the minor whenever the interest of the minor is in opposition to the interest of the tutor. Civ. Code La. 1858, arts. 300, 301.

UNDER-TREASURER OF ENGLAND. He who transacted the business of the lord high treasurer.

UNDERLINIE THE LAW. In Scotch criminal procedure, an accused person, in appearing to take his trial, is said "to compare and underlie the law." Mozley & Whitley.

UNDERSTANDING. In the law of contracts. This is a loose and ambiguous term, unless it be accompanied by some expression to show that it constituted a meeting of the minds of parties upon something respecting which they intended to be bound. Camp v. Warling, 25 Conn. 329. But it may denote an informal agreement, or a concurrence as to its terms. See Barkow v. Sauger, 47 Wls. 507, 3 N. W. 16.

UNDERSTOOD. The phrase "it is understood," when employed as a word of contract in a written agreement, has the same force as the words "it is agreed." Higginson v. Weld, 14 Gray (Mass.) 165.

UNDERTAKING. A promise, engagement, or stipulation. Each of the promises made by the parties to a contract, considered independently and not as mutual, may, in this sense, be denominated an "undertaking."

"Undertaking" is frequently used in the special sense of a promise given in the course of legal proceedings by a party or his counsel, generally as a condition to obtaining some concession from the court or the opposite party. Sweet.

UNDETOOK. Agreed; assumed. This is the technical word to be used in alleging the promise which forms the basis of an action of assumpsit.

UNDERWRITER. The person who insures another in a fire or life policy; the insurer. See Childs v. Firemen's Ins. Co., 68 Minn. 393, 69 N. W. 141, 35 L. R. A. 99. A person who joins with others in entering into a marine policy of insurance as insurer.
UNDIVIDED. An undivided right or title, or a title to an undivided portion of an estate, is that owned by one of two or more tenants in common or joint tenants before partition.

UNDRES. In old English law. Minors or persons under age not capable of bearing arms. Fleta, l. 1, c. 9; Cowell.

UNDEUTE INFLUENCE. In regard to the making of a will and other such matters, undue influence is persuasion carried to the point of overpowering the will, or such a control over the person in question as prevents him from acting intelligently, understandingly, and voluntarily, and in effect destroys his free agency, and constrains him to do what he would not have done if such control had not been exercised. See Mitchell v. Mitchell, 43 Minn. 73, 44 N. W. 885; Bennett v. Bennett, 50 N. J. Eq. 439, 26 Atl. 573; Francis v. Wilkinson, 147 Ili. 370, 35 N. E. 150; Conley v. Naller, 118 U. S. 127, 6 Sup. Ct. 1001, 30 L. Ed. 112; Marx v. McGlynn, 88 N. Y. 370; In re Logan's Estate, 166 Pa. 232, 45 Atl. 729; Mooney v. Olsen, 22 Kan. 79; In re Black's Estate, Myr. Prob. (Cal.) 31.

Undue influence consists (1) in the use, by one in whom a confidence is reposed by another, or who holds a real or apparent authority over him, of such confidence or authority, for the purpose of obtaining an unfair advantage over him; (2) in taking an unfair advantage of another's weakness of mind; or (3) in taking a grossly oppressive and unfair advantage of another's necessities or distress. Civ. Code Dak. § 886.

Undue influence at elections is where any one interferes with the free exercise of a voter's franchise by violence, intimidation, or otherwise. It is a misdemeanor. 1 Russ. Crimes, 321; Steph. Crim. Dig. 79.

UNFAIR COMPETITION. A term which may be applied generally to all dishonest or fraudulent rivalry in trade and commerce, but is particularly applied in the courts of equity (where it may be restrained by injunction) to the practice of endeavoring to substitute one's own goods or products in the markets for those of another, having an established reputation and extensive sale, by means of imitating or counterfeiting the name, title, size, shape, or distinctive peculiarities of the article, or the shape, color, label, wrapper, or general appearance of the package, or other such simulations, the imitation being carried far enough to mislead the general public or deceive an unwary purchaser, and yet not amounting to an absolute counterfeit or to the infringement of a trade-mark or trade-name. Cited in France and Germany "concurrence delegale." See Redman v. Baum. [1896] App. Cas. 199; Singer Mfg. Co. v. June Mfg. Co., 163 U. S. 186, 16 Sup. Ct. BL. LAW DICT. (2d Ed.)—75


UNGELD. In Saxon law. An outlaw; a person whose murder required no composition to be made, or weregeld to be paid, by his slayer.

UNICA TAXATIO. The obsolete language of a special award of curate, where, of several defendants, one pleads, and one lets judgment go by default, whereby the jury, who are to try and assess damages on the issue, are also to assess damages against the defendant suffering judgment by default. Wharton.

UNIFORM. A statute is general and uniform in its operation when it operates equally upon all persons who are brought within the relations and circumstances provided for. Marvich v. Mississippi & M. R. Co., 20 Iowa, 342; People v. Judge, 17 Cal. 554; Kelley v. State, 6 Ohio St. 271; State v. Hogan, 63 Ohio St. 202, 58 N. E. 572, 52 L. R. A. 963, 81 Am. St. Rep. 626; Arms v. Ayer, 192 Ill. 601, 61 N. F. 851, 58 L. R. A. 277, 85 Am. St. Rep. 357.

UNIFORMITY. In taxation. Uniformity in taxation implies equality in the burden of taxation, which cannot exist without uniformity in the mode of assessment, as well as in the rate of taxation. Further, the uniformity must be coextensive with the territory to which it applies. And it must be extended to all property subject to taxation, so that all property may be taxed alike and equally. Exchange Bank v. Illnes, 3 Ohio St. 16. And see Eddy v. Robertson, 112 U. S. 590, 5 Sup. Ct. 247, 25 L. Ed. 798. Adams v. Mississippi State Bank, 75 Miss. 701, 25 South. 395; People v. Auditor General, 7 Mich. 96.

UNIFORMITY, ACT OF, which regulates the terms of membership in the Church of England and the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge. (St. 13 & 14 Car. II. c. 4.) See St. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 59. The act of uniformity has been amended by the St. 33 & 34 Vict. c. 35, which inter alia provides a shortened form of morning and evening prayer. Wharton.

UNIFORMITY OF PROCESS ACT. The English statute of 2 Wm. IV. c. 39, establishing a uniform process for the commencement of actions in all the courts of law at Westminster. 3 Steph. Comm. 566.

UNIGENITURE. The state of being the only begotten.
UNILATERAL. One-sided; ex parte; having relation to only one of two or more persons or things.

—Unilateral contract. See CONTRACT.—Unilateral mistake. A mistake or misunderstanding as to the terms or effect of a contract, made or entertained by one of the parties to it but not by the other. Green v. Stone, 54 N. J. Eq. 887, 34 Atl. 1069, 55 Am. St. Rep. 571.

—Unilateral record. Records are unilateral when offered to show a particular fact, as a prior facts case, either for or against a stranger. Colligan v. Cooney, 107 Tenn. 214, 64 S. W. 31.

UNINTELLIGIBLE. That which cannot be understood.

UNIO. Lat. In canon law. A consolida
tion of two churches into one. Cowell.

UNIO PROLUM. Lat. Uniting of off-
spring. A method of adoption, chiefly used in Germany, by which step-children (on either or both sides of the house) are made equal, in respect to the right of succession, with the children who spring from the mar-
rriage of the two contracting parties. See Heinecc. Elem. § 188.

UNION. In English poor-law. A union consists of two or more parishes which have been consolidated for the better admin-
istration of the poor-law therein.

—in ecclesiastical law. A union consists of two or more benefices which have been united into one benefice. Sweet.

—in public law. A popular term in Amer-
ica for the United States; also, in Great Britain, for the consolidated governments of England and Scotland, or for the political tie between Great Britain and Ireland.

—in Scotch law. A "clause of union" is a clause in a feuemento by which two estates, separated or not adjacent, are united as one, for the purpose of making a single seilin suffice for both.

UNION-JACK. The national flag of Great Britain and Ireland, which combines the banner of St. Patrick with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew. The word "jack" is most probably derived from the surcoat, charged with a red cross, anciently used by the English soldiery. This appears to have been called a "jaque," whence the word "jacket," anciently written "jacquit." Some, however, without a shadow of evi-
dence, derive the word from "Jacques," the first alteration having been made in the reign of King James I. Wharton.

UNION OF CHURCHES. A combining and consolidating of two churches into one. Also it is when one church is made subject, to another, and one man is rector of both; and where a conventual church is made a cathedral. Tomlin.

UNITAS PERSONARUM. Lat. The unity of persons, as that between husband and wife, or ancestor and heir.

UNITED STATES BONDS. Obligations for payment of money which have been at various times issued by the government of the United States.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS. Each circuit court of the United States may appoint in different parts of its jurisdiction, in which it is held, as many discreet persons as it may deem necessary, who shall be call-
ed "commissioners of the circuit court," and shall exercise the powers which are or may be conferred upon them. Rev. St. U. S. § 627 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 490).

UNITED STATES NOTES. Promissory notes, resembling bank-notes, issued by the government of the United States.

UNITY. In the law of estates. The pec-
cular characteristic of an estate held by several in joint tenancy, and which is four-
fold, viz., unity of interest, unity of title, unity of time, and unity of possession. In
other words, joint tenants have one and the same interest, accruing by one and the same conveyance, commencing at one and the same time, and held by one and the same undivid-

—Unity of interest. This term is applied to joint tenants, to signify that no one of them
live a greater interest in the property than each of the others, while, in the case of tenants
in common, one of them may have a larger share than any of the others. Williams, Real
Prop. 134, 139—Unity of possession. Joint possession of two rights by several titles. As
I take a lease of land from a person at a certain rent, and afterwards I buy the fee-
simple of such land, by this I acquire unity of possession, by which the lease is extinguished. Cowell; Brown. It is also one of the essential properties of a joint estate, each of the tenants having the entire possession as well of every parcel as of the whole. 2 Bl. Comm. 182—
Unity of seisin is where a person seised of land which is subject to an easement, profit a
prender, or similar right, also becomes seised of the land to which the easement or other right is annexed. Sweet—Unity of time. One of the essential properties of a joint estate; the
estates of the tenants being vested at one and the same period. 2 Bl. Comm. 181—Unity of
title is applied to joint tenants, to signify that they hold their property by one and the
same title, while tenants in common may take property by several titles. Williams, Real
Prop. 194.

Unius omnino testis responsio non audiatur. The answer of one witness shall not be heard at all; the testimony of a single witness shall not be admitted under any circumstances. A maxim of the civil and canon law. Cod. 4, 20, 9; 3 Bl. Comm. 370; Best. Ev. p. 426, § 300, and note.

Uniscujusque contractus iniuriam spectandum est, et causa. The commencement and cause of every contract are to be regarded. Dig. 17, 1, 8; Story, Bailm. § 56.
UNIVERSAL. Having relation to the whole or an entirety; pertaining to all without exception; a term more extensive than "general," which latter may admit of exceptions. See Blair v. Howell, 68 Iowa, 619, 28 N. W. 199; Koen v. State, 35 Neb. 476, 53 N. W. 595, 17 L. R. A. 821.

—Universal agent. One who is appointed to do all the acts which the principal can personally do, and which he may lawfully delegate to another to do. Long, A. S. 18; Baldwin v. Tucker, 112 Ky. 282, 55 S. W. 841, 57 L. R. A. 451; Wood v. McCain, 7 Ala. 800.

—Universality, See LEGACY. Universal Partnership. See Partnership. Universal representation. In Scotch law. A term applied to the representation by an heir of his ancestor. Bell—Universal succession. In the civil law. Succession to the entire estate of another, living or dead, though generally the latter, Importing succession to the entire property of the predecessor as a juridical entity, that is, to all his active as well as passive legal relations. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 649.

Universalla sunt notionis singularibus. 2 Rolle, 204. Things universal are better known than things particular.

UNIVERSITAS. Lat. In the civil law. A corporation aggregate. Dig. 3, 4, 7. Literally, a whole formed out of many individuals. 1 Bl. Comm. 469.

—Universitas facti. In the civil law. A plurality of corporeal things of the same kind, which are regarded as a whole; e. g., a herd of cattle, a stock of goods. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 162. Universitas juris. In the civil law. A plurality of those Pari sociis, corporeal as well as incorporeal, which, taken together, are regarded as a whole; e. g., an inheritance, an estate. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 162—Universitas rerum. In the civil law. Literally, a whole of things. Several single things, which, though not mechanically connected with one another, when taken together, regarded as a whole in any legal respect. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 162.

UNIVERSITY. An institution of higher learning, consisting of an assemblage of colleges united under one corporate organization and government, affording instruction in the arts and sciences and the learned professions, and conferring degrees. See Com. v. Banks, 198 Pa. 397, 48 Atl. 277.

UNIVERSITY COURT. See Chancellor's Courts in the Two Universities.

UNIVERSUS. Lat. The whole; all together. Calvin.

UNJUST. Contrary to right and justice, or to the enjoyment of his rights by another, or to the standards of conduct furnished by the laws.

UNKNOWN. Unknown. The law French form of the Saxon "ungrowth." Britt. c. 12.

UNLARGE. Sax. An unjust law.

UNLARI. In old Scotch law. That which is done without law or against law. Spelman.

UNLAW. In Scotch law. A witness was formerly inadmissible who was not worth the king's unawe; i. e., the sum of £10 Scots, then the common fine for absence from court and for small delinquencies. Bell.

UNLAWFUL. That which is contrary to law.

"Unlawful" and "illegal" are frequently used as synonymous terms, but, in the proper sense of the word, "unlawful," as applied to promises, agreements, considerations, and the like, denotes that they are ineffectual in law because they involve acts which, although not illegal, are, positively forbidden, are disapproved of by the law, and are therefore not recognized as the ground of legal rights, either because they are immoral or because they are against public policy. It is on this ground that contracts in restraint of marriage are held to be "unlawful." Sweet. And see Hagerman v. Buchannan, 45 N. J. Eq. 292, 17 Atl. 948, 14 Am. St. Rep. 732; Tatum v. State, 66 Ala. 467; Johnson v. State, 66 Ohio St. 59, 63 N. E. 607, 61 L. R. A. 277, 90 Am. St. Rep. 564; Pinder v. State, 27 Fla. 370, 8 South. 837, 26 Am. St. Rep. 75; MacDaniel v. U. S., 87 Fed. 321, 30 C. C. A. 670; People v. Chicago Gas Trust Co., 130 Ill. 283, 22 N. E. 798, 8 L. R. A. 467, 17 Am. St. Rep. 319.

Unlawful assembly. At common law. The meeting together of three or more persons, to the disturbance of the public peace, and with the intention of co-operating in the forcible and violent execution of some unlawful private enterprise. If they take steps towards the performance of their purpose, it becomes a riot; and, if they put their design into actual execution, it is a riot. 4 Bl. Comm. 146. Any meeting of great numbers of people, with such circumstances of terror as cannot but endanger the public peace, and raise fears and jealousies among the subjects of the realm. 4 Steph. Comm. 254—Unlawful detainer. The unjustifiable retention of the possession of lands by a tenant or original entrant, of lands in the possession and of right, but whose right to the possession has terminated and who refuses to quit, as in the case of a tenant holding over after the termination of the lease and in spite of a demand for possession by the landlord. McDevitt v. Lambert, 80 Ala. 536, 2 South. 438; Silva v. Campbell, 84 Cal. 420, 24 Pac. 316; Code Tenn. 1806, § 5093. Where an entry upon lands is unlawful, whether forcible or not, and the subsequent conduct is forcible and tortious, the offense committed is a "forcible entry and detainer;" but where the original entry is lawful, and the subsequent holding forcible and tortious, the offense is an "unlawful detainer" only. Pullen v. Boney, 4 N. J. Law, 129—Unlawful entry. An entry upon lands effected peaceably and without force, but which is without color of title and is accompanied by means of fraud or some other willful wrong. Dickinson v. Maguire, 9 Cal. 46; Blaco v. Haller, 9 Neb. 149, 1 N. W. 978.

UNLAWFULLY. The term is commonly used in indictments for statutory crimes to show that the act constituting the offense was in violation of a positive law, especially where the statute itself uses the same phrase.
UNLIQUIDATED. Not ascertained in amount; not determined; remaining unasserted or unsettled; as unliquidated damages. See DAMAGES.

UNLIVERY. A term used in maritime law to designate the unloading of cargo of a vessel at the place where it is properly to be delivered. The Two Catharines, 24 Fed. Cas. 429.

UNNATURAL OFFENSE. The infamous crime against nature; i.e., sodomy or buggery.

Uno absurdo dato, infinita sequuntur. 1 Coke, 102. One absurdly being allowed, an infinity follows.

UNO ACTU. Lat. In a single act; by one and the same act.


UNQUES. L. Fr. Ever; always. Ne unques, never.


UNSEATED LAND. See LAND.

UNSEAWORTHY. See SEAWORTHY.

UNSOLEMN WAR. War denounced without a declaration; war made not upon general but special declaration; imperfect war. People v. McLeod, 1 Hill (N. Y.) 409, 37 Am. Dec. 328.


UNTHRIFT. A prodigal; a spendthrift. 1 Bl. Comm. 306.

UNTIL. This term generally excludes the day to which it relates; but it will be construed otherwise, if required by the evident intention of the parties. Kendall v. Kingsley, 120 Mass. 95.

UNUMQUODQUE dissolvitur eodem igname quo ligatur. Every obligation is dissolved by the same solemnity with which it is created. Broom, Max. 884.

UNUMQUODQUE eodem modo quo coligat est, dissolvitur, quo constitutur, desinitur. Everything is dissolved by the same means by which it is put together,—destroyed by the same means by which it is established. 2 Rolle, 39; Broom, Max. 801.

UNUMQUODQUE est id quod est principalis in ipso. Hob. 123. That which is the principal part of a thing is the thing itself.

UNUMQUODQUE principiorum est status meteipsi fides; et peregrina vera non sunt probanda. Every general principle [or maxim of law] is its own pledge or warrant; and things that are clearly true are not to be proved. Branch; Co. Lit. 11.

UNUS NULLUS RULE, THE. The rule of evidence which obtains in the civil law, that the testimony of one witness is equivalent to the testimony of none. Wharton.

UNWHOLESOE FOOD. Food not fit to be eaten; food which if eaten would be injurious.

UNWRITTEN LAW. All that portion of the law, observed and administered in the courts, which has not been enacted or promulgated in the form of a statute or ordinance, including the unenacted portions of the common law, general and particular customs having the force of law, and the rules, principles, and maxims established by judicial precedents or the successive like decisions of the courts. See Code Civ. Proc. Cal. 1903, § 1890; B. & C. Comp. Or. 1901, § 736.

In recent years, this term has been popularly and falsely applied to a supposed local principle or sentiment which justifies private vengeance, particularly the slaying of a man who has insulted a woman, when perpetrated by her kinsman or husband. It is needless to say that no such law exists, and that such an opinion or sentiment, however prevalent, could not by any possible right use of language be termed a "law" or furnish a legal justification for a homicide.

UPLIFTED HAND. The hand raised towards the heavens, in one of the forms of taking an oath, instead of being laid upon the Gospels.

UPPER BENCH. The court of king's bench, in England, was so called during the interval between 1649 and 1660, the period of the commonwealth, Rolle being then chief justice. See 3 Bl. Comm. 202.
UPSET PRICE. In sales by auctions, an amount for which property to be sold is put up, so that the first bidder at that price is declared the buyer. Wharton.

UPSON. In Scotch law. Between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Poulning must be executed with upson. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 32.

URBAN HOMESTEAD. See Homestead.

URBAN SERVITUDE. City servitudes, or servitudes of houses, are called "urban." They are the easements appertaining to the building and construction of houses; as, for instance, the right to light and air, or the right to build a house so as to throw the rain-water on a neighbor's house. Mosley & Whitley: Civ. Code La. 1900, § 711.

URBS. Lat. In Roman law. A city, or a walled town. Sometimes it is put for civitas, and denotes the inhabitants, or both the city and its inhabitants; i.e., the municipality or commonwealth. By way of special pre-eminence, urbs meant the city of Rome. Alsworth.

URE. L. Fr. Effect; practice. Mis en ure, put in practice; carried into effect. Kelham.

USAGE. Usage is a reasonable and lawful public custom concerning transactions of the same nature as those which are to be effected thereby, existing at the place where the obligation is to be performed, and either known to the parties, or so well established, general, and uniform that it must be presumed to have acted with reference thereto. Civ. Code Dak. § 2119. And see Milroy v. Railway Co., 98 Iowa, 158, 67 N. W. 276; Barnard v. Kellogg, 10 Wall. 388, 19 L. Ed. 987; Wilcock v. Phillips, 29 Fed. Cas. 1203; McCarthy v. McArthur, 69 Ark. 313, 63 S. W. 68; Lincoln & K. Bank v. Page, 9 Mass. 156, 6 Am. Dec. 52; Lane v. Bank, 8 Ind. App. 209, 20 N. E. 613; Morningstar v. Cunningham, 11 Ind. 328, 11 N. E. 505, 59 Am. Rep. 211.

This word, as used in English law, differs from "custom" and "prescription," in that no man may claim a rent common or other inheritance by usage, though he may by prescription. Moreover usage is local in all cases, and must be proved; whereas, a custom is frequently general, and as such is noticed without proof. "Usage," in French law, is the "usu" of Roman law, and corresponds very nearly to the tenancy at will or on sufferance of English law. Brown.

"Usage," in its most extensive meaning, includes both custom and prescription; but, in its narrower signification, the term refers to a general habit, mode, or course of procedure. A usage differs from a custom, in that it does not require that the usage should be immemorial to establish it; but the usage must be known, certain, uniform, reasonable, and not contrary to law. Lowry v. Read, 3 Brewat. (Pa.) 492.

"Usage" is a term of art, and the latter word has also another signification; it is a long and uniform practice, applied to habits, modes, and courses of dealing. It relates to modes of action, and corresponds in this respect to the more popular phrase of a trade, or of conducting transactions of a particular kind, proved by witnesses testifying of its existence and uniformity from their knowledge obtained by observation of what is practiced by themselves and others in the trade to which it relates. Haskins v. Warren, 115 Mass. 353.

USANCE. In mercantile law. The common period fixed by the usage or custom or habit of dealing between the country where a bill is drawn, and that where it is payable, for the payment of bills of exchange. It means, in some countries, a month, in others two or more months, and in others half a month. Story, Bills, §§ 50, 144, 332.

USE. A confidence reposed in another, who was made tenant of the land, or tenant, that he would dispose of the land according to the intention of the cestui que use, or him to whose use it was granted, and suffer him to take the profits. 2 Bl. Comm. 328.

A right in one person, called the "cestui que use," to take the profits of land of which another has the legal title and possession, together with the duty of defending the same, and of making estates thereof according to the direction of the cestui que use, Bouvier.

Use is the right given to any one to make a gratuitous use of a thing belonging to another, or to exact such a portion of the fruit it produces as is necessary for his personal wants and those of his family. Civ. Code La. art. 626.

Uses and trusts are not so much different things as different aspects of the same subject. A use regards principally the beneficial interest; a trust regards principally the nominal ownership. The usage of the two terms is, however, widely different. The word "use" is employed to denote either an estate vested since the statute of uses, and by force of that statute, or to denote such an estate created before that statute as, had it been created before, would have become a legal estate by force of the statute. The word "trust" is employed since that statute to denote the relation between the party invested with the legal estate (whether by force of that statute or independently of it) and the party beneficially entitled, who has hitherto been said to have the equitable estate. Mosley & Whitley.

In conveying, "use" literally means "benefit:" thus, in an ordinary assignment of chattels, the assignor transfers the property to the assignee for his "absolute
USE

USEE. A person for whose use a suit is brought; otherwise termed the "use plaintiff."

USEFUL. By "useful," in the patent law, is meant not an invention in all cases superior to the models now in use for the same purposes, but "useful," in contradistinction to frivolous and mischievous, invention. Lowell v. Lewis, 1 Mason, 182, 186, Fed. Cas. No. 8,568.

USHER. The actual exercise or enjoyment of any right or property. It is particularly used of franchises.

USHER. This word is said to be derived from "huissier," and is the name of a subordinate officer in some English courts of law. Archb. Pr. 25.

USHER OF THE BLACK ROD. The gentleman usher of the black rod is an officer of the house of lords appointed by let-
lers patent from the crown. His duties are, by himself or deputy, to desire the attendance of the commons in the house of peers when the royal assent is given to bills, either by the king in person or by commission, to execute orders for the commitment of persons guilty of breach of privilege, and also to assist in the introduction of peers when they take the oaths and their seats. Brown.

USO. In Spanish law. Usage; that which arises from certain things which men say and do and practice uninterrupted for a great length of time, without any hindrance whatever. Las Partidas, pt. 1, tit. 2, l. 1.

USQUE. Lat. Up to; until. This is a word of exclusion, and a release of all demands. In a case of breach of promise, does not cover a bond made on that day. 2 Mod. 28.

USQUE AD FILUM AQUE, OR VLE. Up to the middle of the stream or road.

USUAL. Habitual; ordinary; customary; according to usage or custom; commonly established, observed, or practised. See Chicago & A. R. Co. v. Hauge, 71 Ill. App. 147; Kellogg v. Curtis, 69 Mo. 214, 81 Am. Rep. 273; Texas v. Mereu, 118 Ind. 586, 21 N. E. 316; Trust Co. v. Norris, 61 Minn. 256, 63 N. W. 634.

—Usual covenants. See COVENANT.—Usual terms. A phrase in the common-law practice, which meant pleading issuay, rejoining gratia, and taking short notice of trial. When a defendant obtained further time to plead, these were the terms usually imposed. Wharton.

USUARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. One who had the mere use of a thing belonging to another for the purpose of supplying his daily wants; a usuary. Dig. 7, 8, 10, pr.; Calvin.

USUCAPIO, or USUCAPTIO. A term of Roman law used to denote a mode of acquisition of property. It corresponds very nearly to the term "prescription." But the prescription of Roman law differed from that of the English law, in this: that no male fide possessor (i. e., person in possession knowingly of the property of another) could, by however long a period, acquire title by possession merely. The two essential requisites to usucapiio were justa causa (i. e., title) and bona fides. (i. e., ignorance.) The term "usucaptio" is sometimes, but erroneously, written "usucapiio." Brown. See Tavev v. Vance, 56 Ohio St. 126, 46 N. E. 898.

Usucapio constituita est ut aliquis libitum animae sisset. Prescription was instituted that there might be some end to litigation. Dig. 41, 10, 5; Broom, Max. 894, note.

USUFRUCT. In the civil law. The right of enjoying a thing, the property of which is vested in another, and to draw from the same all the profit, utility, and advantage which it may produce, provided it be without altering the substance of the thing. Civ. Code La. art. 533. And see Mulford v. Le Franc, 25 Cal. 102; Cartwright v. Cartwright, 18 Tex. 629; Strasus v. Sheriff, 43 La. Ann. 501, 9 South. 102.

—Imperfect usufruct. An imperfect or quasi usufruct is that which is of things which would be useless to the usufructuary if he did not consume or expend them or change the substance of them; as, money, grain, liquors. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 534.—Perfect usufruct. An usufruct in those things which the usufructuary can enjoy without changing their substance, though their substance may be diminished or deteriorate naturally by time or by the use to which they are applied, as, a house, a piece of land, furniture, and other movable effects. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 534.—Quasi usufruct. In the civil law. Originally the usufruct gave no right to the substance of the thing, and consequently none to its consumption; hence only an insusceptible thing could be the object of it, whether movable or immovable. But in later times the right of usufruct was by analogy, extended to consumable things, and therewith arose the distinction between true and quasi usufructs. See Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 307; Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 534.

USUFRUCTUARY. In the civil law. One who has the usufruct or right of enjoying anything in which he has no property. Cartwright v. Cartwright, 18 Tex. 628.

USUFRUIT. In French law. The same as the usufruct of the English and Roman law.

USURA. Lat. In the civil law. Money given for the use of money; interest. Commonly used in the plural, "usuaries." Dig. 22, 1.

—Usura manifesta. Manifest or open usury; as distinguished from usura velata, veiled or concealed usury, which consists in giving a bond for the loan, in the amount of which is included the stipulated interest. Usura maritima. Interest taken on bottomry or respondentia bonds, which is proportioned to the risk, and is not affected by the usury laws.

Usura est commodum certum quod propter usum rei mutuatse recipitur. Sed secundario spirare de aliqua retributione, ad voluntatem ejus qui mutuatus est, hoc non est vitiosum. Usury is a certain benefit which is received for the use of a thing lent. But to have an understanding [literally, to breathe or whisper] in an incidental way, about some compensation to be made at the pleasure of the borrower, is not lawful. Branch, Princ.; 5 Coke, 70b; Gian. lib. 7, c. 16.


USURIOUS. Pertaining to usury; partaking of the nature of usury; involving usury; tainted with usury; as, a usurious contract.
USURPATIO.  Lat. In the civil law. The interruption of a usufruct, by some act on the part of the real owner. Calvin.

USURPATION.  Torts. The unlawful assumption of the use of property which belongs to another; an interruption or the disturbing a man in his right and possession. Tomlin.

In public law. The unlawful seizure or assumption of sovereign power; the assumption of government or supreme power by force or illegally, in derogation of the constitution and of the rights of the lawful ruler.

-USURPATION of adovosion. An injury which consists in the absolute ouster or dispossession of the patron from the adovosion or right of presentation, and which happens when a stranger who has no right presents a clerk, and the latter is thereupon admitted and instituted. Brown—Usurpation of franchise or office. The unjustly intruding upon or exercising any office, franchise, or liberty belonging to another.

USURPED POWER. In insurance. An invasion from abroad, or an internal rebellion, where armies are drawn up against each other, when the laws are silent, and when the firing of towns becomes unavoidable. These words cannot mean the power of a common mob. 2 Marsh. Ins. 791.

USURPER. One who assumes the right of government by force, contrary to and in violation of the constitution of the country.

USURY. In old English law. Interest of money; increase for the loan of money; a reward for the use of money. 2 Bl. Comm. 454.

In modern law. Unlawful interest; a premium or compensation paid or stipulated to be paid for the use of money borrowed or returned, beyond the rate of interest established by law. Webster.

An unlawful contract upon the loan of money, to receive the same again with exorbitant increase. 4 Bl. Comm. 156.

Usury is the reserving and taking, or contracting to reserve and take, either directly or by indirectness, a greater sum for the use of money than the lawful interest. Code Ga. 1882, § 2051. See Henry v. Bank of Selma, 5 Hill (N. Y.) 528; Parham v. Pullam, 5 Cold. (Tenn.) 501; New England Mortg. Sec. Co. v. Guy (C. C.) 33 Fed. 640; Lee v. Peckham, 17 Wis. 386; Rosenstein v. Fox, 150 N. Y. 354, 44 N. E. 1027.

USUS. Lat. In Roman law. A precariously enjoyed land, corresponding with the right of habitation of houses, and being closely analogous to the tenancy at sufferance or at will of English law. The usarius (i. e., tenant by usus) could only hold on so long as the owner found him convenient, and had to go so soon as ever he was in the owner's way, (molostus). The usarius could not have a friend to share the produce. It was scarcely permitted to him (Justinian says) to have even his wife with him on the land; and he could not let or sell, the right being strictly personal to himself. Brown.

USUS BELLICI. Lat. In International law. Warlike uses or objects. It is the usus bellici which determine an article to be contraband. 1 Kent, Comm. 141.

Usus est dominium fiduciariae. Bac. St. Uses. Use is a fiduciary dominion.

Usus et status sive possessio potius different secundum rationem fori, quam secundum rationem rei. Bac. St. Uses. Use and estate, or possession, differ more in the rule of the court than in the rule of the matter.

USUS FRUCTUS. Lat. In Roman law. Usufruct; usufructuary right or possession. The temporary right of using a thing, without having the ultimate property, or full dominion, of the substance. 2 Bl. Comm. 327.

UT CURRERE SOLEBAT. Lat. As it was wont to run; applied to a water-course.

UT DE FEODO. L. Lat. As of fee.

UT HOSPITES. Lat. As guests. 1 Saik. 25, pl. 10.

Ut pern ad paucos, metus ad omnes perveniet. That the punishment may reach a few, but the fear of it affect all. A maxim in criminal law, expressive of one of the principal objects of human punishment. 4 Inst. 6; 4 Bl. Comm. 11.


Ut summa potentatis regis est posses quantum velit, sic magnitudinis est velle quantum possit. 3 Inst. 236. As the highest power of a king is to be able to do all he wishes, so the highest greatness of him is to wish all he is able to do.

UTAS. In old English practice. Octave; the octave; the eighth day following any term or feast. Cowell.

UTERINE. Born of the same mother. A uterine brother or sister is one born of the same mother, but by a different father.

UTERO-GESTATION. Pregnancy.

UTERQUE. Lat. Both; each. "The justices, being in doubt as to the meaning of this word in an indictment, demanded the opinions of grammarians, who delivered their
UTFANGTHEF. In Saxou and old Eng-

lish law. The privilege of a lord of a manor
to judge and punish a thief dwelling out
of his liberty, and committing theft with-
out the same, if he were caught within the
lord's jurisdiction. Cowell.

UTI. Lat. In the civil law. To use.
Strictly, to use for necessary purposes; as
distinguished from "frui," to enjoy. Helinc.
Elem. lib. 2, tit. 4, § 415.

UTI FRUI. Lat. In the civil law. To
have the full use and enjoyment of a thing,
without damage to its substance. Calvin.

UTI POSSIDETIS. Lat. In the civil
law. A species of interdict for the purpose
of retaining possession of a thing, granted to
one who, at the time of contesting suit, was
in possession of an immovable thing, in or-
der that he might be declared the legal pos-
sessor. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 6, no. 8.

In international law. A phrase used to
signify that the parties to a treaty are to re-
tain possession of what they have acquired
by force during the war. Wheat. Int. Law,
627.

UTI ROGAS. Lat. In Roman law.
The form of words by which a vote in favor
of a proposed law was orally expressed. Ut-
rogas, quo vel jubeo, as you ask, I will or
order; I vote as you propose; I am for the
law. The letters "U. R." on a ballot ex-
pressed the same sentiment. Adams, Rom.
Ant. 98, 100.

Utile per inutille non vitatur. The use-
ful is not vitiated by the useless. Surplus-
age does not spoil the remaining part if that
is good in itself. Dyer, 392; Broom, Max.
627.

UTILIDAD. Span. In Spanish law.
The profit of a thing. White, New Recop. b. 2,
tit. 2, c. 1.

UTILIS. Lat. In the civil law. Use-
ful; beneficial; equitable; available. Actio
utilis, an equitable action. Calvin. Dies
utilis, an available day.

UTLAGATUS. In old English law. An
outlawed person; an outlaw.

Utagatus est quasi extra legem posi-
tus. Caput gerit lupinum. 7 Coke, 14.
An outlaw is, as it were, put out of the pro-
tection of the law. He bears the head of
a wolf.

Utagatus pro contumacia et fuga, non
propert hoc convicctus est de facto prin-
cipali. Fleta. One who is outlawed for
contumacy and flight is not on that account
convicted of the principal fact.

c. 12.

ULTESSE. An escape of a felon out
of prison.

UBRUI. In the civil law. The name
of a species of interdict for retaining a thing,
granted for the purpose of protecting the
possession of a movable thing, as the aff
possidetis was granted for an immovable.
Inst. 4, 15, 4; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 299.

In Scotch law. An interdict as to mov-
able s, by which the colorable possession of a
bore fide holder is continued until the final
settlement of a contested right; corresponding
to uti possidetis as to heritable property.
Bell.

UTRUMQUE NOSTRUM. Both of us.
Words used formerly in bonds.

UTTER. To put or send into circula-
tion; to publish or put forth. To utter and
publish an instrument is to declare or assert,
directly or indirectly, by words or actions,
that it is good; uttering it is a declaration
that it is good, with an intention or offer
to pass it. Wheat. Crim. Law, § 703.

To utter, as used in a statute against
forgery and counterfeiting, means to offer,
whether accepted or not, a forged instrument,
with the representation, by words or actions,
that the same is genuine. See State v. Hor-
ner, 48 Mo. 522; People v. Rathburn, 21 Wend.
(N. Y.) 521; Lindsey v. State, 38 Ohio St.
511; State v. Calkins, 73 Iowa, 128, 34 N.

UTTER BAR. In English law. The bar
at which those barristers, usually junior
men, practice who have not yet been raised
to the dignity of king's counsel. These
junior barristers are said to plead without
the bar; while those of the higher rank are
admitted to seats within the bar, and ad-
dress the court or a jury from a place re-
served for them, and divided off by a bar.
Brown.

UTTER BARRISTER. In English law.
Those barristers who plead without the bar,
and are distinguished from benchers, or
those who have been readers, and who are
allowed to plead within the bar, as the king's
counsel are. Cowell.

UXOR. Lat. In the civil law. A wife;
a woman lawfully married.

—Et uxor. And his wife. A term used in
indexing, abstracting, and describing convey-
ances made by a man and his wife as grantors,
or to a man and his wife as grantees. Often
abbreviated "et uz." Thus, "John Doe et uz. to
Richard Roe."—Jure uxor. In right of his
wife. A term used of a husband who joins in a deed, is seised of an estate, brings a suit, etc., in the right or on the behalf of his wife. 3 Bl. Comm. 210.

**Uxor et filius sunt nomina nature.** Wife and son are names of nature. 4 Bac. Works, 359.

**Uxor non est sui juris, sed sub potestate viri.** A wife is not her own mistress, but is under the power of her husband. 3 Inst. 108.

**Uxor sequitur domicilium viri.** A wife follows the domicile of her husband. Tray. Lat. Max. 606.

**UXORICIDE.** The killing of a wife by her husband; one who murders his wife. Not a technical term of the law.
V. As an abbreviation, this letter may stand for "Victoria," "volume," or "verb"; also "vide" (see) and "voce" (word.)

It is also a common abbreviation of "versus," in the titles of causes, and reported cases.

V. C. An abbreviation for "vice-chancellor."

V. C. C. An abbreviation for "vice-chancellor's court."

V. E. An abbreviation for "venditioni exponas," (q. v.)

V. G. An abbreviation for "verbi gratia," for the sake of example.

VACANCY. A place which is empty. The term is principally applied to an interruption in the incumbency of an office.

The term "vacancy" applies not only to an interregnum in an existing office, but it aptly and fitly describes the condition of an office when it is first created, and has been filled by no incumbent. Walsh v. Comm., 59 Pa. 425, 33 Am. Rep. 771. And see Collins v. State, 8 Ind. 390; People v. Oneil, 183 Ill. 194, 56 N. E. 596; Gormley v. Taylor, 44 Ga. 76.

VACANT POSSESSION. See Possession.

VACANT SUCCESSION. See Succession.

VACANTIA BONA. Lat. In the civil law. Goods without an owner, or in which no one claims a property; escheated goods. Inst. 2, 6, 4; 1 Bl. Comm. 298.

VACATE. To annul; to cancel or rescind; to render an act void; as, to vacate an entry of record, or a judgment.

VACATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Exemption; immunity; privilege; dispensation; exemption from the burden of office. Calvin.

VACATION. That period of time between the end of one term of court and the beginning of another. See Von Schmidt v. Widber, 99 Cal. 511, 34 Pac. 109; Conkling v. Ridgely, 112 Ill. 36, 1 N. E. 261, 54 Am. Rep. 204; Brayman v. Whitcomb, 134 Mass. 525; State v. Derkum, 27 Mo. App. 628. Vacation also signifies, in ecclesiastical law, that a church or benefice is vacant; e.g., on the death or resignation of the incumbent, until his successor is appointed. 2 Inst. 330; Phillim. Ecc. Law, 405.

VACATUR. Lat. Let it be vacated. In practice, a rule or order by which a proceeding is vacated; a vacating.

VACATURA. An avoidance of an ecclesiastical benefice. Cowell.


VACCINATION. Inoculation with vaccine or the virus of cowpox as a preventive against the smallpox; frequently made compulsory by statute. See Daniel v. Putnam County, 113 Ga. 570, 38 S. E. 980, 54 L. R. A. 292.

VACUA POSSESSIO. Lat. The vacant possession, i.e., free and unburdened possession, which (a.g.) a vendor had and has to give to a purchaser of lands.

VACUUS. Lat. In the civil law. Empty; void; vacant; unoccupied. Calvin.

VADES. Lat. In the civil law. Pledges; sureties; bail; security for the appearance of a defendant or accused person in court. Calvin.

VADIARE DUELLUM. L. Lat. In old English law. To wage or gage the duellum; to wage battel; to give pledges mutually for engaging in the trial by combat.

VADIMONIUM. Lat. In Roman law. Bail or security; the giving of bail for appearance in court; a recognizance. Calvin.


—Vadium mortuum. A mortgage or dead pledge; a security given by the borrower of a sum of money, by which he grants to the lender an estate in fee, on condition that, if the money be not repaid at the time appointed, the estate so put in pledge shall continue to the lender as dead or gone from the mortgager. 2 Bl. Comm. 167.—Vadium ponere. To take bail for the appearance of a person in a court of justice. Tomlin—Vadium vivum. A species of security by which the borrower of a sum of money made over his estate to the lender until he had received that sum out of the issues and profits of the land. It was so called because neither the money nor the lands were lost, and were not left in dead pledge, but this was a living pledge, for the profits of the land were constantly paying off the debt. Litt. § 206; 1 Pow. MorR. 3; Termes de la Ley; Spect v. Specf, 88 Cal. 437, 26 Pac. 203, 18 L. R. A. 147, 22 Am. St. Rep. 314; O'Neill v. Gray, 39 Hun (N. Y.) 506; Kortright v. Cady, 21 N. Y. 344, 78 Am. Dec. 140.

VADLET. In old English law. The king's eldest son; hence the valet or knave follows the king and queen in a pack of cards. Bar. Obs. St. 344.

VADUM. In old records, a ferd, or wading place. Cowell.
VAGABOND. One that wanders about, and has no certain dwelling; an idle fellow. Jacob.

Vagabonds are described in old English statutes as "such as wake on the night and sleep on the day, and haunt customary taverns and ale-houses and routs about; and no man wit from whence they came, nor whither they go." 4 Bl. Comm. 109. See Forsyth v. Forsyth, 46 N. J. Eq. 400, 19 Atl. 110; Johnson v. State, 28 Tex. App. 562, 13 S. W. 1005.

Vagabundum nuncupamus eum qui nullihis domicilium contraxit habitationis. We call him a "vagabond" who has acquired nowhere a domicile of residence. Phil. Dom. 23, note.

VAGRANT. A wandering, idle person; a strolling or sturdy beggar. A general term, including, in English law, the several classes of idle and disorderly persons, rogues, and vagabonds, and incorrigible rogues. 4 Steph. Comm. 508, 509.

In American law, the term is variously defined by statute but the general meaning is that of an able-bodied person having no visible means of support and who lives idly without seeking work, or who is a professional beggar, or roams about from place to place without regular employment or fixed residence; and in some states the term also includes those who have a fixed habitation and pursue a regular calling but one which is condemned by the law as immoral, such as gambling or prostitution. See in re Jordan, 90 Mich. 3, 50 N. W. 1087; In re Alderman and Justices of the Peace, 2 Para. Eq. Cas. (Pa.) 404; Roberts v. State, 14 Mo. 145, 55 Am. Dec. 97. And see the statutes of the various states.

—Vagrant act. In English law. The statute 5 Geo. IV. c. 83, which is an act for the punishment of idle and disorderly persons. 2 Chit. St. 145.


Valeat quantum valere potest. It shall have effect as far as it can have effect. Cowp. 600; 4 Kent, Comm. 493; Shep. Touch. 87.

VALEC, VALECT, or VADELET. In old English law. A young gentleman; also a servitor or gentleman of the chamber. Cowell.

VALENTIA. L. Lat. The value or price of anything.

VALESHERIA. In old English law. The proving by the kindred of the slain, one on the father's side, and another on that of the mother, that a man was a Welshman. Wharton.

VALET was anciently a name denoting young gentlemen of rank and family, but afterwards applied to those of lower degree, and is now used for a menial servant, more particularly occupied about the person of his employer. Cab. Lawy. 800.

VALID. Of binding force. A deed, will, or other instrument, which has received all the formalities required by law, is said to be valid.

VALIDITY. This term is used to signify legal sufficiency, in contradistinction to mere regularity. "An official sale, an order, judgment, or decree may be regular,—the whole practice in reference to its entry may be correct,—but still invalid, for reasons going behind the regularity of its form." Sharpleigh v. Surdam, 1 Flipp. 487, Fed. Cas. No. 12,711.

VALOR BENEFICIORUM. L. Lat. The value of every ecclesiastical benefice and prebendary, according to which the first fruits and tithes are collected and paid. It is commonly called the "king's books," by which the clergy are at present rated. 2 Steph. Comm. 533; Wharton.

VALOR MARITAGII. Lat. Value of the marriage. In feudal law, the guardian in chivalry had the right of tendering to his infant ward a suitable match, without "disparagement," (inequality) which, if the infants refused, they forfeited the value of the marriage (valor maritagii) to their guardian; that is, so much as a jury would assess, or any one would bona fide give, to the guardian for such an alliance. 2 Bl. Comm. 70; Litt. § 110.

A writ which lay against the ward, on coming of full age, for that he was not married, by his guardian, for the value of the marriage, and this though no convenient marriage had been offered. Terms de la Ley.

VALUABLE CONSIDERATION. The distinction between a good and a valuable consideration is that the former consists of blood, or of natural love and affection; as when a man grants an estate to a near relation from motives of generosity, prudence, and natural duty; and the latter consists of such a consideration as money, marriage which is to follow, or the like, which the law esteems an equivalent given for the grant. 2 Bl. Comm. 297.

A valuable consideration is a thing of value parted with, or a new obligation assumed, at the time of obtaining a thing, which is a substantial compensation for that which is obtained thereby. It is also called simply "value." Civ. Code Dak. § 2121.

VALUATION LIST. In English law. A list of all the ratable hereditaments in a parish, showing the names of the occupier, the owner, the property, the extent of the property, the gross estimated rental, and the ratable value; prepared by the overseers of each parish in a union under section 14 of the union assessment committee act, 1892, (St. 25 & 26 Vict. c. 103,) for the purposes of the poor rate. Wharton.

VALUE. The utility of an object in satisfying, directly or indirectly, the needs or desires of human beings, called by economists "value in use," or its worth consisting in the power of purchasing other objects, called "value in exchange." Also the estimated or appraised worth of any object of property, calculated in money.

The term is also often used as an abbreviation for "valuable consideration," especially fit the phrase "purchaser for value," "holder for value," etc.

-Value received. A phrase usually employed in a bill of exchange or promissory note, to denote that a consideration has been given for it.

VALUED POLICY. A policy is called "valued," when the parties, having agreed upon the value of the interest insured, in order to save the necessity of further proof have inserted the valuation in the policy, in the nature of liquidated damages. 1 Duer, Ins. 97.

VALUER. A person whose business is to appraise or set a value upon property.

VALVASORS, or VIDAMES. An obsolete title of dignity next to a peer. 2 Inst. 687; 2 Steph. Comm. 612.

Vasa est illa potentia quae nunquam venit in actum. That power is vain [idle or useless] which never comes into action, [which is never exercised.] 2 Coke, 51.

Vani timores sunt estimandi, qui non cadunt in constantem virum. Those are to be regarded as idle fears which do not affect a steady [firm or resolute] man. 7 Coke, 27.

Vani timoris justa excusatio non est. A frivolous fear is not a legal excuse. Dig. 50, 17, 184; 2 Inst. 483.


VARA. A Spanish-American measure of length, equal to 33 English inches or a trifle more or less, varying according to local usage. See U. S. v. Perot, 98 U. S. 428, 25 L. Ed. 251.


VARENNA. In old Scotch law. A ward; a tenant. Answering to "warren," in old English law. Spelman.

VARIANCE. In pleading and practice. A discrepancy or disagreement between two instruments or two steps in the same cause, which ought by law to be entirely consonant. Thus, if the evidence adduced by the plaintiff does not agree with the allegations of his declaration, it is a variance; and so if the statement of the cause of action in the declaration does not coincide with that given in the writ. See Keiser v. Topping, 73 Ill. 223; Mulligan v. U. S., 120 Fed. 98, 56 C. C. A. 50; Bank of New Brunswick v. Arrowsmith, 9 N. J. Law. 287; Skinner v. Grant, 12 Vt. 462; State v. Wadsworth, 30 Conn. 57.

VARRANTIZATIO. In old Scotch law. Warranty.

VAS. Lat. In the civil law. A pledge; a surety; bail or surety in a criminal proceeding or civil action. Calvin.

VASECTOMY. The operation of castration as performed by section (cutting) of the vas deferens or spermatic cord; sometimes proposed as an inhibitory punishment for rapists and other criminals.

VASSAL. In feudal law. A feudal tenant or grantee; a feudatory; the holder of a fief on a feudal tenure, and by the obligation of performing feudal services. The correlative term was "lord."

VASSALAGE. The state or condition of a vassal.

VASELERIA. The tenure or holding of a vassal. Cowell.

VASTUM. L. Lat. A waste or common lying open to the cattle of all tenants who have a right of commoning. Cowell.

-Vastum forestam vel bosci. In old records. Waste of a forest or wood. That part of a forest or wood wherein the trees and underwood were so destroyed that it lay in a manner waste and barren. Paroch. Antiq. 351, 497; Cowell.

VAUDERIE. In old European law. Sorcery; witchcraft; the profession of the Vaudois.

VAVASORY. The lands that a vavasour held. Cowell.
VAVASOUR. One who was in dignity next to a baron. Brit. 109; Bract. lll. l. c. 8. One who held of a baron. Enc. Brit.

VEAL-MONEY. The tenants of the manor of Bradford, in the county of Wilts, paid a yearly rent by this name to their lord, in lieu of veal paid formerly in kind. Wharton.

VEGORIN. In old Lombardic law. The offense of stopping one on the way; forestalling. Spelman.

VEXITAL JUDICIARIUM. Lat. Fines paid to the crown to defray the expenses of maintaining courts of justice. 3 Salk. 33.

Vexital, origine ipsa, jus Cesurum et regum patrimoniale est. Dav. 12. Tribute, in its origin, is the patrimonial right of emperors and kings.

VEXITALIA. In Roman law. Customs-duties; taxes paid upon the importation or exportation of certain kinds of merchandise. Cod. 4. 61.

VICTURA. In maritime law. Freight.

VEHICLE. The word "vehicle" includes every description of carriage or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on land. Rev. St. U. S. § 4 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 4).

VEHMGERICHT. See FEHMGERICH.

VERIES. L. Fr. Distresses forbidden to be reheveled; the refusing to let the owner have his cattle which were distrained. Kelham.


VEJOURS. Viewers; persons sent by the court to take a view of any place in question, for the better decision of the right. It signifies, also, such as are sent to view those that cessai themselves de malo lecti. (i. e., excuse themselves on ground of illness)

VENDITIONI EXONAS whether they be in truth so sick as that they cannot appear, or whether they do counterfeit. Cowell.


VEILITIS JUBEATIS QUIRITES? Lat. Is it your will and pleasure, Romans? The form of proposing a law to the Roman people. Tayl. Civil Law, 155.

Velle non creditor qui obscurar imperio patria vel domini. He is not presumed to consent who obeys the orders of his father or his master. Dig. 50, 17, 4.

VELTRARIA. The office of dog-leader, or coursier. Cowell.

VELTRARIUS. One who leads greyhounds. Blount.

VENAL. Something that is bought; capable of being bought; offered for sale; mercenary. Used in an evil sense, such purchase or sale being regarded as corrupt and illegal.

VENERIA. Beasts caught in the woods by hunting.

VENCAT. Hunting. Cowell.

VEND. To sell; to transfer the ownership of an article to another for a price in money. The term is not commonly applied to the sale of real estate, although its derivatives "vendor" and "vendee" are.

VENDEE. A purchaser or buyer; one to whom anything is sold. Generally used of the transferee of real property, one who acquires chattels by sale being called a "buyer."

Venduta sanem rem duobus falsarum est. He is fraudulent who sells the same thing twice. Jenk. Cent. 107.

VENDIBLE. Fit or suitable to be sold; capable of transfer by sale; merchantable.

VENDITE. In old European law. A tax upon things sold in markets and public fairs. Spelman.

VENDITIO. Lat. In the civil law. In a strict sense, sale; the act of selling; the contract of sale, otherwise called "emptio venditio." Inst. 3, 24. Calvin.

In a large sense. Any mode or species of alienation; any contract by which the property or ownership of a thing may be transferred. Id.

VENDITION. Sale; the act of selling.

VENDITIONI EXONAS. Lat. You expose to sale. This is the name of a writ
of execution, requiring a sale to be made, directed to a sheriff when he has levied upon goods under a fieri facias, but returned that they remained unsold for want of buyers; and in some jurisdictions it is issued to cause a sale to be made of lands, seized under a former writ, after they have been condemned or passed upon by an inquisition. Frequently abbreviated to "vend. ex." See Beebe v. U. S., 161 U. S. 104, 16 Sup. Ct. 552, 40 L. Ed. 653; Borden v. Tillman, 39 Tex. 273; Ritchie v. Higginbotham, 26 Kan. 69.

**VENDOR.** Lat. A seller; a vendor. Inst. 3, 24; Bract. fol. 41.

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**Venditore regis.** In old English law. The king's seller or salesman; the person who exposed to sale those goods and chattels which were seized or distrained to answer any debt due by the king. Cowell.

**VENDITRIX.** Lat. A female vendor. Cod. 4, 51, 3.

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**VENDOR.** The person who transfers property by sale, particularly real estate, "seller" being more commonly used for one who sells personally.

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**VENDITRIX regis.** In old English law. The king's seller or saleswoman; the person who exposed to sale those goods and chattels which were seized or distrained to answer any debt due by the king. Cowell.

**VENDEE.** A sale; generally a sale at public auction; and more particularly a sale so made under authority of law, as by a constable, sheriff, tax collector, administrator, etc.

**Vendue Master.** An auctioneer.

**VENIA.** A kneeling or low prostration on the ground by penitents; pardon.

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**VENIA ETATIS.** A privilege granted by a prince or sovereign, in virtue of which a person is entitled to act, sui iuris, as if he were of full age. Story, Conf. Laws, § 74.

**Veniae facilissimae inceptivm est delinquendi.** 3 Inst. 236. Facility of pardon is an incentive to crime.

**VENSE.** Lat. To come; to appear in court. This word is sometimes used as the name of the writ for summoning a jury, more commonly called a "venire facias."

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**VENIRE FACIAS.** Lat. In practice. A judicial writ, directed to the sheriff of the county in which a cause is to be tried, commanding him that he "cause to come" before the court, on a certain day therein mentioned, twelve good and lawful men of the body of his county, qualified according to law, by whom the truth of the matter may be the better known, and who are in no wise of kin either to the plaintiff or to the defendant, to make a jury of the country between the parties in the action, as well the plaintiff as the defendant, between whom the matter in variance is, have put themselves upon that jury, and that he return the names of the jurors, etc. 2 Tind. Pr. 777, 778; 3 Bl. Comm. 332.

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**Venire facias ad respondendum.** A writ to summon a person, against whom an indictment for a misdemeanor has been found, to appear and be arraigned for the same. A justice's warrant is now more commonly used. Archb. Crim. Pl. 81; Sweet.---**Venire facias de novo.** A fresh or new venire, which the court grants when there has been some impropriety or irregularity in returning the jury, or where the verdict is so imperfect or ambiguous that no judgment can be given upon it, or where a judgment is reversed on error, and a new trial awarded. See Rascher v. Cramer, 18 Ind. 44; Maxwell v. State, 100 Ind. 541; N. E. 297.---**Venire facias jureators.** A judicial writ directed to the sheriff, when issue was joined in an action, commanding him to cause a jury of twelve good men, on such a day, twelve free and lawful men of his county by whom the truth of the matter at issue might be better known. This writ was substituted by section 104 of the common-law procedure act, 1852, and by section 105 a precept issued by the judges of assize is substituted in its place. The process now substituted is sometimes loosely spoken of as a "venire." Brown.---**Venire facias tot matronas.** A writ to summon a jury of matrons to execute the writ de inspiciendo.

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**VENEREMAN.** A member of a panel of jurors; a juror summoned by a writ of venire facias.

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**VENIT ET DEFENDIT.** L. Lat. In pleading. Comes and defends. The proper words of appearance and defense in an action. 1 Ld. Raym. 117.

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**VENIT ET DICT.** Lat. In old pleading. Comes and says. 2 Salk. 544.

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**VENTE.** In French law. Sale; contract of sale.

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**Vente à réméré.** A conditional sale, in which the seller reserves the right to redeem or repurchase at the same price.
VENTER, VENTRE. The belly or womb. The term is used in law as designating the maternal parentage of children. Thus, where in ordinary phraseology we should say that A. was B.'s child by his first wife, he would be described in law as "by the first venter." Brown.

VENIRE INSPIICIENDO. In old English law. A writ that lay for an heir presumptive, to cause an examination to be made of the widow in order to determine whether she were pregnant or not, in cases where she was suspected of a design to bring forward a suppositional heir. 1 Bl. Comm. 456.

VENUE. In pleading and practice. A neighborhood; the neighborhood, place, or county in which an injury is declared to have been done, or fact declared to have happened. 3 Bl. Comm. 294.

Venue also denotes the county in which an action or prosecution is brought for trial, and which is to furnish the panel of Jurors. To "change the venue" is to transfer the cause for trial to another county or district. See Moore v. Gardner, 5 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 243; Armstrong v. Emmet, 16 Tex. Civ. App. 242, 41 S. W. 87; Sullivan v. Hall, 86 Mich. 7, 48 N. W. 646, 13 L. R. A. 556; State v. McKinney, 5 Nev. 198.

In the common-law practice, the venue is that part of the declaration in an action which designates the county in which the action is to be tried. Sweet.

—Local venue. In pleading. A venue which must be laid in a particular county. When the action could have arisen only in a particular county, it is local, and the venue must be laid in that county. 1 Tidd, Pr. 427.

VERA. L. Fr. True. An old form of evra. Thus, verev, or true, tenant, is one who holds in fee-simple; verev tenant by the manner, is the same as tenant by the manner, (q. c.) with this difference only: that the fee-simple, instead of remaining in the lord, is given by him or by the law to another. Ham. N. P. 398, 394.

VERA. Lat. (Plural of verbum.) Words.

—Verba cancellaria. Words of the charter. The technical style of words framed in the office of chancery. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 10, § 3.

—Verba precaria. In the civil law. Precautionary words; words of trust, or used to create a trust.

Verba accipienda sunt cum effectu, ut sortiantur effectum. Words are to be received with effect, so that they may produce effect. Bac. Max.

Verba accipienda sunt secundum subjectam materiam. 6 Coke, 62. Words are to be understood with reference to the subject-matter.

Verba illata (relata) inesse videntur. Words referred to are to be considered as if incorporated. Broom, Max. 674, 677; 11 Mees. & W. 183.
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Verba in differenti materia per prius, non per posterius, intelligenda sunt. Words on a different subject are to be understood by what precedes, not by what comes after. A maxim of the civil law. Calvin.

Verba intelligenda sunt in casu possibili. Words are to be understood in [of] a possible case. A maxim of the civil law. Calvin.

Verba intentionis, non e contra, debent inservire. 8 Coke, 94. Words ought to be made subservient to the intent, not the intent to the words.

Verba ita sunt intelligenda, ut res magis valeat quam pereat. The words [of an instrument] are to be so understood, that the subject-matter may rather be of force than perish, [rather be preserved than destroyed]; or, in other words, that the instrument may have effect. [If possible.] Bac. Max. 17, in reg. 3; Powld. 186; 2 Bl. Comm. 390; 2 Kent, Comm. 555.

Verba mere equivoca, si per communem usum loque ndi in intellectu certo summantur, talis intellectus preferendus est. [In the case of] words merely equivocal, if they are taken by the common usage of speech in a certain sense, such sense is to be preferred. A maxim of the civil law. Calvin.

Verba nihil operari melius est quam absurde. It is better that words should have no operation at all than [that they should operate] absurdly. A maxim of the civil law. Calvin.

Verba non tam intuenda, quam causa et natura rei, ut mens contra hantum ex elis petius quam ex verbis apparet. The words [of a contract] are not so much to be looked at as the cause and nature of the thing, [which is the subject of it], in order that the intention of the contracting parties may appear rather from them than from the words. Calvin.

Verba offendi possunt, imo ab eis recedere licet, ut verba ad vanum intellectum reducantur. Words may be opposed, [taken in a contrary sense], nay, we may disregard them altogether, in order that the [general] words [of an instrument] may be restored to a sound meaning. A maxim of the civilians. Calvin.

Verba ordinationis quando verificari possint in sua vera significatone, trahi ad externum intellectum non debent. When the words of an ordinance can be carried into effect in their own true meaning,

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they ought not to be drawn to a foreignattendment. A maxim of the civilians. Calvin.

Verba posteriorea propter certitudinem addita, ad priores quam certitudinem ingent, sunt referenda. Subsequent words, added for the purpose of certainty, are to be referred to the preceding words which require the certainty. Wing. Max. 167, max. 53; Broom. Max. 586.

Verba pro re et subjecta materia accepit debent. Words ought to be understood in favor of the thing and subject-matter. A maxim of the civilians. Calvin.

Verba quae aliquid operari possunt non debent esse superflua. Words which can have any kind of operation ought not to be [considered] superfluous. Calvin.

Verba, quantumvis generalia, ad aptitudinem restringantur, etiam si nullamiam patenterunt restrictionem. Words, howsoever general, are restrained to fitness, (i.e., to harmonize with the subject-matter,) though they would bear no other restriction. Spiegelius.

Verba relata hoc maximo operantur pro recontamin, ut in eis inesse videntur. Related words [words connected with others by reference] have this particular operation by the reference, that they are considered as being inserted in those [clauses which refer to them.] Co. Litt. 30, 350a. Words to which reference is made in an instrument have the same effect and operation as if they were inserted in the clauses referring to them. Broom, Max. 673.

Verba secundum materiam subjectam intelligi non eum qui necessit. There is no one who does not know that words are to be understood according to their subject-matter. Calvin.

Verba semper accepienta sunt in mittitori sensu. Words are always to be taken in the milder sense. 4 Coke, 13e.

Verba stricte significationis ad latam extendi possunt, subeit ratio. Words of a strict or narrow signification may be extended to a broad meaning, if there be ground in reason for it. A maxim of the civilians. Calvin.

Verba sunt indices animi. Words are the indices or indicators of the mind or thought. Latch, 106.

VERBAL. Parol; by word of mouth; oral; as, verbal agreement, verbal evidence; or written, but not signed, or not executed with the formalities required for a deed.
or prescribed by statute in particular cases. Musgrove v. Jackson, 59 Miss. 360.

—Verbal note. A memorandum or note, in other words, a promissory note when a affair has
continued a long time without any reply, in
order to avoid the appearance of an urgency
which perhaps is not required; and, on the other
hand, to prevent the supposition that it is forgotten, or that there is an intention
of not prosecuting it any further. Whart.

Verbis stansum ubi nulla ambiguitas. One must abide by the words where there is
no ambiguity. Tray. Lat. Max. 612.

Verbum imperfectum temporis rem a
hace imperfectam significat. The imper
fect tense of the verb indicates an incomplete
matter. Mactler v. Fith, 6 Wend. (N. Y.)
105, 120, 21 Am. Dec. 262.

VERDEROR. An officer of the king's
forest, who is sworn to maintain and keep
the assizes of the forest, and to view, receive,
and enroll the attachments and presentations
of all manner of trespasses of vert and ven
ison in the forest. Manw. c. 6, § 5.

VERDICIT. In practice. The formal and
unanimous decision or finding of a jury, im
paneled and sworn for the trial of a cause,
upon the matters or questions duly submitted
to them upon the trial.

The word "verdict" has a well-defined sig
nification in law. It means the decision of a jury, and it never means the decision of a court or a referee or a commissioner. In common lan
guage, the word "verdict" is sometimes used in
a more extended sense, but in law it is always
used to mean the decision of a jury; and we
must suppose that the legislature intended to
use the word as it is used in law. Kerner v.
Peltige, 25 Kan. 656.

—Adverse verdict. Where a party, appealing from an allowance of damages by commission
ers, recovers a verdict in his favor, but for a
less amount of damages than had been originally
allowed, it is adverse to him, without the
meaning of his undertaking to pay costs if the
verdict should be adverse to him. Hamblin v.
Barnstable County, 16 Gray (Mass.) 256.

False verdict. An untrue verdict. Formerly,
if a jury gave a false verdict, the party injured
by it might sue out and prosecute a writ of
attainder against them, either at common law
or on the statute 11 Hen. VII. c. 24, at his
election, for the purpose of reversing the judg
mint and punishing the jury for their verdict;
but not where the jury erred merely in point of
law, if they found according to the judge's di
rection. The practice of setting aside verdicts
and granting new trials, however, so superseded
the use of attainders that there is no instance
of one to be found in the books of reports later
than in the time of Elizabeth, and it was al
ready obsolete as early as by 6 Geo. I. 1 00.
Wharton. General verdict. A verdict whereby
the jury find either for the plaintiff or for
the defendant on some or all of the points in the
ordinary form of a verdict. Glenn v. Summer, 132 U. S.
182, 10 Sup. Ct. 41, 33 L. Ed. 301; Settle v.
Alison, 5 G. & C. 351, 22 Am. Jury. 139; Childe v.
Carpenter, 87 Me. 114, 32 Atl. 780. Open ver
dict. A verdict of a coroner's jury which finds
that the subject "came to his death by means
to the jury unknown," or "came to his death at
the hands of a person or persons to the jury un
known," that is, one which leaves open either
the question whether any crime was committed
or the identity of the criminal.—Partial ver
dict. In criminal law, a verdict by which the
jury acquit the defendant, by the juries ac
mission and find him guilty as to the residue.
State v. McGee, 55 S. C. 247, 33 S. E. 555, 14
Cas. 419; Schenectady v. Reilly, 24 N. Y. 220.

VERDICITUM. L. Lat. In old English
law. A verdict; a declaration of the truth of a
matter in issue, submitted to a jury for
trial.

Veredictum, quasi dictum veritatis ut
judicium quasi juris dictum. Co. Litt.
226. The verdict is a word in the dic
tum of truth; as the judgment is the dic
tum of law.

VERGE, or VIRGE. In English law.
The compass of the royal court, which bounds
the jurisdiction of the lord steward of the	household; it seems to have been twelve
miles about. Britt. 88. A quantity of land
from fifteen to thirty acres. 28 H. of R. 1
Also a stile, or rail, whereby is admitted
tenant to a copyhold estate. Old Nat. Herv.
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VERGELT. In Saxon law. A mulct or
fine for a crime. See WERGILD.

VERGENS AD INOPIAM. L. Lat. In
Scotch law. Verging towards poverty; in
declining circumstances. 2 Kames, Eq. 8.

VERGERS. In English law. Officers
who carry white wands before the justices of
either bench. Cowell. Mentioned in
Fleta, as officers of the king's court, who oppressed the people by demanding exorbitant fees. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 38.

**VERIFICATION.** In pleading. A certain formula with which all pleadings containing new affirmative matter must conclude, being in itself an averment that the party pleading is ready to establish the truth of what he has set forth.

In practice. The examination of a writing for the purpose of ascertaining its truth; or a certificate or affidavit that it is true.

"Verification" is not identical with "authentication." A notary may verify a mortgagee's written statement of the actual amount of his claim, but need not authenticate the act by his seal. Ashley v. Wright, 19 Ohio St. 291.

Confirmation of the correctness, truth, or authenticity of a pleading, account, or other paper, by an affidavit, oath, or deposition. See McDonald v. Rosengarten, 134 Ill. 126, 25 N. E. 429; Summerfield v. Phoenix Assur. Co. (C. C.) 65 Fed. 293; Patterson v. Brooklyn, 8 App. Div. 127, 40 N. Y. Supp. 531.

**VERIFY.** To confirm or substantiate by oath; to show to be true. Particularly used of making formal oath to accounts, petitions, pleadings, and other papers.

The word "verify" sometimes means to confirm and substantiate by oath, and sometimes by argument. When used in legal proceedings it is generally employed in the former sense. De Witt v. Hosmer, 3 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 284.

**Veritas.** a quemque dictum, a Deo est. 4 Inst. 153. Truth, by whomsoever pronounced, is from God.

**Veritas demonstrationis tollit errores nominis.** The truth of the description removes an error in the name. 1 Ld. Raym. 303.

**Veritas habenda est in juratores; justitia et iudicium in iudice.** Truth is the desideratum in a juror; justice and judgment in a judge. Bract. fol. 185b.

**Veritas nihil veretur nisi abscondi.** Truth fears nothing but to be hid. 9 Coke, 206.

**Veritas minima alterando amittitur.** Truth is lost by excessive alteration. Hob. 344.

**Veritas, quae minimo defensatur opprimitur; et qui non improbat, approbat.** 3 Inst. 27. Truth which is not sufficiently defended is overpowered; and he who does not disapprove, approves.

**Veritatem qui non libere pronuntiat predictor est veritas.** 4 Inst. Epil. He who does not freely speak the truth is a betrayer of truth.
present fixed right of future enjoyment. Fearns, Rem. 2.
To clothe with possession; to deliver full possession of land or of an estate; to give seisin; to enfeof. Splemnan.

VESTA. The crop on the ground. Cowell.

VESTED. Accrued; fixed; settled; absolute; having the character or giving the rights of absolute ownership; not contingent; not subject to be defeated by a condition precedent. See Scott v. West, 63 Wis. 529, 24 N. W. 161; McGillis v. McGillis, 11 App. Div. 359, 42 N. Y. Supp. 924; Smith v. Proskey, 39 Misc. Rep. 355, 70 N. Y. Supp. 851.

—Vested devise. See Devise. —Vested estate. Any estate, property, or interest is called "vested," whether in possession or not, which is not subject to any condition precedent and unperformed. The interest may be either a present interest and a present estate in possesssion, or it may be a future but contingent, and therefore transmissible, interest. Brown. See Taylor v. Gould, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 258; Flanner v. Fellows, 206 Ill. 152, 66 N. E. 1637; Tindall v. Tindall, 167 Mo. 218, 66 S. W. 1062; Ward v. Edge, 100 Ky. 757, 79 S. W. 440. —Vested in interest. A legal term applied to a present fixed right of future enjoyment; as reversions, vested remainders, such executory devises, future uses, conditional limitations, and other future interests as are not limited to or dependent on a period or event that is uncertain. Wharton. See Smith v. West, 105 Ill. 337; Hawley v. James, 6 Paige (N. Y.) 466; Gates v. Seibert, 157 Mo. 253, 57 S. W. 1065, 80 Am. St. Rep. 625. —Vested in possession. A legal term applied to a right of present enjoyment actually existing. —Vested interest. A future interest is vested when there is a person in being who would have a right, defeasible or indefeasible, to the immediate possession of the property, upon the ceasing of the intermediate or precedent interest. Civil Code Cal. § 894. See Allison v. Allison, 101 Va. 537, 44 S. E. 904, 63 L. R. A. 820; Hawkins v. Bohling, 108 Ill. 214; 48 N. E. 48; Stewart v. Harriman, 56 N. H. 25, 22 Am. Rep. 408; Bunting v. Speck, 41 Kan. 424, 21 Pac. 288, 3 L. R. A. 590. —Vested legacy. A legacy is said to be vested when the words of the testator making the bequest convey a transmissible interest, whether present or future, to the legatee in the legacy. Thus a legacy to one to be paid when he attains the age of twenty-one years is a vested legacy, because it is given unconditionally and absolutely, and therefore vests an immediate interest in the legatee, of which the enjoyment only is deferred or postponed. Brown. See Magoffin v. Patton, 4 Rawle (Pa.) 113; Talman v. Schmuck, 55 Hun, 242, 52 N. Y. Supp. 900; Rob. Ward v. McKevo, 8 Del. Co. 30, 6 Atl. 330. —Vested remainder. See Remainder. —Vested rights. In constitutional law. Rights which have so completely and definitely accrued to or settled in a person that they are not subject to be defeated or canceled by the act of any other private person, and which it is right and equitable that the government should recognize and protect, as being lawful in themselves, and settled according to the then current rules of law; and of which the individual could not be deprived, without injustice, or of which he could not justly be deprived otherwise than by the established methods of process of the public. See Cusardi v. Tracy, 52 La. Ann. 835, 27 South. 368, 49 L. R. A. 272; Stimson Land Co. v. Rawson (C. C.) 62 Fed. 429; Grider v. Nelson, 9 Gill. (Md.) 306, 52 Am. Dec. 694; Moore v. State, 43 N. J. Law 243, 39 Am. Rep. 558.

VESTIGIUM. Lat. In the law of evidence, a vestige, mark, or sign; a trace, track, or impression left by a physical object. Fleta, 1, c. 23, § 6.

VESTING ORDER. In English law. An order which may be granted by the chancery division of the high court of justice, (and formerly by chancery,) passing the legal estate in lieu of a conveyance. Commissioners also, under modern statutes, have similar powers. St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 55; Wharton.

VESTRY. In ecclesiastical law. The place in a church where the priest's vestures are deposited. Also an assembly of the minister, churchwardens, and parishioners, usually held in the vestry of the church, or in a building called a vestry-hall, to act upon business of the church. Mozley & White.

—Vestry cess. A rate levied in Ireland for parochial purposes, abolished by St. 27 Vict. c. 17. —Vestry-clerk. An officer appointed to attend vestries, and take an account of their proceedings, etc. —Vestry-men. A select number of parishioners elected in large and populous parishes to take care of the concerns of the parish; so called because they used ordinarily to meet in the vestry of the church. Cowell.

VESTURA. A crop of grass or corn. Also a garment; metaphorically applied to a possession or seisin.

VESTURA TERRÆ. In old English law. The vesture of the land; that is, the corn, grass, underwood, swepewage, and the like. Co. Litt. 49. See Simpson v. Coe, 4 N. H. 301.


VESTURE OF LAND. A phrase including all things, trees excepted, which grow upon the surface of the land, and clothe it externally. Ham. N. P. 151.

VETERA STATUTA. Lat. Ancient statutes. The English statutes from Magna Charta to the end of the reign of Edward II. are so called; those from the beginning of the reign of Edward III. being contrastively distinguished by the appellation of "Novo Statuto," 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 85.

VETITUM NAMIAM. L. Lat. Where the bailiff of a lord distrains beasts or goods of another, and the lord forbids the bailiff to deliver them when the sheriff comes to make replevin, the owner of the cattle may demand satisfaction in plactum de veto nitam. 2 Inst. 140; 2 Bl. Comm. 148.
VETO. Lat. I forbid. The veto-power is a power vested in the executive officer of some governments to declare his refusal to assent to any bill or measure which has been passed by the legislature. It is either absolute or qualified, according as the effect of its exercise is either to destroy the bill finally, or to prevent its becoming law unless again passed by a stated proportion of votes or with other formalities. Or the veto may be merely suspensive. See People v. Board of Councilmen (Super. Buff.) 20 N. Y. Supp. 51.

-Pocket veto. Non-approval of a legislative act by the president or state governor, with the result that it fails to become a law, not by a written disapproval, (a veto in the ordinary form,) but by remaining silent until the adjournment of the legislative body, when that adjournment takes place before the expiration of the period allowed by the constitution for the examination of the bill by the executive.

VESTRUS JUS. Lat. The old law. A term used in the civil law, sometimes to designate the law of the Twelve Tables, and sometimes merely a law which was in force previous to the passage of a subsequent law. Calvin.

VEX. To harass, disquiet, annoy; as by repeated litigation upon the same facts.

VEXARI. Lat. To be harassed, vexed, or annoyed: to be prosecuted; as in the maxim, "Neque debet bis vexari pro una et cadem causa," no one should be twice prosecuted for one and the same cause.

VEXATA QUESTION. Lat. A vexed question; a question often agitated or discussed, but not determined or settled: a question or point which has been differentially determined, and so left doubtful. 7 Coke, 460; 8 Burrows, 1547.

VEXATION. The injury or damage which is suffered in consequence of the tricks of another.

VEXATIOUS. A proceeding is said to be vexatious when the party bringing it is not acting bona fide, and merely wishes to annoy or embarrass his opponent, or when it is not calculated to lead to any practical result. Such a proceeding is often described as "frivolous and vexatious," and the court may stay it on that ground. Sweet.

VEXED QUESTION. A question or point of law often discussed or agitated, but not determined or settled.

VI AUT CLAM. Lat. In the civil law. By force or covertly. Dig. 48, 24.

VI BONORUM RAPTORUM. Lat. In the civil law. Of goods taken away by force. The name of an action given by the pretor as a remedy for the violent taking of another's property. Inst. 4, 2; Dig. 47, 8.

VI ET ARMIS. Lat. With force and arms. See TRESPASS.

VIA. Lat. In the civil law. Way; a road; a right of way. The right of walking, riding, and driving over another's land. Inst. 2, 3, pr. A species of rural servitude, which included iter (a footpath) and actus, (a drift-way.)

In old English law. A way; a public road; a foot, horse, and cart way. Co. Litt. 56a.

-Via ordinaria; via executiva. In the law of Louisiana, the former phrase means in the ordinary way or by ordinary process, the latter means by executory process or in an executory proceeding. A proceeding in a civil action is "ordinary" when a citation takes place and all the delays and forms of law are observed; "executory" when seizure is obtained against the property of the debtor, without previous citation, in virtue of an act or title importing confession of judgment, or in other cases provided by law. Code Prac. La. 1839, art. 85—Via publica. In the civil law. A public way or road, the land itself belonging to the public. Dig. 48, 3, 2, 21.—Via regia. In English law. The king's highway for all men. Co. Litt. 56a. The highway or common road, called "the king's" highway, because authorized by him and under his protection. Cowell.

Via antiqua via est tuta. The old way is the safe way. Manning v. Manning's Ex'r, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 527, 530.

Via trita est tutissima. The trodden path is the safest. Broom, Max. 194; 10 Coke, 142.

VIABILITY. Capability of living. A term used to denote the power a new-born child possesses of continuing its independent existence.

VIAVILE. Capable of life. This term is applied to a newly-born infant, and especially to one prematurely born, which is not only born alive, but in such a state of organic development as to make possible the continuance of its life.

VLE SERVITUS. Lat. A right of way over another's land.

VIAGÈRE RENTE. In French law. A rent-charge or annuity payable for the life of the annuitant.

VIANDER. In old English law. A returning officer. 7 Mod. 13.

VIATOR. Lat. In Roman law. A summoner or apparitor; an officer who attended on the tribunes and ediles.

VICAR. One who performs the functions of another; a substitute. Also the incumbent of an appropriated or impripropriated ecclesiastical benefice, as distinguished from the incumbent of a non-appropriated benefice, who
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is called a "rector." Wharton. See Pinder v. Barr, 4 El. & Bl. 115.

—Vicar general. An ecclesiastical officer who assists the archbishop in the discharge of his office.

VICARAGE. In English ecclesiastical law. The living or benefice of a vicar, as a personage is of a parson. 3 Bl. Comm. 357, 358.

VICARIAL TITHES. Petty or small tithes payable to the vicar. 2 Steph. Comm. 481.

VICARIO, etc. An ancient writ for a spiritual person imprisoned, upon forfeiture of a recognizance, etc. Reg. Orig. 147.

Vicarius non habet vicarium. A deputy has not [cannot have] a deputy. A delegated power cannot be again delegated. Broom, Max. 830.

VICE. A fault, defect, or imperfection. In the civil law, redhibitory vices are such faults or imperfections in the subject-matter of a sale as will give the purchaser the right to return the article and demand back the price.

VICE. Lat. In the place or stead. Vice mea, in my place.

—Vice-admiral. An officer in the (English) navy next in rank after the admiral. —Vice-admiralty courts. In English law. Courts established in the king's possessions beyond the seas, with jurisdiction over maritime causes, including those relating to prize. 3 Steph. Comm. 485; 3 Bl. Comm. 60. —Vice-chamberlain. A great officer under the lord chamberlain, who, in the absence of the lord chamberlain, has the control and command of the officers appertaining to that part of the royal household which is called the "chamber." Cowell. —Vice-chancellor. See CHANCELLOR. —Vice-comes. A title formerly bestowed on the sheriff of a county, when he was regarded as the deputy of the count or earl. Co. Litt. 168. —Vice-comissari. In old English law. A viscount. Speelman.

—Vico commisarii. In the consular service of the United States, this is the title of a consular officer who is substituted temporarily to fill the place of a commercial agent when the latter is absent or relieved from duty. Rev. St. U. S. § 1674 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1140). —Vice-consul of England. An ancient officer in the time of Edward IV. —Vice consul. In the consular service of the United States this term denotes a consular officer who is substituted temporarily to fill the place of a consul who is absent or relieved from duty. Rev. St. U. S. § 1674 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1140). Schumm v. Russell, 90 Tex. 83, 18 S. W. 484. In international law generally the term designates a commercial agent who acts in the place or stead of a consul or who has charge of a portion of his territory. In old English law it meant the deputy or substitute of an earl (comes), who was anciently called "comes."—Vice-consul. —Vice-consuls of England. —Vicem. A deputy or lieutenant. —Vice-dominus. A sheriff. —Vice-dominus episcopi. The vicar general or commissary of a bishop. —Vice-gerent. —Vice-governor. —Vice-judex. —Vice-marshall. —Vice-president. —Vice-principal. See PRINCIPAL. —Vice versa. Conversely; in inverted order; in reverse manner.

VICEROY. A person clothed with authority to act in place of the king; hence, the usual title of the governor of a dependency.

VICINAGE. Neighborhood; near dwelling; vicinity. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; Cowell. In modern usage, it means the county where a trial is had, a crime committed, etc. See State v. Crinklaw, 40 Neb. 759, 59 N. W. 370; Converse v. Railway Co., 18 Mich. 468; Taylor v. Gardiner, 11 R. I. 184; Ex parte McNeal, 36 W. Va. 84, 14 S. E. 436, 15 L. R. A. 226, 32 Am. St. Rep. 831.

VICINETUM. The neighborhood; vicinage; the venue. Co. Litt. 1555.

Vicini vicini or praemunientur securi. 4 Inst. 173. Persons living in the neighborhood are presumed to know the neighborhood.

VICIOUS INTROSUMPTION. In Scotch law. A meddling with the movables of a deceased, without confirmation or probate of his will or other title. Wharton.

VICIS ET VENELLIS MUNDANDIS. An ancient writ against the mayor or bailiff of a town, etc., for the clean keeping of their streets and lanes. Reg. Orig. 267.

VICOUNTIEL, or VICOUNTIEL. Anything that belongs to the sheriff, as vicountiel writ; i. e., such as are triable in the sheriff's court. As to vicountiel rents, see St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 99, §§ 12, 13, which places them under the management of the commissioners of the woods and forests. Cowell.

—Vicountiel jurisdiction. That jurisdiction which belongs to the officers of a county; as sheriffs, coroners, etc.

VICTUALER. In English law. A person authorized by law to keep a house of entertainment for the public; a publican. 9 Adol. & E. 423.

VICTUS. Lat. In the civil law. Substance; support; the means of living.

VIDAME. In French feudal law. Originally, an officer who represented the bishop as the viscount did the count. In process of time, these dignitaries erected their offices into fiefs, and became feudal nobles, such as the vidame of Chartres, Rheims, etc., continuing to take their titles from the seat of the bishop.
whom they represented, although the lands held by virtue of their fees might be situated elsewhere. Brande; Burrill.

VIDE. Lat. A word of reference. Vide ante, or vide supra, refers to a previous passage, vide post, or vide infra, to a subsequent passage, in a book.

Videbis ea saepe committis qua sape vindicatum. 3 Inst. Epil. You will see these things frequently committed which are frequently punished.

VIDELOCIT. Lat. The words “to-wit,” or “that is to say,” so frequently used in pleading, are technically called the “videlicet” or “scilicet,” and when any fact alleged in pleading is preceded by, or accompanied with, these words, such fact is, in the language of the law, said to be “laid under a vide locit.” The use of the vide locit is to point out, particularize, or render more specific that which has been previously stated in general language only; also to explain that which is doubtful or obscure. Brown. See Studeley v. Butler, Hob. 171; Gleason v. McCvicker, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 43; Sullivan v. State, 67 Miss. 346, 7 South. 275; Clark v. Employers’ Liability Assur. Co. 72 Ct. 468, 48 Atl. 689; Com. v. Quinian, 183 Mass. 468, 27 N. E. 8.


VIDIMUS. An inspeximus, (q. v.) Barr. Ring, Ob. St. 5.

VIDUA REGIS. Lat. In old English law. A king’s widow. The widow of a tenant in capite. So called, because she was not allowed to marry a second time without the king’s permission; obtaining her dower also from the assignment of the king, and having the king for her patron and defender. Spelman.

VIDUITATIS PROFESSIO. Lat. The making a solemn profession to live a sole and chaste woman.

VIDUITY. Widowhood.

VIE. Fr. Life; occurring in the phrases cestui que vie, pur autre vie, etc.

VIEW. The right of prospect; the outlook or prospect from the windows of one’s house. A species of urban servitude which prohibits the obstruction of such prospect. 3 Kent, Comm. 448.

We understand by view every opening which may more or less facilitate the means of looking out of a building. Lights are those openings which are made rather for the admission of light than to look out of. Civ. Code La. art. 715.

Also an inspection of property in controversy, or of a place where a crime has been committed, by the jury previously to the trial. See Garbarsky v. Simkin, 30 Misc. Rep., 193; 75 N. Y. Supp. 195; Wakefield v. Railroad Co., 63 Me. 399; Lancaster County v. Holyoke, 37 Neb. 329, 55 N. W. 960, 21 L. R. A. 394.

- View and delivery. When a right of common is exercisable not over the whole waste, but only in convenient places indicated from time to time by the lord of the manor or his bailiff, it is said to be exercisable after “view and delivery.” Elton, Commons, 253.- View, demand of. In real actions, the defendant was entitled to demand a view, that is, a sight of the thing, in order to ascertain its identity and other circumstances. As, if a real action were brought against a tenant, and such tenant did not exactly know what land it was that the demandant asked, then he might pray the view, which was that he might see the land which the demandant claimed, Brown.-View of an inquest. A view or inspection taken by a jury, summoned upon an inquisition or inquest, of the place or property in which the inquisition or inquiry refers. Brown.-View of frankpledge. In English law. An examination to see if every freeman above twelve years of age within the district had taken the oath of allegiance, and found nine freemen pledges for his peaceable demeanor. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 7.

VIEWERS. Persons who are appointed by a court to make an investigation of certain matters, or to examine a particular locality, (as the proposed site of a new road,) and to report to the court the result of their inspection, with their opinion on the same.


VIF-GAGE. L. Fr. In old English law. A viewem cadum or living pledge, as distinguished from a mortgage or dead pledge. Properly, an estate given as security for a debt, the debt to be satisfied out of the rents, issues, and profits.

VIGIL. In ecclesiastical law. The eve or next day before any solemn feast.

VIGILANCE. Watchfulness; precaution; a proper degree of activity and promptness in pursuing one’s rights or guarding them from infraction, or in making or discovering opportunities for the enforcement of one’s lawful claims and demands. It is the opposite of itching.

Vigilantibus et non dormientibus jura subveniant. The laws aid those who are vigilant, not those who sleep upon their rights. 2 Inst. 690; Merchants’ Bank of Newburyport, President, etc., of, v. Stevenson. 7 Allen (Mass.) 493; Broom, Max. 802.

VIGOR. Lat. Strength; virtue; force; efficiency. Proprio vigore, by its own force.
VIIS ET MODIS. Lat. In the ecclesiastical courts, service of a decree or citation
vis et modis, i. e., by all "ways and means" likely to affect the party with knowledge of
its contents, is equivalent to substituted service in the temporal courts, and is opposed
to personal service. Philim. Ecc. Law, 1258, 1283.

VILL. In old English law, this word was used to signify the parts into which a hundred
orwapentake was divided. It also signifies a town or city.
—Demi-vill. A town consisting of five free-
men, or frank-pledges. Spelman.

Villa est ex pluribus mansionibus vic-
cinata, et collata ex pluribus vicinis, et
sub appellatione villarum continentur
burgi et civitatis. Co. Litt. 115. Vill is
a neighborhood of many mansions, a collection
of many neighbors, and under the term of "vills" boroughs and cities are contained.

VILLA REGIA. Lat. In Saxon law. A
royal residence. Spelman.

VILLAGE. Any small assemblage of
houses for dwellings or business, or both, in
the country, whether they are situated upon
regularly laid out streets and alleys or not,
constitutes a village. Hebert v. Lavalle, 27
Ill. 449.

In some states, this is the legal description
of a class of municipal corporations of smaller
population than "cities" and having a
simpler form of government, and corresponding
to "towns" and "boroughs," as these terms are employed elsewhere.

VILLAIN. An opprobrious epithet, im-
plying great moral delinquency, and equivalent
to knave, rascal, or scoundrel. The
word is libelous. 1 Bos. & P. 331.

VILLANIS REGIS SUBTRACTIS
REDECENDIS. A writ that lay for the
bringing back of the king’s bondmen, that
had been carried away by others out of his
manors whereto they belonged. Reg. Orig.
87.

VILLANUM SERVITIVM. In old Eng-
lish law. Villein service. Fleta, lib. 3, c.
13, § 1.

VILEIN. A person attached to a man-
or, who was substantially in the condition
of a slave, who performed the base and ser-
vile work upon the manor for the lord, and
was, in most respects, a subject of property
and belonging to him. 1 Washib. Real Prop.
28.
—Villein in gross. A villein who was an-
nexed to the manor of land: a serv.—Villein
services. Base services, such as villeins per-
formed. 2 Bl. Comm. 93. They were not, how-
ever, exclusively confined to villeins, since they
might be performed by freemen, without impair-
ing their free condition. Rect. fol. 243.—Vil-
lein seage. In feudal and old English law.
A species of tenure in which the services to be
rendered were certain and determinate, but
were of a base or servile nature: i. e., not
suitable to a man of free and honorable rank.
This word was also called "privileged villeinage,"
that distinguished it from "pure villeinage," in
which the services were not certain, but the
tenant was obliged to do whatever he was com-
manded. 2 Bl. Comm. 61.

VILLENAGE. A servile kind of tenure
belonging to lands or tenements, whereby
the tenant was bound to do all such services
as the lord commanded, or were fit for a
villein to do. Cowell. See VILLEIN.
—Pure villenage. A base tenure, where a
man holds upon terms of doing whatsoever is
commanded of him, nor knows in the evening
what he is to be done in the morning, and is al-
ways bound to an uncertain service. 1 Steph.
Comm. (7th Ed.) 188.

VILLENOSUS JUDGMENT. A judg-
ment which deprived one of his libera lex,
whereby he was discredited and disabled as
a juror or witness; forfeited his goods and
chattels and lands for life; wasted the lands,
razed the houses, rooted up the trees, and
committed his body to prison. It has be-
come obsolete. 4 Bl. Comm. 136; 4 Steph.
Wharton.

Vim vi repellere licet, modo fiat mode-
rumine inculpatæ tutele, non ad sumen-
dam vindictam, sed ad propriusdam in-
juriam. It is lawful to repel force by force,
provided it be done with the moderation of
blameless defense, not for the purpose of
taking revenge, but to ward off injury. Co.
Litt. 1029.

VINAIGIUM. A payment of a certain
quantity of wine instead of rent for a vine-
yard. 2 Mon. Ang. p. 980.

VINCULACION. In Spanish law. An
entail. Schm. Civil Law, 308.

VINCULO. In Spanish law. The bond,
chain, or tie of marriage. White, New Re-
 scop. b. 1, tit. 6, c. 1, § 2.

VINCULO MATRIMONII. See A VIN-
culo Matrimonii; Divorce.

VINCULUM JURIS. Lat. In the Ro-
man law, an obligation is defined as a risci-
lum juris, i. e., "a bond of law," whereby
one party becomes or is bound to another to
do something according to law.

VINDEX. Lat. In the civil law. A de-
defender.
VINCI\DARE. Lat. In the civil law. To claim, or challenge; to demand one's own; to assert a right in or to a thing; to assert or claim a property in a thing; to claim a thing as one's own. Calvin.

VINCI\DATIO. Lat. In the civil law. The claiming a thing as one's own; the asserting of a right or title in or to a thing.

VINCI\DATORY PARTS OF LAWS. The sanction of the laws, whereby it is signified what evil or penalty shall be incurred by such as commit any public wrongs, and transgress or neglect their duty. 1 Steph. Comm. 37.

VINCI\DICTA. In Roman law. A rod or wand; and, from the use of that instrument in their course, various legal acts cause to be distinguished by the term; c. g., one of the three ancient modes of manumission was by the vindicta; also the rod or wand intervened in the progress of the old action of vindicatio, whence the name of that action. Brown.

VINCI\DICTIVE DAMAGES. See DAMAGES.

VINCI\OUS LIQUORS. This term includes all alcoholic beverages made from the juice of the grape by the process of fermentation, and perhaps similar liquors made from apples and from some species of berries; but not pure alcohol nor distilled liquors nor malt liquors such as beer and ale. See Adler v. State, 55 Ala. 23; Reyfelt v. State, 73 Miss. 415, 18 South. 925; Lemly v. State, 70 Miss. 241, 12 South. 22, 20 L. R. A. 645; Com. v. Reyburg, 122 Pa. 290, 16 Atl. 351, 2 L. R. A. 415; Feldman v. Morrison, 1 Ill. App. 462; Hinton v. State, 132 Ala. 29, 31 South. 503.


VIOLATION. Injury; Infringement; breach of right, duty, or law. Ravishment; seduction. The statute 25 Edw. III. St. 5, c. 2, enacts that any person who shall violate the king's companion shall be guilty of high treason.

VIOLATION OF SAFE CONDUCTS. An offense against the laws of nations. 4 Steph. Comm. 217.

VIOL\ENCE. The term "violence" is synonymous with "physical force," and the two are used interchangeably, in relation to assaults, by elementary writers on criminal law. State v. Wells, 31 Conn. 212.

VIOL\ENT. Characterized or caused by violence; severe; assailing the person (and metaphorically, the mind) with a great degree of force.

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VIO\ENT DEATH. Death caused by violent external means, as distinguished from natural death, caused by disease or the wasting of the vital forces. --- VIO\ENT PRE\SUMPTION. In the law of evidence. Proof of a fact by the proof of circumstances which necessarily attend it. 3 Bl. Comm. 371. Violent presumption is many times equal to full proof. Id. See Davis v. Curry, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 239; Shealy v. Edwards, 75 Ala. 410. — VIO\ENT PROFITS. Means profits in Scotland. "They are so called because due on the tenant's forcible or unwarrantable detaining the possession after he ought to have removed." Ersk. Inst. 2, 6, 54; Bell.

VIO\ENTA PR\ESUMPT\IO AL\IQUI\D\O EST PLE\S\A P\RO\BAT\IO. Co. Litt. 69. Violent presumption is sometimes full proof.

VIO\ENTLY. By the use of force; forcibly; with violence. The term is used in indictments for certain offenses. State v. Blake, 39 Me. 924; State v. Williams, 32 La. Ann. 337, 36 Am. Rep. 272; Craig v. State, 157 Ind. 574, 02 N. E. 5.

V\IPERINA EST \EX\S\I\T\IO \QU\S\ COR\RO\DI\T \\VIS\\C\ER\A \T\E\X\\T\U\S. 11 Coke, 34. It is a poisonous destruction which destroys the vitals of the text.

VIR. Lat. A man, especially as marking the sex. In the Latin phrases and maxims of the old English law, this word generally means "husband," the expression vir et uxor corresponding to the law French baron et feme.

VIR ET UXOR CONSENT\AR\IN\E IN L\E\G\E\N\E U\N\A\E \P\ER\SO\NA\S. Jenk. Cent. 27. Husband and wife are considered one person in law.

VIR ET UXOR SUNT QUASI UNICA PERSONA, quia eare et sanguinis unus; res licet sit propria uxoris, vir tamen eius custos, cum sit caput mulieris. Co. Litt. 112. Man and wife are, as it were, one person, because only one flesh and blood; although the property may be the wife's, the husband is keeper of it, since he is the head of the wife.

VIR MILIT\ANS DEO NON IMP\L\EC\T\UR SEC\L\AR\IB\US NEG\O\TI\S. Co. Litt. 70. A man fighting for God must not be involved in secular business.

VIRES. Lat. (The plural of "ris.") Powers; forces; capabilities; natural powers; powers granted or limited. See ULTRA VIRES.

VIRES ACQUI\R\IT \EU\O\D. It gains strength by continuance. Mann v. Mann's Ex'r, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 231, 237.

VIRGA. In old English law. A rod or staff; a rod or ensign of office. Cowell.
force used to thrust out another. Force used between two contending claimants of possession, the one exerting a force to thrust out the other. Calvin.—*Vis armata*. In the civil law. The force of a river; the force exerted by a stream of current, or the force of water under *pressa*. The original act of force out of which an injury arises, as distinguished from "*vis proxima*," the proximate force, or immediate cause of injury. *2 Green's Law*, 693. *Vis inermis*. In old English law. Unarmed force; the opposite of "*vis armata*". Bract. fol. 162. *Vis aturbaria*.* Vis impura*. In old English law. Wrongful force; otherwise called "unlata*. (unlawful) Bract. fol. 162.—*Vis iniquitativa*. In the civil law. Disquieting force. Calvin. Bracton defines it to be where one does not permit another to use his possession quietly and in peace. Bract. fol. 162.—*Vis laica*. In old English law. Lay force; an armed force used to hold possession of a church. Reg. Orig. 59, 60.—*Vis licita*. In old English law. Lawful force. Bract. fol. 162.—*Vis major*. A greater or superior force; an irresistible force. This term is much used in the law of bailments to denote the interposition of violence or coercion proceeding from human agency, (wherewith it differs from the "act of God," but of such a character and strength as to be beyond the powers of resistance or control of those against whom it is directed; for example, the attack of the public enemy or a band of pirates. See *The George Shrias*, 31 Fed. 300, 9 C. C. A. 511; *Brouseau v. The Hudson*, 11 La. Ann. 452; *Nugent v. Smith*, 1 C. P. Div. 427. In the civil law, this term is sometimes used as synonymous with "*vis divina,*" or the act of God. Calvin.—*Vis perturbativa*. In old English law. Force used between parties contending for a possession. —*Vis proxima*. Immediate force. See *Vis impura*.—*Vis simplex*. In old English law. Simple or mere force. Distinguished by Bracton from "*vis armata,*" and also from "*vis expulsiva*". Bract. fol. 162.

*Vis legibus est inimica*. 3 Inst. 176. Violence is inimical to the laws.

**VISA.** An official indorsement upon a document, passport, commercial book, etc., to certify that it has been examined and found correct or in due form.

**VISCOUNT.** A decree of English nobility, next below that of earl.

An old title of the sheriff.

**VISÉ.** An indorsement made on a passport by the proper authorities, denoting that it has been examined, and that the person who bears it is permitted to proceed on his journey. Webster.

**VISIT.** In international law. The right of visit or visitation is the right of a cruiser or war-ship to stop a vessel sailing under another flag on the high seas, and send an officer to such vessel to ascertain whether her nationality is what it purports to be. It is exercisable only when suspicious circumstances attend the vessel to be visited; as when she is suspected of a piratical character.

**VISTATION.** Inspection; superintendence; direction; regulation. A power given by law to the founders of all eleemosyn-
Visitation Books. In English law, books compiled by the heralds, when progresses were solemnly and regularly made into every part of the kingdom, to inquire into the state of families, and to register such marriages and descents as were verified to them upon oath; they were allowed to be good evidence of pedigrees. 3 Bl. Comm. 105; 3 Steph. Comm. 724.

Visitor. An inspector of the government of corporations, or bodie politic. 1 Bl. Comm. 452.

Visitor is an inspector of the government of a corporation, etc. The ordinary is visitor of spiritual corporations. But corporations instituted for private charity, if they are lay, are visitable by the founder, or whom he shall appoint; and from the sentence of such visitor there lies no appeal. By implication of law, the founder and his heirs are visitors of lay foundations, if no particular person is appointed by him to see that the charity is not perverted. Jacob.

The term "visitor" is also applied to an official appointed to see and report upon persons found lunatics by inquisition, and to a person appointed by a school board to visit houses and see that parents are complying with the provisions in reference to the education of their children. Mozley & Whitley.

Visitor of Manners. The regarder's office in the forest. Manw. l. 185.

Viehe. L. Fr. The neighborhood; vicinity; venue. Ex parte McNeely, 36 W. Va. 84, 14 S. E. 436, 15 L. R. A. 226, 32 Am. St. Rep. 831; State v. Kemp, 24 Minn. 61, 24 N. W. 349.

Visus. Lat. In old English practice. View; inspection, either of a place or person.

Vitiate. To impair; to make void or voidable; to cause to fail of force or effect; to destroy or annul, either entirely or in part, the legal efficacy and binding force of an act or instrument; as when it is said that fraud vitiates a contract.

Vitiligate. To litigate cavalierly, vexatiously, or from merely quarrelsome motives.

Vitious Intromission. In Scotch law. An unwarrantable intermeddling with the movable estate of a person deceased, without the order of law. Ersk. Prin. b. 3, tit. 9, § 25. The irregular intermeddling with the effects of a deceased person, which subjects the party to the whole debts of the deceased. 2 Kames, Eq. 327.

Vitium Clerici. In old English law. The mistake of a clerk; a clerical error.


Vitium est quod fugi debet, nisi rationem non invenias, max legem sine ratione esse clames. Ellesm. Post. N. 86. It is a fault which ought to be avoided, that if you cannot discover the reason you should presently exclaim that the law is without reason.


Viva AQUA. Lat. In the civil law. Living water; running water; that which issues from a spring or fountain. Calvin.

Viva PECUNIA. Lat. Cattle, which obtained this name from being received during the Saxon period as money upon most occasions, at certain regulated prices. Cowell.

Viva VOCE. Lat. With the living voice; by word of mouth. As applied to the examination of witnesses, this phrase is equivalent to "orally." It is used in contradistinction to evidence on affidavit or depositions. As descriptive of a species of voting, it signifies voting by speech or outcry, as distinguished from voting by a written or printed ballot.

Vivarium. Lat. In the civil law. An inclosed place, where live wild animals are kept. Calvin; Spelman.

Vivary. In English law. A place for keeping wild animals alive, including fishes; a fish pond, park, or warren.

Vivum Vadium. See Vadium.

Vix ultra lex fieri potest quae omnibus commodis sit, sed si majori parti prospicit, ut illis est. Scarcely any law can be made which is adapted to all, but, if it provide for the greater part, it is useful. Plowd. 389.

Viz. A contraction for videlicet, to-wit, namely, that is to say.

Vocabula Artis. Lat. Words of art; technical terms.
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Vocabula artium explicant sunt secundum definitiones prudentum. Terms of arts are to be explained according to the definitions of the learned or skilled [in such arts.] Bl. Law Tracts, 6.

VOCARE AD QUIRILAM. In feudal law. To summon to court. Feud. Lib. 2, tit. 22.

VOCATIO IN JUS. Lat. A summoning to court. In the earlier practice of the Roman law, (under the legis actiones,) the creditor orally called upon his debtor to go with him before the preceptor for the purpose of determining their controversy, saying, "In jus camus; in jus te voo." This was called "vocatio in jus."


VOCO. Lat. In the civil and old English law. I call; I summon; I vouch. In jus voco te, I summon you to court; I summon you before the preceptor. The formula by which a Roman action was anciently commenced. Adams, Rom. Ant. 242.

VOID. Null; ineffectual; nugatory; having no legal force or binding effect; unable, in law, to support the purpose for which it was intended.

"Void" does not always imply entire nullity; but it is, in a legal sense, subject to large qualifications in view of all the circumstances calling for its application, and the rights and interests to be affected in a given case. Brown v. Brown, 50 N. H. 538, 539.

"Void," as used in statutes and by the courts, does not usually mean that the act or proceeding is an absolute nullity. Reaney v. Vaughan, 50 Mo. 284.

There is this difference between the two words "void" and "voidable:" "void" means that an instrument or transaction is so nugatory and ineffectual that nothing can cure it; "voidable," when an imperfection or defect can be cured by the act or confirmation of him who could take advantage of it. Thus, while acceptance of rent will make good a voidable lease, it will not affirm a void lease. Wharton.

The true distinction between void and voidable acts, orders, and judgments is that the former can always be assailed in any proceeding, and the latter only in a direct proceeding. Alexander v. Nelson, 42 Ala. 402.

The term "void," as applicable to conveyances or other agreements, has not at all times been used with technical precision, nor restricted to its peculiar and limited sense, as contradistinguished from "voidable;" it being frequently introduced, even by legal writers and jurists, when the purpose is nothing further than to indicate that a contract was invalid, and not binding in law. But the distinction between the terms "void" and "voidable," in their application to contracts, is often one of great practical importance; and, whenever entire technical accuracy is required, the term "void" can only be applied to those contracts that are of no effect whatsoever, such as are a mere nullity, and incapable of confirmation or rescission. Billings, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 415, 39 Am. Dec. 744.


VOID things are as no things. People v. Shatt, 3 Cow. (N. Y.) 778, 784.

VOIDABLE. That may be avoided, or declared void; not absolutely void, or void in itself. Most of the acts of infants are voidable only, and not absolutely void. 2 Kent, Comm. 234. See Void.

VOIDANCE. The act of emptying; election from a benefice.

VOIR DIRE. L. Fr. To speak the truth. This phrase denotes the preliminary examination which the court may make of one presented as a witness or juror, where his competency, interest, etc., is objected to.

VOITURE. Fr. Carriage; transportation by carriage.

VOLENS. Lat. Willing. He is said to be willing who either expressly consents or tacitly makes no opposition. Calvin.


Volut, sed non dixit. He willied, but he did not say. He may have intended so, but he did not say so. A maxim frequently used in the construction of wills, in answer to arguments based upon the supposed intention of a testator. 2 Pow. Dev. 623; 4 Kent, Comm. 538.

VOLUMEN. Lat. In the civil law. A volume; so called from its form, being rolled up.

VOLUMUS. Lat. We will; it is our will. The first word of a clause in the royal writs of protection and letters patent. Cowell.


VOLUNTARY. Free; without compulsion or solicitation.

Without consideration; without valuable consideration; gratuitous.

—Voluntary courtesy. A voluntary act of kindness; an act of kindness performed by one man towards another, of the free will and inclination of the doer, without any previous request or promise of reward made by him who is the object of the courtesy; from which the law will not imply a promise of remuneration. Holthouse.—Voluntary ignorance. This exists where a party might, by taking reasonable pains, have acquired the necessary knowledge, but has neglected to do so.

**Voluntas.** Lat. Properly, volition, purpose, or intention, or a design or the feeling or impulse which prompts the commission of an act; but in old English law the term was often used to denote a will, that is, the last will and testament of a decedent, more properly called testamentum.

*Voluntas donatoris in charta demini sui manifeste expressa observetur.* Co. Litt. 21. The will of the donor manifestly expressed in his deed of gift is to be observed.

*Voluntas est justa sententia de eo quod quis post mortem suaem fieri voluit.* A will is an exact opinion or determination concerning that which each one wishes to be done after his death.

*Voluntas et propositum distinguunt malescias.* The will and the proposed end distinguish crimes. Bract. fols. 29, 138b.

*Voluntas facit quod in testamento scriptum valeat.* Dig. 30, 1, 12, 3. It is intention which gives effect to the wording of a will.

*Voluntas in delictis, non exitus spectatur.* 2 Inst. 57. In crimes, the will, and not the consequence, is looked to.

*Voluntas reputatur pro facto.* The intention is to be taken for the deed. 3 Inst. 69; Broom, Max. 311.

*Voluntas testatoris est ambulatoria usque ad extremum vitae exitum.* 4 Coke, 61. The will of a testator is ambulatory until the latest moment of life.

*Voluntas testatoris habet interpretationem latam et benignam.* Jenk. Cent. 200. The intention of a testator has a broad and benignant interpretation.

*Voluntas ultima testatoris est perimplementa secundum veram intentionem suam.* Co. Litt. 322. The last will of the testator is to be fulfilled according to his true intention.

**Volunteer.** In conveying, one who holds a title under a voluntary conveyance, i. e., one made without consideration, good or valuable, to support it.

A person who gives his services without any express or implied promise of remuneration in return is called a "volunteer," and is entitled to no remuneration for his services, nor to any compensation for injuries sustained by him in performing what he has undertaken. Sweet. Also one who officiously pays the debt of another. See Irvine v. Angus, 93 Fed. 653, 36 C. C. A. 501; Arnold v. Green, 116 N. Y. 506, 23 N. E. 1; Bennet v. Chandler, 199 Ill. 97, 44 N. E. 1052; Welch v. Maine Cent. R. Co., 86 Me. 552, 30 Atl. 116, 25 L. R. A. 658.

In military law, the term designates one who freely and voluntarily offers himself for service in the army or navy; as distinguished from one who is compelled to serve by draft or conscription, and also from one entered by enlistment in the standing army.

**Vote.** Suffrage; the expression of his will, preference, or choice, formally manifested by a member of a legislative or deliberative body, or of a constituency or a body of qualified electors, in regard to the decision to be made by the body as a whole upon any proposed measure or proceeding, or the selection of an officer or representative. And the aggregate of the expressions of will or choice, thus manifested by individuals, is called the "vote of the body." See Maynard v. Board of canvassers, 84 Mich. 228, 47 N. W. 756, 11 L. R. A. 332; Gillespie v. Palmer, 20 Wis. 546; Davis v. Brown, 46 W. Va. 716, 84 S. E. 539.

---Casting vote. See that title.—Cumulative voting. See Cumulative vote.

**Voter.** One who has the right of giving his voice or suffrage.

**Votes and Proceedings.** In the houses of parliament the clerks at the tables make brief entries of all that is actually done; and these minutes, which are printed from day to day for the use of members, are called the "votes and proceedings of parliament." From these votes and proceedings the journals of the house are subsequently prepared, by making the entries at greater length. Brown.

**Votum.** Lat. A vow or promise. *Dicescotorum,* the wedding day. Fleta l. 1, c. 4.

**Vouch.** To call upon; to call in to warranty; to call upon the grantor or warrantor to defend the title to an estate.

To vouch is to call upon, rely on, or quote as an authority. Thus, in the old writers, to vouch a case or report is to quote it as an authority. Co., Litt. 704.

**Vouchee.** In common recoveries, the person who is called to warrant or defend the title is called the "vouchee." 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2093.

---Common vouchee. In common recoveries, the person who is vouched to warranty. In this fictitious proceeding the crier of the court usually performs the office of a common vouchee. 2 Bl. Comm. 369; 2 Bouv. Inst. B. 2093.
VOUCHER. A receipt, acquittance, or release, which may serve as evidence of payment or discharge of a debt, or to certify the correctness of accounts. An account-book containing the acquittances or receipts showing the accountant’s discharge of his obligations. Whittell v. Willard, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 218.

The term “voucher,” when used in connection with the disbursements of moneys, implies some written or printed instrument in the nature of a receipt, note, account, bill of particulars, or something of that character which shows on what account or by what authority a particular payment has been made, and which may be kept or filed away by the party receiving it, for his own convenience or protection, or that of the public. People v. Swigert, 107 Ill. 594.

In old conveyancing. The person on whom the tenant calls to defend the title to the land, because he warranted the title to him at the time of the original purchase.

VOUCHER TO WARRANTY. The calling one who has warranted lands, by the party warranted, to come and defend the suit for him. Co. Litt. 101d.

Vox emissa volat; litera scripta manet. The spoken word flies; the written letter remains. Broom, Max. 666.

VOX SIGNATA. In Scotch practice. An emphatic or essential word. 2 Ala. Crim. Pr. 250.

VOYAGE. In maritime law. The passing of a vessel by sea from one place, port, or country to another. The term is held to include the enterprise entered upon, and not merely the route. Friend v. Insurance Co., 113 Mass. 326.

—Foreign voyage. A voyage to some port or place within the territory of a foreign nation. The terminus of a voyage determines its character. If it be within the limits of a foreign jurisdiction, it is a foreign voyage, and not otherwise. Taber v. United States, 1 Story, 1.

Fed. Cas. No. 13,722; The Three Brothers, 23 Fed. Cas. 110.—Voyage insurance. See Insurance law. A transit at sea from the terminus a quo to the terminus ad quem, in a prescribed course of navigation, which is never set out in any policy, but virtually forms parts of all policies, and is as binding on the parties there-to as though it were minutely detailed. 1 Arn. Ins. 332.—Voyage policy. See POLICY OF INSURANCE.

VRAIG. Seaweed. It is used in great quantities by the inhabitants of Jersey and Guernsey for manure, and also for fuel by the poorer classes.

VS. An abbreviation for versus, (against,) constantly used in legal proceedings, and especially in entitling cases.

Vulgaris opinio est duplex, viz., orta inter graves et discretos, quam multum veritatis habet, et opinio oris inter laves et vulgares hominum specie veritatiss. 4 Coke, 107. Common opinion is of two kinds, viz., that which arises among grave and discreet men, which has much truth in it, and that which arises among light and common men, without any appearance of truth.

VULGARIS PURGATIO. Lat. In old English law. Common purgation; a name given to the trial by ordeal, to distinguish it from the canonical purgation, which was by the oath of the party. 4 Bl. Comm. 342.

VULGO CONCEPTI. Lat. In the civil law. Spurious children; bastards.

VULGO QUESITI. Lat. In the civil law. Spurious children; literally, gotten from the people; the offspring of promiscuous cohabitation, who are considered as having no father. Inst. 3, 4, 5; Id. 3, 5, 4.
W. As an abbreviation, this letter frequently stands for "William," (king of England), "Westminster," "west," or "western."

W. D. An abbreviation for "Western District."

WACREOUR. L. Fr. A vagabond, or vagrant. Brit. c. 29.

WADSET. In Scotch law. The old term for a mortgage. A right by which lands or other heritable subjects are impeignorated by the proprietor to his creditor in security of his debt. Wadsets are usually drawn in the form of mutual contracts, in which one party sells the land, and the other grants the right of reversion. Erak. Inst. 2, 8, 3.

WADSETTER. In Scotch law. A creditor to whom a wadset is made, corresponding to a mortgagee.

WAITORS. Conductors of vessels at sea. Cowell.

WAGA. In old English law. A weigh; a measure of cheese, salt, wool, etc., containing two hundred and fifty-six pounds avoirdupois. Cowell; Spelman.

WAGE. In old English practice. To give security for the performance of a thing. Cowell.

WAGER. A wager is a contract by which two or more parties agree that a certain sum of money or other thing shall be paid or delivered to one of them on the happening of an uncertain event or upon the ascertainment of a fact which is in dispute between them. Trust Co. v. Goodrich, 75 Ill. 500; Jordan v. Kent, 44 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 207; Winward v. Lincoln, 23 R. I. 476; 51 Atl. 106; 64 L. R. A. 190; Edson v. Pawlet, 22 Vt. 293; Woodcock v. McQueen, 11 Ind. 15.

A contract in which the parties stipulate that they shall gain or lose upon the happening of an uncertain event in which they have no interest, except that arising from the possibility of such gain or loss. Fareira v. Gabell, 89 Pa. 90; Kitchen v. Loudenback, 48 Ohio St. 177, 26 N. E. 979, 29 Am. St. Rep. 540. See also, Ber.

—Wager of battel. The trial by wager of battel was a species of trial introduced into England, among other Norman customs, by William the Conqueror, in which the person accused fought with his accuser, under the apprehension that Heaven would give the victory to him who was in the right. 3 Bl. Comm. 337. It was abolished by St. 59 Geo. III. c. 46.—Wager of law. In old practice. The giving of a pact or suturity by a defendant in an action of debt that at a certain day assigned he would make his law; that is, would take an oath in open court that he did not owe the debt, and at the same time bring with him eleven neighbors, (called “comparutors,”) who should avow upon their oaths that they believed in their consciences that he said the truth. Glang. lib. 1, c. 9, 12; Bract. fol. 156b; Brit. c. 27; 2 Bl. Comm. 348; Cro. Eliz. 818.—Wager policy. See Policy or Assurance.—Wagering contract. One in which the parties stipulate that they shall gain or lose, upon the happening of an uncertain event, in which they have no interest except that arising from the possibility of such gain or loss. Fareira v. Gabell, 89 Pa. 89.

WAGES. The compensation agreed upon by a master to be paid to a servant, or any other person hired to do work or business for him.

In maritime law. The compensation allowed to seamen for their services on board a vessel during a voyage.

In political economy. The reward paid, whether in money or goods, to human exertion, considered as a factor in the production of wealth, or in the co-operation in the process.

"Three factors contribute to the production of commodities,—nature, labor, and capital. Each must have a share of the product as its reward, and this share, if it is just, must be proportionate to the several contributions. The share of the natural agents is rent; the share of labor, wages; the share of capital, interest. The clerk receives a salary; the lawyer and doctor, fees; the manufacturer, profits. Salary, fees, and profits are so many forms of wages for services rendered." De Laveleye, Pol. Econ.

—Wage earner. One who earns his living by labor of a mental or mechanical kind or performed in a subordinate capacity, such as domestic servants, mechanics, farm hands, clerks, porters, and messengers. In the United States bankruptcy act of 1898, an individual who works for wages, salary, or hire, at a compensation not exceeding $1,500 per year. See In re PILGER (D. C.) 115 Fed. 295; In re Gurewitz, 121 Fed. 852, 58 C. C. A. 320.

WAGON. A common vehicle for the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise of all descriptions. The term does not include a hackney-coach. Quigley v. Gorham, 5 Cal. 418, 68 Am. Dec. 139.

—Wagonage. Money paid for carriage in a wagon.

WAIF. Waifs are goods found, but claimed by nobody; that of which every one waives the claim. Also, goods stolen and waived, or thrown away by the thief in his flight, for fear of being apprehended. Wharton.

Waifs are to be distinguished from bona furtiva, which are the goods of the felon himself, which he abandons in his flight from justice. Brown. See People v. KAES, 3 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 138; Hall v. Gildersleeve, 36 N. J. Law, 237.

WAIN-BOTE. In feudal and old English law. Timber for wagons or carts.
WAINABLE. In old records. That may be plowed or manured; tillable. Cowell; Blount.

WAINAGE. In old English law. The team and instruments of husbandry belonging to a countryman, and especially to a villain who was required to perform agricultural services.


WAITING CLERKS. Officers whose duty it formerly was to wait in attendance upon the court of chancery. The office was abolished in 1842 by St. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 103. Mosley & Whitney.

WAIVE, v. To abandon or throw away; as when a thief, in his flight, throws aside the stolen goods, in order to facilitate his escape, he is technically said to waive them.

In modern law, to renounce, repudiate, or surrender a claim, a privilege, a right, or the opportunity to take advantage of some defect, irregularity, or wrong.

A person is said to waive a benefit when he renounces or disclaims it, and he is said to waive a tort or injury when he abandons the remedy which the law gives him for it. Sweet.

WAIVE, n. A woman outlawed. The term is, as it were, the feminine of "outlaw;" the latter being always applied to a man; "waive," to a woman. Cowell.

WAIVER. The renunciation, repudiation, abandonment, or surrender of some claim, right, privilege, or of the opportunity to take advantage of some defect, irregularity, or wrong.

The passing by of an occasion to enforce a legal right, whereby the right to enforce the same is lost; a common instance of this is where a landlord waives a forfeiture of a lease by receiving rent, or distraining for rent, which has accrued due after the breach of covenant causing the forfeiture became known to him. Wharton.

This word is commonly used to denote the declining to take advantage of an irregularity in legal proceedings, or of a forfeiture incurred through breach of covenants in a lease. A gift of goods may be waived by a disagreement to accept; so a plaintiff may commonly sue in contract waiting the tort. Brown. See Bennet v. Insurance Co., 106 U. S. 355, 21 L. Ed. 680; Christenson v. Carleton, 69 Vt. 91, 37 Atl. 226; Shaw v. Spencer, 100 Mass. 395, 97 Am. Dec. 107, 1 Am. Rep. 115; Star Brewery Co. v. Primas, 163 Ill. 652, 45 N. E. 145; Red v. Field, 83 Va. 62, 1 S. E. 395; Caulfield v. Finnegan, 114 Ala. 39, 21 South. 484; Lyman v. Little-

WAKEMAN. The chief magistrate of Ripon, in Yorkshire.

WAKENING. In Scotch law. The revival of an action. A process by which an action that has lain over and not been insisted in for a year and a day, and thus technically said to have "fallen asleep," is wakened, or put in motion again. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, p. 170; Ersk. Prin. 4, 1, 33.

WALAPAUX. In old Lombardic law. The disguising the head or face, with the intent of committing a theft.

WALENSIS. In old English law. A Welshman.

WALESCHEY. The being a Welshman. Spelman.

WALISCU. In Saxon law. A servant, or any ministerial officer. Cowell.

WALKERS. Foresters who have the care of a certain space of ground assigned to them. Cowell.

WALL. An erection of stone, brick, or other material, raised to some height, and intended for purposes of security or enclosure. In law, this term occurs in such compounds...
as "ancient wall," "party-wall," "division-wall," etc.

—Common wall. A party wall: one which has been built at the common expense of the two owners whose properties are contiguous, or a wall built by one party in which the other has acquired a common right. Campbell v. Mester, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 542, 8 Am. Dec. 570.

WALLIA. In old English law. A wall; a sea-wall; a mound, bank, or wall erected in marshy districts as a protection against the sea. Spelman.

WAMPUM. Beads made of shells, used as money by the North American Indians, and which continued current in New York as late as 1693.

WAND OF PEACE. In Scotch law. A wand or staff carried by the messenger of a court, and which, when deforested, (that is, hindered from executing process,) he breaks, as a symbol of the deforestation; and protest for remedy of law. 2 Forb. Inst. 207.

WANLESS. An ancient customary tenure of lands; i. e., to drive deer to a stand that the lord may have a shot. Blount, Ten. 140.


WANTON. Regardless of another's rights. See WANTONNESS.

WANTONNESS. A reckless or malicious and intentional disregard of the property, rights, or safety of others, implying, actively, a licentious or contumacious willingness to injure and disregard of the consequences to others, and, passively, more than mere negligence, that is, a conscious and intentional disregard of duty. See Brashington v. South Bound R. Co., 62 S. C. 325, 49 S. E. 665, 80 Am. St. Rep. 905; Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Webb, 97 Ala. 308, 12 South. 374; Branch v. State, 41 Tex. 625; Harward v. Davenport, 105 Iowa, 592, 75 N. W. 487; Trauerman v. Lippincott, 39 Mo. App. 488; Everett v. Richmond & D. R. Co., 121 N. C. 519, 27 S. E. 991; Birmingham Ry. & El. Co. v. Pinckard, 124 Ala. 372, 26 South. 880.


A licentious act by one man towards the person of another, without regard to his rights; as, for example, if a man should attempt to pull off another's hat against his will, in order to expose him to ridicule, the offense would be an assault, and if he touched him it would amount to a battery. Bouvier.

WAPENTAKE. In English law. A local division of the country; the name is in use north of the Trent to denote a hundred. The derivation of the name is said to be from "weapon" and "take," and indicates that the division was originally of a military character. Cowell; Brown.

Also a hundred court.

WAR. A state of forcible contention: an armed contest between nations; a state of hostility between two or more nations or states. Gro. de Jur. B. lib. 1, c. 1.

Every connection by force between two nations, in external matters, under the authority of their respective governments, is a public war. If war is declared in form, it is called "solemn," and is of the perfect kind; because the whole nation is at war with another whole nation. When the hostilities are limited as respects places, persons, and things, the war is properly termed "imperfect war." Bas v. Tingy, 4 Dall. 37, 40, 1 Id. 731.

—Articles of war. See Article.—Civil war. An internecine war. A war carried on between opposing masses of citizens of the same country or nation. Before the declaration of independence, the war between Great Britain and the United Colonies was a civil war; but instantly on that event the war changed its nature, and became a public war between independent governments. Hubbard v. Exp. Co., 10 R. I. 214; Brown v. Hitt, 4 Fed. Cas. 387; Prize Cases, 2 Black, 567, 17 L. Ed. 439; Central R. & B. Co. v. Ward, 37 Ga. 515—Laws of war. See Law.—Mixed war. A mixed war is one which is made on one side by public authority, and on the other by mere private persons. People v. McLeod, 1 Hill (N. Y.) 377, 415, 37 Am. Dec. 338.—Private war. One between private persons, lawfully exercised by way of defense, but otherwise unknown in civil society. People v. McLeod, 25 Wend. (N. Y.) 576, 37 Am. Dec. 329.—Public war. This term includes every contention by force, between two nations in external matters, under the authority of their respective governments. Prize Cases, 2 Black, 567, 17 L. Ed. 439; People v. McLeod, 25 Wend. (N. Y.) 489, 37 Am. Dec. 328.—Solemn war. A war made in form by public declaration; a war solemnly declared by one state against another.—War Office. In England. A department of state from which the sovereign issues orders to his forces. Warton.

WARD. 1. Guarding; care; charge; as, the ward of a castle; so in the phrase "watch and ward." 2. A division in the city of London committed to the special ward (guardianship) of an alderman. 3. A territorial division is adopted in most American cities by which the municipality is separated into a number of precincts or districts called "wards" for purposes of police, sanitary regulations, prevention of fires, elections, etc. 4. A corridor, room, or other division of a prison, hospital, or asylum. 5. An infant placed by authority of law under the care of a guardian.

The person over whom or over whose prop-
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erty a guardian is appointed is called his "ward." Clev. Code Cal. § 237.

WARD-corn. In old English law. The duty of keeping watch and ward, with a horn to blow upon any occasion of surprise. 1 Mon. Ang. 677: Simeon. Sax. St. 26: recorda. Ward-foe; the value of a ward, or the money paid to the lord for his redemption from wardship. Blount—WARD-holding. In old Scotch law. Cloud. A military tenure of the feudal tenure of Scotland. Abolished by St. 20 Geo. II. c. 50. Ersk. Prin. 2, 4, 1—WARD in chancery. An infant who is under the supervision of the court is called a ward-mote. In English law. A court kept in every ward in London, commonly called the "ward-mote court," or "inquest." Cowell. WARD-penny. In old English law. Money paid to the sheriff or castellan, for the duty of watching and warring a castle. Spelman. WARD-staff. In old records. A constable's or watchman's staff. Cowell. WARD-wit. In old English law. Immunity or exemption from the duty or service of ward, or from contributing to such service. Exemption from amercement for not finding a man to do ward. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 47, § 16. WARDAGE. Money paid and contributed to a ward and ward. Domesday. WARDS of admiralty. Seamen are sometimes thus designated, because, in view of their general improvidence and rashness, the admiralty courts are accustomed to scrutinize with great care their bargains and engagements, when brought before them, with a view to protecting them against imposition and overreaching. WARDSHIP. In military tenures, the right of the lord to have custody, as guardian, of the body and lands of the infant heir, without any account of profits, until he be twenty-one or she sixteen. In socage the guardian was accountable for profits; and he was not the lord, but the nearest relative to whom the inheritance could not descend, and the wardship ceased at fourteen. In copyhold, the lord was the guardian, but was perhaps accountable for profits. Stim. Gloss. See 2 Bl. Comm. 67. WARDSHIP in chivalry. An incident to the tenure of a knight-service. WARDSHIP in copyholds. The lord is guardian of his infant tenant by special custom.

WARDA. L. Lat. In old English law. Ward; guard; protection; keeping; custody.

WARREN. A ward; an infant under wardship. 1d.

WARDE. In old Scotch law. An award; the judgment of a court.

WARDEN. A guardian; a keeper. This is the name given to various officers.

WARDEN OF THE CINQUE PORTS. In English law. The title of the governor or presiding officer of the Cinque Ports, (q. e.)

WARDS AND LIVERIES. In English law. The title of a court of record, established in the reign of Henry VIII. See COURT OF WARDS AND LIVERIES.

WARECARE. L. Lat. In old English law. To follow ground; or plow up land (designed for wheat) in the spring, in order to let it lie fallow for the better improvement. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 33; Cowell.

WAREHOUSE. A place adapted to the reception and storage of goods and mer-

chandise. State v. Huffman, 136 Mo. 58, 37 S. W. 797; Owen v. Boyle, 22 Me. 47; State v. Wilson, 47 N. H. 101; Allen v. State, 10 Ohio St. 287.

WAREHOUSE book. A book used by merchants to contain an account of the quantities of goods received, shipped, and remaining in stock. WAREHOUSE receipt. A receipt given by a warehouseman for goods received by him on storage in his warehouse. Merchants' Warehouse Co. v. McClain (O. S.) 112 Fed. 790; Collins v. Raill. 20 Hun. (N. Y.) 235; Halé v. Milwaukee Dredge Co., 29 Wis. 483, 9 Am. Rep. 605; Miller v. Browarsky, 130 Pa. 372, 18 Atl. 645. WAREHOUSE system. A system of public stores or warehouses, established or authorized by law, called "bonded warehouses," in which an importer may deposit goods imported, in the custody of the revenue officers, paying storage, but not being required to pay the customs duties until the goods are finally removed for consumption in the home market, and with the privilege of withdrawing the goods from store for the purpose of re-exportation without paying any duties.

WAREHOUSEMAN. The owner of a warehouse; one who, as a business, and for hire, keeps and stores the goods of others.

WARNING, under the old practice of the English court of probate, was a notice given by a registrar of the principal registry to a person who had entered a caveat, warning him, within six days after service, to enter an appearance to the caveat in the principal registry, and to set forth his interest, conclusions with a view to saving his day's profit so long as the court would proceed to do all such acts, matters, and things as should be necessary. By the rules under the jurisdiction acts, a writ of summons has been substituted for a warning. Sweet.

WARNISTURA. In old records. Garniture; furniture; provision. Cowell.

WARNOTH. In old English law. An ancient custom, whereby, if any tenant holding of the Castle of Dover failed in paying his rent at the day, he should forfeit double, and, for the second failure, treble, etc. Cowell.


WARRANDICE. In Scotch law. Warranty; a clause in a charter or deed by which the grantor obliges himself that the right conveyed shall be effectual to the receiver. Ersk. Prin. 2, 3, 11. A clause whereby the grantor of a charter obliges himself to warrant or make good the thing granted to the receiver. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 113.

—Absolute warrandice. A warranting or assuring of property against all mankind. It is, in effect, a covenant of title. —Real warrandice. An infeftment of one in fee simple, given in security of another. —Simple warrandice. An obligation to warrant or secure from all subsequent or future deeds of the grantor. A simple warranty against the grantor's own acts. Whishaw.
WARRANT

WARRANT, n. In conveyancing. To assure the title to property sold, by an express covenant to that effect in the deed of conveyance. To stipulate by an express covenant that the title of a grantee shall be good, and his possession undisturbed.

In contracts. To engage or promise that a certain fact or state of facts, in relation to the subject-matter, is, or shall be, as it is represented to be.

WARRANT, n. 1. A writ or precept from a competent authority in pursuance of law, directing the doing of an act, and addressed to an officer or person competent to do the act, and affording him protection from damage, if he does it. People v. Wood, 71 N. Y. 376.

2. Particularly, a writ or precept issued by a magistrate, justice, or other competent authority addressed to a sheriff, constable, or other officer, requiring him to arrest the body of a person therein named, and bring him before the magistrate or court, to answer, or to be examined, touching some offense which he is charged with having committed. See, also, BENCH-WARRANT; SEARCH-WARRANT.

3. A warrant is an order by which the drawer authorizes one person to pay a particular sum of money. Shawnee County v. Carter, 2 Kan. 130.

4. An authority issued to a collector of taxes, empowering him to collect the taxes extended on the assessment roll, and to make distress and sale of goods or land in default of payment.

5. An order issued by the proper authorities of a municipal corporation, authorizing the payee or holder to receive a certain sum out of the municipal treasury.

Bench warrant. See BENCH—Death warrant. A warrant issued generally by the chief executive authority of a state, directed to the sheriff or other proper local officer or the warden of a jail, commanding him at a certain time to proceed to carry into execution a sentence of death imposed by the court upon a convicted criminal. Distress warrant. See DISTRESS—General warrant. A process which formerly issued from the state secretary's office in England to take up (without naming any persons) the author, printer, and publisher of such obscene and seditious libels as were specified in it. It was declared illegal and void for uncertainty by a vote of the house of commons on the 22d April, 1790. Wharton—LAND warrant. A warrant issued at the local land offices of the United States to purchasers of public lands, on the surrender of which at the general land office at Washington, they receive a conveyance from the general government. Landlord's warrant. See LANDLORD—Search warrant. See that title—Warrant executed away. See CREDITOR—Warrant in bankruptcy. A warrant issued, upon an adjudication in bankruptcy, directing the marshal to turn over to the president of the bankrupt's property notify creditors, etc. Warrant of arrest. See ARREST—Warrant of attorney. In practice. A written authority, directed to any attorney or other officer of any court of record, to appear for the party executing it, and receive a declaration for him in an action at the suit of a person named, and thereupon to confess the same, or to suffer judgment to pass by default; and it also usually contains a release of errors. 2 Burrill. Pr. 230; Treat v. Tolman. 113 Fed. 582. 61 C. C. A. 522—Warrant of commitment. A warrant of commitment is a written authority committing a person to custody. Warrant officers. In the United States navy, these are a class of inferior officers who hold their rank by virtue of a written warrant instead of a commission, including boatswains, gunners, carpenters, etc. Warrant to sue and defend. In old practice. A special warrant from the crown, authorizing a party to appoint an attorney to sue or defend for him. 3 Bl. Comm. 25. A special authority given by a party to his attorney, to commence a suit, or to appear and defend a suit, in his behalf. These warrants are now disused, though formal entries of them upon the record were long retained in practice. 1 Burrill, Pr. 39.

WARRANTEE. A person to whom a warranty is made.

WARRANTIA CHARTZ. In old practice. Warranty of charter. A writ which lay for one who, being enfeoffed of lands or tenements, with a clause of warranty, was afterwards impleaded in an assize or other action in which he could not vouch to warranty. In such case, it might be brought against the warrantor, to compel him to assist the tenant with a good plea or defense, or else to render damages and the value of the land, if recovered against the tenant. Cowell; 3 Bl. Comm. 300.

WARRANTIA CUSTODII. An old English writ, which lay for him who was challenged to be a ward to another, in respect to land said to be holden by knightservice; which land, when it was bought by the ancestors of the ward, was warranted free from such thraldom. The writ lay against the warrantor and his heirs. Cowell.

WARRANTIA DIEI. A writ which lay for a man who, having had a day assigned him personally to appear in court in any action in which he was sued, was in the mean time, by commandment, employed in the king's service, so that he could not come at the day assigned. It was directed to the justices that they might not record him in default for that day. Cowell.

WARRANTIZARE. In old conveyancing. To warrant; to bind one's self, by covenant in a deed of conveyance, to defend the grantee in his title and possession.

Warrantizare est defendere et aequitare tenentem, qui warrantum vocavit, in seisinam suam; et tenens de se warranti exsimiam habebit ad valentiam. Co. Litt. 385. To warrant is to defend and insure in peace the tenant, who calls for warranty, in his seisin; and the tenant in warranty will have an exchange in proportion to its value.

Warrantor potest excipere quod quereat non tenet terram de qua petit warrantiam, et quod donum fuit insufficiens. *Hob.* 21. A warrantor may object that the complainant does not hold the land of which he seeks the warranty, and that the gift was insufficient.

WARRANTY. In real property law. A real covenant by the grantor of lands, for himself and his heirs, to warrant and defend the title and possession of the estate granted, to the grantee and his heirs, whereby, either upon voucher, or judgment in the writ of *warranty charta*, and the eviction of the grantee by paramount title, the grantor was bound to recompense him with other lands of equal value. *Co. Litt.* 365a.

In sales of personal property. A warranty is a statement or representation made by the seller of goods, contemporaneously with and as a part of the contract of sale, though collateral to the express object of it, having reference to the character, quality, or title of the goods, and by which the promises or undertakings to insure that certain facts are or shall be as he then represents them.

A warranty is an engagement by which a seller assures to a buyer the existence of some fact affecting the transaction, whether past, present, or future. *Civ. Code Cal.* § 1763.

In contracts. An undertaking or stipulation, in writing, or verbally, that a certain fact in relation to the subject of a contract is or shall be as it is stated or promised to be.

A warranty differs from a representation in that a warranty must always be given contemporaneously with, and as part of, the contract; whereas a representation precedes and induces to the contract. And, while that is their difference in nature, or their difference in consequence or effect is this: that, upon breach of warranty, (or false warranty,) the contract remains binding, and damages only are recoverable for the breach; whereas, upon a false representation, the defrauded party may elect to avoid the contract, and recover the entire price paid. *Brown.*

The same transaction cannot be characterized as a warranty and a fraud at the same time. A warranty rests upon contract, while fraud, or fraudulent representations have no element of contract in them, but are essentially a tort. When judges or law-writers speak of a fraudulent warranty, the language is neither accurate nor perspicuous. If there be a breach of warranty, it cannot be said that the warranty was fraudulent, with any more propriety than any other contract can be said to have been fraudulent, because there has been a breach of it. On the other hand, to speak of a false representation as a contract or warranty, or as tending to pervert the contract, is a perversion of language and of correct ideas. *Roe v. Hurley,* 39 Ind. 81.

In insurance. In the law of insurance, “warranty” means any assertion or undertaking on the part of the assured, whether expressed in the contract or capable of being annexed to it, on the strict and literal truth or performance of which the liability of the underwriter is made to depend. *Maude & P. Ship.* 377; *Sweet.*

—Affirmative warranty. In the law of insurance, warranties may be either affirmative or promissory. Affirmative warranties may be either express or implied, and they consist of positive representations in the policy of the existence of some fact or state of things at the time, or previous to the time, of the making of the policy, their truth, and if they are, in general, conditions precedent, which, if untrue, whether material to the risk or not, the policy does not attach, as it is not the contract of the insurer. *Maupin v. Insurance Co.*, 53 *N. Y.* 307; *Hendricks v. Insurance Co.*, 8 *Johns.* 11; *Cowan v. Insurance Co.*, 78 *Cal.* 181. (See *Affirmative Warranty.*)

In real estate warranty. An old conveyancing, was where the heir’s title to the land neither was nor could have been derived from the warranting ancestor. Thus where a younger son was released to his seisin, with warranty, this was collateral to the elder brother. The whole doctrine of collateral warranties remains repugnant to sound, unsophisticated reason and justice; and even its technical grounds are so obscure that the ablest legal writers are not agreed upon the subject. *Micheau v. Sorrel,* 11 *St. L.* 57; *Duchesne v. J. L.* 106.—Continuing warranty. One which applies to the whole period during which the contract is in force; e. g., an undertaking in a charter-party that a vessel shall continue to be of the same class that she was at the time the charter-party was made.—Covenant of warranty. See *Covenant.*

Express warranty. In contracts and sales, one created by the apt and explicit statements of the seller or person to be bound. See *Horreksins v. Bevan,* 3 *Rawle.* (Pa.) 36, 25 Am. Dec. 53; *White v. Stetson,* 74 *Wis.* 453, 45 *N. W.* 99; *Danforth v. Crookshanks,* 68 *Mo. App.* 316. In the law of insurance, an agreement expressed in a policy, whereby the assured stipulates that certain facts relating to the risk are or shall be true, or certain acts relating to the same subject have been or shall be done. *1 Phil.* *Ins.* (4th Ed.) p. 425; *Petit v. German Ins. Co.* (C. C.) 98 Fed. 802; *Aetna Ins. Co. v. Grube,* 6 Minn. 52 (Gil. 329); *Insurance Co. v. Morgan,* 90 Va. 269. The name of a covenant of warranty inserted in deeds, by which the grantor binds himself, his heirs, etc., to “warrant and forever defend” to the grantee, his heirs, etc., the title thereby conveyed, against the lawful claims of all persons under whatsoever. Where the warranty is only against the claims of persons claiming “by, through, or under” the grantor or his heirs, it is called a “special warranty” — *Implied warranty.* A warranty raised by the law as an inference from the acts of the parties or the circumstances of the transaction. Thus, if the seller of a chattel have possession of it, and sells it in his own name, and not as agent for another, and for a fair price, he is understood to warrant the title. *2 Kent,* Comm. 478. A warranty implied from the general tenor of an instrument, from particular words used in it, although no express warranty is mentioned. Thus, in every policy of insurance there is an implied warranty that the ship is seaworthy and that the policy attaches to the cargo. *Kent Comm.* 287; *1 Phil.* Ins. 308.—Lineal warranty. In old conveyancing, the kind of warranty which attached to the estate in the lands warranted either from or through the ancestor who made the warranty.—Personal warranty. One available in personal actions, and arising from the obligation of the party who has contracted to pay the whole or part of a debt due by another to a third person. *Flan-
with reference to certain differences arising out of the war between the northern and southern states of the Union, the Canadian fisheries, and other matters. Wharton.

WASTE. Spoil or destruction, done or permitted, to lands, houses, gardens, trees, or other corporeal hereditaments, by the tenant thereof, to the prejudice of the heir, or of him in reversion or remainder. 2 Bl. Comm. 281.

Waste is a spoliation or destruction of an estate, either in houses, woods, or lands, by demanishing, not the temporary profits only, but the very substance of the thing, thereby rendering it wild and desolate, which the common law expresses very significantly by the word "sustum." 3 Bl. Comm. 223.

Waste is a lasting damage to the reversion caused by the destruction, by the tenant for life or years, of such things on the land as are not included in its temporary profits. Profit v. Henderson, 29 Mo. 325.

In old English criminal law. A prerogative or liberty, on the part of the crown, of committing waste on the lands of felons, by pulling down their houses, extirpating their gardens, plowing their meadows, and cutting down their woods. 4 Bl. Comm. 396.

Commissive waste. Active or positive waste; done by acts of destruction, rather than by mere neglect: the same as voluntary waste. See infra.—Double waste. See Double.—Equitable waste. Injury to a reversion in remainder in reversion. 3 Bl. Comm. 709. Contrasted not recognized by the courts of law as waste; but which equity will interpose to prevent or remedy. Gannon v. Peterson, 103 Ill. 372; 62 N. E. 210, 63 L. R. A. 701; Crowe v. Wilson, 65 Md. 479, 5 Atl. 427, 57 Am. Rep. 343. Otherwise defined as an unconscientious abuse of the privilege of non-impeachability for waste at common law, whereby a tenant for life, without impeachment of waste, will be restrained from committing willful, destructive, malicious, or extravagant acts such as pulling down houses, cutting timber of too young a growth, or trees planted for ornament, or for shelter of premises. Wharton.—Impeachment of waste; Liability for waste committed, or a demand or suit for compensation for waste committed upon lands or tenements by a tenant thereof who has no right to commit waste. 13 Am. & Eng. 111. In the other hand, a tenure "without impeachment of waste" signifies that the tenant cannot be called to account for waste committed.—Nul waste. The name of a plea in an action of waste, denying the commission of waste, and forming the general issue.—Permissive waste. That kind of waste which is a matter of omission only, as by suffering a house to fall for want of necessary reparations. 2 Bl. Comm. 281; Willey v. Laraway, 64 Vt. 549, 2 Atl. 436; Beekman v. Van Dolsen, 63 Ill. 387, 15 N. Y. Supp. 376; White v. Wagner, 4 Har. & J. (Md.) 301, 7 Am. Dec. 674.—Voluntary waste. The name of a positive waste: waste done or committed, in contradistinction to that which results from mere negligence, which is called "permissive" waste. 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2394. Voluntary waste is permissive waste; consists of injury to the demised premises or some part thereof, on occasioned by some deliberate or voluntary act, as, for instance, the pulling down of a house, the removal of floors, the destruction of furnaces, shelves, or other things affixed to and forming part of the freehold. Regan v. Lathy, 10 Daily, 82; 65 N. Y. Supp. 709. Also with "permissive" waste.—Writ of waste. The name of a writ to be issued against a ten-
ant who has committed waste of the premises. There were anciently several forms of this writ, adapted to the particular circumstances.

WASTE-BOOK. A book used by merchants, to receive rough entries or memoranda of all transactions in the order of their occurrence, previous to their being posted in the journal. Otherwise called a "blotter."

WASTORS. In old statutes. A kind of thieves.

WATCH, v. To keep guard; to stand as sentinel; to be on guard at night, for the preservation of the peace and good order.

WATCH, n. A body of constables on duty on any particular night.

WATCH AND WARD. "Watch" denotes keeping guard during the night; "ward," by day.

WATCHMAN. An officer in many cities and towns, whose duty it is to watch during the night and take care of the property of the inhabitants.

WATER. As designating a commodity or a subject of ownership, this term has the same meaning in law as in common speech; but in another sense, and especially in the plural, it may designate a body of water, such as a river, a lake, or an ocean, or an aggregate of such bodies of water, as in the phrases "foreign waters," "waters of the United States," and the like.

Water is neither land nor tenement nor susceptible of absolute ownership. It is a movable thing and must of necessity continue common by the law of nature. It admits only of a temporary proprietary interest or license. If it exist for a moment, the right to it is gone forever, the qualified owner having no legal power of reclamation. It is not capable of being sued for by the "richest" nor by a calculation of its cubical or superficial measure; but the suit must be brought for the land which lies at the bottom covered with water. As water is not land, neither is it a tenement, because it is not of a permanent nature, nor the subject of absolute property. It is not in any possible sense real estate, and hence is not embraced in a covenant of general warranty. Mitchell v. Warner, 5 Conn. 518.

-Coast waters. See Coast.-Foreign waters. Those belonging to another nation or country or subject to another jurisdiction, as distinguished from "domestic" waters. The Pilot, 60 Fed. 337, 1 C. C. A. 523.-Inland waters. See INLAND.-Navigable waters. See NAVIGABLE.-Percolating waters. Those which pass through the ground beneath the surface of the earth without any definite channel and do not form a part of the body of a stream or flow, surface or subterranean, of any watercourse. They may be either rain waters which are slowly infiltrating through the soil or water seeping through the banks or the bed of a stream, and which have so far left the bed and the other waters as to have lost their character as a part of the flow of that stream. Vineland Irr. Dist. v. Asua Irr. Co., 126 Cal. 485, 58 Pac. 1057, 46 L. R. A. 820; Los Angeles v. Pomroy, 124 Cal. 597, 57 Pac. 585; Herriman Irr. Co. v. Keel, 25 Utah, 96, 69 Pac. 719; Deadwood Cent. R. Co. v. Barker, 14 S. D. 558, 58 N. W. 619; Montecito Val. Water Co. v. Barber, 144 Cal. 116, 17 Pac. 1113.-Private waters. Non-navigable streams, or bodies of water not open to the resort and use of the general public, but entirely owned and controlled by one or more individuals.-Public waters. Such as are adapted for the purposes of navigation, or those to which the public have a right, as distinguished from artificers' lakes, ponds, and other bodies of water privately owned, or similar natural bodies of water owned exclusively by one or more persons. See Lee v. Gualterta, 52 Minn. 181, 53 N. W. 1138, 18 L. R. A. 470, 38 Am. St. Rep. 541; Carter v. Thurston, 58 N. H. 104, 42 Am. Rep. 504; Cobb v. Davisonport, 32 N. J. Law, 265; West Point Power Co. v. State, 49 Neb. 223, 88 N. W. 507; State v. Theriault, 70 Vt. 617, 41 Atl. 1090, 43 L. R. A. 290, 67 Am. St. Rep. 774.-Subterranean waters. Waters which lie wholly beneath the surface of the ground, and which either ooze and seep through the sub-surface or flow without pursuing any definite course or channel, (percolating waters,) or flow in a permanent and regular but invisible course, or lie under the earth in a more or less visible body of subterranean lake.-Surface waters. As distinguished from the waters of a natural stream, lake, or pond, surface waters are such as lie on or near themselves the surface of the ground, following no defined course or channel, and not gathering into or forming any more definite body of water than a mere bog or marsh. They generally originate in rains and melting snows, but the flood waters of a river may also be considered as surface waters if they become separated from the main current, or leave it never to return, and spread out over lower ground. See Schaefer v. Marthaler, 34 Minn. 457, 29 N. W. 920, 57 Am. Rep. 40; Crawford v. Haubo, 44 Ohio St. 276, 7 N. E. 429; New York, etc. R. Co. v. Hamlet Hay Co., 149 Ind. 344, 47 N. E. 1060; Cairo, etc., R. Co. v. Brevoort (C. C.) 62 Fed. 330, 26 L. R. A. 527; Brandenburg v. Zeigler, 62 S. C. 18, 39 S. E. 790, 55 L. R. A. 414, 89 Am. St. Rep. 587; Jones v. Hannover, 55 Mo. 467; Tampa Water Co. v. City of Tampa, 68 Fla. 12, 95 So. 20 South, 783, 33 L. R. A. 378, 53 Am. St. Rep. 262.-Tide waters. See TIDE.-Water-bailiff. The office of an officer, in part of England, appointed for the superintendence of ships. Also of an officer belonging to the city of London, who had the superintendence and search of the fish brought to and consumed in the Tower. Cowell v. Blomeley. In American law, an officer mentioned in the colonial laws of New Plymouth, (A. D. 1671,) whose duty was to collect dues to be levied on fish taken in their waters. Probably another form of water-bailiff. Burrill.-Water-course. See that title infra.-Water-gage. A pipe or bank to. See in the current and overflowing of the water; also an instrument to measure water. Cowell.-Water-gang. A Saxon word for a trench or course to carry a stream of water, such as are commonly made to drain water out of marshes. Cowell.-Water-gavel. In old records. A gavel or rent paid by a water-taker or receiver from some river or water. Cowell; Blount.-Water-mark. See that title infra.-Water-measure. In old statutes. A measure greater than Winchester measure about three gallons in the bushel. Cowell.-Water-ordinate. In Saxon and old English law. The ordal or trial by water. The ordeal was performed by plunging the bare arm up to the elbow in boiling water, and escaping unhurt thereby. 4 Bl. Comm. 343. The cold-water ordal is a popular term for an appointment suspected into a river or pond of cold water, when, if he floated therein, without any action.
of swimming it was deemed an evidence of his guilt; but, if he sunk, he was acquitted. 1d.  
WATER-power. The water-power to which a riparian owner is entitled consists of the fall in the stream on which he owns the natural state, as it passes through his land, or along the boundary of it; or, in other words, it consists of the difference of level between the surface where the stream leaves his land, and the surface where it leaves it. McCalmont v. Whitaker, 3 Hawle, (Pa.) 90, 23 Am. Dec. 102.  
—WATER mark. A mark indicating the highest point to which water rises, or the lowest point to which it sinks.  
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—Low-water mark. That line on the shore of the sea which marks the edge of the waters at the lowest point of the ordinary eb and tide. See Stover v. Jack, 60 Pa. 312, 100 Am. Dec. 596; Gerrish v. Proprs' of Union Wharf, 20 Me. 305, 40 Am. Dec. 593.  
WATERING STOCK. In the language of brokers, adding to the capital stock of a corporation by the issue of new stock, without increasing the real value represented by the capital.  
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-ed by the natural flow of the water, as determined by the general superficies or conformation of the surrounding country, as distinguished from an "artificial" water-course, formed by the work of man on a ditch or canal. See Barkley v. Wilcox, 86 N. Y. 140, 40 Am. Rep. 519; Hawley v. Sheldon, 64 Vt. 491, 24 Atl. 717, 33 Am. St. Rep. 941; Porter v. Armstrong, 159 N. C. 101, 68 S. E. 759.  
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Cruise, Dig. tlt. 24, § 1.  
The term "way" is derived from the Saxon, and means a right of use for passengers. It may be private or public. By the term "right of way" is generally meant a private way, which is an incorporeal hereditament of that class of easements in which a particular person, or particular description of persons, have an interest and a right, though another person is the owner of the fee of the land in which it is claimed. Wild v. Davis, 63 Ind. 49, 15 Am. Rep. 306.  
(chiefly in New England) a private way is one laid out by the local public authorities for the accommodation of individuals and wholly or chiefly at their expense, but not restricted to their exclusive use, being subject, like highways, to the public easement of passage. See Metcalf v. Bingham, 3 N. H. 459; Clark v. Boston, C. & M. R. Co., 24 N. H. 118; Denham v. Bristol County, 108 Mass. 202; Butchers', etc., Ass'n v. Boston, 139 Mass. 250, 30 N. E. 94.—Right of way. See that title.

WAY-BILL. A writing in which is set down the names of passengers who are carried in a public conveyance, or the description of goods sent with a common carrier by land. Wharton.

WAY-GOING CROP. A crop of grain sown by a tenant for a term certain, during his tenancy, but which will not ripen until after the expiration of his lease; to this, by custom in some places, the tenant is entitled.

WAYLEAVE is a right of way over or through land for the conveyance of minerals from a mine or quarry. It is an easement, being a species of the class called "rights of way," and is generally created by express grant or reservation. Sweet.

WAYNAGIUM. Implements of husbandry. 1 Reeves, Eng. Law, c. 5, p. 268.

WAYS AND MEANS. In a legislative body, the "committee on ways and means" is a committee appointed to inquire into and consider the methods and sources for raising revenue, and to propose means for providing the funds needed by the government.

WAYWARDENS. The English highway acts provide that in every parish forming part of a highway district there shall annually be elected one or more waywardens. The waywardens so elected, and the justices for the county residing within the district, form the highway board for the district. Each waywarden also represents his parish in regard to the levying of the highway rates, and in questions arising concerning the liability of his parish to repairs, etc. Sweet.

WEALD. Sax. A wood; the woody part of a country.

WEALREAF. In old English law. The robbing of a dead man in his grave.

WEALTH. All material objects, capable of satisfying human wants, desires, or tastes, having a value in exchange, and upon which human labor has been expended; i.e., which have, by such labor, been either reclaimed from nature, extracted or gathered from the earth or sea, manufactured from raw materials, improved, adapted, or cultivated.

"The aggregate of all the things, whether material or immaterial, which contribute to comfort and enjoyment, which cannot be obtained without more or less labor, and which are objects of frequent barter and sale, is what we usually call 'wealth.'" Bowen, Pol. Econ. See Brannham v. State, 96 Ga. 307, 22 S. E. 957.

WEAPON. An instrument used in fighting; an instrument of offensive or defensive combat. The term is chiefly used, in law, in the statutes prohibiting the carrying of "concealed" or "deadly" weapons. See those titles.

WEAR, or WEIR. A great dam or fence made across a river, or against water, formed of stakes interlaced by twigs of osier, and accommodated for the taking of fish, or to convey a stream to a mill. Cowell; Jacob.

WEAR AND TEAR. "Natural wear and tear" means deterioration or depreciation in value by ordinary and reasonable use of the subject-matter. Green v. Kelly, 20 N. J. Law, 548.

WED. Sax. A covenant or agreement. Cowell.

WEBEDRIP. Sax. In old English law. A customary service which tenants paid to their lords, in cutting down their corn, or doing other harvest duties; as if a covenant to reap for the lord at the time of his bidding or commanding. Cowell.

WEEK. A period of seven consecutive days of time; and, in some uses, the period beginning with Sunday and ending with Saturday. See Leach v. Burr, 188 U. S. 510, 23 Sup. Ct. 333, 47 L. Ed. 567; Honkendorf v. Taylor, 4 Pet. 381, 7 L. Ed. 882; Evans v. Job, 8 Nbr. 324; Bird v. Burgerstein, 100 Ga. 486, 28 S. E. 219; Stehle v. Bell, 12 Abb. Prac. N. S. (N. Y.) 175; Russell v. Croy, 164 Mo. 69, 63 S. W. 540; Meahlund v. Linton, 63 Neb. 240, 82 N. W. 806.

WEHADING. In old European law. The judicial combat, or duel; the trial by battel.

WEIGHAGE. In English law. A duty or toll paid for weighing merchandise. It is called "tronage" for weighing wool at the king's beam, or "peage" for weighing other avoidpoois goods. 2 Chit. Com. Law, 16.

WEIGHT. A measure of heaviness or ponderosity; and in a metaphorical sense influence, effectiveness, or power to influence judgment or conduct.

-Gross Weight. The whole weight of goods and merchandise, including the dust and dross, and also the chest or bag, etc., upon which tare and tret are allowed.—Weights of auncell. See AUNCEL WEIGHT.—Weight of Evidence. The balance or preponderance of evidence; the inclination of the greater amount of credible evidence, offered in a trial, to support one side of the issue rather than the other. The "weight"
or "preponderance of proof" is a phrase constantly used, the meaning of which is well understood and easily defined. It indicates clearly to the jury that the party having the burden of proof will be entitled to their verdict, if, on weighing the evidence in their minds, they shall find the greater amount of credible evidence sustains the issue which is to be established before them. Haskins v. Haskins, 9 Gray (Mass.) 393.


WELL, adj. In marine insurance. A term used as descriptive of the safety and soundness of a vessel, in a warranty of her condition at a particular time and place; as, "warranted well at ______ on ______."

In the old reports. Good, sufficient, unobjectionable in law; the opposite of "ill."

WELL, n. A well, as the term is used in a conveyance, is an artificial excavation and erection in and upon land, which necessarily, from its nature and the mode of its use, includes and comprehends the substantial occupation and beneficial enjoyment of the whole premises on which it is situated. Johnson v. Rayner, 6 Gray (Mass.) 107; Andrews v. Carman, 13 Blatchf. 307, 1 Fed. Cas. 868.

WELL KNOWING. A phrase used in pleading as the technical expression in laying a scienter, (q. v.)

WELSH MORTGAGE. See MORTGAGE.

WEND. In old records. A large extent of ground, comprising several jugs; a perambulation; a circuit. Spelman; Cowell.

WERA, or WERE. The estimation or price of a man, especially of one slain. In the criminal law of the Anglo-Saxons, every man's life had its value, called a "were," or "capita estimativo."


WEREGILD, or WERGILD. This was the price of homicide, or other atrocious personal offense, paid partly to the king for the loss of a subject, partly to the lord for the loss of a vassal, and partly to the next of kin of the injured person. In the Anglo-Saxon laws, the amount of compensation varied with the degree or rank of the party slain. Brown.

WERELADA. A purging from a crime by the oaths of several persons, according to the degree and quality of the accused. Cowell.

WERGELT. In old Scotch law. A sum paid by an offender as a compensation or satisfaction for the offense; a wereld, or wergild.

WERP-GELD. Belg. In European law. Contribution for jettison; average.

WESTMINSTER. A city immediately adjoining Loudon, and forming a part of the metropolis; formerly the seat of the superior courts of the kingdom.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION. A document containing a statement of religious doctrine, concocted at a conference of British and continental Protestant divines at Westminster, in the year 1643, which subsequently became the basis of the Scotch Presbyterian Church. Wharton.

WESTMINSTER THE FIRST. The statute 3 Edw. I., A. D. 1275. This statute, which deserves the name of a code rather than an act, is divided into fifty-one chapters. Without extending the exemption of churchmen from civil jurisdiction, it protects the property of the church from the violence and spoliation of the king and the nobles, provides for freedom of popular elections, because sheriffs, coroners, and conservators of the peace were still chosen by the freetholders in the county court, and attempts had been made to influence the election of knights of the shire, from the time when they were instituted. It contains a declaration to enforce the enactment of Magna Charta against excessive fines, which might operate as perpetual imprisonment; enumerates and corrects the abuses of tenures, particularly as to marriage of wards; regulates the levy of tolls, which were imposed arbitrarily by the barons and by cities and boroughs; corrects and restrains the powers of the king's escheator and other officers; amends the criminal law, putting the crime of rape on the footing to which it has been lately restored, as a most grievous, but not capital, offense; and embraces the subject of procedure in civil and criminal matters, introducing many regulations to render it cheap, simple, and expeditious. 1 Camp. Lives I. Ch. p. 167; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 9, p. 107. Certain parts of this act are repealed by St. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 125. Wharton.

WESTMINSTER THE SECOND. The statute 13 Edw. I. St. 1, A. D. 1286, otherwise called the "Statute de Donis Conditionibus." See 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 10, p. 163. Certain parts of this act are repealed by St. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 64, and St. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 125. Wharton.

WEST SAXON LAGE. The laws of the West Saxons, which obtained in the counties to the south and west of England, from Kent to Devonshire. Blackstone supposes these to have been much the same with the laws of Alfred, being the municipal law of the far most considerable part of his dominions, and particularly including Berkshire, the seat of his peculiar residence. 1 Bl. Comm. 85.

WETHER. A castrated ram, at least one year old. In an indictment it may be called a "sheep." Rex v. Birket, 4 Car. & P. 216.

WHALE. A royal fish, the head being the king's property, and the tail the queen's. 2 Steph. Comm. 19, 449, 540.

WHALE. A vessel employed in the whale fishery.

WHELP. A perpendicular bank or mound of timber, or stone and earth, raised on the shore of a harbor, river, canal, etc., or extending some distance into the water, for the convenience of lading and unlading ships and other vessels. Webster.

A broad, plain place near a river, canal, or other water, to lay wares on that are brought to or from the water. Cowell.

A wharf is a structure erected on a shore below high-water mark, and sometimes extending into the channel, for the laying vessels alongside to load or unload, and on which stores are often erected for the reception of cargoes. Doane v. Broad Street Ass'n, 6 Mass. 332; Langdon v. New York, 83 N. Y. 151; Dubuque v. Stout, 32 Iowa, 47; Geiger v. Filor, 8 Fla. 332; Palen v. Ocean City, 64 N. J. Law, 660, 44 Atl. 774.

WHARFAGE. Money paid for landing wares at a wharf, or for shipping or taking goods into a boat or barge from thence. Cowell.

Strictly speaking "wharfage" is money due, or money actually paid, for the privilege of landing goods upon, or loading a vessel while moored from a wharf. 1 Brown, Adm. 87.

WHARFINGER. One who owns or keeps a wharf for the purpose of receiving and shipping merchandise to or from it for hire.

WHEEL. An engine of torture used in medieval Europe, on which a criminal was bound while his limbs were broken one by one till he died.

WHEELAGE. Duty or toll paid for carts, etc., passing over certain ground. Cowell.

WHEN AND WHERE. Technical words in pleading, formerly necessary in making full defense to certain actions.

WHENEVER. This word, though often used as equivalent to "as soon as," is also often used where the time intended by it is, and will be until its arrival, or for some uncertain period, at least, indeterminate. Robinson v. Greene, 14 R. 1. 183.

WHEREAS. A word which implies a recital of a past fact. The word "whereas," when it renders the deed senseless or repugnant, may be struck out as impertinent, and shall not vitiate a deed in other respects sensible.

WHIG. This name was applied in Scotland, A. D. 1648, to those violent Covenanters who opposed the Duke of Hamilton's invasion of England in order to restore Charles I. The appellation of "Whig" and "Tory" to political factions was first heard of in A. D. 1678, and, though as senseless as any cant terms that could be devised, they became instantly as familiar in use as they have since continued. 2 Hall. Const. Hist. c. 12; Wharton.

WHIPPING. A mode of punishment, by the infliction of stripes, occasionally used in England and in a few of the American states.

WHIPPING-POST. A post or stake to which a criminal is tied to undergo the punishment of whipping. This penalty is now abolished, except in a few states.

WHITE. A Mongolian is not a "white person," within the meaning of the term as used in the naturalization laws of the United States; the term applies only to persons of the Caucasian race. In re Ah Yup, 5 Sawy 155, Fed. Cas. No. 104.

WHITE ACRE. A fictitious name given to a piece of land, in the English books, for purposes of illustration.

WHITE BONNET. In Scotch law. A fictitious offerer or bidder at a roup or auction sale. Bell.

WHITE MEATS. In old English law. Milk, butter, cheese, eggs, and any composition of them. Cowell.

WHITE RENTS. In English law. Rents paid in silver, and called "white rents," or "redditus alti," to distinguish them from rents payable in corn, labor, provisions, etc., called "black-rent" or "black-mall."

WHITE SPURS. A kind of esquires. Cowell.

WHITEFRIARS. A place in London between the Temple and Blackfriars, which was formerly a sanctuary, and therefore privileged from arrest. Wharton.

WHITEHART SILVER. A molt in certain lands in or near to the forest of
WIDOWHOOD. The state or condition of being a widow. An estate is sometimes settled upon a woman “during widowhood,” which is expressed in Latin, “durante viduitate.”

WIFPA. L. Lat. In old European law. A mark or sign; a mark set up on land, to denote an exclusive occupation, or to prohibit entry. Spelman.

WIFE. A woman who has a husband living and undivorced. The correlative term is “husband.”

WIFE’S EQUITY. When a husband is compelled to seek the aid of a court of equity for the purpose of obtaining the possession or control of his wife’s estate, that court will recognize the right of the wife to have a suitable and reasonable provision made, by settlement or otherwise, for herself and her children, out of the property thus brought within its jurisdiction. This right is called the “wife’s equity,” or “equity to a settlement.” See 2 Kent, Comm. 158.

WIGREVE. In old English law. The overseer of a wood. Cowell.

WILD ANIMALS. (or animals fera natura.) Animals of an untamable disposition.

WILD LAND. Land in a state of nature, as distinguished from improved or cultivated land. Clark v. Phelps, 4 Cow. (N. Y.) 203.

WILD’S CASE, RULE IN. A devise to B. and his children or issue. B. having no issue at the time of the devise, gives him an estate tail; but, if he have issue at the time, B. and his children take joint estates for life. 6 Coke, 160; Tudor, Lead. Cas. Real Prop. 542, 581.

WILL. A will is the legal expression of a man’s wishes as to the disposition of his property after his death. Code Ga. 1882, § 2394; Swinb. Willa, § 2.

An instrument in writing, executed in form of law, by which a person makes a disposition of his property, to take effect after his death.

Except where it would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the legislature, the word “will” shall extend to a testament, and to a codicil, and to an appointment by will, or by writing in the nature of a will, in exercise of a power; and also to any other testamentary disposition. Code Va. 1887, § 2111.

A will is an instrument by which a person makes a disposition of his property, to take effect after his decease, and which is, in its own nature, ambulatory and revocable during his life. It is this ambulatory quality which forms the characteristic of wills; for though a disposition by deed may postpone the possession or enjoyment, or even the vesting, until the death of the disposing party, yet the postponement is in such case produced by the express terms, and does not result from the nature of the instru-
WILL

WISBY, LAWS OF


A will, when it operates upon personal prop- erty, is sometimes called a "testament," and when upon real estate, a "devise;" but the more general and the more popular denomination of the instrument embracing equally real and personal estate is that of "last will and testament." 4 Kent, Comm. 501.

In criminal law. The power of the mind which directs the action of a man.

In Scotch practice. That part or clause of a process which contains the mandate or command to the officer. Bell.

—Ambulatory will. A changeable will (am- bulatoria voluntas), the phrase denoting the power which a testator possesses of altering his will during his life-time. See Haslem v. Bishop, 204 Eng. 377. See also Will. See Double—Estate at will.

This estate entitles the grantee or lessee to the possession of land during the life of the grantor and himself, yet it creates no sure or durable right, and is only a right to take possession of the land during the lifetime of the grantor and his own.

Will. See Double—Estate at will.

Winchester. A royal forest, founded by Henry VII.

Winter Circuit. An occasional circuit appointed for the trial of prisoners, in England, and in some cases of civil causes, between Michaelmas and Hilary terms.

Winter Heyning. The season between 11th November and 23d April, which is excepted from the liberty of commoning in certain forests. St. 23 Car. II. c. 3.

Wisby, Laws of. The name given to a code of maritime laws promulgated at Wisby, then the capital of Gothland, in Sweden, in the latter part of the thirteenth century. This compilation resembled the laws of Oleron in many respects, and was early adopted, as a system of sea laws, by the commercial nations of Northern Europe.
formed the foundation for the subsequent code of the Hanseatic League. A translation of the Laws of Wismy may be seen in the appendix to 1 Pet. Adm. And see 3 Kent, Comm. 13.

WISTA. In Saxon law. Half a hide of land, or sixty acres.

WIT. To know; to learn; to be informed. Used only in the intuitive, to-uit, which term is equivalent to "that is to say," "nearly," or "videlicet."

WITAM. The purgation from an offense by the oath of the requisite number of witnesses.

WITAN. In Saxon law. Wise men; persons of information, especially in the laws; the king's advisers; members of the king's council; the optimates, or principal men of the kingdom. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 11, note.

WITCHCRAFT. Under Sts. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 8, and 1 Jac. I. c. 12, the offense of witchcraft, or supposed intercourse with evil spirits, was punishable with death. These acts were not repealed till 1736. 4 Bl. Comm. 60, 61.

WITE. Sax. A punishment, pain, penalty, mutil, or criminal fine. Cowell.

WITERDEN. A taxation of the West Saxons, imposed by the public council of the kingdom.

WITENA DOM. In Saxon law. The judgment of the county court, or other court of competent jurisdiction, on the title to property, real or personal. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 22.

WITENAGEMOTE. "The assembly of wise men." This was the great national council or parliament of the Saxons in England, comprising the noblemen, high ecclesiastics, and other great thanes of the kingdom, advising and aiding the king in the general administration of government.

WITENS. The chiefs of the Saxon lords or thanes, their nobles, and wise men.

WITH ALL FAULTS. This phrase, used in a contract of sale, implies that the purchaser assumes the risk of all defects and imperfections, provided they do not destroy the identity of the thing sold.

WITH STRONG HAND. In pleading. A technical phrase indispensable in describing a forcible entry in an indictment. No other word or circumlocution will answer the same purpose. Rex v. Wilson, 8 Term R. 887.

WITHDRAWING A JUROR. In practice. The withdrawing of one of the twelve jurors from the box, with the result that, the jury being now found to be incomplete, no further proceedings can be had in the cause. The withdrawing of a juror is always by the agreement of the parties, and is frequently done at the recommendation of the judge, where it is doubtful whether the action will lie; and in such case the consequence is that each party pays his own costs. It is, however, no bar to a future action for the same cause. 2 Tind. Fr. 861, 882; 1 Archb. Pr. K. B. 196; Wabash R. Co. v. McCormick, 23 Ind. App. 233, 55 N. E. 251.

WITHDRAWING RECORD. In practice. The withdrawing by a plaintiff of the nisi prius or trial record filed in a cause, just before the trial is entered upon, for the purpose of preventing the cause from being tried. This may be done before the jury are sworn, and afterwards, by consent of the defendant's counsel. 2 Tind. Fr. 851; 1 Archb. Pr. K. B. 190; 3 Chit. Pr. 870.

WITHERNAN. In practice. A taking by way of reprisal; a taking or a reprisal of other goods, in lieu of those that were formerly taken and elognied or withheld. 2 Inst. 141. A reciprocal distress, in lieu of a previous one which has been elognied. 8 Bl. Comm. 148.

WITHERSAKE. An apostate, or perfidious renegade. Cowell.

WITHOUT DAY. A term used to signify that an adjournment or continuance is indefinite or final, or that no subsequent time is fixed for another meeting, or for further proceedings. See Sine Die.

WITHOUT IMPRECAHMENT OF WASTE. The effect of the insertion of this clause in a lease for life is to give the tenant the right to cut timber on the estate, without making himself thereby liable to an action for waste.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Where an offer or admission is made "without prejudice," or a motion is denied or a bill in equity dismissed "without prejudice," it is meant as a declaration that no rights or privileges of the party concerned are to be considered as thereby waived or lost except in so far as may be expressly conceded or decided. See Genet v. Delaware & H. Canal Co., 170 N. Y. 278, 63 N. E. 350; O'Keefe v. Irvington Real Estate Co., 87 Md. 190, 39 Atl. 428; Ray v. Adden, 50 N. H. 84, 9 Am. Rep. 175; Seamen v. Blackstock, 83 Va. 232, 2 S. E. 36, 5 Am. St. Rep. 262; Taylor v. Bluter, 21 R. I. 104, 41 Atl. 1001; Kempton v. Burgess, 130 Mass. 192.

WITHOUT RE COURSE. This phrase, used in making a qualified indorsement of a
negotiable instrument, signifies that the indorser means to save himself from liability to subsequent holders, and is a notification that, if payment is refused by the parties primarily liable, recourse cannot be had to him. See Thompson v. First State Bank, 102 Ga. 696, 29 S. E. 610; Epler v. Funk, 8 Pa. 468; Youngberg v. Nelson, 51 Minn. 172, 53 N. W. 629, 38 Am. St. Rep. 497; Bankhead v. Owen, 60 Ala. 461.

**WITHOUT RESERVE.** A term applied to a sale by auction, indicating that no price is reserved.

**WITHOUT STINT.** Without limit; without any specified number.

**WITHOUT THIS, THAT.** In pleading. Formal words used in pleadings by way of traverse, particularly by way of special traverse, (q. v.) importing an express denial of some matter of fact alleged in a previous pleading. Steph. Pl. 198, 199, 179, 180.

**WITNESS, v.** To subscribe one's name to a deed, will, or other document, for the purpose of attesting its authenticity, and proving its execution, if required, by bearing witness thereto.

**WITNESS, n.** In the primary sense of the word, a witness is a person who has knowledge of an event. As the most direct mode of acquiring knowledge of an event is by seeing it, "witness" has acquired the sense of a person who is present at and observes a transaction. Sweet. See See v. Desforges, 47 La. Ann. 1167, 17 South. 811; In re Loose's Will, 13 Misc. Rep. 298, 34 N. Y. Supp. 1120; Biliss v. Shuman, 47 Me. 248.

A witness is a person whose declaration under oath (or affirmation) is received as evidence for any purpose, whether such declaration be made on oral examination or by deposition or affidavit. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1875; Gen. St. Minn. 1878, c. 73, § 6.

One who is called upon to be present at a transaction, as a wedding, or the making of a will, that he may thereafter, if necessary, testify to the transaction.

**In conveyancing.** One who sees the execution of an instrument, and subscribes it, for the purpose of confirming its authenticity by his testimony.

---Adverse witness. A witness whose mind discloses a bias hostile to the party examining him; not a witness whose evidence, being honestly given, is adverse to the case of the examinee. Brown: Greenough v. Eccles, 5 C. B. (N. S.) 801.—Attesting witness. See ATTESTATION.—Competent witness. See COMPETENT.—Credible witness. See CREDIBLE.—Prosecuting witness. See that title.—Subscribing witness. See that title.—Swift witness. See that title.

**WITNESSING PART,** in a deed or other formal instrument, is that part which comes after the recitals, or, where there are no recitals, after the parties. It usually commences with a reference to the agreement or intention to be effectuated, then states or refers to the consideration, and concludes with the operative words and parcels, if any. Where a deed effectuates two distinct objects, there are two witnessing parts. 1 Day. Prec. Conv. 63, et seq.; Sweet.

**WITTINGLY means with knowledge and by design, excluding only cases which are the result of accident or forgetfulness, and including cases where one does an unlawful act through an erroneous belief of his right. Osborne v. Warren, 44 Conn. 357.**

**WOLD.** Sax. In England. A down or champaign ground, hilly and void of wood. Cowell; Blount.

**WOLF'S HEAD.** In old English law. This term was used as descriptive of the condition of an outlaw. Such persons were said to carry a wolf's head, (caput lupinum;) for if caught alive they were to be brought to the king, and if they defended themselves they might be slain and their heads carried to the king, for they were no more to be accounted of than wolves. Termes de la Ley, "Woolferthford."

**WOMEN.** All the females of the human species. All such females who have arrived at the age of puberty. Dig. 50, 16, 13.

**WONG.** Sax. In old records. A field. Spelman; Cowell.

**WOOD-CORN.** In old records. A certain quantity of oats or other grain, paid by customary tenants to the lord, for liberty to pick up dead or broken wood. Cowell.

**WOOD-GELD.** In old English law. Money paid for the liberty of taking wood in a forest. Cowell.

Immunity from such payment. Spelman.

**WOOD LEAVE.** A license or right to cut down, remove, and use standing timber on a given estate or tract of land. Osborne v. O'Reilly, 42 N. J. Eq. 467, 9 Atl. 200.

**WOOD-MOTE.** In forest law. The old name of the court of attachments; otherwise called the "Forty-Days Court." Cowell; 3 Bl. Comm. 71.

**WOOD PLEA COURT.** A court held twice in the year in the forest of Clun, in Shropshire, for determining all matters of wood and agrisments. Cowell.

**WOOD-STREET COMPERT.** The name of an old prison in London.

**WOODS.** A forest; land covered with a large and thick collection of natural forest
trees. The old books say that a grant of "all his woods" (omnes boscos suos) will pass the land, as well as the trees growing upon it. Co. Litt. 46. See Averitt v. Murrell, 49 N. C. 323; Hall v. Cranford, 50 N. C. 3; Achenbach v. Johnston, 84 N. C. 264.

WOODWARDS. Officers of the forest, whose duty consists in looking after the wood and vert and venison, and preventing offenses relating to the same. Manw. 189.

WOOL-SACK. The seat of the lord chancellor of England in the house of lords, being a large square bag of wool, without back or arms, covered with red cloth. Webster; Branda.

WOOL SORTERS' DISEASE. In medical jurisprudence. A popular name for malignant anthrax, a disease characterized by malignant pustules or carbuncles, caused by infection through animal matter containing the bacillus anthracis, and chiefly prevalent among persons whose business is to handle wool and hides, such as tanners, butchers, and herdsmen. See Bacon v. United States Mut. Acc. Ass'n, 123 N. Y. 304, 25 N. E. 390, 9 L. R. A. 617, 20 Am. St. Rep. 748.

WORDS. As used in law, this word generally signifies the technical terms and phrases appropriate to particular instruments, or aptly fitted to the expression of a particular intention in legal instruments. See the subtitles following.

—Words of art. The vocabulary or terminology of a particular art or science, and especially those expressions which are idiomatic or peculiar to it. See Cargill v. Thompson, 57 Minn. 534, 59 N. W. 638. —Words of limitation. See LIMITATION. —Words of proclamation. To create an estate tail by deed, it is necessary that words of proclamation should be used in order to confine the estate to the descendants of the first grantee, as in the usual form of limitation."—to A. and the heirs of his body." Sweet. —Words of purchase. See PURCHASE.

WORK AND LABOR. The name of one of the common counts in actions of assumpsit, being for work and labor done and materials furnished by the plaintiff for the defendant.

WORK-BEAST, or WORK-HORSE. These terms mean an animal of the horse kind, which can be rendered fit for service, as well as one of mature age and in actual use. Winfrey v. Zimmerman, 5 Bush (Ky.) 387.

WORK-HOUSE. A place where convicts (or paupers) are confined and kept at labor.

WORKING DAYS. In settling lay-days, or days of demurrage, sometimes the contract specifies "working days." In the computation, Sundays and custom-house holidays are excluded. 1 Bell, Comm. 577.

WORKMAN. One who labors; one who is employed to do business for another.

WORLDS. This term means sometimes a mill, factory, or other establishment for performing industrial labor of any sort, (South St. Joseph Land Co. v. Pitt, 114 Mo. 135, 21 S. W. 440), and sometimes a building, structure, or erection of any kind upon land, as in the civil-law phrase "new works."

—New worlds. A term of the civil law comprehending every sort of edifice or other structure which is newly commenced on a given estate or lot. Its importance lies chiefly in the fact that a remedy is given ("denunciation of new works") to an adjacent proprietor whose property would be injured or subjected to a more onerous servitude if such a work were allowed to proceed to completion.—Public works. Works, whether of construction or adaptation, undertaken and carried out by the national, state, or municipal authorities, and designed to subserve some purpose of public necessity, use, or convenience, as schools, public buildings, roads, streets, parks, etc. See Ellis v. Common Council, 123 Mich. 507, 82 N. W. 244; Winters v. Duluth, 82 Minn. 127, 84 N. W. 788.

WORLD. This term sometimes denotes all persons whatsoever who may have, claim, or acquire an interest in the subject-matter; as in saying that a judgment in rem binds "all the world."

WORSHIP. The act of offering honor and adoration to the Divine Being. Religious exercises participated in by a number of persons assembled for that purpose, the disturbance of which is a statutory offense in many states. See Hamsber v. Hamsber, 132 Ill. 273, 22 N. E. 1123, 8 L. R. A. 556; State v. District Board, 70 Wis. 177, 44 N. W. 967, 7 L. R. A. 330, 20 Am. St. Rep. 41; State v. Buswell, 40 Neb. 158, 58 N. W. 728, 24 L. R. A. 68.

In English law. A title of honor or dignity used in addresses to certain magistrates and other persons of rank or office.

—Public worship. This term may mean the worship of God, conducted and observed under public authority; or it may mean worship in an open or public place, without privacy or concealment; or it may mean the performances of religious exercises, under a provision for an equal right in the whole public to participate in its benefits; or it may be used in contradistinction to worship in the family or the closet. In this sense, what is called "public worship" is commonly conducted by voluntary societies, constituted according to their own notions of ecclesiastical authority and ritual propriety, opening their places of worship, and admitting to their religious services such persons, and upon such terms, and subject to such regulations, as they may choose to designate and establish. The church absolutely belonging to the public, and in which all persons without restriction have equal rights, such as the public enjoy in highways or public landings, is certainly a very rare institution. Attorney General v. Merimack Mfg. Co., 14 Gray (Mass.) 356.

WORT, or WORTH. A curtilage or country farm.
WORLDEST OF BLOOD. In the English law of descent. A term applied to males, expressive of the preference given to them over females. See 2 Bl. Comm. 234-240.

WORTHING OF LAND. A certain quantity of land so called in the manor of Kingsland, in Hereford. The tenants are called "worthies." Wharton.

WOUND. In criminal cases, the definition of a "wound" is an injury to the person by which the skin is broken. State v. Leonard, 22 Mo. 451; Moriarty v. Brooks, 6 Car. & P. 684.

"In legal medicine, the term 'wound' is used in a much more comprehensive sense than in surgery. In the latter, it means strictly a solution of continuity; in the former, injuries of every description that affect either the hard or the soft parts; and accordingly under it are comprehended bruises, contusions, fractures, luxations," etc. 2 Beck, Med. Jur. 106.

WOUNDING. An aggravated species of assault and battery, consisting in one person giving another some dangerous hurt. 3 Bl. Comm. 121.

Wreccum maris significat illa bona que nonfrago ad terram pelluntur. A wreck of the sea signifies those goods which are driven to shore from a shipwreck.

WRECK. At common law. Such goods as after a shipwreck are cast upon the land by the sea, and, as lying within the territory of some county, do not belong to the jurisdiction of the admiralty, but to the common law. 2 Inst. 167; 1 Bl. Comm. 290.

Goods cast ashore from a wrecked vessel, where no living creature has escaped from the wreck alive; and which are forfeited to the crown, or to persons having the franchise of wreck. Cowell.

In American law. Goods cast ashore by the sea, and not claimed by the owner within a year, or other specified period; and which, in such case, become the property of the state. 2 Kent. Comm. 322.


-Wreck commissioners are persons appointed by the English lord chancellor under the merchant shipping act, 1576, (section 29,) to hold investigations at the request of the board of trade into losses, abandonments, damages, and casualties of or to ships on or near the coast of the United Kingdom, whereby loss of life is caused. Sweet.

WRECFREE. Exempt from the forfeiture of shipwrecked goods and vessels to the king. Cowell.

WRIT. A precept in writing, couched in the form of a letter, running in the name of the king, president, or state, issuing from a court of justice, and sealed with its seal, addressed to a sheriff or other officer of the law, or directly to the person whose action the court desires to command, either as the commence ment of a suit or other proceeding or as incidental to its progress, and requiring the performance of a special act, or giving authority and commission to have it done.

For the names and description of various particular writs, see the following titles.

In old English law. An instrument in the form of a letter; a letter or letters of attorney. This is a very ancient sense of the word.

In the old books, "writ" is used as equivalent to "action;" hence writs are sometimes divided into real, personal, and mixed.

In Scotch law. A writing; an instrument in writing, as a deed, bond, contract, etc. 2 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, pp. 175-179.

- Alias writ. A second writ issued in the same cause, where a former writ of the same kind has been issued without effect.—Close writ. In English law, a name given to certain letters of the sovereign, sealed with his great seal and directed to particular persons and for particular purposes, which, not being proper for public inspection, were closed and sealed on the outside; also, a writ directed to the sheriff instead of to the lord. 2 Bl. Comm. 346, 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 45.—Contemporary writs. Duplicate originals, or several writs running at the same time for the same purpose, for service on or arrest of a person, when it is not known who he is to be found; or for service on several persons, as when there are several defendants to an action. Molesby & Whitley.—Judicial writ. In English practice. Such writs as issue under the private seal of the courts, and not under the great seal of England, and are tested or witnessed, not in the king's name, but in the name of the chief judge of the court out of which they issue. The word "judicial" is used in contradistinction to "original;" original writ being such as issue out of chancery under the great seal, and are witnessed in the king's name. See 3 Bl. Comm. 282. Pullman's Palace-Car Co. v. Washburn (C. C.) 86 Fed. 792.—Junior or lesser writ. A writ which is issued, or comes to the officer's hands, at a later time than a similar writ, at the suit of another party, or on a different claim, against the same defendant.—Original writ. In English practice. An original writ was the process formerly in use for the commencement of personal actions. It was a mandate issued from the king, issuing out of chancery, sealed with the great seal, and directed to the sheriff of the county wherein the injury was committed, or was supposed to have been committed, requiring him to command the wrong-doer or accused party either to do justice to the plaintiff or else to appear in court and answer the accusation against him. This writ is now disused, the writ of summons being the process prescribed by the uniformity of process act for commencing
conspired to injure the plaintiff, under the same circumstances which would now give him an action on the case.

WRIT OF COVENANT. A writ which lies where a party claims damages for breach of covenant; i. e., of a promise under seal.

WRIT OF DEBT. A writ which lies where the party claims the recovery of a debt; i. e., a liquidated or certain sum of money alleged to be due to him.

WRIT OF DECEIT. The name of a writ which lies where one man has done anything in the name of another, by which the latter is damned and deceived. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 95, E.

WRIT OF DELIVERY. A writ of execution employed to enforce a judgment for the delivery of chattels. It commands the sheriff to cause the chattels mentioned in the writ to be returned to the person who has obtained the judgment; and, if the chattels cannot be found, to restrain the person against whom the judgment was given until he returns them. Smith, Act. 175; Sweet.

WRIT OF DETINUE. A writ which lies where a party claims the specific recovery of goods and chattels, or deeds and writings, detained from him. This is seldom used; trover is the more frequent remedy, in cases where it may be brought. Bouvier.

WRIT OF DOWER. This is either a writ of dower unde nihil habet, which lies for a widow, commanding the tenant to assign her dower, no part of which has yet been set off to her; or a writ of right of dower, whereby she seeks to recover the remainder of the dower to which she is entitled, part having been already received from the tenant.

WRIT OF EJECTMENT. The writ in an action of ejectment, for the recovery of lands. See EJECTMENT.

WRIT OF ENTRY. A real action to recover the possession of land where the tenant (or owner) has been diseised or otherwise wrongfully dispossessed. If the disseis or has aliened the land, or if it has descend to his heir, the writ of entry is said to be in the per, because it alleges that the defendant (the second alienee) obtained possession through the original disseis. If two alienations (or descents) have taken place, the writ is in the per and cut, because it alleges that the defendant (the second alienee) obtained possession through the first alienee, to whom the original disseis had aliened it. If more than two alienations (or descents) have taken place, the writ is in the post, because it simply alleges that the defendant acquired possession after the original disseis.
Co. Litt. 238b; 3 Bl. Comm. 180. The writ of entry was abolished, with other real actions, in England, by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27, § 36, but is still in use in a few of the states of the Union. Sweet.

WRIT OF ERROR. A writ issued from a court of appellate jurisdiction, directed to the judge or judges of a court of record, requiring them to remit to the appellate court the record of an action before them, in which a final judgment has been entered, in order that examination may be made of certain errors alleged to have been committed, and that the judgment may be reversed, corrected, or affirmed, as the case may require.

A writ of error is defined to be a commission by which the judges of one court are authorized to examine a record upon which a judgment was given in another court, and, on such examination, to affirm or reverse the same, according to law. Cohens v. Virginia, 6 Wheat. 409, 5 L. Ed. 257.

WRIT OF EXECUTION. A writ to put in force the judgment or decree of a court.

WRIT OF FALSE JUDGMENT. A writ which appears to be still in use to bring appeals to the English high court from inferior courts not of record proceeding according to the course of the common law. Archb. Pr. 1427.

WRIT OF FORMEDON. A writ which lies for the recovery of an estate by a person claiming a right of title, by the remainder-man or reversioner after the termination of the entail. See Formedon.

WRIT OF INQUIRY. In common-law practice. A writ which issues after the plaintiff in an action has obtained a judgment by default, on an unliquidated claim, directing the sheriff, with the aid of a jury, to inquire into the amount of the plaintiff's demand and assess his damages. Lennon v. Rewitzer, 57 Conn. 638, 19 Atl. 34; Havens v. Hartford & N. R. Co., 28 Conn. 70.

WRIT OF MAINPRIZE. In English law. A writ directed to the sheriff, (either generally, when any man is imprisoned for a bailable offense and bail has been refused, or specially, when the offense or cause of commitment is not properly bailable below,) commanding him to take sureties for the prisoner's appearance, commonly called "mainpernors," and to set him at large. 3 Bl. Comm. 128.

WRIT OF MESNE. In old English law. A writ which was so called by reason of the words used in the writ, namely, "unde idem A. qui medius est inter C. et pretaturum B.;" that is, A., who is mesne between C., the lord paramount, and B., the tenant paravall. Co. Litt. 100a.

WRIT OF POSSESSION. This is the writ of execution employed to enforce a judgment to recover the possession of land. It commands the sheriff to enter the land and give possession of it to the person entitled under the judgment. Smith, Act. 175.

WRIT OF PRECIPE. This writ is also called a "writ of covenant," and is sued out by the party to whom lands are to be conveyed by fine, the foundation of which is a supposed agreement or covenant that the one shall convey the land to the other. 2 Bl. Comm. 340.

WRIT OF PREVENTION. This name is given to certain writs which may be issued in anticipation of suits which may arise. Co. Litt. 100.

WRIT OF PROCLAMATION. In English law. By the statute 31 Eliz. c. 3, when an exigent is sued out, a writ of proclamation shall issue at the same time, commanding the sheriff of the county where the defendant dwells to make three proclamations thereof, in places the most notorious, and most likely to come to his knowledge, a month before the outlawry shall take place. 3 Bl. Comm. 284.

WRIT OF PROTECTION. In England, the king may, by his writ of protection, privilege any person in his service from arrest in civil proceedings during a year and a day; but this prerogative is seldom, if ever, exercised. Archb. Pr. 687. See Co. Litt. 130a.

WRIT OF QUARE IMPEDIT. See Quare Impedit.

WRIT OF RECAPTURE. If, pending an action of replevin for a distress, the defendant distrains again for the same rent or service, the owner of the goods is not driven to another action of replevin, but is allowed a writ of recapture, by which he recovers the goods and damages for the defendant's contempt of the process of the law in making a second distress while the matter is sub judice. Woodf. Landl. & Ten. 484.

WRIT OF RESTITUTION. A writ which is issued on the reversal of a judgment commanding the sheriff to restore to the defendant below the thing levied upon, if it has not been sold, and, if it has been sold, the proceeds. Bac. Abr. "Execution," Q.

WRIT OF REVIEW. (1) A general designation of any form of process issuing from an appellate court and intended to bring up for review the record or decision of the court below. Burrell v. Burrell, 10 Mass. 222; Hopkins v. Benson, 21 Me. 401; West v. De Moss, 50 La. Ann. 1349, 24 South. 325.
WRIT OF RIGHT

In code practice, a substitute for, or equivalent of, the writ of certiorari. California & O. Land Co. v. Gowen (C. C.) 48 Fed. 775; Burnett v. Douglas County, 4 Or. 389; In re Winegard, 73 Hun, 58, 25 N. Y. Supp. 1039.

WRIT OF RIGHT. This was a writ which lay for one who had the right of property, against another who had the right of possession and the actual occupation. The writ properly lay only to recover corporeal hereditaments for an estate in fee-simple; but there were other writs, said to be "in the nature of a writ of right," available for the recovery of incorporeal hereditaments or of lands for a less estate than a fee-simple. Brown.

In another sense of the term, a "writ of right" is one which is grantable as a matter of right, as opposed to a "prerogative writ," which is issued only as a matter of grace or discretion.

WRIT OF SUMMONS. The writ by which, under the English judicature acts, all actions are commenced.

WRIT OF TOLT. In English law. The name of a writ to remove proceedings on a writ of right patent from the court-baron into the county court.

WRIT OF TRIAL. In English law. A writ directing an action brought in a superior court to be tried in an inferior court or before the under-sheriff, under St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV, c. 42. It is now superseded by the county courts act of 1807, c. 142, § 6, by which a defendant, in certain cases, is enabled to obtain an order that the action be tried in a county court. 3 Steph. Comm. 515, n.; Mosley & Whitley.

WRIT OF WASTE. The name of a writ to be issued against a tenant who has committed waste of the premises. There are several forms of this writ. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 125.

WRIT PRO RETURNO HABENDO. A writ commanding the return of the goods to the defendant, upon a judgment in his favor in replevin, upon the plaintiff's default.

WRITER OF THE TALLIES. In England. An officer of the exchequer whose duty it was to write upon the tallies the letters of tellers' bills.

WRITER TO THE SIGNET. In Scotch law. An officer nearly corresponding to an attorney at law, in English and American practice. "Writers to the signet," called also "clerks to the signet," derive their name from the circumstance that they were accustomed clerks in the office of the secretary of state, by whom writs were prepared and issued under the royal signet or seal; and, when the signet became employed in judicial proceedings, they obtained a monopoly of the privileges of acting as agents or attorneys before the court of session. Brande, voc. "Signet."

WRITING. The expression of ideas by letters visible to the eye. Clason v. Bailey, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 491. The giving an outward and objective form to a contract, will, etc., by means of letters or marks placed upon paper, parchment, or other material substance.

In the most general sense of the word, "writing" denotes a document, whether manuscript or printed, as opposed to mere spoken words. Writing is essential to the validity of certain contracts and other transactions. Sweet.

WRITING OBLIGATORY. The technical name by which a bond is described in pleading. Denton v. Adams, 6 Vt. 40.

WRITTEN LAW. One of the two leading divisions of the Roman law, comprising the leges, piebiscita, senatus-consulta, principum plactia, magistratum edicta, and response prudentium. Inst. 1, 2, 3.

Statute law; law deriving its force from express legislative enactment. 1 Bl. Comm. 62, 85.

WRONG. An injury; a tort; a violation of right or of law.

The idea of rights naturally suggests the correlative one of wrongs; for every right is capable of being violated. A right to receive payment for goods sold (for example) implies a wrong on the part of him who owes, but who withholds the price; a right to live in personal security, a wrong on the part of him who commits personal violence. And therefore, while, in a general point of view, the law is intended for the establishment and maintenance of rights, we find it, on closer examination, to be dealing both with rights and wrongs. It first fixes the character and definition of rights, and then, with a view to their effectual security, proceeds to define wrongs, and to devise the means by which the latter shall be prevented or repressed. 1 Steph. Comm. 125.

—Private wrongs. The violation of public or private rights, when considered in reference to the injury sustained by the individual, and consequently as subjects for civil redress or compensation. 3 Steph. Comm. 356; Huntington v. Attrill, 146 U. S. 557, 13 Sup. Ct. 224, 36 L. Ed. 1123; Tomlin v. Hildreth, 65 N. J. Law, 438, 47 Atl. 649—Public wrongs. Violations of public rights and duties which affect the whole community, considered as a community; crimes and misdemeanors. 3 Bl. Comm. 2; 4 Bl. Comm. 1—Real wrong. In old English law. An injury to the frehold.

WRONG-DOER. One who commits an injury; a tortfeasor.

WRONGFULLY INTENDING. In the language of pleading, this phrase is appro-
WRONGOUS

In Scotch law. Wrongful; unlawful; as wrongous imprisonment. Creik, Prin. 4, 4, 25.

WRONGUS. In Saxon law. Worthy; competent. Athuscurth, worthy of oath; admissible or competent to be sworn. Spelman.

WYTHE. In old English law. Acquittal or immunity from amercement.

X

XENODOCHIUM. In the civil and old English law. An inn allowed by public license, for the entertainment of strangers, and other guests. Calvin.; Cowell.

A hospital; a place where sick and infirm persons are taken care of. Cowell.

XENODOCHY. Reception of strangers; hospitality. Enc. Lond.

XYLOX. A punishment among the Greeks answering to our stocks. Wharton.

Y

YA ET NAY. In old records. Mere assertion and denial, without oath.

YACHT. A light sea-going vessel, used only for pleasure-trips, racing, etc. Webster. See 22 St. at Large, 506 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2845); Rev. St. U. S. §§ 4215-4218 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2847).

YARD. A measure of length, containing three feet, or thirty-six inches.

A piece of land inclosed for the use and accommodation of the inhabitants of a house.

YARDLAND, or virgata torze, is a quantity of land, said by some to be twenty acres, but by Coke to be of uncertain extent.

YEAK AND NAY. Yes and no. According to a charter of Athietan, the people of Ripon were to be believed in all actions or suits upon their yea and nay, without the necessity of taking any oath. Brown.

YEAR. The period in which the revolution of the earth round the sun, and the accompanying changes in the order of nature, are completed. Generally, when a statute speaks of a year, twelve calendar, and not lunar, months are intended. Cro. Jac. 168.

The year is either astronomical, ecclesiastical, or regnal, beginning on the 1st of January, or 25th of March, or the day of the sovereign's accession. Wharton.

Natural year. In old English law. That period of time in which the sun was supposed to revolve in its orbit, consisting of 365 days and one-fourth of a day, or six hours. Bract. fol. 52bb. —Year and day. This period was fixed for many purposes in law. Thus, in the case of an estray, if the owner did not claim it within that time, it became the property of the lord. So the owners of wreck must claim it within a year and a day. Death must follow upon wounding within a year and a day if the wounding is to be indicted as murder. Also a year and a day were given for prosecuting or avoiding certain legal acts: e.g. for bringing actions after entry, for making claim for avoiding a fine, etc. Brown. —Year books. Books of reports of cases in a regular series from the reign of the English King Edward I., inclusive, to the time of Henry VIII., which were taken by the prothonotaries or chief scribes of the courts, at the expense of the crown, and published annually; whence their name, "Year Books." Brown. —Year, day, and waste. In English law. An ancient prerogative of the king, whereby he was entitled to the profits, for a year and a day, of the lands of persons attainted of petty treason or felony, together with the right of wasting the tenements, afterwards restoring the property to the lord of the fee. Abrogated by St. 54 Geo. III. c. 145. Wharton. —Year to year, tenancy from. This estate arises either expressly, as when land is let from year to year; or by a general parol demise, without any determinate interest, but reserving the payment of an annual rent; or impliedly, as when property is occupied generally under a rent payable yearly, half-yearly, or quarterly; or when a tenant holds over, after the expiration of his term, without having entered into any new contract, and pays rent, (before which he is tenant on sufferance.) Wharton. —Years, estate for. See Estate for Years.

YEAS AND NAYS. The affirmative and negative votes on a bill or measure before a legislative assembly. "Calling the yeas and nays" is calling for the individual and oral vote of each member, usually upon a call of the roll.

YEME. In old records. Winter; a corruption of the Latin "hiema."

YEOMAN. In English law. A commoner; a freeholder under the rank of gentle-
man. Cowell. A man who has free land of forty shillings by the year; who was anciently thereby qualified to serve on juries, vote for knights of the shire, and do any other act, where the law requires one that is probus et legalis homo. 1 Bl. Comm. 406, 407.

This term is occasionally used in American law, but without any definite meaning, except in the United States navy, where it designates an appointive petty officer, who has charge of the stores and supplies in his department of the ship's economy.

—Yeomanry. The collected body of yeomen.
—Yeomen of the guard. Properly called "yeomen of the guard of the royal household;" a body of men of the best rank under the gentry, and of a larger statute than ordinary, every one being required to be six feet high. Enc. Lond.

YEVEN, or YEOVEN. Given; dated. Cowell.

YIELD, in the law of real property, is to perform a service due by a tenant to his lord. Hence the usual form of reservation of a rent in a lease begins with the words "yielding and paying." Sweet.

YIELDING AND PAYING. In conveyancing. The initial words of that clause in leases in which the rent to be paid by the lessee is mentioned and reserved.

YOKEL. A little farm, requiring but a yoke of oxen to till it.

YORK, CUSTOM OF. A custom of the province of York in England, by which the effects of an intestate, after payment of his debts, are in general divided according to the ancient universal doctrine of the pars rationabilis; that is, one-third each to the widow, children, and administrator. 2 Bl. Comm. 518.

YORK, STATUTE OF. An important English statute passed at the city of York, in the twelfth year of Edward II., containing provisions on the subject of attorneys, witnesses, the taking of inquests by nisi prius, etc. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 299-302.

YORKSHIRE REGISTRIES. The registries of titles to land provided by acts of parliament for the ridings of the county of York in England. These resemble the offices for the registration or recording of deeds commonly established in the several counties of the states.

YOUNGER CHILDREN. This phrase, when used in English conveyancing with reference to settlements of land, signifies all such children as are not entitled to the rights of an eldest son. It therefore includes daughters, even those who are older than the eldest son. Mozley & Whitley.

YOUTH. This word may include children and youth of both sexes. Nelson v. Cushing. 2 Cush. (Mass.) 519, 528.

YULE. The times of Christmas and Lammas.

YVERNAL BLE. L. Fr. Winter grain. Kelham.
ZANJA. Span. A water ditch or artificial canal, and particularly one used for purposes of irrigation. See Pico v. Colinas, 32 Cal. 573.

ZANJERO. Span. A water commissioner or superintendent, or supervisor of an irrigation system. See Pico v. Colimas, 32 Cal. 573.

ZEALOT. This word is commonly taken in a bad sense, as denoting a separatist from the Church of England, or a fanatic. Brown.

ZEALOUS WITNESS. An untechnical term denoting a witness, on the trial of a cause, who manifests a partiality for the side calling him, and an eager readiness to tell anything which he thinks may be of advantage to that side.

ZEIR. O. Sc. Year. “Zeir and day.” Bell.

ZEMINDAR. In Hindu law. Landkeeper. An officer who under the Mohammedan government was charged with the financial superintendence of the lands of a district, the protection of the cultivators, and the realization of the government’s share of its produce, either in money or kind. Wharton.

ZETETICK. Proceeding by inquiry. Enc. Lond.

ZIGARI, or ZINGARI. Rogues and vagabonds in the middle ages; from Zigi, now Circassia.

ZOLL-VEREIN. A union of German states for uniformity of customs, established in 1819. It continued until the unification of the German empire, including Prussia, Saxony, Bavaria, Wurttemberg, Baden, Hesse-Cassel, Brunswick, and Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and all intermediate principalities. It has now been superseded by the German empire; and the federal council of the empire has taken the place of that of the Zoll-Verein. Wharton.

ZYGOCEPHALUM. In the civil law. A measure or quantity of land. Nov. 17, c. 8. As much land as a yoke of oxen could plow in a day. Calvin.

ZYGOSTATES. In the civil law. A weigher; an officer who held or looked to the balance in weighing money between buyer and seller; an officer appointed to determine controversies about the weight of money. Spelman.

ZYTHUM. Lat. A liquor or beverage made of wheat or barley. Dig. 33, 6, 9, pr.
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| **Am. R. R. Cas.** | **American Railway Cases (Smith & Bates)** |
| **Am. R. R. Rep.** | **American Railway Reports, New York** |
| **Am. R. R. & C. Rep.** | **American Railroad and Corporation Reports** |
| **Am. Rep.** | **American Reports (Selected Cases)** |
| **Am. Ry. Ca.** | **American Railway Cases** |
| **Am. Ry. Rep.** | **American Railway Reports** |
| **Am. St. Rep.** | **American State Reports** |
| **Am. St. Ry. Dec.** | **American Street Railway Decisions** |
| **Am. Tr.-M. Cas.** | **American Trade-Mark Cases (Cox's)** |
| **Am. & Eng. Corp. Cas.** | **American and English Corporation Cases** |
| **Am. & Eng. Dec. in Eq.** | **American and English Decisions in Equity** |
| **Am. & Eng. Ency. Law.** | **American and English Encyclopedia of Law** |
| **Am. & Eng. Pat. Ca.** | **American and English Patent Cases** |
| **Am. & Eng. R. R. Ca.** | **American and English Railroad Cases** |
| **Am. & Eng. Ry. Ca.** | **American and English Railway Cases** |
| **Amb. (or Ambl.)** | **Ambler's English Chancery Reports** |
| **Amer.** | **American** |
| **Amer. & Eng. R. R. Ca.** | **American and English Railroad Cases** |
| **Amer. & Eng. Ry. Ca.** | **American and English Railway Cases** |
| **Amer. Cas. B. & N.** | **Amer's Cases on Bills and Notes** |
| **Amer. Law Reg. (N. S.).** | **American Law Register, New Series** |
| **Amer. Law Reg. (O. S.).** | **American Law Register, Old Series** |
| **Amer. Law Rev.** | **American Law Review** |
| **Amer. & Eng. Ency. Law.** | **American and English Encyclopedia of Law** |
| **Amer. & Eng. Pat. Ca.** | **American and English Patent Cases** |
| **Amer. & Eng. P. R. Ca.** | **American and English Railroad Cases** |
| **Amer. Cas. Par.** | **Amer's Cases on Partnership** |
| **Amer. Cas. Pl.** | **Amer's Cases on Pleading** |
| **Amer. Cas. Sur.** | **Amer's Cases on Suretyship** |
| **Amer. Cas. Trusts.** | **Amer's Cases on Trusts** |
| **Amer. K. B.** | **Amer, Knowles & Bradley's Reports, vol. 8 Rhode Island** |
| **Amer. & F. Fixt.** | **Amos & Farrant on Fixtures** |
| **And.** | **Andrews' Reports, vols. 63-72 Connecticut** |
| **Anders. (or Anderson).** | **Anderson's Reports, English Court of Common Pleas** |
| **Andr. (or Andrews).** | **Andrews' English King's Bench Reports** |

**Ang. Lim.** | **Angell on Limitations** |
**Ang. Tide Waters.** | **Angell on Tide Waters** |
**Ang. Water Courses.** | **Angell on Water Courses** |
**Ang. & A. Corp.** | **Angell & Ames on Corporations** |
**Ang. & Dur.** | **Angell & Durfee's Reports, vol. 1 Rhode Island** |
**Ann. Cas.** | **American & English Annotated Cases; New York Annotated Cases** |
**Ann. Reg.** | **Annual Register, London** |
**Ann. St.** | **Annotated Statutes** |
**Annal.** | **Annals edition of Lee tempore Hardwicke** |
**Anson.** | **Queen Anne (thus "1 Anne," denotes the first year of the reign of Queen Anne)** |
**Anson. Cont.** | **Anson on Contracts** |
**Anstr.** | **Anstruther's Reports, English Exchequer** |
**Anth.** | **Anthon's New York Nisi Prius Reports;—Anthon's Illinois Digest** |
**Anth. N. P.** | **Anthon's New York Nisi Prius Reports** |
**Anth. S. H.** | **Anthon's edition of Shepard's Touchstone** |
**Ap. Justin.** | **Aput Justinianum;—In Justinian's Institutes** |
**App.** | **Appleton's Reports, vols. 19, 20 Maine** |
**App. Cas.** | **Appeal Cases, English Law Reports;—Appeal Cases, United States;—Appeal Cases of the different States;—Appeal Cases, District of Columbia** |
**[1891] App. Cas.** | **Law Reports, Appeal Cases from 1891 onward** |
**App. Cas. Beng.** | **Sevestre and Marshall's Bengal Reports** |
**App. Ct. Rep.** | **Bradwell's Illinois Appeal Court Reports** |
**App. D. C.** | **Appeals, District of Columbia** |
**App. Div.** | **Appellate Division, New York** |
**App. Jur. Act 1876.** | **Appellate Jurisdiction Act, 1876, 39 & 40 Vict. c. 59** |
**App. N. Z.** | **Appeal Reports, New Zealand** |
**App. Rep. Ont.** | **Appeal Reports, Ontario** |
**App. Bre.** | **Appendix to Breese's Reports** |
**Appleton.** | **Appleton's Reports, vols. 19, 20 Maine** |
**Ar. Rep.** | **Argus Reports, Victoria** |
**Arab.** | **Decisions of Seargent Arabin** |
**Arbuth.** | **Arbuthnot's Select Criminal Cases, Madras** |
**Arch.** | **Court of Arches, England** |
**Arch. P. L. Cas.** | **Archbold's Abridgment of Poor Law Cases** |
**Arch. Sum.** | **Archbold's Summary of Laws of England** |
**Archb. Civil Pl.** | **Archbold's Civil Pleading** |
**Archb. Crim. Pl.** | **Archbold's Criminal Pleading** |
**Archb. Landl. & Ten.** | **Archbold's Landlord and Tenant** |
**Archb. N. P.** | **Archbold's Nisi Prius Law**
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- **Asp. Cas. (or Rep.)** English Maritime Law Cases, new series by Aspinall.
- **Asp. M. C.** Aspinall's Maritime Cases.
- **Ass.** Book of Assizes.
- **Ass. Jers.** Assizes of Jerusalem.
- **Ast. Est.** Aston's Entries.
- **Atch.** Atchison's English Navigation and Trade Reports.
- **Atk.** Atkyn's English Chancery Reports.
- **Atk. P. T.** Atkyn's Parliamentary Tracts.
- **Atk. Sher.** Atkinson on Sheriffs.
- **Atl.** Atlantic Reporter.
- **Atl. Mo.** Atlantic Monthly.
- **Atl. R. (or Rep.)** Atlantic Reporter.
- **Atwater.** Atwater's Reports, vol. 1 Minnesota.
- **Auch.** Auchinleck's Manuscript Cases, Scotch Court of Session.
- **Aust.** Austin's English County Court Cases;—Australia.
- **Aust. Jur.** Austin's Province of Jurisprudence.
- **Aust. L. T.** Australian Law Times.
- **Aust. (Ceylon).** Austin's Ceylon Reports.
- **Aust. C. C.** Austin's English County Court Reports.
- **Ayl. Fan.** See Ayliffe.
- **Ayl. Pand.** See Ayliffe.
- **Ayl. Par.** See Ayliffe.
- **Ayliffe.** Ayliffe's Pandects;—Ayliffe's Parergon Juris Canonici Anglican.
- **Ayliffe Parerog.** See Ayliffe.
- **Azuni, Mar. Law.** Azuni on Maritime Law.
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Balf. Balfour’s Practice, Laws of Scotland.
Ball & B. Ball & Bently’s Irish Chancery Reports.
Bank. and Ins. B. Bankruptcy and Insolvency Reports, English.
Bank. Ins. Banker’s Institute of Scottish Law.
Bank Rep. American Law Times Bankruptcy Reports.
Bank. and Ins. Bankruptcy and Insolvency Reports, English.
Banks. Banks’ Reports, vols. 1-5 Kansas.
Bar. Barnardiston’s English King’s Bench Reports;—Barnardiston’s Chancery;—Bar Reports in all the Courts, English;—Barbour’s Supreme Court Reports, New York;—Barrows’ Reports, vol. 18 Rhode Island.
Bar. Ch. (or Chy.) Barnardiston’s English Chancery Reports.
Bar. N. Barnes’ Notes, English Common Pleas Reports.
Bar. Obs. St. Barrington’s Observations upon the Statutes from Magna Charta to 21 James I.
Bar. & Ad. Barnewall & Adolphus’ English King’s Bench Reports.
Bar. & Al. Barnewall & Alderson’s English King’s Bench Reports.
Bar. & Aust. (or Au.) Barron & Austin’s English Election Cases.
Bar. & C. Barnewall & Cresswell’s English King’s Bench Reports.
Barb. Ch. Barbour’s New York Chancery Reports.
Barb. Dig. Barber’s Digest of Kentucky.
Barb. S. C. Barbour’s Supreme Court Reports, New York.
Barro. Barber’s Reports, Arkansas. See Bar. Ark.
Bare Dig. Barclay’s Missouri Digest.

Barn. Ch. Barnardiston’s English Chancery Reports.
Barn. & A. Barnewall & Alderson’s English King’s Bench Reports.
Barn. & Ad. (or Adel.) Barnewall & Adolphus’ English King’s Bench Reports.
Barn. & Ald. Barnewall & Alderson’s English King’s Bench Reports.
Barn. & C. (or Cr.) Barnewall & Cresswell’s English King’s Bench Reports.
Barnard. Ch. Barnardiston’s Chancery Reports.
Barnard. K. B. Barnardiston’s King’s Bench Reports.
Barnes. Barnes’ Practice Cases, English.
Barnes, N. C. Barnes’ Notes of Cases in Common Pleas.
Barnet. Barnet’s Reports, vols. 27-29 English Central Criminal Courts Reports.
Barnw. Dig. Barnwell’s Digest of the Year Books.
Barr. St. Barrington’s Observations upon the Statutes from Magna Charta to 21 James I.
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| Bright. N. F. | Brightly's Nisi Prius Reports, Pennsylvania. |
| Brit. Cr. Cas. | British (or English) Crown Cases. |
| Brit. | Britton on Ancient Pleading. |
| Bro. | See, also, Brown and Browne.|
| Bro. (Pa.) | Browne's Pennsylvania Reports. |
| Bro. Abr. in Eq. | Browne's New Abridgment of Cases in Equity. |
| Bro. A. &amp; R. | Brown's United States District Court Reports (Admiralty and Revenue Cases). |
| Bro. C. C. | Brown's English Chancery Cases, or Reports. |
| Bro. Ch. | Brown's English Chancery Reports. |
| Bro. N. C. | Brooke's New Cases, English King's Bench. |
| Bro. V. M. | Brown's Vade Mecum. |
| Bro. &amp; Fr. | Broderick &amp; Freemantle's English Ecclesiastical Cases. |
| Bro. &amp; G. | Brownlow &amp; Goldesborough's English Common Pleas Reports. |
| Bro. &amp; Lush. | Browning &amp; Lushington's English Admiralty Reports. |
| Brock. Cas. | Brockenhourgh's Virginia Cases. |
| Brock. &amp; Hol. | Brockenhourgh &amp; Holmes' Virginia Cases. |
| Brod. Stair. | Brodie's Notes to Stair's Institutes, Scotch. |
| Brod. &amp; B. (or Brod. &amp; Bling.). | Broderip &amp; Bingham's English Common Pleas Reports. |
| Brod. &amp; Fr. | Broderick &amp; Freemantle's Ecclesiastical Cases. |
| Brooke (or Brooke [Petit]). | Brooke's New Cases, English King's Bench. |
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Bush. Cr. Dig. Busbee's Criminal Digest, North Carolina.

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Butt's Sh. Butt's Edition of Shower's English King's Bench Reports.
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| C.          | G. Cowen's Reports, New York:—Connecticut:—California:—Colorado:—Canada (Province). |
| C. B.       | Chief Baron of the Exchequer:—Common Bench:—English Common Bench Reports by Manning, Graunger & Scott. |
| C. B. N. S.  | Common Bench Reports, New Series. |
| C. B. R.    | Cour de Blanc de la Reine, Quebec. |
| C. C. A.    | United States Circuit Court of Appeals Reports. |
| C. C. C.    | Choice Cases in Chancery. |
| C. C. Chr.  | Chancery Cases Chronicle, Ontario. |
| C. C. E.    | Caines' Cases in Error, New York:—Cases of Contested Elections. |
| C. C. L. C. | Civil Code, Quebec. |
| C. C. L. P. | Code of Civil Procedure, Quebec. |
| C. E. Gr.   | C. E. Greene's New Jersey Equity Reports. |
| C. J. C.    | Couper's Juridical Cases, Scotland. |
| C. J. Civ.  | Corpus Juris Civilis. |
| C. L. Ch.   | Common Law Chamber Reports, Ontario. |
| C. M. & R.  | Crompton, Meeson & Roscoe, English Exchequer Reports. |
| C. N.       | Code Napoleon. |
| C. N. Conf. | Cameron & Norwood's North Carolina Conference Reports. |
| C. N. P.    | Cases at Nis Prius. |
| C. N. P. C. | Campbell's Nis Prius Cases. |
| C. O.       | Common Orders. |
| C. of C. E. | Cases of Contested Elections, United States. |
| C. P. C.    | Code of Civil Procedure, Quebec. |
| C. P. C. (or Coop.) | C. P. Cooper's English Chancery Practice Cases. |
| C. P. C. t. Br. | C. P. Cooper's English Chancery Reports tempore Brongham. |
| C. P. C. t. Cott. | C. P. Cooper's English Chancery Reports tempore Cottenham. |
| C. P. Cooper.| Cooper's English Chancery. |
| C. P. D. (or C. P. Div.) | Common Pleas Division, English Law Reports (1875-1880). |
| C. P. Q.    | Code of Civil Procedure, Quebec (1877). |
| C. P. U. C. | Common Pleas Reports, Upper Canada. |
| C. Fr.      | Code of Procedure:—Code de Procedure Civile. |
| C. R.       | Chancery Reports:—Code Reporter, New York. |
| C. Rob.     | C. Robinson, English Admiralty. |
| C. S.       | Court of Session, Scotland. |
| C. S. B. C. | Consolidated Statutes, British Columbia. |
| C. S. C.    | Consolidated Statutes of Canada, 1850. |
| C. S. L. C. | Consolidated Statutes, Lower Canada. |
| C. S. M.    | Consolidated Statutes of Manitoba. |
| C. S. N. B. | Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick. |
| C. S. U. C. | Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada, 1883. |
| C. S. & J.  | Cushing, Storey & Josselyn's Election Cases. See vol. 1 Cushing's Election Cases, Massachusetts. |
| C. S. & P.  | (Craige, Stewart & Paton's Scotch Appeal Cases. |
| C. t. K.    | Cases tempore King (Macnaghten's Select Chancery Cases, English). |
| C. t. N.    | Cases tempore Northington (Eden's English Chancery Reports). |
| C. t. T.    | Cases tempore Talbot, English Chancery. |
| C. Theo.    | Codex Theodosiani. |
| C. W. Dud.  | C. W. Dudley's Law or Equity Reports, South Carolina. |
| C. & A.     | Cooke & Alcock's Irish King's Bench Reports. |
| C. & C.     | Colman & Caine's Cases, New York. |
| C. & D. A. C.| Crawford & Dix's Abridged Cases, Irish. |
| C. & D. C. C.| Crawford & Dix's Irish Circuit Cases. |
| C. & E.     | Cabané & Ellis, English. |
| C. & F.     | Clark & Flinnelly's English House of Lords Reports. |
| C. & H. Dig. | Coventry & Hughes' Digest. |
| C. & J.     | Crompton & Jervis' English Exchequer Reports. |
| C. & K.     | Carrington & Kirwan's English Nis Prius Reports. |
| C. & L.     | Connor & Lawson's Irish Chancery Reports. |
| C. & L. C. C.| Cane & Leigh's Crown Cases. |

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Coop. Tenn. Ch. Cooper's Tennessee Chancery Reports.
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Coote, Mortg. Coote on Mortgages.
Cope. Cope’s Reports, vols. 63-72 California.
Copp L. L. Copp’s Public Land Laws.
Corm. Coram—Corryton’s Bengal Reports.
Corv. Corvyn’s Reports, Calcutta.
Con. Cooper’s Justiciary Reports, Scotland.
Comp. (or Comp. Just.) Cooper’s Justiciary Reports, Scotland.
Court Sess. Ca. Court of Sessions Cases, Scotch.
Court & Mac. Courtenay & Maclean’s Scotch Appeals (6 and 7 Wilson and Shaw).
Cont. Dig. Coitliffe’s Digest, Canada Supreme Court.
Cox. Cowen’s New York Reports;—Cowen’s English King’s Bench Reports.
Cox. Cr. Dig. Cowen’s Criminal Digest.
Cox. Dig. Cowen’s East India Digest.
Cox. Int. Cowen’s Interpreter.
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Cox J. & S. Cas. Cox's Joint Stock Cases.
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Cox Tr. M. Cas. Cox's American Trademark Cases.
Cox & Atk. Cox & Atkinson, English Registration Appeal Reports.
Coxe. Coxe's Reports, New Jersey.
Cr. Cranch's Reports, United States Supreme Court.—Cranch's United States Circuit Court Reports.
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Crownther. Crownther's Ceylon Reports.
Cruise Dig. Cruise's Digest of the Law of Real Property.
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*Donn.* Donnelly's Reports, English Chancery;—Donnelly's Irish Land Cases.

*Dep. Q. B. (or Dorian).* Dorian's Quebec Queen's Bench Reports;—(Dec. de la Cour D'Appel).

*Dos Pasos, Stock-Brok.* Dos Pasos on Stock-Brokers and Stock Exchanges.

*Doug.* Douglas' Michigan Reports;—Douglas' English King's Bench Reports;—Douglas' English Election Cases.


*Dow (or Dow F. C.).** Dow's House of Lords (Parliamentary) Cases, same as Dow's Reports;—Dowling's English Practice Cases.

*Dow N. S.* Dow & Clark's English House of Lords Cases.

*Dow P. C.* Dow's Parliamentary Cases;—Dowling's English Practice Cases.

*Dow & C.* Dow & Clark's English House of Lords Cases.

*Dow & L.* Dowling & Lowndes' English Ball Court Reports.

*Dow & Ry.* Dowling & Ryland's English King's Bench Reports;—Dowling & Ryland's English Nisi Prius Cases.

*Dow & Ry. M. C.* Dowling & Ryland's English Magistrates' Cases.

*Dow & Ry. N. P.* Dowling & Ryland's English Nisi Prius Cases. (Often bound at end of vol. 1 Dowling & Ryland's King's Bench Reports.)

*Dowl. (or Dowl. F. C.).** Dowling's English Ball Court (Practice) Cases.

*Dowl. N. S.* Dowling's English Ball Court Reports, New Series.

*Dowl. P. C.* Dowling's English Ball Court (Practice) Cases.

*Dowl. Pr. C. N. S.* Dowling's Reports, New Series, English Practice Cases.

*Dowl. & Lownd.* Dowling & Lowndes' English Practice Cases.

*Dowl. & R.* (or Dowl. & Byl.).* Dowling & Ryland's English King's Bench Reports.


*Dowl. & Ryld. N. P.* Dowling & Ryland's English Nisi Prius Cases.

*Down. & Lud.* Downton & Luder's English Election Cases.

*Dr.* Drewry's English Vice Chancellor's Reports;—Drury's Irish Chancery Reports *tempore* Suiden;—Drury's Irish Chancery Reports *tempore* Napier.

*Dr. B. & N.* Drury's Irish Chancery Reports *tempore* Napier.

*Dr. B. & Sm.* Drewry & Smale's English Vice Chancellor's Reports.

*Dr. & Wal.* Drury & Walsh's Irish Chancery Reports.

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*Denis.* Denish's Reports, vols. 32-46 Louisiana.

*Denis.* Denlow's Notes to second edition, vols. 1-3 Michigan Reports.

*De Orat.* Cicer, De Oratore.

*Des.* Desaussure's South Carolina Equity Reports.

*Desauss. Eq.* Desaussure's South Carolina Equity Reports.


*Dest. C. C.* Dervieux's Reports, United States Court of Claims.

*Dest. Ct. Cl.* Dervieux's Reports, United States Court of Claims.

*Dest. Eq.* Dervieux's North Carolina Equity.

*Dest. L.* Dervieux's North Carolina Law Reports.

*Dest. & Bat.* Dervieux & Battle's North Carolina Law Reports.

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*Dest. Dewey's Reports,* vols. 60-61 Kansas;—Dewey's Kansas Court of Appeals Reports.

*De Witt.* De Witt's Reports, vols. 24-42 Ohio State.

*Di. (or Dy.).* Dyer's English Reports, King's Bench.

*Dicc.* Dice's Reports, vols. 79-91 Indiana.


*Dick.* Dickens' English Chancery Reports;—Dickinson's Reports, vols. 46-58 New Jersey Equity.

*Dig.* Digest;—Digest of Justinian;—Digest of Writs.

*Dig. Proem.* Digest of Justinian, Proem.

*Dill. (or Dil.).* Dillon's United States Circuit Court Reports.


*Dirl.* Dirlton's Decisions, Court of Session.

*Dis. (or Dis.).* Disney's Superior Court Reports, Cincinnati.

*Dis. Rep.* District Reports.

*Doc. & Stud.* Doctor and Student.

*Dod. (or Dods.).* Dodson's English Admiralty Reports.

*Dod. Adm.* Dodson's Reports, English Admiralty Courts.


*Domat.* Domat on Civil Law.

*Domat Supp. au DROIT PUBLIC.* Domat, Les Lois Civiles, Le Droit Public, etc. Augmentee des 3e et 4e livres du Droit Public, par J. de Hercourt, etc.


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Elton, Copyh. Elton on Copyholds.


Emerig. Tr. des Ass. Emerigon, Traite des Assurances.


Encyclopedia. Encyclopedia.


Ency. Encyclopedia.

Eng. English;—English's Reports, vols. 6-13 Arkansas;—English Reports by N. C. Moak.

Eng. Ad. English Admiralty;—English Admiralty Reports.

Eng. C. C. (or Cr. Cas.). English Crown Cases.

Eng. C. L. English Common Law Reports.

Eng. Ch. English Chancery;—English Chancery Reports;—Condensed English Chancery Reports.

Eng. Ecc. R. English Ecclesiastical Reports.

Eng. Eccel. English Ecclesiastical Reports.

Eng. Exch. English Exchequer Reports.


Eng. Judg. Scotch Court of Session Cases, decided by the English Judges.

Eng. L. & Eq. English Law and Equity Reports.


Eng. So. Eco. English and Scotch Ecclesiastical Reports.

Eng. & Ir. App. Law Reports, English and Irish Appeal Cases.

English. English's Reports, vols. 6-13 Arkansas.

Ent. Coke's Entries;—Rastell's Entries.

Entries, Ancient. Rastell's Entries (cited in Rolle's Abridgment).

Eq. Cas. Equity Cases in vol. 9 Modern Reports.

Eq. Cas. Abr. Equity Cases Abridged (English).


Err. & App. Error and Appeals Reports, Upper Canada.


Escriche. Escriche, Diccionario Razonado de Legislacion y Jurisprudencia.


Esp. (or Esp. N. P.). Espinasse's English Nisi Prius Reports.


Ev. Tr. Evans' Trial.

Ewell L. G. Ewell's Leading Cases on Infancy, etc.

Ex. C. R. Exchequer Court of Canada, Reports.

Ex. D. (or Ex. Div.). Exchequer Division, English Law Reports.

Exch. Exchequer;—Exchequer Reports (Welsby, Hurststone, & Gordon);—English Law Reports, Exchequer;—English Exchequer Reports.


Exch. Cas. Exchequer Cases (Legacy Duties, etc.), Scotland.

Exch. Div. Exchequer Division, English Law Reports.


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See also Hayes;—Hayes' Reports, Calcutta;—Hay's Scotch Decisions. |
| Hay Acc. (or Dec.). | Hay's Decisions on Accidents and Negligence. |
| Hay. Exch. | Hayes' Irish Exchequer Reports. |
| Hay P. L. | Hay's Poor Law Decisions. |
| Hay. & H. | Hayward & Hazelton's United States Circuit Court Reports. |
| Hay. & Haz. | Hayward & Hazelton, Circuit Court, District of Columbia. |
| Hay. & J. | Hayes & Jones, Irish. |
| Hay & M. (or Marr.). | Hay & Marriott's Admiralty Reports (usually cited, Marriott's Reports). |
| Hayes (or Hayes Exch.). | Hayes' Irish Exchequer Reports. |
| Hayes, Conv. | Hayes on Conveyancing. |
| Hayes & Jo. (or Jen.). | Hayes & Jones' Irish Exchequer Reports. |
| Haynes, Eq. | Haynes' Outlines of Equity. |
| Hayw. | Haywood's North Carolina Reports;—Haywood's Tennessee Reports (see Hay). |
| Hayw. L. R. | Hayward's Law Register, Boston. |
| Hayw. & H. | Hayward & Hazelton's United States Circuit Court Reports. |
| Head. | Head's Tennessee Reports. |
| Heck. Cas. | Hecker's Cases on Warranty. |
| Hedges. | Hedges' Reports, vols. 2-6 Montana. |
| Heisk. | Heiskell's Tennessee Reports. |
| Helm. | Helm's Reports, vols. 2-9 Nevada. |
| Hem. | Hemstead, United States;—Hemmingsway, Mississippi. |
| Hem. & M. | Hemming & Miller's English Vice-Chancellors' Reports. |
| Hemp. (or Hempet.) | Hempstead's United States Circuit Court Reports. |
| Hen. B. | Henry Blackstone's English Common Pleas Reports. |
| Hen. & M. (Va.) | Henig & Munford's Virginia Reports. |
| Hen. & Mun. | Henig & Munford's Virginia Reports. |
| Hett. (or Hettl.) | Hetley's English Common Pleas Reports. |
| Hayw. Ca. | Haywood's Table of Cases, Georgia. |
| High Ct. | High Court Reports, Northwest Provinces of India. |
| Hicht. | Hicht's Reports, vols. 57-58 Iowa. |
| Hill. | Hill's New York Reports;—Hill's Law Reports, South Carolina. |
| Hill. Eq. (or Ch.). | Hill's Equity, South Carolina Reports. |
| Hill N. Y. | Hill's New York Reports. |
| Hill. Real Prop. | Hilliard on Real Property. |
| Hill S. C. | Hill's South Carolina Reports (Law or Equity). |
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I. C. C. Interstate Commerce Commission.
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I. C. R. Irish Chancery Reports;— Irish
Circuit Reports.
I. E. R. Irish Equity Reports.
I. J. Cas. Irvine’s Justiciary Cases, Scot-
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I. R. Irish Reports.
I. R. C. L. Irish Reports, Common Law
Series.
I. R. Eq. Irish Reports, Equity Series.
I. R. R. International Revenue Record,
New York City.
I. T. R. Irish Term Reports, by Ridge-
way, Lapp & Schoales.
Ia. Iowa;— Iowa Reports.
Ida. (or Idaho). Idaho;— Idaho Reports.
Iddings T. R. D. Iddings’ Dayton Term
Reports.
Ill. Illinois;— Illinois Reports.
Ill. App. Illinois Appeal Reports.
Ind. Indiana;— Indiana Reports;— Indi-
(a East) Indiana.
Ind. App. Law Reports, Indiana Appeals;—
Indiana Appeals.
Ind. App. Supp. Supplemental Indian
Appeals, Law Reports.
Ind. Jour. Indian Jurist, Calcutta;— Indian
Jurist, Madras.
Ind. L. R. (East) Indian Law Reports.
Ind. L. R. Ala. Indian Law Reports, Ala-
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Ind. L. R. Bomb. Indian Law Reports,
Bombay Series.
Ind. L. R. Cal. Indian Law Reports,
Calcutta Series.
Ind. L. R. Mad. Indian Law Reports, Ma-
dras Series.
Ind. Rep. Indiana Reports;— Index Re-
porter.
Ind. Super. Indiana Superior Court Re-
ports (Wilson’s).
Ind. T. Indian Territory;— Indian Terri-
tory Reports.
1, 2, Inst. (1. 2) Coke’s Inst.
Inst., 1, 2, 3. Justinian’s Inst. lib. 1, tit. 2,
§ 31.
Inst. 1, 2, 31. Justinian’s Institutes, lib.
1, tit. 2, § 31.
The Institutes of Justinian are divided in-
to four books,— each book is divided into
titles, and each title into paragraphs, of
which the first, described by the letters pr.,
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ood of citing the Institutes was to give the
commencing words of the paragraph and of
the title; e. g., § 31 adversus, Inst. de Nup-
titis. Sometimes the number of the para-
graph was introduced, e. g., § 12, si adversus,
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the number of the book, title, and paragraph,
thus;— Inst. 1. 10, 12; would be read Inst.,
Lib. 1. ttt. 10, § 12.
Inst. Epil. Epilogue to [a designated part
or volume of] Coke’s Institutes.
Inst. Proem. Proem [Introduction] to [a
designated part or volume of] Coke’s Insti-
tutes.
Instr. Cler. Instructor Clericalia.
Int. Case. Howe’s Interesting Cases, Eng-
lish and Irish.
Int. Private Law. Westlake’s Private In-
ternational Law.
Iowa. Iowa Reports.
Ir. Irish;— Ireland;— Ireland’s North Car-
olina Law or Equity Reports.
Ir. C. L. Irish Common Law Reports.
Ir. Ch. Irish Chancery Reports.
Ir. Cir. (or Ir. Cir. Rep.) Irish Circuit
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Ir. Com. Law Rep. Irish Common Law
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Ir. Eccl. Irish Ecclesiastical Reports, by
Millward.
Ir. Eq. Irish Equity Reports.
Ir. L. Irish Law Reports.
Ir. L. N. S. Irish Common Law Reports.
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Ir. Law & Eq. Irish Law and Equity Re-
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Ir. R. 1894. Irish Law Reports for year
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Ir. R. C. L. Irish Reports, Common Law
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Ir. R. Eq. Irish Reports, Equity Series.
Ir. R. Reg. App. Irish Reports, Registration
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Ir. R. Reg. & L. Irish Reports, Registry
and Land Cases.
Ir. St. Tr. Irish State Trials (Ridge-
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Ir. T. R. (or Term Rep.) Irish Term Re-
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Ired. Iredell’s North Carolina Law Re-
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Ired. Eq. Iredell’s North Carolina Equity
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Irv. Irvine’s Scotch Justiciary Reports.
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Jones (Pa.). Jones Reports, vols. 11, 12 Pennsylvania.

Jones 1. Sir William Jones' English King's Bench Reports.

Jones 2. Sir Thomas Jones' English King's Bench Reports.


Jones Eq. Jones' North Carolina Equity Reports.


Jones Jr. Jones' Irish Exchequer Reports.

Jones Law (or Jones N. C.). Jones' North Carolina Law Reports.

Jones T. Sir Thomas Jones' English King's Bench Reports.

Jones U. C. Jones' Reports, Upper Canada.

Jones W. Sir William Jones' English King's Bench Reports.

Jones & C. Jones & Cary's Irish Exchequer Reports.

Jones & La. T. Jones & La Touche's Irish Chancery Reports.

Jones & Mo. (Pa.). Jones & McMurtrie's Pennsylvania Supreme Court Reports.

Jones & Sp. Jones & Spencer's New York Superior Court Reports.


Jud. & Sw. Judah & Swan's Reports, Jamaica.


Just. Inst. Justinian's Institutes. See note following "Inst. 1, 2, 31."

Juta. Juta's Cape of Good Hope Reports.

K.

K. Keyes' New York Court of Appeals Reports;—Kenyon's English King's Bench Reports;—Kansas (see Kan.).

K. B. King's Bench Reports.

[K. B 1901] K. B. Law Reports, King's Bench Division, from 1901 onward.

K. C. B. Reports in the time of Chancellor King.

K. & F. N. S. W. Knox & Fitzhardinge's New South Wales Reports.

K. & G. R. C. Keane & Grant's English Registration Appeal Cases.

K. & J. Kay & Johnson's English Vice-Chancellors' Reports.

K. & O. Knapp & Omler's English Election Cases.

Kam. Kam's Decisions of the Scottish Court of Session.


Kames, Eq. Kames' Principles of Equity, Kan. (or Kansa). Kansas;—Kansas Reports.

Kans. App. Kansas Appeals Reports.

Kay. Kay's English Vice-Chancellors' Reports.


Kay. Kay's English Rolls Court Reports.

Keane & Gr. Keane & Grant's English Registration Appeal Cases.

Kebl. (or Kehl.). Keble's English King's Bench Reports.

Keen. Keen's English Rolls Court Reports.

Keener, Quasi Contr. Keener's Cases on Quasi Contracts.

Kell. (or Kellw.). Kellway's English King's Bench Reports.


Kell. 2. William Kelynge's English Chancery Reports.


Kell. W. Wm. Kelyng's English Chancery Reports.


Kelyng, J. Kelyng's English Crown Cases.

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Ken. Kentucky (see Ky.;)—Kenyon English King's Bench Reports.


Kennett. Kennett's Glossary;—Kennett upon Improprations.
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| L. C. B. | Lord Chief Baron. |
| L. C. D. | Lower Court Decisions, Ohio. |
| L. C. Eq. | White & Tudor's Leading Cases in Equity. |
| L. C. R. | Lower Canada Reports. |
| L. D. (or Dec.) | Land Office Decisions, United States. |
| L. Ed. | Lawyers' Edition Supreme Court Reports. |
| L. J. C. R. | Law Journal, New Series, Crown Cases Reserved. |
| L. J. C. P. (or L. J. C. P. D.) | Law Journal, New Series, Common Pleas Decisions. |
| L. J. Ch. | Law Journal, New Series, Chancery Division (1831 on). |
| L. J. Eq. | Law Journal Reports, Ecclesiastical (1831 on). |
| L. M. & P. | Lowndes, Maxwell & Pollock's English Ball Court Reports. |
| L. N. | Liber Niger, or the Black Book. |
| L. P. R. | Lilly's Practical Register. |
| L. R. | Law Reports (English); —Law Reporter (Law Times Reports, New Series); —(Irish) Law Recorder; —Louisiana Reports. |
| L. R. A. | Lawyers' Reports, Annotated. |
| L. R. A. & E. | English Law Reports, Admiralty and Ecclesiastical (1865-1873). |
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| L. R. C. P. D. | English Law Reports, Common Pleas Division. |
| L. R. Ch. | English Law Reports, Chancery Appeal Cases (1866-1875). |
| L. R. Ch. D. (or Div.) | Law Reports, Chancery Division, English Supreme Court of Judicature. |
| L. R. Eq. | English Law Reports, Equity (1891-1875). |
| L. R. Ex. (or L. R. Exch.) | English Law Reports, Exchequer (1866-1875). |
| L. R. H. L. | English Law Reports, House of Lords, English and Irish Appeal Cases. |
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| L. R. Ind. App. | English Law Reports, Indian Appeals. |
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| L. R. Misc. D. | Law Reports, Miscellaneous Division. |
| L. R. N. S. W. | Law Reports, New South Wales. |
| L. R. P. C. | English Law Reports, Privy Council, Appeal Cases (1806-1875). |
| L. R. P. Div. | English Law Reports, Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division. |
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| Macas. | Macassey's Reports, New Zealand. |
| Mac. Cas. | M'Call's Breach of Promise Cases. |
| Macel. | Macleishfield's Reports, 10 Modern Reports. |
| Macd. Jam. | Macdougall's Jamaica Reports. |
| Macf. | Macfarlane's Reports, Jury Courts, Scotland. |
| Mackeld. | Mackeld on Modern Civil Law;—Mackeld on Roman Law. |
| Mackeld. Civil Law. | Mackeld on Modern Civil Law. |
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**Maine, A.O., Law.** Maine on Ancient Law.
**Maine, Popular Gov't.** Maine, Popular Government.

**Maitland.** Maitland's Manuscript Scotch Session Cases.
**Malloy.** Malloy's Irish Chancery Report.
**Malone.** Editor, vols. 6, 8, and 10, Helskell's Tennessee Reports.

**Man.** Manning's Reports (English Court of Revision);—Manitoba;—Maining's Reports, vol. 1 Michigan;—Manuscript;—Manson's English Bankruptcy Cases.
**Man. Cas.** Manumission Cases in New Jersey, by Bloomfield.

**Man. Exh. Pr.'** Manning's Exchequer Practice.

**Man. Gr. & S.** Manning, Granger, & Scott's English Common Pleas Reports.

**Man. L. B.** Manitoba Law Reports.
**Man. & G.** Manning & Granger's English Common Pleas Reports.

**Man. & Ry.** Manning & Ryland's English King's Bench Reports.


**Man. & S.** Manning & Scott's Reports, vols. 9 Common Bench.
**Man. Coke.** Manby's Abridgment of Coke's Reports.

**Manitoba.** Armour's Queen's Bench and County Court Reports tempore Wood, Manitoba;—Manitoba Law Reports.

**Manning.** Manning's Unreported Cases—Louisiana;—Manning's Reports, vol. 1 Michigan.

**Manning, La.** Unreported Cases, Louisiana.

**Mans.** Mansfield's Reports, vols. 49-52 Arkansas;—Manson, English Bankruptcy Cases.

**Manum. Cases.** Manumission Cases, New Jersey (Bloomfield's).

**Manw. (or Manw. Fer. Laws).** Manwood's Forest Laws.


**Mar. L. O.** English Maritime Law Cases (Crockford).


**Mar. La.** Martin's Louisiana Reports.
**Mar. N. C.** Martin's North Carolina Reports.

**Mar. N. S.** Martin's Louisiana Reports, New Series.
**Mar. R.** English Maritime Law Reports.
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- **Mo. App. Rep.** Missouri Appellate Reporter.
- **Mo. I. A.** Moore's Indian Appeals.
- **Mo. P. C.** Moore's English Privy Council Reports.
- **Mo. & P.** Moore & Payne's English Common Pleas Reports.
- **Mo. & R.** Moody & Robinson's English Nisi Prius Reports.
- **Mo. & S.** Moore & Scott's English Common Pleas Reports.
- **Moak & Eng. Rep.** Moak's English Reports.
- **Mob.** Mobley's Election Cases.
- **Mod.** Modern Reports, English King's Bench, etc.;—Modified.
- **Mod. Cas.** Modern Cases, vol. 6 Modern Reports.
- **Mod. Cas. L. & Eq.** Modern Cases at Law and Equity, vols. 8, 9 Modern Reports.
- **Mod. Cas. per Far. (or t. Holt).** Modern Cases tempore Holt, by Farressley, vol. 7 Modern Reports.
- **Mod. Rep.** The Modern Reports, English King's Bench, etc.;—Modern Reports by Style (Style's King's Bench Reports).
- **Mol.** (or Mol.). Molloy's Irish Chancerly Reports.
- **Mol. de Jure Mar.** Molloy, De Jure Martimo et Navill.
- **Moly.** Molyneau's Reports, English Courts.
- **Mon.** Montana;—T. B. Monroe's Kentucky Reports;—Ben Monroe's Kentucky Reports.
- **Mon. (B.)** Ben Monroe's Kentucky Reports.
- **Mon. (T. B.)** T. B. Monroe's Kentucky Reports.
- **Mon. Angl.** Monasticon Anglicanum.
- **Monaghan.** Monaghan's Reports, vols. 147-165 Pennsylvania.
- **Mon.** Monroe (see Mon.).
- **Mont.** Montana;—Montana Reports;—Montagu's English Bankruptcy Reports;—Montrou's Bengal Reports.
- **Mont. Bank. Rep.** Montagu's English Bankruptcy Reports.
- **Mont. Cond. Rep.** Montreal Condensed Reports.
- **Mont. D. & De G.** Montagu, Deacon & De Gex's English Bankruptcy Reports.
- **Mont. Ind.** Monthly Index to Reporters (National Reporter System).
- **Mont. L. B.** Montreal Law Reports, Queen's Bench;—Montreal Law Reports, Superior Court.
- **Mont. L. B. Q. B.** Montreal Law Reports, Queen's Bench.
- **Mont. L. B. S. C.** Montreal Law Reports, Superior Court.
- **Mont. & Ayr.** Montagu & Ayrton's English Bankruptcy Reports.
- **Mont. & Bl.** Montagu & Bligh's English Bankruptcy Reports.
- **Mont. & C.** Montagu & Chitty's English Bankruptcy Reports.
- **Mont. & Mac.** Montagu & MacArthur's English Bankruptcy Reports.
- **Montesq. (or Montesq., Esprit des Lois).** Montesquieu, Esprit des Lois.
- **Montr.** Montrilou's Reports, Bengal;—Montrilou's Supplement to Morton's Reports.
- **Moo.** Francis Moore's English King's Bench Reports;—J. M. Moore's English Common Pleas Reports;—Moody's English Crown Cases.
- **Moo. A.** Moore's Reports, vol. 1 Bosanquet & Puller, after page 470.
- **Moo. C. C. (or Moo. Cr. C.).** Moody's English Crown Cases Reserved.
- **Moo. C. F.** Moore's English Common Pleas Reports.
- **Moo. Ind. App.** Moore's Reports, Privy Council, Indian Appeals.
- **Moo. J. B.** Moore's English Common Pleas Reports.
- **Moo. K. B.** Moore's English King's Bench Reports.
- **Moo. P. C.** Moore's Privy Council Cases, Old and New Series.
- **Moo. Tr.** Moore's Divorce Trials.
- **Moo. & Mal.** Moody & Malkin's English Nisi Prius Reports.
- **Moo. & Pay.** Moore & Payne's English Common Pleas Reports.
- **Moo. & Rob.** Moody & Robinson's English Nisi Prius Reports.
- **Moo. & Sc.** Moore & Scott's English Common Pleas Reports.
- **Mood. (or Moody).** Moody's English Crown Cases, Reserved.
- **Mood. & Mal.** Moody & Malkin's English Nisi Prius Reports.
- **Mood. & R.** Moody & Robinson's English Nisi Prius Reports.
- **Mood. & Rob.** Moody & Robinson, English.
- **Moody, Cr. Cas.** Moody's English Crown Cases.
- **Moody & M.** Moody & Mackin's English Nisi Prius Reports.
- **Moon.** Moon's Reports, vols. 123-144 Indiana and vols. 8-14 Indiana Appeals.
- **Moore (A.).** A. Moore's Reports in 1 Bosanquet & Puller, after page 470.
- **Moore C. F.** Moore's English Common Pleas Reports.
- **Moore E. I.** Moore's East Indian Appeals.
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| N. B. N. R. | National Bankruptcy News and Reports. |
| N. B. R. | National Bankruptcy Register, New York; — New Brunswick Reports. |
| N. B. Rep. | New Brunswick Reports. |
| N. B. V. Ad. | New Brunswick Vice Admiralty Reports. |
| N. Benl. | New Benloe, English King's Bench Reports. |
| N. C. | North Carolina: — North Carolina Reports; — Notes of Cases (English, Ecclesiastical, and Maritime); — New Cases (Bingham's New Cases). |
| N. C. C. | New Chancery Cases (Younge &amp; Collyer). |
| N. C. Conf. | North Carolina Conference Reports. |
| N. C. Str. | Notes of Cases, by Strange, Madras. |
| N. Chip. (or N. Chip. [Vt.] | N. Chipman's Vermont Reports. |
| N. D. | North Dakota: — North Dakota Reports. |
| N. F. | Newfoundland; — Newfoundland Reports. |
| N. H. &amp; C. | English Railway and Canal Cases, by Nicholl, Hare, Carrow, etc. |
| N. J. | New Jersey: — New Jersey Reports. |
| N. J. Eq. (or Ch.) | New Jersey Equity Reports. |
| N. J. Law. | New Jersey Law Reports. |
| N. L. | Nelson's Lutwyche, English Common Pleas Reports. |</p>
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P. C. Pleas of the Crown;—Parliamentary Cases;—Practice Cases;—Prize Cases;—Patent Cases;—Privy Council;—Prize Court;—Probate Court;—Precedents in Chancery.
P. C. C. Privy Cases;—Peters' Circuit Court Reports.
P. C. R. Parker's Criminal Reports, New York;—Privy Council Reports.
P. D. Probate Division, English Law Reports (1876-1890).
P. E. L. (or P. E. I. Rep.). Prince Edward Island Reports (Habiland's).
P. Jr. & E. (or P. & E.). Patton, Jr., & Heath's Virginia Reports.
P. N. F. Peake's English Nisi Prius Cases.
P. O. C. C. Perry's Oriental Cases, Bombay.
P. O. R. Patent Office Reports.
P. P. Parliamentary Papers.
P. R. Parliamentary Reports;—Pennsylvania Reports, by Penrose & Watts;—Pacific Reporter;—Probate Reports.
P. R. O. P. Practical Register in Common Pleas.
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P. M. & M. Philip & Mary;—Pollock and Maitland's History of English Law.
P. & R. Pigott & Rodwell's Election Cases, English.
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Pa. Dist. (or Pa. Dist. R.). Pennsylvania District Court Reports.
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Palm. Palmer's English King's Bench Reports;—Palmer's Reports, vols. 53-60 Vermont.
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Papy. Papy's Reports, vols. 5, 6 Florida.
Par. Parker's English Exchequer Reports;—Parsons' Reports, vols. 65-66 New Hampshire;—Parker's New York Criminal Reports.
Par. Eq. Cas. Parsons' Select Equity Cases, Pennsylvania.
Pardessus. Pardessus, Cours de Droit Commercial;—Pardessus, Lois Maritimes;—Pardessus, Traites des Servitudes.
Park. Parker's New York Exchequer Reports;—Parker's English Exchequer Reports.
Park. Cr. Cas. Parker's New York Criminal Reports.
Park. Dig. Parker's California Digest.
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Park. Ins. Park on Insurance.

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Poth. Proc. Civile
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Pothier, Traité de la Procédure Criminale.

Poth. Société
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Poth. Traité de Change
Pothier, Traité du Contrat de Change.

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Precedents in Chancery, by Finch;
—Practice in the High Court of Chancery.

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Printed Decisions (Sneed's), Kentucky.

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Probate Division, Law Reports;
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Pr. Min.
Printed Minutes of Evidence.

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Pulling, Treatise on the Laws, Customs, and Regulations of the City and Port of London.

Pulsifer.
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Pump Ct.
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  Q. B. R. Queen's Bench Reports, by Adolphus & Ellis (New Series).
  Q. B. U. C. Queen's Bench Reports, Upper Canada.
  Q. L. R. Quebec Law Reports;—Queensland Law Reports.

R. A. Registration Appeals;—Regular Appeals.
  R. C. Rolls of Court;—Record Commissioners;—Railway Cases;—Registration Cases;—Revue Critique, Montreal.
  R. C. & C. R. Revenue, Civil, and Criminal Reporter, Calcutta.
  R. G. Regula Generales, Ontario.
  R. I. Rhode Island;—Rhode Island Reports.
  R. L. Revue Legale.
  R. L. & S. Ridgeway, Lapp & Schoales' Irish King's Bench Reports.
  R. L. & W. Roberts, Leaming & Wallis' English County Court Reports.
  R. M. Ch. R. M. Charlton's Georgia Reports.
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  R. t. H. Reports tempora Hardwicke (1675); English King's Bench;—Reports tempora Holt (Cases Concerning Settlement).
  R. t. Q. A. Reports tempora Queen Anne, vol. 11 Modern Reports.
  R. & C. Cas. Railway and Canal Cases, English.

Q. P. R. Quebec Practice Reports.
  Q. R. Official Reports, Province of Quebec.
  Q. R. Q. B. Quebec Queen's Bench Reports.
  Quadr. Quadragesms (Year Books, Part IV).
  Queb. L. R. Quebec Law Reports, two series, Queen's Bench or Superior Court.
  Queb. Q. B. Quebec Queen's Bench Reports.
  Queens. L. R. Queensland Law Reports.
  Quin. (or Quayney). Quincy's Massachusetts Reports.
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R. & H. Dig. Robinson & Harrison's Digest, Ontario.
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S. A. L. R. South Australian Law Reports.

S. App. Shaw's Scotch House of Lords Appeal Cases.

S. Aust. L. R. South Australian Law Reports.

S. B. Upper Bench, or Supreme Bench.

S. C. South Carolina;—South Carolina Reports, New Series;—Same Case;—Superior Court;—Supreme Court;—Sessions Cases;—Samuel Carter (see Orlando Bridgman).

S. C. A. Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act, Canada.


S. C. C. Select Chancery Cases (part 3 of Cases in Chancery);—Small Cause Court, India.

S. C. Dig. Cassell's Supreme Court Digest, Canada.

S. C. E. Select Cases Relating to Evidence, Strange.

S. C. R. South Carolina Reports, New Series;—Harper's South Carolina Reports;—Supreme Court Reports;—Supreme Court Rules;—Supreme Court of Canada Reports.

S. Car. South Carolina;—South Carolina Reports, New Series.

S. Ct. Supreme Court Reporter.

S. D. South Dakota;—South Dakota Reports.

S. D. A. Sudder Dawanny Adawulit Reports, India.

S. D. B. Shaw, Dunlop & Bell's Scotch Court of Session Reports (1st Series).

S. D. & B. Sup. Shaw, Dunlop & Bell's Supplement, containing House of Lords Decisions.

S. E. Southeastern Reporter.

S. F. Used by the West Publishing Company to locate place where decision is from, as, "S. F. 59," San Francisco Case No. 59 on Docket.

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S. Just. Shaw's Justiciary Cases, Scotland.

S. L. C. Smith's Leading Cases.


S. R. State Reporter, New York.


S. S. C. Sandford's New York City Superior Court Reports.

S. T. (or St. Tr.). State Trials.

S. T. D. Synopsis Treasurer's Decisions.

S. Telnd. Shaw's Telnd Cases, Scotland.

S. V. A. R. Stuart's Vice-Admiralty Reports, Quebec.

S. W. Southwestern;—Southwestern Reporter.


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Salk. Salkeld's English King's Bench Reports.

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Salm. St. B. Salmon's Edition of the State Trials.

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Tayler. Taylor's North Carolina Reports;—Taylor's Upper Canada Reports;—Taylor's Bengal Reports.
Taylor U. C. Taylor's King's Bench Reports, Upper Canada (now Ontario).
Temp. Tempore (in the time of).
Temp. Geo. II. Cases in Chancery tempore George II.
Tenn. Tennessee;—Tennessee Reports (Overton's).
Tenn. Ch. Cooper's Tennessee Chancery Reports.
Term. Term Reports, English King's Bench (Durnford & East's Reports).
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Termes de la Ley. Les Termes de la Ley.
Terr. Territory;—Terrell's Reports, vols. 38–71 Texas.
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U. C. Rep. Upper Canada Reports.

U. K. United Kingdom.

U. S. United States;—United States Reports.


U. S. Comp. St. United States Compiled Statutes.


U. S. Ct. Cl. Reports of the United States Court of Claims.


U. S. R. United States Supreme Court Reports.


U. S. S. C. Rep. United States Supreme Court Reports.

U. S. St. at L. United States Statutes at Large.


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Willes. Willes' English King's Bench and Common Pleas Reports.
Williams. Peere-Williams' English Chancery Reports;—Williams' Reports, vols. 27-29 Vermont;—Williams' Reports, vol. 1 Massachusetts;—Williams' Reports, vols. 10-12 Utah.
Williams, Common. Williams on Rights of Common.
Williams, Ex'rs. Williams on Executors.
Williams P. Peere-Williams' English Chancery Reports.
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Wills, Cir. Ev. Wills on Circumstantial Evidence.
Willsa. Willson's Reports, vols. 29-30 Texas Appeals, also vols. 1, 2 Texas Court of Appeals, Civil Cases.
Wilm. Wilmot's Notes of Opinions, English King's Bench.
Wils. Wilson's English Common Pleas Reports.
Wills. (Ind.). Wilson's Indiana Superior Court Reports.
Wills. Ch. Wilson's English Chancery Reports.
Wills. Ent. Wilson's Entries and Pleadings (same as vol. 3 Lord Raymond).
Wills. Ind. Gloss. Wilson, Glossary of Indian Terms.
Wills. K. B. Sergeant Wilson's English King's Bench Reports.
Wills. & Court. Wilson & Courtenay's Scotch Appeals Cases (see Wilson & Shaw).
Wills. & Sh. Wilson & Shaw's Scotch Appeals Cases (Shaw, Wilson & Courtenay).
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Win. Eq. Winston's Equity Reports, North Carolina.

Winc. Winch's English Common Pleas Reports.

Wing. (or Wing. Max.) Wingate's Maxims.

Wms. Eq. Winston's Equity Reports, North Carolina.

Wns. (or Winst. Eq.) Winston's Law or Equity Reports, North Carolina.

Wis. Wisconsin,—Wisconsin Reports.


Wis. Leg. N. Wisconsin Legal News, Milwaukee.

With. Corp. Cas. Withrow's American Corporation Cases.

Withrow. Withrow's Reports, vols. 9-21 Iowa.


Wm. Bl. William Blackstone's English King's Bench Reports.

Wm. Rob. William Robinson's English Admiralty Reports.

Wms. Williams (see Will.).


Wms. Notes. Williams' Notes to Saunders' Reports.

Wms. Peere. Peere-Williams' English Chancery Reports.

Wms. Saunders. Williams' Notes to Saunders' Reports.


Wol. Wollaston's English Ball Court Reports,—Wolcott's Reports, vol. 7 Delaware Chancery.

Wolf. & B. Wolferstan & Bristow's English Election Cases.

Wolf. & D. Wolferstan & Dew, English.

Wolf, Dr. de la Nat. Wolflus, Droit de la Nature.


Wolfius (or Wolffius, Inst.). Wolflus, Institutiones Juris Naturae et Gentium.

Well. (or Woll. P. C.) Wollaston's English Ball Court Reports (Practice Cases).

Wood. Woods' United States Circuit Court Reports,—Wood's English Tithe Cases.

Wood Conv. Wood on Conveyancing.

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Wood Deer. Wood's (Decrees in) Tithe Cases.

Wood H. Hutton's Wood's Decrees in Tithe Cases.


Wood, Nuis. Wood on Nuisances.

Wood, Ti. Cas. Wood's Tithe Cases.

Wood, & M. (or Woodb. & M.). Woodbury & Minot's United States Circuit Court Reports.


Woodf. Col. Tr. Woodfall's Celebrated Trials.


Woods (or Woods' C. C.). Woods' United States Circuit Court Reports.


Wool. Woolworth's United States Circuit Court Reports,—Woodrych.

Wool. C. G. Woolworth's Reports, United States Circuit Courts, 9th Circuit (Fuller's Opinions).


Woolw. Woolworth's United States Circuit Court Reports,—Woolworth's Reports, vol. 1 Nebraska.


Wright. Wright (see Wright).—Wright's Reports, vols. 37-50 Pennsylvania State.

Wright, Ch. (or Wr. Ohio). Wright's Reports, Ohio.


Wright (or Wrl.). Wright's Reports, vols. 37-50 Pennsylvania State.—Wright's Ohio Reports.

Wright N. P. Wright's Niel Pius Reports, Ohio.

Wright, Ten. Wright on Tenures.

Wy. Wyoming,—Wyoming Reports,—Wythe's Virginia Chancery Reports.

Wy. Die. Wyatt's Dickens' Chancery Reports.


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- **York Leg. Rec.** York Legal Record.
- **You.** Young's English Exchequer Equity Reports.
- **You. & Coll. Ch.** Young & Collyer's English Chancery Reports.
- **You. & Coll. Ez.** Young & Collyer's English Exchequer Equity Reports.
- **You. & Jerv.** Young & Jervis' English Exchequer Reports.
- **Young.** Young's Reports, vols. 31-47 Minnesota.
- **Young Adm.** Young's Nova Scotia Admiralty Cases.
- **Young Adm. Dec.** Young's Admiralty Decisions.
- **Young M. L. Cas.** Young's Maritime Law Cases.
- **Young, Naut. Dict.** Young, Nautical Dictionary.
- **Younge.** Younge's English Exchequer Equity Reports.
- **Younge & Coll. Ch.** Younge & Collyer's English Chancery Cases.
- **Younge & Coll. Ez.** Younge & Collyer's English Exchequer Equity Reports.
- **Younge & J.** Younge & Jervis, English.

**Z**
- **Zinn Ca. Tr.** Zinn's Select Cases in the Law of Trusts.