

signed, and held regular. But where the de- *Except.*
fendant has pleaded by his country attorney,
the issue may be tendered to the country at-
torney, and if not paid for by him, judg-
ment may be signed.

Every attorney shall enter his warrant of *Attorney to en-*
attorney in every suit upon record in court, *ter his war-*
on pain of 10*l.* and further punishment by *rant on record.*
imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.
Stat. 32 H. 8. c. 30. §. 2. made perpetual.
2 & 3 E. 6. c. 32. and vide stat. 18 Eliz.
c. 14. § 3.

Warrants of attorney are to be filed of the *When to be*
term wherein any exigent is awarded, de- *filed.*
murrer or issue joined, or judgment entered,
which shall first happen, and to be filed up-
on or before the essoin-day of every *Trinity-*
Term, and within one-and-twenty days after
the end of every other term. *Hil. 14, 15.*
Car. 2.

Every plaintiff's attorney who shall prose- *Def't.'s attor-*
cute any cause to issue, shall, upon the deli- *ney, on recei-*
very of the copy of such issue, receive of the *ving the issue,*
defendant's attorney the fee for filing his war- *to pay the plt's*
rant therein; and in case the defendant's at- *attorney the*
torney shall refuse to pay for the same, the *fee for filing*
plaintiff's attorney may sign his judgment in *his warrant,*
like case, as if the defendant's attorney had *otherwise*
refused to pay for the copy of the issue, or *judgment.*
the entry of his plea; and the plaintiff's at-
torney shall file as well the defendant's as the
plaintiff's warrant of attorney. *Hil. 2, 3.*
Jac. 2.

The plaintiff's attorney in any action or *Plt.'s attorney*
suit shall file his warrant of attorney with the *to file his*
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warrant the term he declares, and the deft.'s attorney the term he appears.

proper officer the same term he declares, and the attorney for the defendant shall file his warrant of attorney, as aforesaid, the same term he appears, under the penalties inflicted upon attornies by any former law, for default of filing their warrants of attorney. *Stat. 4 & 5 Annæ. c. 16.*

No judgment (except, &c.) to be signed before the judgment paper be stamped by the clerk of the warrants.

Great inconveniencies having happened by attornies neglecting to file their warrants of attorney, by which judgments have been reversed, and plaintiffs lost their debts; it was ordered therefore that no judgments whatsoever (except final judgment upon *postea*, writs of inquiry, and *Non pros*') shall be signed by any of the prothonotaries, unless the stamp of the clerk of the warrants be impressed on the paper, whereon such judgment is to be signed, whereby it may appear the warrants of attorney are duly filed. *Mich. 5 Geo. 2.*

The plaintiff's attorney, on delivering a copy of the declaration to the defendant's attorney, charges 8 *d.* for filing the defendant's warrant of attorney, and which he generally files at the same time he files the plaintiff's warrant, and on the same piece of parchment.

These warrants are to be wrote on parchment in the following form :

Hilary Term in the seventeenth year
of the reign of George the third.

Middlesex, *E. F.* putteth in his place *R. C.* Plaintiff's
E. his attorney against *A. B.* late *warrant of*
of, &c. yeoman, in a plea of trespass on the *attorney.*
case [*or otherwise, as the action is.*]

Middlesex, *A. B.* late of, &c. yeoman, put- *Defendant's*
A. teth in his place *N. F.* his *warrant of*
attorney, against *E. F.* in the plea aforesaid. *attorney.*

If the defendant be described in the pleadings with an *Alias dict.* or the plaintiff or defendant be an executor or administrator, he must be named in the warrant of attorney in the same manner exactly as in the pleadings.

The nature of the action must be expressed in the warrant, according as the case shall be; as thus: In a plea of debt. In a plea of trespass. In a plea of trespass on the case. In a plea of trespass and ejection of farm. In a plea of trespass and assault. In a plea of trespass, assault and imprisonment.

On the back of the issue you give notice of trial, thus:

Mr. T. V.

Take notice of trial in this cause for the *Notice of trial.*
sitting after this present *Michaelmas-term,*
at *Guildhall, London.*

Your humble servant,

Jan. 5th 1778.

L. R. attorney for the
plaintiff.

Eight days in London or Middlesex.

If the trial is to be in *London* or *Middlesex*, (and the defendant dwells within 40 miles of *London*) there must be eight days notice thereof given exclusive of the day whereon the notice is given. *Mich. 1654.*

When 14 days in London or Middlesex.

If the defendant lives above forty miles from *London*, there must be fourteen days notice of such trial to be had in *London* or *Middlesex*, exclusive of the day of the notice. *Same rule.*

Eight days in the country.

Of trials in the country there must be eight days notice given exclusive of the day of notice. *Same rule.* But altered as follows.

When ten days notice of trial.

No cause whatsoever shall be tried at *Nisi prius* before any judge or justice of assize or *Nisi prius*, or at the sittings in *London* or *Westminster*, where the defendant resides above forty miles from the said city respectively, unless notice of trial in writing has been given at least ten days before such intended trial. *Stat. 14 Geo. 2. c. 17. §. 4.*

This act does not alter the above rule, for 14 days notice of trial in London or Middlesex, where the defendant lives above 40 miles from London.

Defendant lived about 40 miles from *London*, and plaintiff proceeded to trial at sittings there, upon *ten* days notice; no defence was made, and defendant insisting, that he was intitled to 14 days notice of trial, moved to set aside the verdict, and had a rule to shew cause, which was made absolute. Before this act, 14 days notice were the settled practice, and, unless obliged, court will not be bound by an act made to take away a benefit from defendant; the practice or law of the court cannot be taken away but by negative words, viz. that there shall be no

more than ten days; 14 days notice notwithstanding this act, are still necessary.

Barnes 305.

And in case any person shall have given such notice of trial as aforesaid, and shall not afterwards duly countermand the same in writing at least six days before such intended trial, such party shall be obliged to pay unto the party to whom such notice of trial shall have been given as aforesaid, the like costs and charges as if such notice of trial had not been countermanded. *Same stat. §. 5.*

And six days notice of countermand.

Notice of trial on an old issue may be given to the attorney in the country, for it may be given either to the attorney or the agent, but where notice of trial is given on the issue book, it must be given to the agent, because the issue can be delivered no where but in town. Notices of trial, and countermands in notices of executing writs of inquiry and countermands may be given either to the attorney in the country, or to the agent in town; but of those things which are done only in town, notice, must be given to the agent; and all notices, where the party hath a known attorney, must be given to that attorney or his agent, and not to the party himself.

Notice of trial when to be given to attorney or agent.

Of notices in general.

In all cases where there have been no proceedings for four terms, exclusive of the term in which the last proceeding was had, the party who desires to proceed again, shall give a term's notice to the other of such proceeding; such notice shall be given before the

A term's notice where no proceeding for four terms exclusive.

To be given before the es-

Join day of the term.

essoins-day of the fifth or other subsequent term; a judge's summons, if no order be made thereupon, shall not be deemed a proceeding; but a notice of trial, though afterwards countermanded, shall be deemed a proceeding within this rule. *Pasch. 13 Geo. 2.*

What deemed a proceeding.

*Where the plaintiff concludes *ad patriam*, the defendant to accept notice of trial on the back of the pleading.*

Heretofore, where the plaintiff in pleading concluded *ad patriam* (to the country) he could not give notice of trial till the defendant had joined issue, which he was not obliged to do till a four-day-rule for that purpose was expired. But now in all cases where the plaintiff concludes *ad patriam*, the defendant's attorney must accept notice of trial on the back of such pleadings, whether the same be delivered to the defendant's attorney or agent, or left in the office; and such notice shall be as effectual as if issue had been joined. *Trin. 2 Geo. 1.*

And if don't join in issue, to accept of notice of inquiry from the time of the notice of trial.

Where the plaintiff concludes *ad patriam*, and gives notice of trial on the back of the pleadings (pursuant to last rule) if the defendant does not join issue before the rule is out, then after judgment obtained the defendant's attorney shall be obliged to accept of notice of executing a writ of inquiry from the time that the notice of trial was given on the back of the pleadings. *Hil. 6 Geo. 1.*

Notice of trial not to be given to the defendant if his attorney be known.

Notice of trial, or of executing a writ of inquiry, given to a defendant when his attorney is known, is not good notice; but when his attorney is not known, then the notice may be given to the defendant. See *Barnes 300.* See *id.* 306, 307.

Where

Where the plaintiff may give a short notice of trial, as where the defendant has had time given him to plead on taking short notice of trial, the plaintiff must give him as much notice as he can; two days at least. *Barnes* 301. *Where the plt. may give short notice, he must give as much as he can.*

If the plaintiff ought to give 14 days notice of trial, if he was to proceed to trial, and the defendant intends to have the cause tried by proviso, he must give the same notice of trial as the plaintiff should have done. *Barnes* 299. *For trial by proviso def. must give the same notice as plaintiff should have done.*

The next thing to be done is to enter the issue, and prepare the *Nisi prius* record for trial, which must be ingrossed on a piece of parchment stamped with a double half-crown stamp, which you must do in this manner: *Of making up the Nisi prius record.*

In the Common Pleas.

Pleas at Westminster, before Sir William De Grey, knight, and his companions, justices of our lord the king of the bench, of Easter Term in the seventeenth year of the reign of our sovereign George the third, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, king, defender of the faith, &c.

Roll.

Middlesex, *C.* L. late of, &c. gentleman,
to wit, was attached to answer R. R.
of a plea of trespass, on the case; and where-

upon the said *R. R.* by *J. S.* his attorney complaineth, that whereas, &c. (*to the end of the issue and award of the Venire.*)

Note; In the *Common Pleas* the *Placita* is wrote but once, except on the death or change of a chief justice, or on an old record, in which case you write a second *Placita*; then you write the *Jurata* in this manner.

Middlesex, **T**HE jury between *R. R.* to wit, plaintiff, and *C. L.* late of, &c. gentleman, in a plea of * trespass on the case, are respited here until on the morrow of the Holy *Trinity* (the return of the *Habeas corpora juratorum*, and which should be the next return after the day of trial) unless Sir *Eardely Wilmot*, knight, the king's chief justice of the bench, here assigned by form of the statute in that case made and provided, shall come before, on *Tuesday*, the day of [the day of the sittings] at *Westminster*, in the great hall of pleas, there, commonly called *Westminster-ball*, in the said county of *Middlesex* (if in *London*, say, at the *Guildhall* of the city of *London* aforesaid) for default of the jurors, because none came: Therefore let the sheriff have the bodies of the several persons mentioned in the panel annexed to the writ of *Habeas corpora juratorum*. And be it known

* In replevin say, taking and unjustly detaining the cattle of the said *R.*

that the justices here in court in this same term delivered a writ thereupon to the deputy of the sheriff of the county aforesaid, to be executed in form of law, &c.

If the trial is to be had at the assizes, the form of the *Jurata* is as follows :

Lincoln, **T**HE jury between R. R. plain-
to wit, tiff, and C. L. late of, &c. *For the assizes.*
gentleman, in a plea of trespass on the case, is respited here until on the morrow of *All Souls*, unless our lord the king's justices, assigned to take the assizes in the county aforesaid by form of the statute in that case made and provided, shall come before on (*the day the assizes are to be held*) at (*the place where they are to be held*) in the county aforesaid, for default of the jurors, because none came: Therefore, &c. (*as before.*)

When the *Nisi prius* record is prepared, you are to carry it, and the roll whereon you have entered the issue, to the proper prothonotary, who on being paid for the entry will mark both the record and roll; then you go to the clerk of the treasury, who will examine and see that the *Jurata* is rightly entered, and sign and seal the record.

No record of *Nisi prius* is to be signed before the issue be entered upon the roll. *Mich. 1654. Pas. 5 W. & M.* *No record of Ni. Pri. to be signed before issue entered.*

And all issues are to be entered of the term they are joined. *Pas. 5 W. & M. Hil. 11 Geo. 1.* *Issues to be entered the same term they are*

Every *joined.*

In what manner records of Nisi prius are to be ingrossed.

Every record of *Nisi prius* is to be ingrossed in a fair legible character, and so entered on the roll; the beginning of every pleading to begin with a new line, and the first word in a greater character than the rest; and in all actions that have divers narrs, [*i. e.* counts] notice thereof must be given by figures in the margin of such record of *Nisi prius*; and all records of *Nisi prius* that shall be ingrossed in this court are to be of the exact breadth of the rolls of the court, and no broader or lesser. *Trin. 29 Car. 2.*

Within what time they must be made up for the assizes.

Records of *Nisi prius* for trials at the assizes shall be signed by the respective prothonotaries, and signed and sealed by the clerk of the treasury within the space of three weeks next after the end of every *Hilary* term, and of every *Trinity* term, and not afterwards unless by special order. *Trin. 29 Car. 2.*

No record of Nisi prius to be sealed, unless signed by the clerk of the warrants.

The clerk of the treasury shall not sign or seal any record of *Nisi prius*, unless the same shall be first signed or stamped by the clerk of the warrants. *Hil. 2, 3 Jac. 2.*

Attendance will be given for sealing records of *Nisi prius*, in this court, *viz.*

For *London* and *Middlesex* at the treasury office, in *Westminster-hall*, during the term, and the sittings for *Middlesex*, from the sitting to the rising of the court;

For *London* after the sittings for *Middlesex* are over, at the lord chief justice chambers, in *Serjeants Inn*, from 5 to 7 o'clock, in the afternoon during the sittings in *London*.

For

For the assizes, at the L. C. justice's chambers from 10 to 12 o'clock in a forenoon, and from 5 to 7 in an afternoon, as usual, during the time of the assizes. By notice fixed up in the common pleas office, tempore *Wilmot* Ch. J.

As no continuances are necessary to be inserted in the record of *Ni. Pri.* if defendant dies after issue joined, and before the day of *Ni. Pri.* suggestion thereof, and award of *Ven. Fa.* entered on the roll after trial, sufficient. *Barnes* 469.

No record or writ of *Ni. Pri.* is received at any sitting after Term in * *Middlesex*, unless delivered to, and entered with the marshal within two days after the last day of every term. Rule of *E. 2 Geo. 3. C. B.* *Barnes* 494.

The form of a Venire facias.

GEOURGE the third, by the grace of **Venire facias.**
God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, king, defender of the faith, &c. To the sheriff of *Essex*, greeting. We command you, that you cause to come before our justices at *Westminster*, on the morrow of the *Purification* of the blessed *Mary*, twelve free and lawful men of the body of your coun-

* Nor in *London*, unless entered the day before the day, to which the sitting is adjourned. Same rule. *Barnes* ib,

s. d. ty, each of whom has ten pounds of lands,
 Duty 2 0 tenements or rents by the year at least, by
 Signing 1 4 whom the truth of the matter may be better
 Seal 0 7 known, and who are in no ways of kin, ei-
 3 11 ther to R. K. the plaintiff, or to J. W. late
 of, &c. or to W. S. late of, &c. [*if the de-
 fendant be declared against with an Alias dict',
 or as an executor or an administrator, he must
 be here described as in the pleadings*] to make
 a certain jury of the county between the
 parties aforesaid, in a plea of taking and un-
 justly detaining cattle [*as the action is*] be-
 cause as well the said J. W. and W. S. (*the
 party who first takes the issue,*) as the said R.
 K. between whom the matter in variance is,
 have put themselves upon that jury; and
 have there the names of the jurors and this
 writ. Witness Sir William De Grey, knight,
 at Westminster, the 23d day of January in
 the seventh year of our reign.

Dickins.

Insert the cause of action in the *Venire* as the case shall be, thus :

Debt.	In a plea of debt.
Case.	In a plea of trespass on the case.
Assault.	In a plea of trespass and assault.
Assault and imprisonment.	In a plea of trespass, assault and imprisonment.
Ejectment.	In a plea of trespass and ejectment of farm.
Covenant.	In a plea of breach of covenant.
Replevin.	In a plea of taking and unjustly detaining cattle.
Detinue.	In a plea of detaining goods, or writings.

If

If the defendant carries down the cause to be tried by proviso, the writ runs thus :

And have here the names of the jurors and this writ ; provided always, that if two writs shall thereupon come to you, that you only return one of them to our said justices at *Westminster*, at the time aforesaid. *By proviso.*

You carry this writ to the prothonotary to be signed, for which you pay him 1 s. 4 d. and then to the seal office to be sealed, for which you pay 7 d.

When you have this writ returned by the sheriff, you carry it to the clerk of the jury, and he will make out a writ of *Habeas corpora juratorum*, which you carry to the sheriff, and he also returns.

The form of the Habeas corpora juratorum.

GEORGE the third, by the grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, king, defender of the faith, &c. To the sheriff of *E.* greeting. We command you, that you have before our justices at *Westminster*, from the day of *Easter* in 15 days [*the day in bank the next return after the trial*] or before our justices assigned to take the assizes in your county, by force of the statute in that case provided, if they shall come before, on the day of [*the day the assizes are held*] at [*the place where*] in your county, the bodies of the several persons

Habeas corpora.
Officina brev.
140.

	s.	d.
<i>Fi Ven.</i>	0	4
<i>Ha. Co.</i>	1	8
<i>Duty</i>	2	0
<i>Seal</i>	0	7
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	4	7

sons named in the panel annexed to this writ, jurors summoned in our court before our justices at *Westminster*, between *R. K.* plaintiff, and *J. W.* late of, &c. and *W. S.* late of, &c. of a plea of taking and unjustly detaining cattle, [*as the action is*] to make that jury; and have there this writ. Witness Sir *William De Grey*, knight, at *Westminster*, the day of in the year of our reign.

Harrison.

The form of the Subpœna ad testificandum.

Subpœna ad testificandum.	<p>GEOERGE the third, by the grace of God, of <i>Great Britain, France, and Ireland</i>, king, defender of the faith, &c. To <i>A. B. C. D. E. F.</i> and <i>G. H.</i> greeting. We command, and firmly injoin you and each of you, that laying all other matters aside, and notwithstanding any excuse, you be in your proper persons before our justices at the assizes to be held, at [<i>the place where the assizes are to be held</i>] in the county of <i>S.</i> on [<i>the day when</i>] next ensuing, to testify and speak the truth in a certain matter of controversy pending undetermined in our court before our justices at <i>Westminster</i> between <i>A. B.</i> plaintiff, and <i>C. D.</i> late of <i>E.</i> in the said county of <i>S.</i> gentleman, defendant, in a plea of trespass; [<i>as the action is</i>] and this you are not to omit, nor is any one of you to omit,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">under</p>
Duty	2 0
Signing	1 0
Seal	0 7
	3 7

under the penalty on each of you of one hundred pounds. Witness Sir *William De Grey*, knight, at *Westminster*, the day of in the year of our reign.

Cooke.

If the trial be to be had in *London*, you say thus,—That, &c. you be before Sir *John Eardley Wilmot*, knight, our chief justice of the bench at *Guildhall, London*, on [*the day of sittings*] to testify, &c.

If in *Middlesex* thus; before Sir *John Eardley Wilmot*, knight, our chief justice of the bench at *Westminster*, in the great hall of pleas there, called *Westminster-hall*, to testify, &c.

This *Subpœna* you carry to the proper prothonotary to be signed, for which you pay 1s. and to the seal-office to be sealed, for which you pay 7d. and then you make out tickets for each of the witnesses in the following form:

Mr. *R. B.*

By virtue of a writ of *Subpœna* to you directed, and herewith shewn unto you, you are commanded personally to be and appear before his majesty's justices of assize [*or the chief justice as before directed, according as the case is*] at [*the place*] on the day of by of the clock in the noon of the same day, to testify the truth, according to your knowledge, in a certain cause now depending, and there

Subpœna ticket.

there to be tried between *A. B.* plaintiff, and
C. D. late of _____ in the county of _____
gentleman, defendant,
in a plea of trespass [*as the action is*] on the
part of the plaintiff [*or the defendant, if at his
instance subpoena'd*] and hereof you are not to
fail, upon pain of one hundred pounds. Da-
ted the _____ day of _____
in the year of our Lord 1778, and in the
_____ year of the reign of our sovereign
lord *George* the third, king of *Great Britain*,
&c.

J. R. attorney.

*Cause to be
entered with
marshal.*

*Formerly four
days before the
day of trial.*

Before you go to trial you must enter your
cause with the judge's marshal.

Causes to be tried in *London* or *Middlesex*
ought to be entered in the marshal's book
four days before the day of trial. *Mich.*
1654.

Now two.

But notwithstanding this rule, and though
there is none other to the contrary, two days
at this time are reckoned sufficient.

*Records to be
brought in be-
fore the sit-
tings after
term.*

Ne recipiatur shall be allowed to be enter-
ed for the sittings at *Nisi prius* after every
term, unless the records of *Nisi prius* and the
writs be made up and brought into court
on or before the days and sittings respective-
ly. *Hil. 8 Geo. 1.*

*On circuit
writ and re-
cord to be en-
tered together.*

In every cause to be tried in the circuits,
the writ and record shall be entered together,
and no record shall be received without the
writ. *Trin. 10 & 11 Geo. 2.*

*On circuit in
what time re-
cord to be*

No writ and record of *Nisi prius* shall be
received at the assizes in any county in *Eng-
land*,

land, unless they shall be delivered to, and *brought and entered.* entered with the marshal, before the first sitting of the court after the commission-day, except in the counties of *York* and *Norfolk*; and there the writs and records shall be delivered to, and entered with the marshal before the first sitting of the court, on the second day after the commission-day, otherwise they shall not be received. *Hil. 14 Geo. 2.*

Every cause shall be tried in the order in *Causes to be tried in the order entered.* which it is so entered, without any preference or delay, unless it shall be made out to the satisfaction of the judge in open court, that it is impracticable or inconvenient so to do, who thereupon may make such order for the trial of the cause, so put off, as to him shall seem just. *Same rule.*

A list of the causes, when so entered as *List of causes to be made and hung up.* afore said, shall be made by the marshal, and forthwith fixed up in some public place in the *Nisi prius* court, there to remain during the whole time of the assizes. *Same rule.*

If the cause be to be tried in *London* or *Middlesex*, you pay, for entering the cause *Entring fee in London or Middlesex.* with the marshal, 13 s. 9 d. viz. the chief justice 10 s. 9 d. Marshal 2 s. Associate 1 s.

If the trial be at the assizes, the fee for entering the cause is but 11 s. 8 d. viz. the judge 6 s. 8 d. Clerk of assize 2 s. Marshal 2 s. Cryer 1 s. *At the assizes.*

If the plaintiff gives notice of trial for the assizes, and don't bring the trial on, he can't go down to trial again without new notice, unless by consent or rule of court. *If plt. don't go to trial at assizes, must give new notice.*

In London or Middlesex may give new notice, before the day of sitting, for the next sitting.

Plt. can continue his notice but once.

Can't countermand and continue in the same notice.

If plt. don't proceed to trial according to notice, nor countermand, he shall pay costs.

Both p't. and def. giving notice of trial, and neither proceeding to trial, each paid costs.

But in *London or Middlesex*, if the plaintiff gives notice of trial for one sitting, and be not provided to proceed, he may give notice before that sitting, that he will try it at the next sitting. *Mich. 1654.*

The plaintiff cannot continue his notice of trial a second time, *i. e.* he can give short notice of trial but once; but if the full time be given by the notice of continuance the word *continue* will not vitiate the notice. See *Barnes 301. Rich. Pract. Reg. 394. Co. Cas. 146.*

The plaintiff gave notice of trial for the first sitting within term, then gave notice that he countermanded the notice of trial for the first sitting, and continued it for the second; the defendant made no defence at the trial, and the plaintiff had a verdict. But on a motion the court said the plaintiff could not countermand and continue in the same notice, and set the verdict aside. *Smith v. Hough, Hil. 11 Geo. 2. Barnes 301. Pract. Reg. C. P. 394. Rep. and Cas. of Pract. C. P. 146.*

In case the plaintiff gives notice of trial, and don't go to trial accordingly, the defendant upon motion shall have his costs of attendance, to be taxed by the prothonotary, unless the plaintiff countermand his notice in convenient time, or shew cause to be allowed by the court in excuse of such costs. *Mich. 1654.*

The defendant gave notice of trial by proviso, and the plaintiff also gave notice of trial; neither went on to trial, or countermanded, and both got rules for costs for not going on to trial; the prothonotary doubted whether both

both were intitled to costs, and the judges were of opinion, that as both sides gave notice of trial, and neither proceeded to trial, each side was intitled to costs. *Reading v. Grafton, M. 13 Geo. 1. Pract. Reg. 405.*

No countermand of trial at the assizes shall be good unless notice be given two days before the commission-day. *Mich. 5 Geo. 1.* The commission-day on a *Monday*, a countermand on the *Saturday* held to be regular. See *Barnes 305.*

Countermand at the assizes.

And in *London* or *Middlesex* the countermand must be two days before the sitting for which notice was given. See *Barnes 298.*

In London and Middlesex.

Antea, fol.

Notice of trial may be countermanded after the record is made a *(a) Remanet.*

Countermand after record made a Remanet.

Costs of a former assizes, when a cause is made a *Remanet*, not allowed, unless by consent of parties expressed in a rule or order entered into for that purpose. *Barnes 150, 153.*

Where cause goes off by consent on withdrawing a juror, and reference to arbitrators, and no award being made, cause is again brought on to trial; the costs of the first, shall attend the event of the second trial, as well in this case as that of a *Remanet.* Rule of *H. term, 8 Geo. III.*

(a). That is to say, *remains* untried without any fault of the parties, and is therefore on the front of the paper of causes for the next sitting. *Rayn. Read on stat. 2 Geo. II, chap. 23, 4to. p. 127, in notes.*

Costs for the future are to be allowed when a cause goes off, and *remains* to be tried, for want of jurors. 2 *Wils.* 366.

When on default of the plaintiff's going to trial the court shall give judgment of nonsuit.

Where issue is or shall be joined, and the plaintiff hath neglected or shall neglect to bring such issue on to be tried, according to the course and practice of the court, it shall be lawful for the judges at (b) any time after such neglect, upon motion made in open court (due notice having been given thereof) to give the like judgment for the defendant as in cases of nonsuit, unless the judges shall upon just cause and reasonable terms allow any further time or times for the trial of such issue. And if the plaintiff shall (c) neglect to try such issue within the time or times so allowed; then and in every such case the judges shall proceed to give such judgment as aforesaid. *Stat. 14 Geo. 2. c. 17. s. 1.*

Of obtaining judgment, as in case of a nonsuit, for not proceeding to trial, in due time.

If plaintiff doth not proceed to try his cause in due time, defendant is intitled to judgment as in case of a nonsuit, by virtue of the above statute; in order to obtain which, a rule must in the first place be given for plaintiff to enter the issue on record, (which is a four day rule, exclusive of the day of service) if he fails in this, defendant may

(b) The court was of opinion, that defendant ought to apply for judgment on this act, the very next term after default; *Barnes* 314. See *Id.* 318. but I conceive as the act is general, *any time after such neglect*, no court of justice can limit the time of application.

(c) This statute is founded on neglect. *Barnes* 315.

have

have the like judgment, as in case of a (d) nonsuit.

When the roll is brought in, either in pursuance of a rule or without, it will be necessary to give the officer (e) of the court, in whose custody the roll or record is, notice to produce the same; notice also must be given of the (f) motion, and there must be an affidavit of the state of the proceedings, of plaintiff's default in trying the (g) cause; and also of the service of the notice of motion; upon reading of which affidavits, and of the entry of the issue on record (h); court will make a rule for plaintiff to shew cause, why the like judgment should not be given for the defendant, as in the case of a nonsuit; which, upon no sufficient cause being shewn, will be ordered accordingly.

(d) *Barnes* 313.

(e) *Viz.* The clerk of the jurats, or the under clerk of the Treasury, Mr. *George Stubbs*, who resides near Old Palace Yard *Westminster*, and is Treasury-keeper, and as he lives so near the repository of the rolls of this court, the same being under the *Exchequer*, on the right hand, as you enter *Westminster* Hall Gate, from Old Palace Yard, you may meet with him or his clerk almost any hour in term time.

(f) But not a terms notice in any case. *Barnes* 308.

(g) Objection, by plaintiff's council, that, in order to support a motion on this act, there ought to have been an affidavit, *that the cause was not tried*; and it was allowed, and rule *Nisi* discharged. *Barnes* 316 This affidavit must not be sworn before plaintiff's attorney. *Barnes* 313.

(h) *Barnes* 313.

Causes held sufficient, by the court, to prevent a nonsuit on this act of parliament.

1. Plaintiff's own illness. *Barnes* 313.
2. That plaintiff's attorney died by the hand of God. *Barnes* 315.
3. That defendant, by some act of his, hindered the trial of the cause. *Barnes* 315, 498. See *Id.* 443.
4. Plaintiff's marriage, for thereby the suit is abated *de facto*. *Barnes* 314.
5. Plaintiff's witnesses being disabled with the gout. *Barnes* 316.

When a further time is granted, the court appoints a time for the trial, as at the next assizes, or at some sitting in *London* or *Middlesex*, according as where the action is to be tried. *Barnes* 313. If the defendant applies for costs for not going to trial, pursuant to notice, he has made his election, and cannot move for judgment, as in case of a nonsuit. *Barnes* 131, 314, 315, 316. Though further time for going to trial hath been given, yet upon reasonable cause it may still be enlarged, notwithstanding the word (*i*) *peremptory* in the rule. Such judgment may be given in an action *Qui tam*, &c. or replevin. *Barnes* 315, 316, 318. Where the excuse for not proceeding to trial, according to the rules of the court, is a sufficient excuse, the court, on

(*i*) The word *peremptory* in the rule doth not preclude the court from a further enlargement of the time, if they think it reasonable; it is wrong to insert the word *peremptory*, for the second excuse may be better than the first. *Barnes* 315.

giving further time, will not make the plaintiff pay the costs of the application, but only the costs for not proceeding to trial.

Barnes 316, 317, 318.

You cannot, on notice of trial for the sittings after term, enter a *Ne recipiatur* till after proclamation made for bringing the records in.

For trial at sittings after term, no Ne recipiatur till after proclamation.

Motion to put off a trial, for that a material witness is out of the way, and cannot be had at the trial, must be made at least two days before the day for which the notice of trial was given.

Motion to put off a trial v.b.n.

Rep. & Cas. of Pract. C. P. 93, 105, 150. *Pract. Reg. C. P.* 399, 400.

Barnes 437, 440, 442, 444.

But if it appears that this witness, who is sworn to be a material witness, went out of town or abroad beyond sea after the notice of trial was given, the court will not put off the trial for it; the defendant might have sub-pœna'd him in time.

Not to be granted if the witness was in the way when notice of trial given.

Barnes 437.

The person, or party, who shall apply for a special jury, shall not only bear and pay the fees for striking such jury, but shall also pay and discharge all the expences occasioned by the trial of the cause by such special jury;

Party applying for a special jury to pay the whole expence;

and shall not have any farther or other allowance for the same, upon taxations of costs, than such person or party would be intitled unto, in case the cause had been tried by a

and not allowed more than for a common jury.

common jury; unless the judge, before whom the cause is tried, shall, immediately after the trial, certify in open court under his hand, upon the back of the record, that the

Unless, &c.

same was a cause proper to be tried by a special jury. *Stat. 24 Geo. 2. c. 18.*

What allowance to such jury for serving.

No person who shall serve upon a special jury, or be returned, shall be allowed or take for such serving on any such jury, more than the judge who tries the cause shall think just and reasonable, not exceeding 1*l.* 1*s.* except in causes wherein a view hath been directed.

Same stat.

Venire on a penal stat. to be de corpore com'.

Every *Venire* for the trial of any issue in any action or information, upon any penal statute, shall be awarded of the body of the proper county where such issue is triable.

Same stat.

On trials at bar, plt.'s attorney to give notice of the day to chief prothonotary.

On trials at bar, which are to be moved for, the plaintiff's attorney must before the es-join-day of the term, in which the cause is appointed to be tried, give notice to the chief prothonotary or his secondary, of the day on which such cause is to be tried, that the same may be put down in the court-book; and in case of neglect, and without motion and special direction of the court, such cause shall not be tried that term. *Hil. 9 Ann.*

On trials at bar, judges to have copies of the issues 4 days before trial.

On trials at bar, the lord chief justice and the other judges are to have copies of the issues in such causes delivered to them four days before the time appointed for trial.

Mick. 3 Geo. 2.

Clerks of assize and associates to return Postea's.

Every clerk of assize, and the associate to the lord chief justice, shall make returns of *Postea's* upon records issuing out of this court, whereupon any proceedings have been by virtue of any writ of *Nisi prius*, *Distringas*, or *Habeas corpora juratorum*, and cause the same

to be delivered to the respective prothonotaries, upon the *Quarto die post* of the return of the writ of *Nisi prius* in bank, under the penalty of 20 *l.* And, that all excuses may be taken away, the respective clerks of assize and associate at the trial shall take the fees due to them respectively for the return of every such *postea*. *Pasch. 2 Jac. 2.*

After the trial is over, and the record is returned with the *postea* ingrossed, you get the *postea* stamped with a double half-crown stamp, and apply to the prothonotary to tax your costs, and then deliver the record and *postea* to the clerk of the judgments, who continues the same on the roll, and awards judgment.

Where final judgment shall be signed upon a *postea*, the *postea* shall immediately be left with the clerk of the judgments of the prothonotary, and shall not afterwards be taken out of the office without leave of the court. *Trin. 13 Geo. 2.*

Postea to be left with clerk of the judgments.

In case a special verdict be found, the plaintiff's attorney must enter the proceedings to the end of the special verdict on record, and deliver it to the secondary in court, and get a serjeant to move for a *Concilium*, or day for argument, then draw up the rule, and serve it on the defendant's attorney.

Of special verdicts.

In causes entered in the court-book for argument at the bar on special verdicts or demurrers, the attornies concerned in the cause shall deliver true copies of the record to the respective justices of the court, by the space of one week at least next before the day appointed

Paper-books on special verdicts or demurrers how to be delivered.

pointed for such argument; namely, the attorney for the plaintiff, one copy thereof to the lord chief justice, and another to the senior judge; and the attorney for the defendant like copies to each of the other two justices. *Pasch. 27 Car. 2.*

No argument till books delivered.

No arguments by counsel on either side shall be heard at the bar, until books be delivered to all the judges. *Same rule.*

If either neglect, the other side may deliver all the books.

In case the attorney of either party shall not deliver books as he ought; then if the attorney on the other side, for expediting his client's cause, will deliver books to all the judges three days at the least before the argument, counsel shall be heard on his client's behalf, at the day appointed, and the attorney delivering books as aforesaid shall be reimbursed the charges of delivering the two books, which ought to have been delivered by the attorney of the adverse party, which charges the said attorney shall be bound to pay upon the demand thereof. *Same rule.*

And be reimbursed by the attorney making default.

If not paid before judgment, to be allowed in costs.

If the charges of delivering the said two books shall not be paid before judgment shall be given in the cause, the charges of delivering the said books shall be allowed upon taxing costs, and in that case the attorney shall not be compelled to pay the said costs; but if no costs are to be taxed in the case, then the attorney making default in delivering of the books as aforesaid, shall be compelled to pay the charges of the copies so delivered by the attorney of the adverse party, by attachment or otherwise, as the court shall think fit.

If no costs, attachment against attorney making default.

Same rule, vide postea.

A motion in arrest of judgment must be made within the first four days, *i. e.* before, or on the appearance day of the return of the *Habeas corpora juratorum*. *Barnes* 445.

Motion in arrest of judgment, when.

If the motion be on the last day of term, the party, who moves an arrest of judgment, must produce an affidavit, that he has given notice of his motion to the other side.

Notice, if on the last day of term.

After a motion in arrest of judgment the party can't move to set aside the verdict, unless it be upon a matter disclosed after the motion in arrest of judgment, and the motion to set aside the verdict be made before judgment pronounced. See *Barnes* 441, 443.

Not after motion to set aside verdict; unless, &c.

Verdicts have been frequently set aside for excessive damages, but never for smallness of damages; but see *Barnes* 448, 455.

Verdict set aside for excessive damages.

A motion for a new trial can't be made after the appearance-day of the return of the *Habeas corpora juratorum*, unless the foundation of the motion be some matter discovered afterwards.

Motion for new trial,

Where the issue lay on the defendant, as *Solvit ad diem, Son assault, &c.* and the defendant's witnesses have been examined, the court seldom grants a new trial.

Seldom, when issue lay on defendant.

In ejectment, where a verdict is for the defendant, it is not usual to grant a new trial, because the plaintiff may bring a new ejectment, and no other disadvantage happens to him; but where the verdict is for the plaintiff, a new trial is often granted; for then the consequence of not granting a new trial is the alteration of the possession of the premises. See *Barnes* 440.

Seldom in ejectment, if verdict pro D. aliter if pro Q.

When

When final judgment is obtained, the party is to proceed to execution; of which see hereafter.

As we spoke of issues triable by juries, we shall say something of issues triable by the judges, or by record, as on demurrers, and pleas of *Nul tiel record*.

Of demurrers.

General demurrer to a declaration.

AND the said *W.* by *A. R.* his attorney cometh and defendeth the force and injury, when, &c. and saith, that the said declaration in form aforesaid made and declared, and the matter therein contained, are not sufficient in the law for the said *S.* to have or maintain his said action against him the said *W.* and that he the said *W.* hath no need, nor is he obliged by the law of the land to answer the said declaration in manner and form aforesaid made and declared: And this he is ready to verify: Wherefore for want of a sufficient declaration in this behalf, the said *W.* prayeth judgment, and that the said *S.* may be barred from having his said action against him the said *W.* &c.

Joinder.

And the said *S.* inasmuch as he hath above declared sufficient matter in the law to have and maintain his said action against the said *W.* which he is ready to verify; which said matter the said *W.* hath not denied, or given any answer thereto, but intirely refuseth to admit the verifying the same; the said *S.* prayeth judgment, and his damages by occasion

caſion of the premiſſes to be adjudged to him, &c.

And becauſe the juſtices here will adviſe *Concilium*, themſelves of and upon the premiſſes before they give their judgment thereon, day is given to the ſaid parties here from the day of *St. Martin* in fifteen days to hear their judgment, for that the ſaid juſtices here are not yet adviſed thereof, &c.

And the ſaid *R. D.* by *T. C.* his attorney cometh and defendeth the force and injury, when, &c. and craveth oyer of the ſaid writ of our lord the king of privilege; and it is read to him in theſe words, *to wit*, *George* the ſecond, &c. [*ſetting forth the whole writ in hæc verba.*] Witneſs *Sir Robert Eyre*, knight, at *Westminster*, the third day of *July*, &c. which being read and heard, the ſaid *W.* prayeth judgment of the ſaid writ and declaration aforeſaid of him the ſaid *W.* becauſe he ſaith, that the ſaid writ, and the declaration thereupon aforeſaid, in manner and form aforeſaid made and declared, and the matter in them contained, are not ſufficient in the law for the ſaid *W.* to have and maintain his action aforeſaid againſt him the ſaid *R.* to which ſaid writ and declaration in manner and form aforeſaid made and declared he had no need, nor is he by the law of the land held or obliged, in any manner to answer; And this he is ready to verify; wherefore, and for want of a ſufficient writ and declaration in this behalf, the ſaid *R.* prayeth judgment, and that the ſaid *W.* from his action aforeſaid may be debarred, &c. and for cauſes of demurrer

3 Lev. 130.
Special demurrer to a writ and declaration, at the ſuit of any attorney. Oyer of the writ.

Writ tested.
before the
cause of action. murrer in law in this behalf he the said *R.* according to the form of the statute in such like cases made and provided, sheweth to the court these following; that is to say, for this, that it appeareth to this court, that the same writ of our said lord the king of privilege was had and sued out upon the third day of *July* in the eighth year of the reign of our said lord the king, which day of suing out thereof was before the day on which the said *W.* has in his said declaration thereupon alledged and declared, that the said trespasses, assaults, batteries, woundings and imprisonments, charged upon him the said *R.* in and by the said declaration, were done and committed; and also for this, that between the writ and declaration are diverse variances; and also for this, that the said declaration in form aforesaid made and declared is in itself repugnant, insensible, contradictory, and wanteth form, and so forth; and hereupon the said *R. D.* demandeth the aforesaid *W. O.* to join in demurrer with him the said *R.* And hereupon a day is given by the court of our said lord the king of the bench here, to the said *W.* before his majesty's justices at *Westminster*, until

Variance, &c. next after to join in the demurrer in law with the said *R.* And the said *W.* at the same day being solemnly required came not, neither is his writ of our said lord the king of privilege aforesaid against the said *R.* further prosecuted, but he made default: Therefore it is considered, that the said *W.* take nothing by his said writ, but that he and his pledges to prosecute, to wit, *J. D.* and

Day for plaintiff to join in demurrer.

Plaintiff makes default.

Judgment against the plaintiff.

R. R.

R. R. be thereof in mercy, &c. and that the said *R.* do go thereof without day, &c. And further it is considered by the court here, that the said *R.* recover against the said *W.* 3*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* for his expences and costs by him about his defence in this part sustained, to the said *R.* by the court here, according to the form of the statute in such case lately made and provided, adjudged, &c. and that the said *R.* have his execution for the same, &c.

And the said *C.* saith, that the aforesaid *General demurrer to a plea.* plea of the said *F.* above pleaded in bar, is not sufficient in law to bar him the said *C.* from his said action against the said *F.* and that he the said *C.* hath no need, nor is bound by the law of the land, to answer to the said plea in manner and form aforesaid pleaded; and this he is ready to verify: Wherefore for default of a sufficient plea in this behalf the said *C.* prayeth his said debt, together with his damages by occasion of detaining that debt, to be adjudged to him, &c.

And the said *F.* for that he hath above al- *Joinder.* ledged sufficient matter in law to bar the said *C.* from having his said action against him the said *F.* which he is ready to verify, which said matter the said *C.* hath not denied, nor any ways answered thereunto, but wholly refuseth to admit the verification thereof, prayeth judgment, and that the said *C.* may be barred from having his said action, &c. And because the justices, &c.

And the said *J. S.* and *M.* by *C. B.* their *Demurrer to declaration for injury, not alledging* attorney, come and defend the force and

that administration was granted to defendant.

injury, when, &c. and pray judgment of the said declaration: Because they say, that the said declaration and the matter therein contained are not sufficient in law to maintain the action of the said *D.* against them the said *J. S.* and *M.* to which said declaration the said *J. S.* and *M.* have no need, nor are they obliged by the law of the land to answer; and this they are ready to verify: Wherefore for want of a sufficient declaration in this case, the said *J. S.* and *M.* pray judgment of the said declaration, and that the same may be quashed, &c. And the said *J. S.* and *M.* according to the statute shew the causes of demurrer following, *to wit*, that it is not alledged in the said declaration how, or by whom letters of administration were granted; nor is it alledged that administration was ever granted to the said *J. S.* and *M.* And also that the said declaration is uncertain and wanteth form.

Special demurrer to a plea of Nil debet to a bail bond.

And the said *E. II.* saith, that the said plea of him the said *F. S.* in manner and form afore said above pleaded, and the matter therein contained, are not sufficient in law to bar the said *E.* from having his said action against him the said *F.* and that he the said *E.* hath no need, nor is he obliged by the law of the land to answer the said plea of him the said *F.* in manner and form afore said above pleaded; and this he is ready to verify: Wherefore for want of a sufficient plea in this behalf the said *E.* prayeth judgment, and that his said debt, together with his damages by reason of the detaining of that debt, may be adjudged to him,

him, &c. And for causes of demurrer in *Causes of de-*
Law in this behalf, the said *E.* according to *murrer.*
the form of the statute in such cases made
and provided, sheweth to the court here these
causes following; (that is to say) for this, that
the said *F. S.* hath not by his said plea parti-
cularly denied nor confessed the said deed in
the said declaration alledged; and also for
this, that the said *F.* is estopped by the said
deed to say, that he doth not owe the money
in the said deed mentioned, and ought to have
shewn by his plea how he is discharged from
the same.

And the said *F. S.* saith, that the said plea *Joinder,*
by him the said *F.* in manner and form afore-
said pleaded, and the matter therein con-
tained, are good and sufficient in the law to
bar the said *E.* from having his said action
against him the said *F.* which said plea, and the
matter therein contained, he the said *F.* is
ready to verify; and because the said *E.* to
the said plea hath not answered, nor the same
hitherto in any manner gainsaid, he the said
F. doth pray judgment, and that the said *E.*
may be barred from having against him the
said *F.* his action aforesaid, &c.

Judic. pro Q.

And the said *A.* saith, that the said plea *Demurrer to*
of the said *J.* above by replying pleaded, and *a replication,*
the matter therein contained, are not sufficient
in the law for the said *J.* to have and main-
tain his said action against him the said *A.* and
that he hath no need, nor is he obliged by
the law of the land to answer to the said plea
in manner and form aforesaid pleaded; and

this he is ready to verify : Wherefore for defect of a sufficient plea in this behalf the said *A.* prayeth judgment, and that the said *J.* may be barred from having his said action against him the said *A.* &c.

Joinder.

And the said *J.* for that he has above by replying alledged sufficient matter in the law, for him the said *J.* to have and maintain his said action against the said *A.* which the said *J.* is ready to verify ; which matter the said *A.* doth not deny, nor any ways answer thereto, but intirely refuseth to admit the verifying thereof ; the said *J.* as before prayeth judgment, and his said debt, together with his damages by occasion of detaining that debt, to be adjudged to him, &c. And because, &c.

Demurrer to a rejoinder.

And the said *J.* saith, that the said plea of the said *M.* above by rejoining pleaded, and the matter therein contained, are not sufficient in the law to bar the said *J.* from having his said action against the said *T.* and that he hath not need, nor is obliged by the law of the land to answer to the said plea in manner and form aforesaid pleaded ; and this he is ready to verify : Wherefore the said *J.* as before, prayeth judgment, and his said debt, together with his damages by occasion of the detaining that debt, to be adjudged to him, &c.

Joinder.

And the said *T.* for that the matter aforesaid by him above by rejoining alledged (which he is ready to verify) is sufficient in the law to bar the said *J.* from having his said action against him the said *T.* which said mat-

ter the said *J.* hath not denied, nor any ways answered thereto, but intirely refuseth to admit the verifying the same, prayeth judgment, and that the same *J.* may be barred 3 Lev. 187. from having his said action against him, &c.

When demurrer is joined, the plaintiff's attorney makes up the demurrer book, and delivers a copy of it on treble penny paper to the defendant's attorney, who must pay him for it after the rate of 4*d.* per sheet, besides the duty, and also for entering his pleadings and warrant of attorney; then the plaintiff's attorney enters the whole proceedings on the roll, and having delivered it to the secondary gets a serjeant to move for a *Concilium*, or day for arguing the demurrer, and the secondary draws up a rule accordingly, which must be served on the defendant's attorney, and the demurrer put down in the book for argument. It will be irregular to move for a *Concilium* before the paper book is delivered to defendant's attorney; and for this irregularity, court ordered cause to be struck out of paper. *Barnes* 163.

Of going to argument on demurrer.

As to delivering the paper books, *vide antea* fol. Rule, Pas. 27 Car. 2.

The plaintiff's attorney shall deliver all the demurrer books to the lord chief justice and the rest of the judges, and the defendant's attorney shall pay the plaintiff's attorney for two of the said books two days at least before the day appointed for arguing such demurrer

As to delivering the paper books;

and the defendant shall not be heard by his counsel when the cause comes on to be argued, unless the said two books be accordingly paid for. *Mich. 6 Geo. 2.*

Where in cases of demurrer deft.'s attorney obliged to accept notice of inquiry.

Where the defendant demurs to the declaration, his attorney shall be obliged to accept of notice of executing the writ of inquiry on the back of the joinder in demurrer; and where the defendant pleads such a dilatory plea that the plaintiff is obliged to demur, the defendant's attorney shall be obliged to accept of notice of executing a writ of inquiry on the back of such demurrer. *Trin. 10 Geo. 1.*

In judges books counsels names, number roll, and day of argument to be set down.

Per Curiam: For the future in all demurrer books delivered to the judges, let the counsels names be inserted who signed the pleadings, and let the number roll, and day of argument be set down on the outside of each book. *Trin. 17 & 18 Geo. 2. Barnes 164.*

Proceedings on issues upon Nul tiel record.

Declaration in debt on a judgment.

London, *R. D.* late of *London*, carpenter, to wit, *R.* was summoned to answer unto *L. P.* of a plea, that he render to him 62*l.* of lawful money of *Great Britain*, which he oweth him and unjustly detaineth, &c. and whereupon the said *L.* by *J. C.* his attorney saith, that whereas the said *L.* heretofore, that is to say, in *Easter* term in the fourth year

year of the reign of his present majesty king *George* the second, in his said majesty's court, before *Sir Robert Eyre*, knight, and his brethren, then his majesty's justices of the bench here, at *Westminster* in the county of *Middlesex*, by the consideration of the said court recovered against the said *R.* 62*l.* which were adjudged to the said *L.* in the said court for his damages which he had sustained, as well by occasion of the not performing certain promises and undertakings to the said *L.* by the said *R.* then lately made, as for his costs and charges by him about his suit in that behalf expended, whereof the said *R.* is convicted, as by the record and proceedings thereof now remaining in his majesty's said court here more fully and at large appeareth, which said judgment still remaineth in its full strength, force and effect, not reversed, vacated, annulled, discharged or satisfied; and the said *L.* hath as yet obtained no satisfaction of the aforesaid judgment, whereby an action hath accrued to the said *L.* to demand and have of the said *R.* the said 62*l.* yet the said *R.* although often requested, hath not rendered the said 62*l.* or any part thereof to the said *L.* but to render the same to him hitherto hath denied, and still doth wholly deny, to the damage of the said *L.* 20*l.* And thereof he bringeth suit, &c.

And the said *R.* by *W. W.* his attorney cometh and defendeth the force and injury, when, &c. and saith, that the said *L.* ought not to have his said action against him, because he saith, that there is not any such re-

cord of recovery of damages aforesaid against him the said *R.* in his said majesty's court, before Sir *Robert Eyre*, knt. and his brethren, his majesty's justices of the common bench, as the said *L.* in his declaration hath alledged; and this he is ready to verify: Therefore he prayeth judgment, if the said *L.* ought to have his said action thereof against him, &c.

Replication.

And the said *L.* saith, that he by any thing before alledged ought not to be barred from having his aforesaid action maintained against the said *R.* because he saith, that there is such a record of recovery against him the said *R.* in his said majesty's court of common bench here remaining, as by the said declaration is above alledged; and this he is ready to verify by the said record, and he prayeth, that the said record may be inspected and seen by the justices here, &c. And because the said *L.* hath not the said record now ready here in court, it is said by the said court here to the said *L.* that he have the said record here on The same
day is given to the said *R.* here, &c.

Rule for judgment on bringing record into court.

On bringing the record into court on the day given, the secondary of course draws up a rule for judgment *Nisi causa* within four days, and at the expiration of that time the secondary certifies at the foot of the rule that no cause hath been shewn, after which judgment may be signed.

Judgment.

The clerk of the judgments enters up the judgment.

The

The plaintiff must bring in the record at the day he has given himself, or the court will not receive it.

And the aforesaid *J.* by *J. D.* his attorney *Recovery in a*
cometh and defendeth the force and injury, *former action*
when, &c. and saith, that the said *T.* ought *pleaded in bar.*
not to have or maintain his said action against
him, because he saith, that after making the
several promises and assumptions in the said
declaration mentioned, and before the day of
obtaining the original writ of the said *T.* *to*
wit, in the term of *St. Michael* in the pre-
sent—year of the reign of the now king
before *Sir Robert Eyre*, knight, and his com-
panions, justices of our said lord the king of
the bench at *Westminster*, by bill, without the
writ of the same king, and by the considera-
tion of the said court, recovered against the
same *J.* 60*l.* for his damages which he had
sustained as well by reason of the not per-
forming the several promises and assumptions
in the said declaration above mentioned, as
for his costs and charges by him in his said
suit in that behalf laid out and expended, as
by the record and process thereof in the said
court of our said lord the king of the bench
at *Westminster* fully appeareth. And the said
J. averreth, that the promises and assump-
tions in the said record mentioned, and the
promises and assumptions in the said declara-
tion above mentioned, are the same promises
and assumptions, and not other or different;
and this the said *J.* is ready to verify: Where-
upon he prayeth judgment, if the said *T.*
Q 4 ought.

ought to have or maintain his said action against him, &c.

*Replication,
Nul tiel re-
cord.*

And the aforesaid T. saith, that he by any thing alledged by the said J. in the above pleading ought not to be precluded from having his action aforesaid against the said J. because he saith, that there is not any such record of the said recovery against the said J. at the suit of the said T. as he the said J. above in pleading hath alledged; and this he is ready to verify: Whereupon he prayeth judgment, and that his said damages may be adjudged to him, &c.

Rejoinder.

And the aforesaid J. saith, that there is a record of the said judgment as the said J. above in pleading hath alledged; and this he is ready to verify by the said record, and prayeth, that the said record may be seen and inspected by the justices here. And because the said record is not now had here, it is commanded the said J. that he have here the said record in (the day) at his

*Day given to
produce the re-
cord.*

peril. The same day is given as well to the said T. as to the said J. here, &c. At which day come here as well the said T. as the said J. by their said attornies, and the said J. hath not here the said record, but maketh default; whereby it sufficiently appeareth to the said justices here, that there is not any such record of the said recovery, as the said J. hath above alledged; Wherefore, &c. (*Judgment.*)

*Def. fails in
producing the
record.*

Q. If there was not here a complete issue upon the replication, and the rejoinder unnecessary.

And

And the said T. by F. K. his attorney cometh and defendeth the force and injury, when, &c. and saith, that the said J. ought not to have his aforesaid action against him the said T. thereon, because he saith, that one C. T. heretofore (that is to say) in *Easter* term in the fifth year of the reign of his present majesty, by an original writ impleaded the said J. by the name of J. H. late of *London*, gent. in the court of the said now king, before the king himself (the said court then and still being at *Westminster* in the county of *Middlesex*) in a plea of trespass; and the said J. because he did not appear in his said majesty's court before the said king, to answer unto the said C. in the aforesaid plea, according to the law and custom of this realm, was put in exigent to be outlawed in *London*; and for that reason afterwards, *to wit*, on *Monday* next before the feast of the purification of the blessed virgin *Mary* in the sixth year of the reign of his present majesty, in the said court of our said lord the now king before the said king himself, was outlawed in due form of law at the suit of the said C. in the said plea, and still remaineth outlawed, as by the record and proceedings thereof in his said majesty's court, before the king himself at *Westminster* aforesaid returned, and now there remaining, may more fully appear; and this he is ready to verify by the said record: Wherefore he prayeth judgment, whether the said J. ought to have his said action therefore against him.

That the plt. is outlawed in another court.

And

*Replication,
Nul tiel re-
cord.*

And the said *J.* saith, that he, by any thing by the said *T.* in his plea above alledged, ought not to be barred from having his said action against him, because he saith, that there is not any such record of outlawry in his said majesty's court before the king himself, as the said *T.* by his said plea hath alledged; and this he is ready to verify in such manner as the court shall award. And the said *T.* is commanded that he have the said record here on the morrow of the ascension of our Lord at his peril; and the same day is given to the said *J.* here, &c. At which day here come as well the said *J.* as the said *T.* by their attornies aforesaid; and the said *T.* hath not here the said record, but maketh default thereof: Wherefore, &c.

*Day given to
produce the re-
cord.*

*Def't. makes
default.*

*Notice of in-
quiry on issue
of Nul tiel re-
cord.*

Upon an issue of *Nul tiel record*, notice of executing a writ of inquiry may be given upon the issue-book, as well as upon a joinder in demurrer. *Long* against *Lingwood*, *Hil. 8 Geo. 2. Barnes* 249. *Pract. Reg. C. P.* 443.

*When a four
day rule on is-
sue of Nul tiel
record is ne-
cessary.*

Where the judgment upon an issue of *Nul tiel record* is final, the rule should be, unless cause within four days, that the defendant may have that time to move in arrest of judgment; but where the judgment is interlocutory, that reason fails, and a two day rule hath been held sufficient, because the defendant may move in arrest of judgment after the inquiry executed. Where the proceeding is by original, and a general return day is given to bring in the record, the defendant ought to be called to bring in the record at the rising of the court on that day, and if he

*Difference
where pro-
ceedings by
original, and
by bill.*

he fail, the rule for judgment should be, unless cause on the appearance day of that return, and the record may be brought in on that day or any other intervening day. But where the proceedings are by bill against an attorney, and the day given to bring in the record is a day certain, the record cannot be brought in after that day; but on that day, at the rising of the court, the defendant ought to be called to bring in the record, and if he fail, the court will appoint the day to be inserted in the rule for judgment *Nisi causa*.

Rule to shew cause why defendant should not *reply* to several matters to a plea in bar to an avowry, discharged; because no instance can be shewn of several matters replied since *Stat. 4 An. chap. 16.* for though the words of the statute are, to plead as many matters, &c. and *Replications*, rejoinders, &c. are properly pleadings, yet the courts of *Westminster* have never carried their leave further than as afore-mentioned. *Barnes 364.*

Of judgments by default.

IF the defendant does not plead by the *Of entering* time limited by the rules of the court (for *judgment by* which see before, *fol.* &c.) the *default.* plaintiff may sign his judgment with the prothonotary, in whose office the proceedings are entered. In debt the judgment is final, and signed on a double half-crown stamp; but in trespass, trespass on the case, &c. the first judgment is only interlocutory, and not final,
till

till the inquiry is returned, when you get the inquisition stamped with a double half-crown stamp, and then the prothonotary taxes your costs *de incremento*, which is called signing the final judgment.

In entering your judgment you leave about an inch margin, and begin about ten inches from the top of the roll, the declaration thus:

Judgment in debt.

London, *C. D.* late of *London*, merchant, to wit. *C.* was attached to answer *A. B.* in a plea of trespass on the case; and whereupon, &c. (*to the end of the declaration*) And thereof he bringeth suit, &c.

Then beginning a new line, you enter the judgment in the following manner:

By Nil dicit.

And the said *C. D.* by *C. H.* his attorney cometh and defendeth the force and injury, when, &c. and saith nothing in bar or preclusion of the action of the said *A. B.* by which the said *A. B.* remaineth thereupon undefended against the said *C.* Therefore it is considered that the said *A.* recover against the said *C.* his said debt, and his damages by oc-

Judgment signed 5 May 1767.

Day of signing judgment to be set down.

By the statute 29 *Car. 2. c. 3. s. 14.* perpetuated by 1 *Jac. 2. c. 17. s. 5.* Any judge or officer of any of the courts at *Westminster*, who shall sign any judgment, shall at the time of signing it (without fee) set down the day and year of his so doing upon the paper-book, docket or record, which day and year shall be set down on the margin of the roll of the record where such judgment shall be entered.

caſion

caſion of the detaining the ſaid debt to 53 s. by the court here adjudged to the ſaid *A. B.* by his aſſent. And the ſaid *C.* in mercy, *Mercy.* &c.

And the ſaid *B.* by *C. D.* his attorney cometh and defendeth the force and injury, when, &c. and ſaith, that he cannot deny the action of the ſaid *E.* nor but that he oweth to the ſaid *E.* the ſaid 10 l. in manner and form as the ſaid *E.* hath above declared againſt him: It is therefore conſidered that the ſaid *E.* recover againſt the ſaid *B.* his ſaid debt, and his damages by occaſion of the detaining that debt to 53 s. by the court here adjudged to the ſaid *E.* by his aſſent; and the ſaid *B.* in mercy, &c.

Cognovit actionem in debt.

Judgment signed day of 1767.

And the ſaid *T.* by *L. R.* his attorney cometh and defendeth the force and injury, when, &c. and ſaith, that he cannot deny but that the ſaid writing obligatory is the deed of him the ſaid *T.* nor but that he oweth to the ſaid *W.* the ſaid 10 l. in manner and form as the ſaid *W.* hath above declared againſt him: It is therefore conſidered, &c. *as before.*

Cognovit actionem in debt on a bond.

And the ſaid *L.* by *T. S.* his attorney cometh and defendeth the force and injury, when, &c. and the ſame attorney ſaith, that he is not informed by the ſaid *L.* of any answer to be given for the ſaid *L.* to the ſaid *R.* in the plaint aforeſaid; and he ſaith nothing elſe thereupon; by which the ſaid *R.* remaineth thereupon undefended againſt the ſaid *L.* It is therefore conſidered, &c.

Judgment by Non ſum informatus.

And the ſaid *C. D.* by *E. T.* his attorney cometh and defendeth the force and injury, when,

Nil dicit in caſe.

*Inquiry
awarded.*

when, &c. and saith nothing in bar or preclusion of the action of the said G. by which the said G. remaineth thereupon undefended against the said C. For which the said E. ought to recover against the said C. his damages by occasion of the premisses. But because it is not known what damages the said G. hath sustained by occasion of the premisses, therefore it is commanded to the-sheriff, that by the oath of good and lawful men of the county aforesaid he diligently inquire what damages the said G. hath sustained as well by occasion of the premisses, as for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended; and that the inquisition which he shall thereupon make he make appear to the justices of our lord the king at *Westminster*, on the morrow of the holy *Trinity*, under his seal, and the seals of them by whose oath he shall make the said inquisition. As to continuance *vide* 2 *Danv. Abr.* 153. pl. 7. *Yel.* 97. *Noy* 120. *Cro. Eliz.* 144, 774. 11 *Co.* 6. b. *Rol. Rep.* 30, 31. *Cro. Eliz.* 75. *Sid.* 16.

If the action be in case *Sur assumpsit*, instead of saying [*by occasion of the premisses*] say [*by occasion of the not performing the promises and undertakings aforesaid.*]

In trespass say, [*by occasion of the trespass aforesaid.*]

If in trespass and assault, say [*by occasion of the trespass and assault aforesaid.*]

If in trespass, assault and imprisonment, say [*by occasion of the trespass, assault and imprisonment aforesaid.*]

In

In covenant say [*by occasion of breaking the said covenant.*]

If the defendant, after having pleaded *per minas* or *per dures*, and issue taken thereon, is willing to confess the action, the entry of such confession is to be in this manner.

At which day here cometh as well the said *A.* as the said *B.* by their attornies aforesaid, and thereupon the said *B.* relinquishing his averment aforesaid above by him pretended saith, that he cannot deny the action of the said *A.* thereupon, nor but that he at the time of making the said writing was of his own right at large, and made the said writing to the said *A.* of his mere and free will, and not for fear of threatnings, as he the said *A.* hath above alledged: Therefore it is considered, &c. *as before.* Relicta verificatione.

If the defendant confess the action after *Non est factum* pleaded, and issue joined, the entry is thus:

At which day here cometh as well the said *R.* as the said *S.* by their attornies aforesaid, and hereupon the said *S.* relinquishing his averment aforesaid above by him pretended, saith, that he cannot deny the said action of the said *R.* nor but that the said writing is the deed of him the said *S.* nor but that he oweth the said *R.* the said 100*l.* in manner and form as the said *R.* above complaineth against him: Therefore it is considered, &c. *The like after Non est factum pleaded.*

And the said *B. C.* by *D. E.* his attorney cometh and defendeth the force and injury, when, &c. and the same attorney saith, that he is not informed by the said *B.* of any answer Non sum informatus in case.

swer for the said *B.* to be given to the said *E.* in the plaint aforesaid; for which the said *E.* ought to recover his damages by occasion of the premisses against the said *B.* But because it is unknown what damages the said *E.* hath sustained by occasion of the premisses, it is commanded to the sheriff, that by the oath of twelve good and lawful men of his bailiwick he diligently inquire what damages the said *E.* hath sustained as well by occasion of the premisses, as for his costs and charges by him about his suit in this behalf expended; and that the inquisition which he shall thereupon take he make appear to the justices of our lord the king at *Westminster*, in five weeks from the day of *Easter*, under his seal, and the seals of, &c.

*Inquiry
awarded.*

The clerk of the judgments enters up the final judgment. See his duty under the head of the officers of the court, *fol.* 17.

*No warrant
to confess a
judgment to be
taken of a pri-
soner, unless
an attorney on
his behalf be
present.*

No bailiff or sheriff's officer shall presume to exact or take from any person, being in his custody, any warrant to acknowledge a judgment but in the presence of an attorney for the defendant, which attorney shall then subscribe his name thereunto; which said warrant shall be produced when the said judgment shall be acknowledged. *Hil.* 14, 15. *Car.* 2.

No attorney shall enter or acknowledge, or cause to be entered or acknowledged, any judgment by colour of any warrant gotten from any defendant being under arrest, otherwise than is aforesaid. *Same rule.*

But

But if the defendant be an attorney, or practises as such, 'tis sufficient, though no attorney on his behalf be present. *Rep. and Cas. of Praet. C. P. 94. Barnes 37.* *Aliter if defendant be an attorney.*

It is not necessary that a warrant of attorney to confess a judgment in this court given by a person in custody, be executed in the presence of an attorney of this court; if it be in the presence of an attorney of the court of *King's Bench* it is sufficient. *Barnes 44.* *Warrant to confess a judgment in the presence of an attorney of B. R. is sufficient.*

Every warrant of attorney for confessing a judgment in this court shall be read over by the person who is to execute the same, or by some other person to him before the execution thereof; and if judgment shall be entered up upon any such warrant of attorney which shall not be so read over as aforesaid, such judgment upon any motion may be set aside as irregular. *Trin. 14, 15 Geo. 2.* *Warrant of attorney to confess a judgment to be read by or to the party.*

If judgment on a warrant of attorney be not entered up within a year, the plaintiff must apply to the court for leave to enter up the judgment, making an affidavit of the due execution of the warrant, that the debt is unsatisfied, and the defendant living. *Rep. and Cas. of Praet. C. P. 69. Barnes 270.* *On warrant of a year standing judgment can't be entered without leave of the court.*

If a warrant of attorney to enter judgment be above a year old, and under ten years old, leave to enter judgment may be given by a treasury rule; but if the warrant be above ten years old, the court must be moved for leave to enter judgment. If the warrant be under twenty years old, the common affidavit of due execution of the warrant, that the debt is unpaid and the parties living, is sufficient

cient for an absolute rule. But if the warrant be above twenty years old, the rule must be to shew cause, and served on defendant. *Barnes* 41, 47. *Rep. and Cas. of Pract. C.P.* 146.

Leave granted to enter judgment on an old warrant of attorney in *Mich.* term, on affidavit, that defendant was living in *Ireland*, on 18 *Sept.* preceding, as a reasonable length of time for distance. *Barnes* 53, 54.

Of a special original to support the judgment.

If the plaintiff has judgment, and it be not upon a verdict, his attorney must make out a *Præcipe* for a special original returnable on the first return of that term, in which the judgment (or interlocutory judgment in case of a writ of inquiry) is entered.

The form of a Præcipe for a special original in case.

Præcipe for a special original.

Indebitatus assumpsit for the use of horses, coach, &c. and attendance of servants.

Middlesex, **I** F^r L. B. shall give you security to wit. **I** ty to prosecute his suit, then put by sureties and safe pledges C. M. late of *Westminster* in the county of *Middlesex*, esq; that he be before our justices at *Westminster* on the morrow of *All Souls*, to shew, That whereas the said C. on the 25th day of *September* in the year of our Lord 1766, at *Westminster* in the said county of *Middlesex*, was indebted to the said L. in the sum of 200*l.* of lawful money of *Great Britain*, for the hire of divers horses, mares and geldings of him the said L. and for the labour and attendance of diverse of his servants, and also for